



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 16, 2021
Video Conference Call at 9:30 am

1. Call to Order- Greg Ransom
2. Review of Meeting Materials
3. Approval of May 11, 2021 Minutes
4. Financial Report- Linda Trapani
5. Crown Awards
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
 - a. Revise language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding TASC (GED)
 - b. Girls/Boys Volleyball: Modify the Selection Process of Officials
 - c. NYSPHSAA allow use of a School Based Official
 - d. Consider approval of the Friends and Neighbors application process
 - e. Consider approval to adopt a new Line up Rule for Girls and Boys Team Tennis Championship competition at the Regional and State Tournament
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report
8. Combining of Teams- Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer
9. Spring Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls Golf Bill Earl
 - b. Boys Golf Tom Howe
 - c. Girls Lacrosse Wendy Crandall
 - d. Boys Lacrosse Rich Saulino
 - e. Boys Tennis Urvashi Gupta
 - f. Baseball Mike Gillespie
 - g. Softball Tom Cassata/ Steve Boucher
 - h. Track and Field Matt Hemmer / Pat Burkhardt
10. Fall #2 Chair Reports:
 - a. Volleyball Steve Boucher
 - b. Football Dave Coates/ Tom Casatta
 - c. Cross-Country Jim Glover/Pat Cahill
 - d. Cheerleading Kelly Hall
 - e. Girls Swimming Pat Ryan
 - f. Field Hockey Deb Beam
 - g. Girls Tennis Urvashi Gupta
 - h. Boys Soccer Pete Ferguson/ Tony Martelli
 - i. Girls Soccer Diane Wanser
10. Chair Reports
 - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Greg Warren and Suzanne Lenzian
 - b. Safety Janet Carey
 - c. Student Athlete Advisory Committee Kermit Moyer
 - d. Eligibility Tom Cassata
 - e. Officials Coordinator Dennis Burkett
 - f. Sportsmanship Adam Kless
 - g. Unified Sports Rich Silverstein
11. Old Business
 - a. Girls Tennis Chairperson
 - b. Bowling Chairperson
 - c. Boys Golf Chairperson
12. New Business
 - a. Section IX Officers 2021-2022
 - b. Football – Senior All Star Game
 - c. Field Hockey – Senior All Star Game

13. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, September 9, 2021 Location TBA

Athletic Director Mandated Workshop – Monday, September 13, 2021 Location TBA

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Section IX Athletic Council, Inc.
Reconciliation Summary
Orange County Trust Company, Period Ending 05/31/2021

	<u>May 31, 21</u>
Beginning Balance	214,371.51
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 27 items	-15,217.86
Deposits and Credits - 6 items	526.77
Total Cleared Transactions	<u>-14,691.09</u>
Cleared Balance	<u>199,680.42</u>
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 15 items	-4,937.40
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	0.00
Total Uncleared Transactions	<u>-4,937.40</u>
Register Balance as of 05/31/2021	<u>194,743.02</u>
Ending Balance	194,743.02

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Executive Committee Meeting – May 5, 2021

Handbook Committee: Revising TASC language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Bona Fide student regulation

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Pat Pizzarelli, Handbook Chair
Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee is recommending revising the current language in the NYSPHSAA handbook regarding TASC (GED) students to the following. *“Students enrolled in a TASC program (GED) must be receiving 2.5 hours of instruction daily and also meet the physical education requirement in accordance with SED Bona Fide student regulation”.*

Effective Start Date:

Updated following the May Executive Committee Meeting

Rationale:

The current language reads, *“For assistance in determining the eligibility of students enrolled in a GED program, please contact the NYSPHSAA office.”* The office assistance is always the same response. The student must be receiving 2.5 hours of instruction daily and meet the physical education requirement. The revised language proposed will spell out the assistance and not necessitate an athletic administrator contacting the NYSPHSAA office. As always, the NYSPHSAA staff will be able to assist our member schools if clarification is needed by the athletic administrator.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Modify the Selection Process of Officials for the NYSPHSAA State Tournament

- Action Item
 Discussion Item
 Informational Item

Presenter:

Greg Ransom, CAC Chair
Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

The Championship Advisory Committee is recommending modifying the language in the NYSPHSAA Fees and Policies document for Selection of Officials for Boys and Girls Volleyball to the following:

“Two officials from each participating Section”

Effective Start Date:

2021 Fall Season

Rationale:

Currently, one official from each Section and the host Section provides officials to be the lines people during the pool play round and the finals. With this recommendation, the host Section would no longer need to provide the officials for the NYSPHSAA tournament. The quality of the officials would be increased because the Sections would be sending the two best. With this format the officials would be assigned in pods of four and would be able to rotate positions between matches and be provided rest throughout the tournament.

Proposal Originated:

Boys and Girls Volleyball Committees on March 23 and 24, 2021

Budgetary Impact:

There would be no change in the fees that will be paid for matches by NYSPHSAA because we are currently paying all officials the appropriate match fee. The NYS Volleyball Officials have offered, if this proposal is approved, to provide all the officials a meal stipend for the tournament. NYSPHSAA would continue to provide a meal to the officials through our hospitality venue. According to the Volleyball Officials rep there should not be an increase to travel cost due to both officials sharing transportation to the tournament from the same Section. NYSPHSAA would see an increase in lodging cost. The NYSPHSAA staff has determined that based on the provisions mentioned above the total estimated increase would be \$800 in total officials expenses for both tournaments.

Notes:

The following sports currently send 2 officials per Section: Baseball, B/G Basketball, Football, B/G Soccer (3 for Boys), and Softball.

