



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

## Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

John Coleman High School 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 January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019
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. Section IX Proposed Calendar for 2019-2020
  - b. Alpine Skiing Ratios
  - c. 2019 Senior All Star Contest Girls and Boys Soccer
10. Winter Chair Reports:
  - a. Girls Basketball Steve Boucher
  - b. Boys Basketball Fred Ahart
  - c. Ice Hockey Frank Alessandrino
  - d. Alpine Skiing Janet Carey
  - e. Nordic Skiing Anne Gregory
  - f. Gymnastics Nicole Pluchino
  - g. Boys Swimming Scott Warner
  - h. Winter Track Mike White
  - i. Wrestling Jeff Culty
  - j. Bowling Erena O'Brien & Theresa Eckert
  - k. Cheerleading Cherie Walker
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
  - a. 2019 Senior All Star Contest- Ice Hockey
13. Old Business
14. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, April 11, 2019 at Orange-Ulster BOCES 9:30 am.



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## **NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Meeting Highlights February 1, 2019**

1. Robert Zayas - Executive Director

(1) USA Football Development Model:

The Development Model is focused on sound principles of long term athlete development and provides a broad map how we coach, play and learn the game at every level.

(2) Maximum Number of Games/Contest (letter attached)

2. Todd Nelson – Assistant Director

(1) NFHS Coaching Awards Program:

Urvashi Gupta, Monticello Tennis, has been nominated for the NFHS Coaches Award Program.

(2) Modified Committee:

Several recommendation(s) will be made on rule changes for the 2019-2020 school year.

3. Kristin Jadin – Assistant Director

(1) Sportsmanship Promotion Survey opens on Monday, February 11, 2019. Deadline to submit the survey is Monday, April 15, 2019.

(2) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day will take place on Wednesday, May 15, 2019

(3) Hazing Prevention Course will be proactive and not reactive in preparation for the Spring 2019 Season.

(4) Section IX has an opening for a SAAC Member. Application opens in March 2019.

4. Darryl Daily – NYSED Report – Darryl Daily (pages attached)

5. Handbook Committee – (pages attached)

(1) Sportsmanship Rule Interpretation

(2) Appeals

(3) Office of Civil Rights

Action Items – Proposals

(1) Consider approval for all Ice Hockey games to return to 3-15 minute periods and 1:30, 4:00, and 7:30 minute penalties.

(2) Consideration of approval for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods (17 Minutes) and penalties (2/5 and 10 minutes) to begin with the 2018-2019 season.

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

(4) Revise the NYSPHSAA Transfer by adding: “Note”: a student’s eligibility is determined by the situation/facts that exists at the time of registration.

(5) To add the following language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook

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

(6) Consider approval to establish criteria to allow 6 classifications for sports with more than 500 schools participating at the NYSPHSAA Championships.

(7) Consider approval to address the NYSED Receivership or other similar NYSED situations where a school is restricting them the NYSPHSAA office will place a school in the appropriate classification based on their current enrollment in August of the upcoming school year.

- (8) Consider approval to issue a referendum vote to determine the use of NFHS Playing Rules when available.
- (9) Consider approval to be determined by the Executive Committee on May 3<sup>rd</sup> for the use of NFHS Playing Rules when available.
- (10) Consider standardizing the practice requirement, by revising the 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 and baseball which require 10 practices.
- (11) Boys Basketball Committee is seeking approval for a new Regional Rotation for 2019 to allow Section 8 Class D Champion to participate in The Tournament Hempstead Academy will represent Class D in Section 8.
- (12) Girls Wrestling – Representation Rule
- (13) The NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey State Committee is seeking to adopt a video replay protocol for Sectionals, Regionals, and State Tournament games.
- (14) Baseball- Adopt P/DH Rule

#### Discussion Items – Attached

- (1) USA Football Development Model
- (2) NYSCOSS Athletic Committee supports the conversation and process to begin by NYSPHSAA, in order to bring the contest back to pre 2009-2010 school year levels
- (3) Mental Health Awareness Week
- (4) Sport Season Length- revision to the sport season dates
- (5) Revise the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule to include practice
- (6) Revise the amount allotted in the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule from \$250 to \$500
- (7) Approve language in the official NYSPHSAA media policy and procedures
- (8) The Football Committee is seeking approval for a new seven (7) year Regional Rotation
- (9) Girls Swimming and Diving Committee is seeking approval of State Qualifying standards for 2019-2020
- (10) Consideration of approval to revise the date of the Girls Tennis Championships to a Thursday-Saturday format
- (11) Girls Tennis Committee is seeking approval to adopt a nine (9) year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selection.
- (12) Consideration of approval to implement a 2 year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants.
- (13) The Rifle Committee is seeking approval to allow bipods to be attached to air rifles and used during Standing Air Rifle Positions at all regular season matches and the Regional Championship on March 2, 2019.
- (14) The Girls Lacrosse Committee is seeking approval for a new three year Regional Rotation 2020-2022.
- (15) Girls Lacrosse – All working officials for regional, semifinal and final games must have completed a transitional clinic.
- (16) The Boys Tennis Committee is seeking approval to adopt a five (5) year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draws with at-large selections.
- (17) The Baseball Committee is requesting approval to adopt a pitch count summary form for the 2019 post season.
- (18) Esports Introducing New Participants to High School Activity Programs
- (19) NCAA Division I Men's Basketball June Scholastic Events for High School Participants
- (20) US Department of Education Office for Civil Rights. NYSPHSAA discriminates by denying female JV and Varsity Softball athletes the opportunity to use metal cleats.



### Standing Committee Reports

1. Budget/ Audit Committee – Julie Bergman  
(I) Audit Report for 2017-2018
2. Championship Advisory Committee (CAC) – Greg Ransom  
(A) Return to 15-minute periods in the Sport of Ice Hockey.
3. Handbook Committee – Pat Pizzarelli  
(A) Consider approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule for clarity.  
(A) Consider approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule 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 Council (SAAC) – Kristen Jadin  
(D) Consideration of recognizing Week #44 as NYSPHSAA Mental Health Awareness Week.
6. Sportsmanship Committee – Todd Nelson & Kristen Jadin
7. Safety Committee – Todd Nelson  
(A) Consider approval to support NYSPHSAA schools to have full-time access or coverage of a Certified Athletic Trainer.

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### General Action/ Discussion Items

1. (A) Consider approval of Friends & Neighbors and new member schools. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
2. (A) Consider approval of waivers of the representation rule for various Sections. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
3. (A) Consider approval to establish criteria to allow six classifications for sports with more than 500 schools participating at the NYSPHSAA Championships. Section V – May 4 Executive Committee Sectional Concern
4. (A) Consider approval of a proposal to address receivership situations when a school has an influx or reduction in enrollment. Section VII – May 4 Executive Committee Sectional Concern
5. (A) Consider approval of future playing rules:  
Consider approval to issue a referendum vote to determine the use of NFHS Playing Rules when available. Paul Harrica, NYSPHSAA President  
~~Consider approval to be determined by the Executive Committee on May 3<sup>rd</sup> for the use of NFHS Playing Rules when available.~~
6. (A) Consider approval to revise and standardize the Practice Requirements for all sports. 2019 School Year Sport Seasons Ad Hoc Committee
7. (D) Consider approval to revise the Fall, Winter & Spring Sport Season lengths. Sport Seasons Ad Hoc Committee
8. (D) Consideration of revision to the jewelry rule to include practice. Section IX – October 16

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9. (D) Consideration to revise the amount allotted in the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to \$500.

Section XI – October 16  
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Sectional Concern

10. (D) Consideration of updates to NYSPHSAA Media Policies

Chris Watson, NYSPHSAA  
Director of Communications

**Sports Action/ Discussion Items**

**FALL**

11. (D) Consideration of Football 7-year regional rotation.

Football Committee

12. (D) Consideration of Girls Swimming & Diving qualifying standards.

Girls Swimming & Diving  
Committee

13. (D) Consideration of approval to revise the date of the Girls Tennis Championships to a Thursday – Saturday format.

Girls Tennis Committee

14. (D) Consideration of format for Girls Tennis to fill byes at State Championships.

Girls Tennis Committee

15. (D) Consideration of approval to implement a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants.

Girls Tennis Committee

**WINTER**

16. (A) Consider approval of Cool Insuring Arena (Glens Falls) as the host of the 2020, 2021 & 2022 NYSPHSAA Boys State Basketball Championships.

Boys Basketball Committee

17. (A) Consider approval to adopt a new Boys Basketball Regional Rotation for 2019 due to Section VIII having a Class D team.

Boys Basketball Committee

18. (A) Consider approval of Hudson Valley Community College as the host of the 2020, 2021 & 2022 NYSPHSAA Girls State Basketball Championships.

Girls Basketball Committee

19. (A) Consider approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule for ~~Girls Wrestling~~.

Section IX

**ALL INDIVIDUAL SPORTS**

20. (A) Consider approval to adopt a video replay protocol.

Boys Ice Hockey Committee

21. (D) Consideration of the use of bipods in the sport of Rifle.

Rifle Committee

**SPRING**

22. (A) Consider approval to adopt a Pitcher/ Designated Hitter Rule.

Baseball Committee

23. (A) Consider approval of Moriches Athletic Complex (XI) as the host of the 2020, 2021 & 2022 NYSPHSAA Softball Championships.

Softball Committee

24. (A) Consider approval of SUNY Cortland as the host of the 2020, 2021 & 2022 Girls NYSPHSAA Lacrosse Championships.

Girls Lacrosse Committee

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25. (D) Consideration of Girls Lacrosse 3-year regional rotation. *Girls Lacrosse Committee*

26. (D) Consideration to require any officials working a Girls Lacrosse Regional, semifinal or final to attend a transitional Clinic. *Girls Lacrosse Committee*

27. (D) Consideration of format for Boys Tennis to fill byes at State Championships. *Boys Tennis Committee*

28. (D) Consideration of approval to implement a baseball post-season pitch count summary form. *Baseball Committee*

#### **Information Items**

29. (I) Consideration of the future implementation/ exploration of esports. *Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director*

*COMMITTEE to DISCUSS*

30. (I) NCAA June Scholastic Event for Boys Basketball. *Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director*

31. (I) Office of Civil Rights Complaint related to softball prohibiting the use of metal cleats. *Renee James, NYSPHSAA Legal Counsel*

32. (I) Approved Senior All-Star Contests & Combining of Teams. *Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director*

#### **Sectional Concerns**

III: Football one game suspension should be enforced from the point of interruption and not the next regularly scheduled contest.

## **1. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAHPERD) Conference (November 20-23, 2019) in Verona, New York- See website: <http://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm>
- New York State Council of Administrators Conference (November 20-23, 2019) in Verona, New York-See website:  
  
<https://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/Council-of-Administrators-Annual-Conference.cfm>
- Society for Health and Physical Education of America (SHAPE), National Conference (April 9-13, 2019) in Tampa, Florida-See website: <http://www.shapeamerica.org/>
- New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Leadership Training Program and Certification Program- See website: <http://nysaaa.org/contact-us>
- New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Annual Conference (March 12-15, 2019) in Saratoga Springs-See website: <http://nysaaa.org/conference/conference-dates>
- NYSA AAA now approved for CTLE credit.

## **2. NEW YORK STATE LEARNING STANDARDS REVIEW PROCESS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION HAS BEGUN (Winter/Spring/Summer 2018)**

- Collaborating with NYSAHPERD- Kick off at SED on August 6-7, 2018. Next meeting October 25, 2018. Reviewing National and NYS Learning Standards and Outcomes for NYS. Process and review team includes multiple representatives; (SED, ELA's, BOCES, NYSAHPERD, NYSBAA, NYSUT and SAANYS, K-12 and Higher Education Institutions).

## **3. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES UPDATED (June 2018)**

- The New York State Education Department Guidelines for Concussion Management in Schools have been revised to reflect the current recommendations on managing concussions. Previous guidance was that students must be completely symptom free to return to activities. Now there is emerging research suggesting that some symptoms may be acceptable during return to activities. The updated guidelines now reflect this practice along with emphasizing that schools follow guidance of the student's health care provider on what symptoms are acceptable for return to activities.



- A gradual return to physical activity typically is done by progressing a student through levels of activity that increase in duration and/or intensity. Gradual return to activity should occur with the introduction of a new activity level every 24 hours. If any post-concussion symptoms return, the student should stop the activity and drop back to the previous level of activity. Current research suggests that some level of symptoms with activity is acceptable. Therefore, schools will need to follow provider orders on return to activities. Students should be monitored by district staff daily following each progressive level of physical activity, for any return of signs and symptoms of concussion. A gradual progression should be followed based on the private healthcare provider's or other specialist's orders and recommendations.

**Please note:** No such pupil shall resume athletic activity until the pupil has been symptom free for not less than twenty-four hours and **has been evaluated by and received written and signed authorization from a licensed physician; and for extra class athletic activities, has received clearance from the medical director to participate in such activity. [8NYCRR 136.5 (d)]**

- *Please direct questions to the Office of Student Support Services at 518-486-6090 or [studentsupportservices@nysed.gov](mailto:studentsupportservices@nysed.gov).*

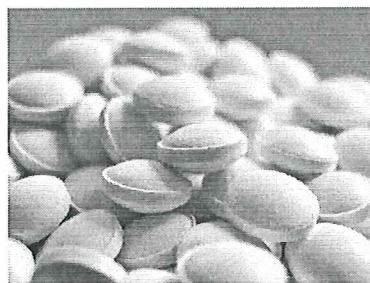
#### **4. RECENT SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES CHANGES (Effective July 1, 2018)**

- Revisions to commissioner's regulations 136.1-135.3 go into effect 7/1/18.
- Health examinations must now be completed on a required form.
- Grade levels for health examinations and required screenings have been revised.
- New guidelines are available for Health Examination, Vision Screening, Hearing Screening, and Scoliosis Screening. Due to changes in screening requirements it is important that school health personnel review the new guidelines.
- The new guidelines and new required health exam form are on our website **NYSED School Health Services – Updates and New Information**.
- Questions may be directed to the Office of Student Support Services, at 518-486-6090, or **studentsupportservices@nysed.gov**.
- <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ss/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/>
- <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ss/documents/ReqNYSSchoolHealthExamForm.pdf>
- [http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ss/documents/IntervalHealthHxforExam\\_Athletics.pdf](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ss/documents/IntervalHealthHxforExam_Athletics.pdf)
- Note- **In regards to the new health examination form, 2018-2019 is a transition year since health care providers and parents/guardians may not be aware of the new form. Therefore, schools are strongly encouraged to accept any physical turned in regardless of the form it is completed on. Physicals done prior to 7/1/18 cannot be**

**mandated to be on the new form since the regulation was not in effect.** Please contact the Office of Student Support Services if you have questions. 518-486-6090 or [studentsupportservices@nysed.gov](mailto:studentsupportservices@nysed.gov)

## **5. NEW INITIATIVES TO COMBAT SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMONG SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AND STUDENT ATHLETES**

- Heroin and opioid use continues to grow at an alarming rate. Recent studies have shown that the percentages of high school students in New York State who have reported using heroin or who have injected an illegal drug have more than doubled from 2005 to 2015.
- Another recent concern with the Department of Health (DOH) is use of Fentanyl among youth.
- Education and healthcare leaders can increase awareness by talking about underage drinking, substance use disorders, addiction, warning signs, and how to access help. These materials provide guidance on how to have those conversations.
- NYSED partnered with the New York State Health Department and the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to provide the New York State Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Educational Resource.
- A Free Flash Drive Educational Resource has been developed through the New York State Department of Health, specifically to assist you in reaching your students and their families in combating this epidemic. This tool provides readily accessible and striking sample presentations, videos and discussion guides on how to engage students that may be dealing with sports-related injuries and pain relief involving opioid prescriptions or self-treatment with opioid medications. We know how our athletes look up to physical education teachers, athletic directors and coaches to guide them, so please order a flash drive.



The New York State Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Educational Resource is available free on a flash drive that may be ordered by sending an email to: [B0019W@health.ny.gov](mailto:B0019W@health.ny.gov) (email address contains zeros), or by mailing your request to:

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Materials sent to addresses within New York State are provided free of charge. Quantities may be limited.

Please include the name of your school, company, or facility; physical address; name and email address of contact person; and the following description and order number: New



York State Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Educational Resource - Pub.# 12029.  
(Flash drives cannot be mailed to post office boxes).

## **6. GUIDELINES FOR COACHING (Updated January 2018)**

- See: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/COACHING-COURSE-GUIDELINES-FINAL-01292018.pdf>

## **7. QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLAN REMINDER**

- a. Is your district plan current? Is your plan frequently updated to ensure high-quality programs are being offered? Is your plan aligned with the current regulations and/or National and NYS Standards? Recommend updating minimum of 7 years. Important when looking for funding and support.
- b. If you need technical assistance or have specific questions contact Darryl Daily at [darryl.daily@nysed.gov](mailto:darryl.daily@nysed.gov)
- c. According to Commissioner's Regulation 135.4 -Physical Education Plans must be filed both at the local level and at the Department. Plans can be sent as a hard copy or as an e-mailed attachment to the Department. E-mail format is preferred.

## **8. Amendment of Section 100.5 and Addition of Section 100.20 to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to Implement the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and Provisions Relating to Transfer Credits and Diploma Requirements for Physical Education. (BOR approved November 2017))**

- See: <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/617p12d4.pdf>
- See: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/GuidanceMemoPhysicalEducation.pdf>
- 5<sup>th</sup> year seniors and out of state transfer students changes

## **9. ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY amendments (BOR approved at June 2017 meeting)**

- 13 K-8 School Districts and APP
- Duration of Competition amended (Social emotional documentation..)
- See: <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/317p12d1.pdf>
- Riflery added to Special Tryout Processes (Similar to Golf and Bowling protocol)

## **10. GUIDELINES FOR SPORT STANDARDS (Amended and posted January 2017)**



- See: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/Guidelines-for-Sports-Standards-1-5-2017.pdf>
- Competitive Cheerleading was added to the list-January 2017.
- **Note: 2 separate seasons** (fall and winter) for competitive cheerleading. 15 weeks for fall competitive cheerleading season. 22 weeks for winter competitive cheerleading season.

## 11. IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS/ATHLETIC DIRECTORS



- Please make sure all of your **coaches are certified and/or are in the process of completing their certification. Re-check to make sure they have all their requirements completed and license in hand in order to coach.**

## IMPORTANT HEALTH EDUCATION RELATED ITEMS

### A) MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION LEGISLATION (Effective July 1, 2018)

- Mental Health Education Legislation Chapter 390 of the Laws of 2016 amending Section 804 of Article 17 and states *as of July 2018 all schools under the jurisdiction of the department will ensure their health education programs recognize the multiple dimensions of health by including mental health and the relation of physical and mental health so as to enhance student understanding, attitudes and behaviors that promote health, well-being and human dignity –* <http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/lawssrch.cgi?NVLWO>
- SED & Mental Health Association of NYS collaborated as a stakeholder task force to develop guidance resources to implement the new mental health law by July 2018.
- See link: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/health/> and <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/health/Mentalhealtheducation.html>

### B) SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING GUIDELINES (BOE- Presentation May 2018)

- Introducing New Guidance and Resources for Social Emotional Learning |  BR (D) 1
- Supplemental Presentation:
-  Social Emotional Learning - Essentials for Learning, Essentials for Life

### **C) NEW YORK STATE COMBAT HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE CAMPAIGN**

- At its meeting in January 2015, the Board of Regents convened a panel to discuss combatting opioid and heroin use and abuse. Presenters shared their thoughts on prevention, warning signs, intervention, referral, treatment, recovery, and outreach.
- In 2015, New York State enacted laws allowing schools to provide and maintain opioid antagonists (naloxone) on-site, and late last year, NYSED issued guidance and information for schools regarding opioid overdose prevention programs. Additional resources to combat opioid and heroin use and abuse include:
- **Kitchen Table Toolkit**  
The Kitchen Table Toolkit was developed to assist individuals (parents, spouses, siblings, teachers, coaches, counselors, probation officers, etc.) with initiating conversations about heroin and opioid abuse. Information, resources, and supports are available so no one needs to be alone in the fight to combat heroin and opioid abuse. Recognizing that addiction is not exclusive to heroin and opioids, this information may be applicable for alcohol and other drugs, also addressed in this toolkit. See page 12 for school-focused information.
- For updated Health Education Standards Supplemental Guidance Document See: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/NYSED%20Heroin-Opioids%20Instructional%20Resource%20Packet6.17.pdf>

### **D) DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES TO EDUCATE ON NEED TO ENCOURAGE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION**

- Legislation (Summer 2016)-SED began working collaboratively with multiple organizations that promote organ and tissue donation to provide a toolkit that contains model exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources on the importance and value of organ and tissue donation. Information will be shared as it becomes available. See: <http://alliancefordonation.org/coming-soon-new-york-state-high-school-curriculum-organ-eye-and-tissue-donation>
- Please note-APRIL is National “DONATE LIFE” month.

### **E) DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES FOR SEPSIS**

- SED worked collaboratively with organizations that promote sepsis to provide model exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources for school districts. See: <https://rorystauntonfoundationforsepsis.org/education-modules/>

## **F) GAMBLING RESOURCES**

- In recognition of Problem Gambling awareness Month (April), the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services released a tool kit in collaboration with the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to help identify early problem gambling habits in teens.
- According to OASIS, "The new comprehensive Toolkit can be used by school administrators, educators, pupil personnel services, parent-teacher associations, parents, and community groups to teach students and parents about preventing underage gambling."
- See: <https://www.oasas.ny.gov/gambling/SchoolDistrictResources.cfm>

## **G) COMMISSIONER'S REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION ("Hands Only" CPR) AND INSTRUCTION IN THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (Requirement began September 2015)**

- Students in senior high school shall be provided instruction in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator at least once before graduation.
- See link for memo to the field:  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/memo-CPR%20instruction%20in%20HS-%20Sept%202015.pdf>
- See link:  
<https://yourethecure.org/aha/advocacy/details.aspx?BlogId=2&PostId=4139>

## **H) TIC AND LYME DISEASE LEGISLATION (Summer 2016)**

- NYSED and Department of Conservation collaborated on instructional tools and materials for school districts to advance and promote education awareness on tick identification and protection.
- See: <http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/tick-and-tick-borne-disease>

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### **Physical Education Web Site:**

[www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/)



# MEETING REPORT

## Meeting: Handbook Committee

**Date:** January 9, 2019, 2018 @ 9:00 AM (Teleconference)

### Topics Discussed:

Sportsmanship Rule Interpretation

Appeal Fees and Procedures

OCR Complaint- Metal Cleats in softball

### Attendees:

Pat Pizzarelli- Chair

Julie Bergman

Mike Carboine

Darryl Daily

Marissa Fallacaro

\* Robbie Greene

Renee James

\* Matt Walentuk

Robert Zayas

Todd Nelson

Paul Harrica

Jim Osborne

\* Absent with notification

### 1) Sportsmanship Rule Interpretation:

The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule requires an athlete who is disqualified from a contest, to sit out the next regularly scheduled contest.

Robert Zayas explained that he has received the following question on several occasions in the past two years pertaining to the required sit out period for a student-athlete who has been disqualified from a contest- *"If the next game is forfeited by the student's school's opponent, does the student have to 'sit out' the next game or does sitting out the forfeit constitute fulfilling the penalty?"*

Discussion amongst the committee revolved around the prescribed penalty and that the student must actually miss a contest as a result of the disqualification. Pat Pizzarelli and Mike Carboine both stated the student should not get credit for the forfeiture.

The Handbook Committee supported the interpretation of Pat and Mike.

Todd suggested the Sportsmanship Committee review this situation (interpretation) and provide feedback.

Robert Zayas said he would like a "Note" included in the Sportsmanship Rule to clarify this interpretation to avoid confusion and provide consistency.

\*\* Situation will be taken to the Sportsmanship Committee.

## **2) Appeals**

Jim Osborne, who currently serves as the Chair of the NYSPHSAA Appeal panel as the immediate Past President discussed two concerns he has related to the NYSPHSAA Appeal process.

Jim said that he would like to see the fee for an appeal to be comparable to the fee of the Section with the highest required fee. Jim has concerns that NYSPHSAA's appeal fee is too low, which leads to more appeals being filed.

The Committee discussed Jim's thoughts. Mike Carboine said he would support Jim's proposal. There were no objections from the Committee.

Robert Zayas said he would work with Jim to have a proposal created related to the fee associated with a NYSPHSAA appeal.

Jim also discussed a proposal to require any decision of the appeal panel to overturn a Section's ruling must be a unanimous decision of the three person appeal panel.

Pat Pizzarelli said that he has always been under the impression the decision had to be unanimous.

Robert Zayas said that a "unanimous" decision requirement is not stipulated in the NYSPHSAA Appeal Policies and Procedures.

No concerns were expressed from the committee.

Robert Zayas said he would also work with Jim to have a proposal created related to a unanimous decision of the appeal panel.

## **3) Office of Civil Rights (OCR):**

Renee James (NYSPHSAA Legal Counsel) asked the Handbook Committee about the use of metal cleats in the sport of softball. Renee explained that NYSPHSAA has received an OCR Complaint related to the prohibition of metal cleat in softball.

Marissa Fallacaro, who represents Section VI on the NYSPHSAA Softball Committee, said the softball committee is not in favor of metal cleats. Marissa also brought up that turf stadiums do not allow metal cleats and the NYSPHSAA State Championships will be moved to an all-turf stadium for the 2020-2022 State Championships.

Renee asked about the rationale not to allow metal cleats. Marissa said the committee has concerns that some student-athletes are not skilled enough and it becomes a safety issue to allow metal cleats.

Renee asked if USA Softball Rules and NFHS Softball Rules allow metal cleats. Robert Zayas said that both governing bodies permit the use of metal cleats.

Robert said he would set up a conference call with Cathy Allen, NYSPHSAA Softball Coordinator, himself and Renee.

Marissa said although the NFHS and USA Softball permit metal cleats, it is a NYSPHSAA rule that prevents students from wearing them.

Paul Harrica asked that this item be placed on the Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee agenda (for Discussion) under Spring Sports.

**\*\* To Do Items**

**Future Meetings:**

April 3, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

June 19, 2019 @ 9:00 AM



# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

## Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2019

### **BOYS ICE HOCKEY – NUMBER OF MINUTES IN A PERIOD**

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Greg Ransom, NYSPHSAA CAC Chair

**Proposal:**

Consider approval for all Ice Hockey games to return to 3 – 15-minute periods and 1:30, 4:00 & 7:30 minute penalties.

**Effective Start Date:**

Immediately.

**Rationale:**

In July 2017, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved increasing the time of ice hockey games to 3-17-Minute periods. The Ice Hockey Officials grieved NYSPHSAA for an increase in pay for the regionals, semifinals and finals as a result of the increased time. Approval of this proposal This change would eliminate the grievance filed by the NYS Ice Hockey Officials regarding change in working conditions and their stipend for regionals, semifinal and final games. The NYSPHSAA Championships fees for officials is determined by taking an average of the Section's post season fees.

**Proposal Originated:**

Championship Advisory Committee

**Budgetary Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

The NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved a recommendation from the Ice Hockey Committee to increase the periods for regional, semifinal, and final games from 15-minute periods to 17-minute periods in July 2018.

The Ice Hockey Officials made a request to change the stipend in the NYSPHSAA Official Fees and Policies by 13% for the sport of Ice Hockey due to a change in working conditions and increased time of 6-minutes. This request was not acted on by the CAC who makes recommendations for post season fees.

A grievance was filed and the Fact Finding Committee recommended increasing the fee by 13%. The CAC is making this recommendation to eliminate the need for a grievance. The NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey Committee is not in support of this recommendation.

**Attachments:**

July 2017 Central Committee proposal to increase the length of periods.

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

## Central Committee Meeting – July 25-26, 2017

### BOYS 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 2018-2019 season.

**Effective Start Date:**

Winter 2018

**Rationale:**

This proposal would bring us into compliance with the NFHS rulebook, as previously stated. New York is one of the few States using the NFHS rulebook that does not currently comply with these rules. This would help to "streamline" our current Addendum and add 2 minutes to each period of the games. The extra time would translate to roughly six more "shifts" in each game allowing more participation. The additional penalty time would make penalty calls a bit more meaningful and would make coaches and players pay closer attention to this aspect of the game.

**Proposal Originated:**

Boys Ice Hockey Committee

**Budgetary Impact:**

The Committee fully realizes that ice time is very expensive, particularly in a few select Sections. This proposal adds an additional 6 minutes of time to our games and this could have an impact. Most schools rent a 2 hour block of time for games and very often the games are completed before the 2 hour block is up. Teams / Leagues / Sections could review protocols such as warm-up times, ice cuts and pre-game activities to become more efficient in their game management. The Committee believes that with more efficient game management and cooperation among Teams / Leagues this very positive step can be achieved and it will be a great benefit to our student-athletes at little to no cost. Section Official contracts may have to be adjusted due to the increase in the periods.

**Notes:**

Adoption of this proposal would serve to shorten our existing Addendum and fine tune the focus on player safety and sportsmanship. It would also allow N.Y. State eligibility for representation on the NFHS rules committee. (a position we lost due to our time / penalty differentials.)

**Attachments:**

None.

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

## Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2019

### NYSPHSAA AMATEUR RULE

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Pat Pizzarelli, NYSPHSAA 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.



# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

## Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2019

### NYSPHSAA TRANSFER RULE

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Pat Pizzarelli, NYSPHSAA 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.

**New York State Public High School Athletic Association  
Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2019**

**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 access or coverage to the athletic program.”*

**Effective Start Date:**

Immediately.

**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.



## Athletic Training Services Support Document

This document is meant to help support the NYSPHSAA 5 Year Strategic Plan of increasing the amount of member schools utilizing athletic training services on a full-time or part-time basis.

**Data:** The Kory Stringer Institute in conjunction with the National Athletic Trainers Association has contacted every High School in the country to collect data on the use of athletic trainers. Below is a breakdown of national, regional, and state data. Data was collected between 2015 and 2018. For more information please go to: <https://ksi.uconn.edu/nata-atlas/>

*National:* 66% of all HS have access to either full-time or part-time trainers  
34% of all HS have no access to either full-time or part-time trainers

*Regional:* 82% of all HS have Access to either full-time or part-time trainers  
(DE,NY,NJ,PA) 18% of all HS have no access to either full-time or part-time trainers

*NYSPHSAA* 66% of all NYSPHSAA schools have access to either full-time or part time trainers  
34% of all NYSPHSAA schools have no access to either full-time or part-time trainers

**Benefits of having access to athletic training services:** The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee has provided a list of benefits to a school district as well as those involved in interscholastic athletics. The benefits are not limited to this list only.

- Resource to admin/parents/coaches/students
- Evaluation of injuries – Return to Play Protocol (RTP)
- Concussion evaluation and testing – monitor RTP protocol
- Training of athletes for preventive measures and rehab
- Accessibility to other health care providers
- Takes care of student athlete injury so that coach can take care of the rest of the team
- Helps support the coach with stability and emotional confidence
- Insurance costs decrease for families and districts
- Focus on student athletes returning to competition appropriately
- Development of school wide and team emergency action plans
- Communication with school nurse, parents, and coaches regarding student injuries
- Ensure students are medically cleared to participate



- Educating coaches on first aid and injury prevention
- Keeping accurate records of all athletic injuries/ injury reports
- Designing weight training and conditioning programs
- Preparation of team medical kits
- Proper fitting of athletic equipment
- Nutritional education for athletes, parents, and coaches

**Obstacles to overcome by school districts:** The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee recognizes the obstacles that school districts face in trying to provide athletic training services to their athletic department. The list below outlines some of those concerns but is not limited to this list.

- Financial resources available in the school budget
- Athletic training services lower on the priority list of needs for the district
- Availability of athletic training services in the region
- New athletic trainer certification process
- Coaches are trained in First Aid and CPR/AED by SED Regulations

**Options to provide athletic training services in a district:** The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee has listed some possible options districts can utilize to provide athletic training services in their athletic program. The options are not limited to this list.

- District can hire a full-time athletic trainer
- District could hire a part-time athletic trainer
- District could contract through the local BOCES to share an athletic trainer with another district or two and receive possible aid on the services
- District could contract through a local medical facility to provide athletic training services
- District could contract through a local physician to provide athletic training services to the athletic program
- District could hire a teacher or administrator who is also certified as an Athletic Trainer and pay them a stipend to be the AT after school
- SED or NYSPHSAA could mandate each district provide athletic training services

As you can see two thirds of our member schools provide athletic training services within their athletic program. These districts are located all over the state of New York and are both large and small schools. Please feel free to contact the NYSPHSAA office if you need further resources to provide athletic training services to your athletic programs.

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

## Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2019

### CRITERIA TO PERMIT SIX CLASSIFICATIONS

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Representative from Section V

**Proposal:**

Consider approval to establish criteria 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Football Committee Meeting Report.

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

**Attachments:**

None.



# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

## Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2019

### CLASSIFICATION ADJUSTMENT – RECEIVERSHIP

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Matt Walentuk, Section VII Executive Director

**Proposal:**

Consider approval to address NYSED Receivership or other similar NYSED situations 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

## Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2019

### VOTE ON NFHS PLAYING RULES WHEN AVAILABLE

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Paul Harrica, NYSPHSAA President

**Proposal:**

Playing Rules:

Consider approval to issue a referendum vote to determine the use of NFHS Playing Rules when available.

Consider approval to be determined by the Executive Committee on May 3rd for the use of NFHS Playing Rules when available.

**Effective Start Date:**

To Be Determined.

**Rationale:**

The membership has discussed the use of NFHS Playing Rules for more than a decade. This proposal is designed to bring resolution to this topic.

**Proposal Originated:**

October 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.

This topic has also been discussed:

<i>January 2018</i>	Executive Committee meeting
<i>April 2018</i>	Championship Philosophy Committee Meeting
<i>May 2018</i>	Executive Committee meeting
<i>July 2018</i>	Central Committee meeting
<i>September 2018</i>	Championship Philosophy Committee Meeting
<i>October 2018</i>	Executive Committee Meeting

**Budgetary Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

Playing by NFHS rules would currently impact the sports of Girls Basketball (*currently use NCAA rules*), Girls & Boys Volleyball (*currently use NCAA rules*), Softball (*currently use USA Softball Rules*) and Girls Gymnastics (*NYSPHSAA Technical Handbook*).

Statewide survey was administered in June 2018 and discussed at the 2018 Central Committee meeting.

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

## Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2019

### 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, and baseball 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 Sports Season Committee meeting (August 16 & September 7).

**Budgetary Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

None.

**Attachments:**

None.



**New York State Public High School Athletic Association**  
**Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2019**

**BOYS BASKETBALL– ADOPT NEW REGIONAL ROTATION FOR 2019 DUE  
TO SECTION 8 HAVING A CLASS D TEAM**

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Bob Mayo, NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball State Coordinator

**Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Committee is seeking approval for a new Regional Rotation for 2019 to allow the Section 8 Class D Champion to participate in the tournament. Initially, the rotation was planned for Section 8 to not have a Class D team participate in the postseason. Now, Hempstead Academy will represent Class D in Section 8.

**Effective Start Date:**

Winter 2019

**Rationale:**

The Boys Basketball Committee is proposing that the Section 8 Class D Champion play the Section 11 Class D Champion in a pre-sub-regional game following the Section Final but preceding the Regional Quarterfinals. This game would be considered the Long Island Championship one round earlier than usual, with the winner advancing to play the Section 9 Class D Champion in the NYSPHSAA Regional Quarterfinal, also known as a sub-Regional.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Office

**Budget Impact:**

Costs associated with playing an extra game for Section 8/11 Class D winner.

**Notes:**

The Executive Directors of Sections 8 and 11 have agreed to this additional game and understand their Sectional Champion will play three games to advance to the State Semifinals while other sections may only have to play one game.

This proposal only effects Sections 8 and 11. If this proposal is not approved, then a back up plan would be to reshuffle Regional matchups that would impact seven sections.

The Boys Basketball Committee plans to discuss this at their post season meeting to determine if it is necessary to propose a new Regional Rotation starting in 2020.

CAC approved this proposal, 11-0.

**Attachments:**

Updated bracket is attached.

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

## Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2019

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> Handbook Committee meeting.

Wrestling Committee supported this proposal at the September 24<sup>th</sup> Wrestling Committee meeting.

**Attachments:**

None.



# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

## Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2019

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Attachments:**

None

**New York State Public High School Athletic Association**  
**Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2019**

**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 8<sup>th</sup>. On the September 21, 2018 conference call the NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee voted 10-1 in favor of this proposal. Not presented to CAC

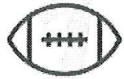
**Attachments:**

None



I am in discussions with Mr. Hellenbeck to assist USA Football in an effort to ensure the game of football has the ability to benefit future generations in a significant manner.

The foundation of the Football Development Model is based on six pillars. When working together, these pillars create the blueprint for the football community to create better athletes.



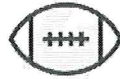
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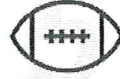
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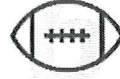
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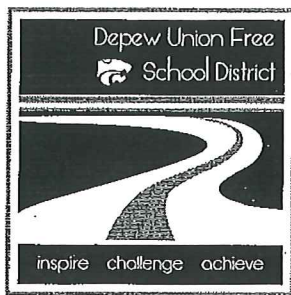
Creating entry points  
and options into and  
within the game



Focusing attention to  
physical literacy and  
skill development



Encouraging multi-  
sport and activity  
participation



## DEPEW UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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

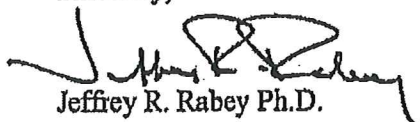
same time schools have added more scrimmages and tournaments, which cost as much, if not more for teams to participate.

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.

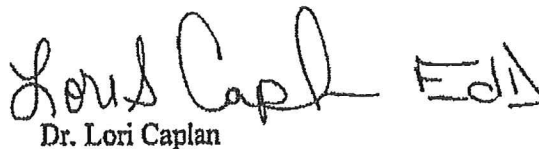
It is important for you and NYSPHAA to know that you have a supportive resource in NYSCOSS and we are always more than willing, as committee chairpersons to assist in any way that we can to promote and support these critical conversations that will ultimately support our student athletes. If you should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

Sincerely,



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# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

## Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2019

### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

     Action Item  
√ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Jacob Fridakis, NYSPHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) – Section I

**Proposal:**

Consideration of recognizing Week #44 as “NYSPHSAA Mental Health Awareness Week.”

**Effective Start Date:**

4/29/2019

**Rationale:**

Students noticed a problem amongst their peers. Research revealed many staggering statistics. A few examples are listed below.

- 1 in 5 children ages 13-18 have, or will have, a serious mental health condition.
- Most early signs of mental illness are mistaken for normal adolescent development.
- Student-athletes are just as likely to attempt suicide and up to 5 times as likely to succeed at committing suicide as their non-athlete peers.

As a result, the SAAC believes the awareness week will help encourage schools to provide training to non-healthcare professionals (coaches and athletic directors), as well as students, to help them learn how to identify signs and symptoms of mental illness and get professionals involved as soon as possible. According to the Mental Health Association of New York, “...telling a peer, trusted adult, or professional is extremely beneficial because 60-90% of those who receive treatment experience positive outcomes.”

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA SAAC

**Budgetary Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

NYSPHSAA Mental Health Awareness Week will be promoted via a press release and through social media. Implementation includes the following:

1. SAAC Representatives attend Section Athletic Council meetings to present material on the mental health crisis to promote NYSPHSAA Mental Health Awareness Week.
2. Social Media Campaign will include different themes for each day throughout the week (i.e. how to deal with stress, recognizing signs/symptoms, how to break the stigma, etc.). Resource suggestions will be provided, and specific hashtags used.

**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; reducing season of all sports by one week. ~~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.~~

**Note: Sport Season Ad Hoc Committee revised the proposal at their meeting on December 14, 2018 to keep baseball and softball championships on Week #49.**

#### **Effective Start Date:**

Recommended by Sports Season Ad Hoc to implement changes to calendar for 2020-2021 school year.

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting to examine the sport season start dates and championship dates. The Ad Hoc Committee met on August 16<sup>th</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Budgetary Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

The Sport Season Ad Hoc Committee revised their proposal at the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The revision removed any changes to the baseball and softball championships at denote above.

**Attachments:**

NYSPHSAA Standard 7-Year Calendar with proposed revisions.



# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

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### JEWELRY RULE

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
Section IX

**Proposal:**  
Consideration of approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule to include practice. Proposed revised language below in **BOLD**:

JEWELRY RULE:  
No jewelry, which includes visible body piercing objects, shall be worn in a sport (**in games, contests or practice**). Any piece of jewelry that is visible ~~at the start of or during a contest~~ is in violation of the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule. Religious medals must be taped to the body and under the uniform. Medical medals must be taped to the body so they are visible. Soft, pliable barrettes are permissible, body gems are not. The use of metal hair fasteners to secure hair is permissible in Girls Gymnastics. NOTE: The sports of Bowling and Golf are exempt from this rule. Wristwatches are permitted in cross country and in practice only for track and field. Hair restraints, to control a competitor's hair, are permitted in track and field and cross country. (Dec. 2010)

**Effective Start Date:**  
August 1, 2019

**Rationale:**  
Membership has expressed concern with the difficulty to enforce the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule for practice since the rule does not explicitly reference "practice."

**Proposal Originated:**  
Sectional Concern at October 16, 2018 Executive Committee meeting.

**Budget Impact:**  
None.

**Notes:**  
None.

**Attachments:**  
None.

**New York State Public High School Athletic Association**  
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**NYSPHSAA AMATEUR RULE TO \$500**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
Section XI

**Proposal:**  
Consideration to revise the amount allotted in the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to \$500.

**Effective Start Date:**  
August 1, 2019.

**Rationale:**  
Due to the increase of the fair market value of athletic equipment, supplies and awards we are requesting the amount allotted to each student-athlete to be raised from \$250 to \$500. Currently there are athletes who have had to decline receiving gear or supplies from tournaments due to the restrictions of this rule.

**\*Last edit to the Amateur rule was in preparation of the 2008-2009 school year.**

**Proposal Originated:**  
Sectional Concern at October 16, 2018 Executive Committee meeting.

**Budget Impact:**  
None.

**Notes:**  
None.

**Attachments:**  
None.

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

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### UPDATES TO NYSPHSAA MEDIA POLICY AND PROCEDURES

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Chris Watson, NYSPHSAA Director of Communications

**Proposal:**

Seeking approval to change language in the official NYSPHSAA media policy and procedures to reflect agreement with the NFHS Network and Spectrum contracts. Seeking approval to also improve language on audio streaming rights to local outlets.

**Effective Start Date:**

Immediately

**Rationale:**

This would clarify the NFHS Network is the official video streaming partner of the NYSPHSAA, and Spectrum is the official television home of the NYSPHSAA.

We would review on a case by case basis, a local media outlet wishing to audio stream a state championship event. (Sub Regional, Regional, State Semifinal and Finals)

**Proposal Originated:**

After review of the current media policy and procedures the NYSPHSAA staff felt it would benefit media outlets to clarify what is permitted and what is not when it comes to audio and video streaming.

**Budget Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

A list of changes is noted below. Access the full document here: [Media Policies & Procedures](#)

**Media**

~~The media outlet may not air a total of more than THREE (3) minutes of footage.~~

**Television**

~~Time Warner Cable~~ Spectrum is the official *Television* broadcast partner of the NYSPHSAA.

**Internet**

~~Time Warner Cable~~ The NFHS Network is the official *streaming* broadcast partner of the NYSPHSAA, which includes live video streaming of NYSPHSAA Championship events beginning with the conclusion of any sectional tournament.

**Attachments:**

None.



# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

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### **FOOTBALL– ADOPT NEW 7-YEAR REGIONAL ROTATION AND FILLING BYES WITH AT LARGE TEAM WHEN NECESSARY**

       Action Item  
  √   Discussion/ Information Item

#### **Presenter:**

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

#### **Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is seeking approval for a new seven (7)-year Regional Rotation and, when necessary, fill byes in Regional games with an at-large team in Class AA, A, and D. This concept is similar to the current Ice Hockey At-Large process.

#### **Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2019. The committee is seeking approval for both concepts for a seven (7)-year period through 2024.

#### **Rationale:**

The Regional Rotation expired in 2018 thus it is necessary to get a new seven (7)-year rotation approved. The length of the rotation is the same as the previous rotation.

With regards to the At-Large portion of this proposal, it is necessary to select an At-Large team for Regional games so Sectional Champions in Class AA, A and D do not get a BYE to the State Semifinals. Filling with an At-Large team satisfies the suggestion of the CAC for all team sports of not having BYES to State Semifinals. The At-Large teams will be selected based on an East/West Rotation.

#### **Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Football Committee meeting on November 24, 2018

#### **Budget Impact:**

None.

#### **Notes:**

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Attachments:**

Proposed six-year Regional Rotation and proposed At-Large rotation is attached for Class AA, A, & D.

<b><u>Football: Proposed Regional Rotation/At Large (2019)</u></b>			
<b><u>Section</u></b>	<b><u>Home/Away</u></b>	<b><u>Class/Opponent</u></b>	
<b>1</b>	Home	B vs S9	
		AA, A, D vs AL S3	
	Away	C @ S9	
<b>2</b>	Home	AA, A vs S9	
		C vs S7/10	
	Away	B,D @ S7/10	
<b>3</b>	Away	All Classes @ S4	
		(AA, A, D AL) @ S1	
<b>4</b>	Home	All Classes vs S3	
<b>5</b>	Home	All Classes vs S6	
<b>6</b>	Away	All Classes @ S5	
<b>7 &amp; 10</b>	Home	B, D vs S2	
	Away	C @ S2	
<b>9</b>	Home	C vs S1	
	Away	B @ S9	
		AA, A @ S2	
<b><i>NOTE: This proposed rotation is part of a 7-year rotation for matchups/at large assignments in the sport of football from 2019-25</i></b>			

<b><u>Football: Proposed Regional Rotation/At Large (2020)</u></b>			
	<b><u>Section</u></b>	<b><u>Home/Away</u></b>	<b><u>Class/Opponent</u></b>
	<b>1</b>	Home	C vs S9
		Away	(AA, A AL), B @ S9
			AA, A, D @ S2
			D AL @ S7/10
	<b>2</b>	Home	AA, A, D vs S1
			B vs S7/10
		Away	C @ S7/10
	<b>3</b>	Home	All Classes vs S4
	<b>4</b>	Away	All Classes vs S3
	<b>5</b>	Away	All Classes vs S6
	<b>6</b>	Home	All Classes vs S5
	<b>7 &amp;10</b>	Home	C vs S2
			D vs AL S1
		Away	B @ S2
	<b>9</b>	Home	AA, A vs AL S1
			B vs S1
		Away	C @ S1
<b><i>NOTE: This proposed rotation is part of a 7-year rotation for matchups/at large assignments in the sport of football from 2019-25</i></b>			



<b><u>Football: Proposed Regional Rotation/At Large (2021)</u></b>			
	<b><u>Section</u></b>	<b><u>Home/Away</u></b>	<b><u>Class/Opponent</u></b>
	1	Home	B vs S9
			D vs S7
		Away	AA,A,C @ S9
	2	Home	AA, A, D vs AL (5)
			C vs S7/10
		Away	B @ 7/10
	3	Away	All Classes @ S4
	4	Home	All Classes @ S3
	5	Home	All Classes vs S6
		Away	(AA, A, D AL) @ S2
	6	Away	All Classes @ S5
	7 & 10	Home	C vs S2
		Away	B @ S2
			D @ S1
	9	Home	AA,A,C vs S1
		Away	B @ S1
<b><i>NOTE: This proposed rotation is part of a 7-year rotation for matchups/at large assignments in the sport of football from 2019-25</i></b>			

<b><u>Football: Proposed Regional Rotation/At Large (2022)</u></b>			
<b><u>Section</u></b>	<b><u>Home/Away</u></b>	<b><u>Class/Opponent</u></b>	
<b>1</b>	Home	AA, A, D vs AL S2	
		C vs S9	
	Away	B @ S9	
<b>2</b>	Home	B vs S7	
	Away	(AA, A, D AL) @ S1	
		AA, A @ S9	
		C, D @ S7	
<b>3</b>	Home	All Classes vs S4	
<b>4</b>	Away	All Classes @ S3	
<b>5</b>	Away	All Classes @ S6	
<b>7 &amp; 10</b>	Home	C, D vs S2	
	Away	B @ S7	
<b>9</b>	Home	AA, A vs S2	
		B vs S1	
	Away	C @ S1	
<b><i>NOTE: This proposed rotation is part of a 7-year rotation for matchups/at large assignments in the sport of football from 2019-25</i></b>			

<b><u>Football: Proposed Regional Rotation/At Large (2023)</u></b>					
	<b><u>Section</u></b>	<b><u>Home/Away</u></b>	<b><u>Class/Opponent</u></b>		
	<b>1</b>	Home	B vs S9		
		Away	AA, A, D @ S2		
			C @ S9		
	<b>2</b>	Home	AA, A, D vs S1		
			C vs S7		
		Away	B @ S7		
	<b>3</b>	Away	All Classes @ S4		
	<b>4</b>	Home	All Classes vs S3		
		Away	(AA, A AL) @ S9		
			D AL @ S4		
	<b>5</b>	Home	All Classes vs S6		
	<b>6</b>	Away	All Classes @ S5		
	<b>7 &amp; 10</b>	Home	B vs S2		
			D AL vs S4		
		Away	C @ S2		
	<b>9</b>	Home	AA, A vs AL S4		
			C vs S1		
		Away	B @ S1		
<b><i>NOTE: This proposed rotation is part of a 7-year rotation for matchups/at large assignments in the sport of football from 2019-25</i></b>					



<u>Football: Proposed Regional Rotation/At Large (2024)</u>			
<u>Section</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>	<u>Class/Opponent</u>	
<b>1</b>	Home	AA, A, C vs S9	
	Away	B @ S9	
		D @ S7	
<b>2</b>	Home	AA, A vs AL S9	
		B vs S7	
		D vs AL S7	
	Away	C @ S7	
<b>3</b>	Home	All Classes vs S4	
<b>4</b>	Away	All Classes @ S3	
<b>5</b>	Away	All Classes @ S6	
<b>6</b>	Home	All Classes vs S5	
<b>7 &amp; 10</b>	Home	C vs S2	
		D vs S1	
	Away	B @ S2	
		D AL @ S2	
<b>9</b>	Home	B vs S1	
	Away	AA, A, C @ S1	
		(AA, A, AL) @ S2	
<b>NOTE: This proposed rotation is part of a 7-year rotation for matchups/at large assignments in the sport of football from 2019-25</b>			

<b>Football: Proposed Regional Rotation/At Large (2025)</b>			
<b><u>Section</u></b>	<b><u>Home/Away</u></b>	<b><u>Class/Opponent</u></b>	
<b>1</b>	Home	AA, A, D vs AL S6	
		B vs S9	
	Away	C @ S9	
<b>2</b>	Home	AA, A, vs S9	
		C, D vs S7	
	Away	B @ S7	
<b>3</b>	Away	All Classes @ S4	
<b>4</b>	Home	All Classes @ S3	
<b>5</b>	Home	All Classes vs S6	
<b>6</b>	Away	All Classes @ S5	
		(AA, A, D AL) @ S1	
<b>7 &amp; 10</b>	Home	B vs S2	
	Away	C, D @ S2	
<b>9</b>	Home	C vs S1	
	Away	AA, A @ S2	
		B @ S1	
<b>NOTE: This proposed rotation is part of a 7-year rotation for matchups/at large assignments in the sport of football from 2019-25</b>			

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### GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING – ADOPT QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR 2019-20 SEASON

     Action Item  
√ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Diane Hicks-Hughes, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving State Coordinator  
Patrick Ryan, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Assistant State Coordinator

**Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Committee is seeking approval of its State qualifying standards for 2019-20. This proposal is typically made in May and the committee would like to request action sooner.

Event	Proposed Standard
200 Medley Relay	1:52.35
200 Freestyle	1:57.24
200 Individual Medley	2:12.84
50 Freestyle	24.84
Diving	440.00
100 Butterfly	1:00.02
100 Freestyle	54.36
500 Freestyle	5:14.65
200 Freestyle Relay	1:41.69
100 Backstroke	1:00.42
100 Breaststroke	1:08.60
400 Freestyle Relay	3:42.73

Number of girls participating in Swimming & Diving	7,121
Number of girls participating in NYSPHSAA Championships	543
Participation Total for 2019	7.6%

\*\*CAC standard is a 5-8% range

**Effective Start Date:**

2019-2020 season

**Rationale:**

The standards are the same as 2018-2019. No change has been made.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Committee



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**GIRLS TENNIS - REVISE CHAMPIONSHIP DATE**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Coordinator

**Proposal:**

Consideration of approval to revise the date of the Girls Tennis Championships to a Thursday – Saturday format.

**Effective Start Date:**

October 2020 State Championships.

**Rationale:**

Mirror the “days” of the Boys Tennis Championships; encourage more tennis venues to potentially consider hosting the championships.

**Proposal Originated:**

January 14, 2019 Girls Tennis Meeting.

**Budget Impact:**

Potentially decrease facility rental fees by not having to secure a venue the entire weekend.

**Notes:**

The Championships would remain on Week #17 of the NYSPHSAA Standard Calendar.

**Timeline for implementation:**

CAC Input April 2019

Executive Committee “Action” May 3, 2019

Implementation October 2020 Championships

**Attachments:**

None.

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**GIRLS TENNIS– ADOPT 9-YEAR ROTATION TO FILL BYES WITH  
AT-LARGE SELECTIONS FOR 2019-27**

       Action Item  
  √   Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Coordinator

**Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Committee is seeking approval to adopt a nine (9) year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections. It is anticipated there will be 15 additional athletes in the tournament if this proposal is approved.

**Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2019. The committee is seeking approval for a nine (9) year period.

**Rationale:**

Filling the byes provides equitable competition for all participants in both singles and doubles instead of some players receiving a bye and getting extra rest from that. The proposal provides the exact same number of contests for each participant which begins with two contests per day for each player. The current format provides less contests for the top two seeded singles and doubles teams.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Committee meeting on January 14, 2019

**Budget Impact:**

There will be an additional cost for sections/schools to cover lodging, meals and possibly transportation for the added At-Large athletes.

**Notes:**

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

**Attachments:**

Proposed At-Large selection rotation is attached on what sections will fill the byes each year



## **GIRLS TENNIS 9-YEAR ROTATION TO FILL BYES WITH AT-LARGE SELECTIONS** **FOR 2019-27**

The nine-year schedule for filling the byes for the GIRLS TOURNAMENT will be assigned to five sections per year on a rotation, as listed below, who will each qualify one additional participant for singles and an additional doubles team. The combined total each year will be 15 additional participants to complete the tournament draw in both singles and doubles.

### **2019**

Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	singles
Section 6, 8, 9, 11, 1	doubles

### **2020**

Section 6, 8, 9, 11, 2	singles
Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	doubles

### **2021**

Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	singles
Section 6, 8, 9, 11, 3	doubles

### **2022**

Section 6, 8, 9, 11, 4	singles
Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	doubles

### **2023**

Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	singles
Section 6, 8, 9, 11, 5	doubles

### **2024**

Section 8, 9, 11, 5, 6	singles
Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 6	doubles

### **2025**

Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 8	singles
Section 6, 9, 11, 5, 8	doubles

### **2026**

Section 5, 6, 11, 8, 9	singles
Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 9	doubles

### **2027**

Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 11	singles
Section 6, 8, 9, 5, 11	doubles

***1/14/2019***



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**GIRLS TENNIS – CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT TWO YEAR  
EXPERIMENT**

   Action Item  
√ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Coordinator

**Proposal:**

Consideration of approval to implement a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants.

**Effective Start Date:**

2020 and 2021 Girls Tennis State Championships.

**Rationale:**

Provide an opportunity to evaluate a change in format to afford students the opportunity to contend for a top eight placement rather than participating in a consolation round. Currently, a student who loses their first match is provided the opportunity to continue playing in the consolation round, while a student who loses their second round match is eliminated from play.

**Proposal Originated:**

January 14, 2019 Girls Tennis Meeting.

**Budget Impact:**

Decrease the number of court hours required to host the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Championships ultimately reducing expenses for NYSPHSAA.

**Notes:**

None.

**Attachments:**

None.

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**RIFLE–ALLOW BIPODS DURING AIR RIFLE COMPETITION IN  
REGULAR SEASON & REGIONAL MATCHES**

     Action Item  
√ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

George Hathaway, NYSPHSAA Rifle State Coordinator

**Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Rifle Committee is seeking approval to allow bipods be attached to air rifles and used during Standing Air Rifle Positions at all regular season matches and the Regional Championship on March 2, 2019. This is a modification of the current NRA Rule 3.1.J.

**Effective Start Date:**

Winter 2018-19 Season. The committee is proposing this be a permanent modification of the rule.

**Rationale:**

- Many schools do not have enough Offhand Stands for all competitors
- The cost of Bipods is much cheaper than the cost of offhand stands
- Bipods can be made “in-house” by bending a ½ inch by 10-inch strip of metal and drilling a hole for a flathead screw and wingnut to allow the device to attach to the rail
- Some ranges have desks or tables which are non-movable and do not allow offhand stands to be properly placed. Some offhand stands cannot be placed on the table because they are non-adjustable and would be too tall
- Bipods also aid as a safety factor; when the competitor rests the air rifle between shots, the Bipod allows it to sit upright on the table and not lying sideways on the bolt of the rifle.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Rifle State Committee meeting on November 8, 2018

**Budget Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their November 8<sup>th</sup> conference call. The CAC approved the proposal, 11-0.

**Attachments:**

None

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**GIRLS LACROSSE– ADOPT NEW 3-YEAR REGIONAL ROTATION**

       Action Item  
  √   Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Liz Parry, NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator

**Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee is seeking approval for a new three-year Regional Rotation from 2020-22.

**Effective Start Date:**

Spring 2020

**Rationale:**

The Regional Rotation will expire in 2019 thus it is necessary to get a new three-year rotation approved. The length of the rotation is the same as the previous rotation.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee meeting on December 3, 2018.

**Budget Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

The Committee voted 10-1 (Section 11 opposed) in favor of this proposal at their December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Section 11 preferred not to matchup against Section 8 in Regionals due to strength of its region.

**Attachments:**

Proposed three-year Regional Rotation

## NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse

### Regional Rotation - 2020, 2021, 2022

#### Northern Regionals:

2020	Section 10 @ 3	section 10/ 3 @ 4	section 6 @ 5
2021	Section 3 @ 4	section 3/4 @ 10	section 5 @ 6
2022	Section 4 @ 10	section 4/10 @ 3	section 6 @ 5

#### Southern Regionals:

2020	Section 2 @ 9	section 2/9 @ 1	section 8 @ 11
2021	Section 1 @ 2	section 1/2 @ 9	section 11 @ 8
2022	Section 9 @ 1	section 1/9 @ 2	section 8 @ 11

## NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse

### State Tournament Matchups - 2020, 2021, 2022

#### Semi- finals: 2020

##### **Red Field (Main Field)**

##### **White Field (Auxiliary Field)**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>
9:00am	Class A	Red	5 -6	3 - 4 - 10
9:00am	Class A	White	8 - 11	1 - 2 - 9
11:00am	Class B	Red	5 - 6	3 - 4 - 10
11:00am	Class B	White	8 - 11	1 - 2 - 9
1:00pm	Class C	Red	5 - 6	3 - 4 - 10
1:00pm	Class C	White	8 - 11	1 - 2 - 9
3:00pm	Class D	Red	5 -6	3 - 4 - 10
3:00pm	Class D	White	8 - 11	1 - 2 - 9

#### Semi- finals: 2021

##### **Red Field (Main Field)**

##### **White Field (Auxiliary Field)**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>
9:00am	Class B	Red	3 - 4 - 10	8 - 11
9:00am	Class B	White	5 - 6	1 - 2 - 9
11:00am	Class C	Red	3 - 4 - 10	8 - 11
11:00am	Class C	White	5 - 6	1 - 2 - 9
1:00pm	Class D	Red	3 - 4 - 10	8 - 11
1:00pm	Class D	White	5 - 6	1 - 2 - 9
3:00pm	Class A	Red	3 - 4 - 10	8 - 11
3:00pm	Class A	White	5 -6	1 - 2 - 9



# NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse

## State Tournament Matchups - 2020, 2021, 2022 (CONTINUED)

### Semi- finals: 2022

#### Red Field (Main Field)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>
9:00am	Class C
9:00am	Class C
11:00am	Class D
11:00am	Class D
1:00pm	Class A
1:00pm	Class A
3:00pm	Class B
3:00pm	Class B

#### White Field (Auxiliary Field)

<u>Field</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>
Red	8 - 11	5 - 6
White	1 - 2 - 9	3 - 4 - 10
Red	8 - 11	5 - 6
White	1 - 2 - 9	3 - 4 - 10
Red	8 - 11	5 - 6
White	1 - 2 - 9	3 - 4 - 10
Red	8 - 11	5 - 6
White	1 - 2 - 9	3 - 4 - 10

### Finals: 2020

#### Red Field (Main Field)

9:00am	Class A	Friday 9:00am	White Field Game = Home Team
11:30am	Class B	Friday 11:00am	White Field Game =Home Team
2:00pm	Class C	Friday 1:00pm	White Field game = Home Team
4:30pm	Class D	Friday 3:00pm	White Field game = Home Team

### Finals: 2021

#### Red Field (Main Field)

9:00am	Class B	Friday 9:00am	White Field Game = Home Team
11:30am	Class C	Friday 11:00am	White Field Game =Home Team
2:00pm	Class D	Friday 1:00pm	White Field game = Home Team
4:30pm	Class A	Friday 3:00pm	White Field game = Home Team

### Finals: 2022

#### Red Field (Main Field)

9:00am	Class C	Friday 9:00am	White Field Game = Home Team
11:30am	Class D	Friday 11:00am	White Field Game =Home Team
2:00pm	Class A	Friday 1:00pm	White Field game = Home Team
4:30pm	Class B	Friday 3:00pm	White Field game = Home Team

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**GIRLS LACROSSE– REQUIRE ALL OFFICIALS WORKING REGIONAL,  
SEMIFINAL AND FINAL GAMES MUST HAVE COMPLETED A  
TRANSITIONAL CLINIC**

       Action Item  
  √   Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Liz Parry, NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Coordinator

**Proposal:**

All working officials for regional, semifinal and final games must have completed a transitional clinic.

**Effective Start Date:**

Spring 2019

**Rationale:**

Any official that has completed the transitional clinic has been trained in the three-person system we use for regional, semifinal, and final games.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee

**Budget Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

This has been the practice but was never official approved by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee.

**Attachments:**

None

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**BOYS TENNIS– ADOPT 5-YEAR ROTATION TO FILL BYES WITH  
AT-LARGE SELECTIONS FOR 2019-23**

     Action Item  
√ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Selina DeCicco NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Coordinator

**Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee is seeking approval to adopt a five (5) year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections. It is anticipated there will be six additional athletes in the tournament if this proposal is approved (2 singles, 4 doubles players).

**Effective Start Date:**

Spring 2019. The committee is seeking approval for a five (5) year period.

**Rationale:**

Filling the byes provides equitable competition for all participants in both singles and doubles instead of some players receiving a bye and getting extra rest from that. The proposal provides the exact same number of contests for each participant which begins with two contests per day for each player. The current format provides less contests for the top two seeded singles and doubles teams.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee meeting on December 5, 2018.

**Budget Impact:**

There will be an additional cost for sections/schools to cover lodging, meals and possibly transportation for the six added At-Large athletes.

**Notes:**

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Attachments:**

Proposed At-Large selection rotation is attached on what sections will fill the byes each year.



## **BOYS TENNIS 5-YEAR ROTATION TO FILL BYES WITH AT-LARGE SELECTIONS FOR 2019-23**

The five-year schedule for filling the byes will be assigned to four sections per year on a rotation, as listed below, of which two sections will each qualify one additional participant for singles and two sections will qualify an additional doubles team. The combined total each year will be 6 additional participants to complete the tournament draw in both singles and doubles.

### **2019**

Section 1, 2      singles  
Section 3,4      doubles

### **2020**

Section 5,6      singles  
Section 7,8      doubles

### **2021**

Section 9, 11    singles  
Section 1, 2      doubles

### **2022**

Section 3,4      singles  
Section 5,6      doubles

### **2023**

Section 7,8      singles  
Section 9,11     doubles

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# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

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### BASEBALL – ADOPTION OF PITCH COUNT SUMMARY FORM

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball State Coordinator

**Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee is requesting approval to adopt a pitch count summary form. The form would include each team's pitcher names and their official pitch count from the home pitch chart. Each coach would be required to sign the document following the game. This form will be provided to the site director prior to the next game.

**Effective Start Date:**

2019 postseason season

**Rationale:**

The committee is using this form as part of its "checks and balances" so accurate pitch counts are advanced to the next rounds of competition. The form also acts as a back up so that if a home pitch chart is lost, this form will reflect the home pitch chart information.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee on January 10, 2019.

**Budget Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

None

**Attachments:**

Pitch Count Summary Form



## PITCH COUNT SUMMARY FORM

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SITE \_\_\_\_\_

VISITOR SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

PITCHER'S NAME & # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

COACH'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TEAM SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

PITCHER'S NAME & # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

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PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

COACH'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

SITE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** This form is to be forwarded to the next postseason game site  
by the Section Coordinator or his designee

# Esports Introducing New Participants to High School Activity Programs

By Cody Porter on November 14, 2018

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Recognizing the role that video games play in the lives of high school students, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) opened the door for a previously untapped group of students in late October when the NFHS and NFHS Network teamed with their partner, PlayVS, to launch its inaugural esports season.

Season Zero, as it is known, took flight in late October with five NFHS-member state associations and one affiliate group receiving guidance from online gaming provider PlayVS. Schools from the Connecticut Association of Schools-Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CAS-CIAC), Georgia High School Association (GHSA), Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA), Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), Rhode Island Interscholastic League (RIIL) and affiliate member Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) will be involved in Season Zero.

"Students will learn interpersonal and critical-thinking skills, as well as how to rely on each other to work cohesively as a team," said Delane Parnell, CEO and founder of PlayVS. "The PlayVS platform makes it easy for colleges and universities to access player stats, making the esports scholarships (that often go unclaimed) a huge opportunity for students at participating schools."

The costs for schools to become involved in esports are minimal. Parnell said schools need a teacher to serve as program director, and he noted that the presence of an information technology director could prove helpful to confirm that the equipment and network are capable of hosting games.

A \$64 season participation fee is required for each student and can be paid by a parent, school or sponsor. Thanks to the PlayVS online platform, schools can use computer labs that are already present, which eliminates travel costs.

"We automate the heavy lifting so teachers can fully focus on the kids, ensuring that they stay safe, have fun and have everything they need to be successful," Parnell said.

Parnell said PlayVS Vice President Laz Alberto serves as the lead in working with state associations.

"Every state is unique in their own right and has had their own process for coming onboard," Parnell said. "When we work with a state, we answer their questions, provide resources like presentation materials and videos, and often schedule information seminars where Laz visits the state association office in person."



"No team will meet face-to-face until the final weekend of the state championship, which will be played at potential esports venues in the respective states of our participants," said Mark Koski, NFHS director of marketing and CEO of the NFHS Network. "When available, those venues may include movie theaters converted into esports arenas."

Season Zero, which features the five-player team game "League of Legends," spans October 30 to December 11. Each week, two matches are played on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively, bringing the season total to 12 matches. Season Zero culminates with a single-elimination playoff bracket in January 2019 to determine a state champion. Teams can be made up of students from any background, regardless of experience, gender or age and without tryouts. There is no limit to the number of unique teams each school fields, creating a "no-cut" environment to allow students to compete in esports at the varsity level.

"There are currently eight million kids who do not participate in any high school sports, largely because no sport is designed to be scalable," Parnell said. "There are a limited number of teams and a limited number of spots on each roster. With esports, on the other hand, absolutely any eligible student can join a team, wear a jersey and become part of something bigger than themselves. That's hugely significant."

PlayVS shares the NFHS philosophy on working exclusively in the high school setting. The organization's commitment to education-based activities directly correlates to its leadership, which includes former teachers and others with an education background to manage relationships and strategies with schools.

"I think we have an opportunity to engage students in the life of the school with an activity that they might already be participating in on their own," said Dr. Karissa Niehoff, NFHS executive director. "Now, we bring that interest and activity together to combine it with all of the elements of sport that are so special: teamwork, camaraderie, collaboration, storylines, excitement and connection to a group."

Koski noted the students being introduced to esports are largely those who are already going home – or to a friend's house – to play games. The adoption of esports by schools provides them a trusted space to compete "within the walls of our education-based setting after school."

"These are not students who we are taking off our basketball courts and football fields," Koski said. "Esports are a great way to retain students in a scholastic environment under the direction of a teacher/coach who will teach them not only how to be a great gamer, but to also be a lifelong positive citizen and valuable member of the school community."

Prior to becoming NFHS executive director in August, Niehoff had her own experience with esports as executive director of the CAS-CIAC. In fall 2017, the CAS-CIAC started esports after its membership approached the association regarding its widespread interest.



Niehoff and her staff hosted an informational session at their office in Cheshire, Connecticut, to an overwhelming response.

"The meeting took place in a conference space that could fit about 90 people and the room was full," Niehoff said. "When I went to see who was attending, I saw adults and students who I had never seen in our building before for athletics, student leadership, student council or any of the other programs we oversee."

PlayVS has demonstrated a fiscal commitment to associations as well, Niehoff added. The Los Angeles-based startup studio is offering states a \$10,000 signing bonus and a per-student revenue share.

The partnership of the NFHS with PlayVS has also generated numerous positive benefits by way of game publishers. Through its work with "League of Legends" publisher Riot Games, PlayVS has offered students the ability to compete at the highest level. As opposed to purchasing upgrades within the free downloadable game, Riot Games has provided students with "League Unlocked" for free. The setting grants characters maximum upgrades, making it a level playing field for all players.

In February, Season One begins with three additional associations joining the six from Season Zero. Those additional members include the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA), Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) and the Texas Charter School Academic and Athletic League, an affiliate. The season concludes in May with a second state championship for "League of Legends." Koski said organizers expect to welcome as many as four new games by February.

"We'd love to incorporate more games like 'League of Legends' that are multi-player, real-time, strategy games," Parnell said. "This allows students to rely on one another as teammates and use critical-thinking skills to make game-time decisions. We have some partnerships with other game developers in the works but can't reveal anything just yet."

Esports on the NFHS Network ([www.NFHSNetwork.com](http://www.NFHSNetwork.com)) are streamed free of charge. Streams will feature side-by-side in-game coverage of students competing as their "League of Legends" characters, according to Koski. There are no plans to feature in-person streams until the state championships.



# NCAA Division I Men's Basketball June Scholastic Events for High School Participants

## WHAT

Scholastic events in June must be:

- Approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations; and
- Organized and conducted exclusively by the applicable state high school athletics association and/or state high school basketball coaches association, or if there is no state high school basketball coaches association, the state high school coaches association.

## WHERE

Per NCAA legislation, June scholastic events must occur at an educational institution (e.g., middle school, high school, college) other than an NCAA Division I institution.

## WHEN

**June 21-23, 2019**

(Friday 6 p.m. - Sunday 4 p.m.)\*

**June 28-30, 2019**

(Friday 6 p.m. - Sunday 4 p.m.)\*

Events are scheduled when NCAA Division I men's basketball coaches are permitted to observe recruits participating in athletic activities.

*\*Event may extend beyond time frame listed. Division I men's basketball coaches may attend only during noted time frame.*

## WHY

- Develops and strengthens relationships between college coaches and high school basketball programs;
- Emphasizes academics and positive recruiting interactions;
- Minimizes the leverage on harmful outside influences; and
- Develops a stronger pathway from member education-based high schools to college participation.

## WHO MAY ATTEND?

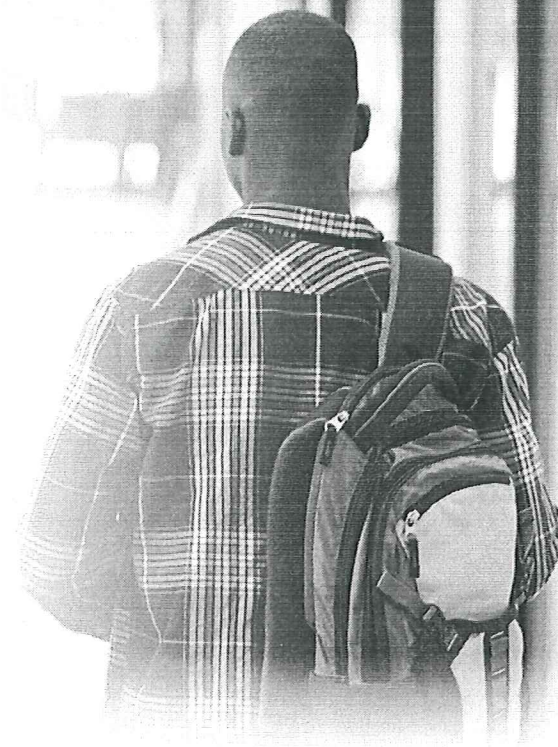
NCAA legislation permits the following to attend the events:

- Divisions I, II and III men's basketball coaches; and
- The general public.

## PARTICIPANTS

Eligible student-athletes from NFHS member state association high schools.

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## EVENT APPROVAL PROCESS

The NFHS will implement and manage all aspects of the event approval process. All questions regarding event details or hosting an event should be directed to the NFHS or state high school associations.

## EVENT FORMAT

An event may be operated as a:

- Showcase;
- Team camp;
- Jamboree;
- Metro area event; or
- Multistate/regional event or a hybrid of these models.

For more information on the recommended event format options featured by the National High School Basketball Coaches Association, see <https://www.actionnhsbca.org>.

## HOW TO HOST AN EVENT

- NFHS member state associations must submit a 2019 event application [here](#);
- Application will be available online March 1;
- Application must be completed by April 1; and
- List of approved scholastic summer events will be posted on the NFHS website by May 1.





## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

### Criteria for June Scholastic Basketball Evaluation Events

The criteria outlined in this document were developed by a sub-committee of NFHS member state association representatives and NFHS staff. The criteria were then reviewed by the NFHS Board of Directors, the National High School Basketball Coaches Association (NHSBCA) leadership, and key administrators from the NCAA. The five event models presented within the document are the great work of the NHSBCA. The NFHS strongly recommends that state associations interested in hosting a June Evaluation event select a format(s) from the five models as they represent the collective expertise of coaches from across the country. The models can be accessed directly at <https://www.actionnhsbca.org/> For more information about the NHSBCA go to [www.NHSBCA.org](http://www.NHSBCA.org)

The support of the NCAA for the criteria has underscored the importance of maintaining an education-based focus on event formats and host sites. The June Evaluation events offer the opportunity for the high school coach and program to play an important role in a student-athlete's transition from high school to college.

In order for an event to be approved by the NFHS, an event application must be submitted each year by the host member state association to the NFHS office 60 days before the start of the event. An estimated budget of revenues and expenses must accompany the application, and an event review form including any requisite financial reporting for each event also must be submitted 60 days after the event. The following criteria must be met by each event in order to be approved:

1. The member state association office hosting the event must submit the event application.
2. For multi-state and regional events, the member state association office hosting the event must receive approval and verification from all participating member state association offices prior to submitting the event application.
3. Team events shall include member state association schools only.
4. Event coaches shall be employed (paid or unpaid) by member state association schools, the state basketball coaches association or state coaches association and must complete all school and state association certification requirements, including background checks, prior to coaching in the event.
5. Neither the event nor any participating team shall have on its staff any individual who has been found guilty or pleaded guilty in a court of law to a felony or for having been involved in sports bribery, point shaving or game fixing.

6. Participants shall be from a member state association-school.
7. Participants shall be scholastic student-athletes as defined and determined by the member state association.
8. Gifts and awards, if offered, should be provided according to the limitations defined by the host state association or, for multi-state events, the most restrictive participating state association. Such participation gifts should be purchased by the event organizer.
9. A financial accounting report shall be submitted with the event review form.
10. Entry fees shall not exceed \$200 per team/school and \$50 for individual participants; fees charged in excess of this amount must be approved by the member host state association and justified by documented expenses.
11. Event admission charges for non-participants shall not exceed \$10 per day; admission charges in excess of this amount must be approved by the member host state association and justified by documented expenses.
12. College coaches packets (rosters, participant information, etc.) may be provided and the cost to coaches shall not exceed \$150 for the event.
13. Multiple-sites are permitted for execution of the events as long as all sites meet the NCAA definition of scholastic (interscholastic or non-Division I school facility).
14. Host sites should provide separate event access and seating for college coaches.
15. Host sites shall provide adequate and qualified medical staff, facilities and support as determined by the host state association.
16. Applicant shall provide indemnification and a certificate of comprehensive general liability insurance naming the NFHS and the NHSBCA as additional insureds.
17. Game officials should be members of an accredited officials association as recognized by the host state association or members of the NFHS Officials Association.
18. Use of sponsors is permitted for actual and necessary expenses to operate the event (e.g., facility rental fee, food and beverage for participants and event staff, printing of credentials, etc.); all other sponsorships are prohibited. Sponsors shall not influence selection of participants (players, teams or coaches) nor shall they determine event format.
19. Video, streaming or other video/audio transmission of the event shall not occur without written consent of the member state association.

Recommendations:

1. Use NFHS playing rules.
2. Use USAB/NBA Youth guidelines for grades 9-12 including those limiting the number of games in a weekend <https://www.usab.com/youth/development/youth-guidelines-rules-and-standards.aspx>.
3. Event coordinator shall collect data including:
  - a. Name of each participant
  - b. Name of each high school coach
  - c. Name of each collegiate coach in attendance
  - d. Name of each event staff member



4. Host state association shall determine eligibility and feasibility of streaming the event through the NFHS Network.
5. Event staff shall consist of member state association-staff members, member school personnel and/or approved state coaches association members.
6. Include an educational component for participants and high school coaches as part of the event.
7. Net revenues should be designated to host future events or invested in direct student related programs (e.g., student leadership conferences, sportsmanship summits, college information educational materials, etc.).

Notes:

1. No third-party sponsors or operators are permitted to organize and implement events.
2. The use of NCAA Division I or non-scholastic facilities is prohibited.
3. NFHS Affiliate members do not have event approval privileges (as with sanctioning).
4. Under current NCAA rules, NCAA Division I coaches are permitted to attend a boys event but are prohibited from attending a girls event.
5. Penalties for non-compliance with the above criteria are at the discretion of the applicable state association.
6. Upon event completion, data will be requested and compiled by the NFHS to determine the effectiveness of events for participants, coaches, member state associations and collegiate coaches.
7. All events approved by the NFHS will be posted on the NFHS website and other appropriate public domains.

Dates:

Friday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m. – Sunday, June 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Friday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. – Sunday, June 30 at 4:00 p.m.

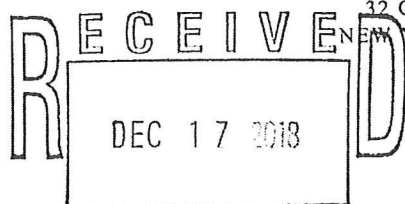


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December 12, 2018

Robert Zayas  
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New York State Public High School Athletic Association  
8 Airport Park Boulevard  
Latham, New York 12110

Re: Case No.-02-19-4001  
New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Dear Mr. Zayas:

On October 9, 2018, the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), received the above-referenced complaint filed against the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA). The complainant alleged that the NYSPHSAA discriminates on the basis of sex, by denying female junior varsity and varsity softball athletes the opportunity to use metal cleats, while allowing male junior varsity and varsity baseball athletes to use metal cleats. OCR has determined that this allegation is appropriate for investigation.

OCR is responsible for enforcing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*, and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 106, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in programs and activities receiving financial assistance from the Department. The NYSPHSAA has been designated authority for regulating high school interscholastic athletics in New York State (except New York City) by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). The NYSED is a recipient of financial assistance from the Department. Therefore, OCR has jurisdictional authority to investigate this complaint filed against the NYSPHSAA under Title IX.

Because OCR has determined that it has jurisdiction and that the complaint was filed in a timely manner, it is opening the allegation for investigation. Please note that opening the allegation for investigation in no way implies that OCR has made a determination with regard to its merits. During the investigation, OCR is a neutral fact-finder, collecting and analyzing relevant evidence from the complainant, the recipient, and other sources, as appropriate. OCR will ensure that its investigation is legally sufficient and is dispositive of the allegation, in accordance with the provisions of Article III of OCR's Case Processing Manual.



Enclosed is a document entitled “OCR Complaint Processing Procedures.” This document will provide you with an overview of OCR’s complaint evaluation, investigation and resolution process. OCR will collect only material needed to investigate this complaint and will take all proper precautions to protect the identity of any individual named in documents.

To facilitate OCR’s efforts to investigate this complaint, OCR requests that, within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter, you provide to OCR the information listed on the enclosed data request. The regulation implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, at 34 C.F.R. § 100.6(b) and (c), requires that a recipient of federal financial assistance make available to OCR information that may be necessary for it to determine whether a recipient is in compliance with the regulations it enforces. This requirement is incorporated by reference in the regulation implementing Title IX, at 34 C.F.R. § 106.71. This information is also being requested pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 99.31(a)(3)(iii).

OCR’s goal is the prompt and appropriate resolution of the allegations contained in a complaint. OCR offers, when appropriate, a Facilitated Resolution Between the Parties (FRBP) process, similar to mediation, to facilitate the voluntary resolution of complaints by providing an early opportunity for the parties involved to resolve the allegation(s). Some information about the FRBP process is contained in the publication entitled, “OCR Complaint Processing Procedures,” which was enclosed with OCR’s previous letter to you acknowledging your complaint. This information is also on OCR’s website at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaints-how.html>.

Also, when appropriate, a complaint may be resolved before the conclusion of an investigation after the recipient expresses an interest to OCR to resolve the complaint. In such cases, OCR obtains a resolution agreement signed by the recipient. This agreement must be aligned with the complaint allegations or the information obtained during the investigation, and it must be consistent with applicable regulations. Additional information about this voluntary resolution process may be found in the enclosure entitled, “OCR Complaint Processing Procedures,” and on OCR’s website at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaints-how.html>.

Please be advised that the NYSPHSAA may not harass, coerce, intimidate, or discriminate against any individual because he or she has filed a complaint or participated in the complaint resolution process. If this happens, the individual may file another complaint alleging such treatment.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, it may be necessary to release this document and related correspondence and records upon request. In the event that OCR receives such a request, it will seek to protect, to the extent provided by law, personally identifiable information that, if released, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

OCR staff will contact you to discuss the allegation and the complaint resolution process. In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact Jonathon LeBeau, Compliance Team Investigator, at (646) 428-3790 or [jonathon.lebeau@ed.gov](mailto:jonathon.lebeau@ed.gov); or R. Colin Power, Compliance Team Attorney, at (646) 428-3832 or [r.colin.power@ed.gov](mailto:r.colin.power@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Moretto Cramer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anna Moretto Cramer  
Compliance Team Leader

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