Attachments:

Volleyball page from NYSPHSAA Fees and Policies

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted in favor of this proposal, 10-0, at their April 12, 2021 meeting.

DATE REVISED: April 12, 2021

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OCF – School Based Official

- Action Item
 Discussion Item
 Informational Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

The OCF is recommending NYSPHSAA allow schools to use a School Based Official with the following criteria. This would be for a two-year pilot program.

- The SBO would only work non-varsity games
- SBO will be paid based on the Section's Officials contract
- SBO will be certified through the local chapters training and testing protocols
- Assignments will be offered to all members of the local chapter and if non-varsity game remain unassigned then the assignor will contact the SBO
- SBO will not have to pay the local or state dues (excluding insurance and assignor fees) in the first year. SBO will be required to pay full dues starting in year two.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2020

Rationale:

This recommendation will help address the issues lack of officials and sub-varsity games not being covered by one or more officials.

Proposal Originated:

OCF

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None.

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Friend & Neighbor Application Process

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider approval to amend the Friend & Neighbor application process to the following:

1. Complete and submit the Friend & Neighbor application to NYSPHSAA, Inc.
2. NYSPHSAA will contact the Section Executive Director from the school's location (if applicable) regarding any potential concerns.
3. NYSPHSAA will work with the Section Executive Director to ensure the school understands all rules and responsibilities.
4. The school's name will be presented to the NYSPHSAA Executive/Central Committee for approval at the next scheduled meeting.
5. The Friend & Neighbor school will be invoiced \$200, annually.
6. Friend & Neighbor schools will still need to follow the subsequent rules:
 - a. Friend and Neighbors schools may compete against NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools only through the league level of play.
 - b. Friend and Neighbors schools are eligible to compete with NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools in all sections excluding post-scheduled contests.
 - c. The two-hundred-dollar fee is payable every year and invoiced annually.
7. Approval will remain indefinitely unless the following occurs:
 - a. The section where the school is located presents an issue with Friend & Neighbor status.
 - b. The school requests, in writing, to be removed as a Friend & Neighbor.
 - c. The school does not pay their annual invoice of \$200.

Effective Start Date:

July 2021

Rationale:

Currently, the process is convoluted due to the school's needing to apply every two years but are invoiced yearly. The benefits of the new process are as follows:

1. Removes additional responsibilities away from the sections.
2. Streamlines the process to mirror NYSPHSAA membership invoicing procedure.
3. Provides one central point of contact for both the section and Friend & Neighbor schools.

The NYSPHSAA Handbook states, "All other schools which are registered with the State Education Department shall apply for Friends and Neighbors status to be eligible to compete with NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools. Applications must be processed through the Sectional Athletic Council in which the

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school is located. The application shall contain the agreement to abide by the NYSPHSAA, Inc., rules and will be signed by the applicant. The application, with an administrative fee of two hundred dollars, shall be forwarded by the Section Secretary to the Executive Director of the State Association with recommendations and substantiating statements for or against approval. The State Executive Committee shall make the final determination. Approval shall only be for a period of two years at which time schools may reapply for Friends and Neighbors status.”

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Office Staff

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The proposal was reviewed by the Section Executive Directors. No concerns were presented. The Handbook Committee reviewed the proposal and provided feedback regarding making sure schools understand all rules and responsibilities.

Attachments:

Sample Application



Friends & Neighbor Application

1. Complete the application and email to NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, Kristen Jadin at kjadin@nysphsaa.org.
2. NYSPHSAA, Inc. will contact the Section Executive Director from the school's location (if applicable) regarding any potential concerns.
3. The school's name will be presented to the NYSPHSAA Executive/Central Committee for approval at the next scheduled meeting.
4. Once approved, the school will be invoiced \$200, annually.

PART I: SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School: _____

Athletic Director: _____

Athletic Director Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

SED Code: _____

<u>Enrollment:</u>	Boys	Girls
Grade 7	_____	_____
Grade 8	_____	_____
Grade 9	_____	_____
Grade 10	_____	_____
Grade 11	_____	_____
Grade 12	_____	_____
Sec UNG	_____	_____

Signature of Chief School Officer represents an agreement that the applying school will follow all NYS Education Department regulations & NYSPHSAA bylaws, eligibility standards, and sports standards when participating with NYSPHSAA Schools. *I certify our school is registered with the NYS Education Department.*

Signature of Chief School Officer

**Please use figures from the October BEDS of current school year.*

PART II: SCHOOL YEAR

We are applying for Friend & Neighbor status to begin with the _____ school year.

INFORMATION:

1. Friends & Neighbor schools will still need to follow the subsequent rules:
 - a. Friends and Neighbors schools may compete against NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools only through the league level of play.
 - b. Friends and Neighbors schools are eligible to compete with NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools in all sections excluding post-scheduled contests.
 - c. The two-hundred-dollar fee will be invoiced annually and payable every year.
2. Approval will remain indefinitely unless the following occurs:
 - a. The section where the school is located presents an issue with Friends & Neighbor status.
 - b. The school requests, in writing, to be removed as a Friend & Neighbor.
 - c. The school does not pay their annual invoice of \$200.

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BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS – ADOPT LINEUP RULE FOR REGIONALS & STATES

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenters:

Selina DeCicco, NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Coordinator
Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis State Committees are seeking approval to adopt a new Lineup Rule for Team Championship competition at the Regional and State Tournament levels for a two-year experiment.

- The NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis State Team Championship Line-up Rule shall treat singles and doubles as separate entities.
 - #1 and #2 singles to be restricted to singles positions #1 and #2
- Stacking is prohibited. The definition of stacking is:
 - Positioning players out of ability order
 - Positioning greater skilled singles players below lesser skilled singles players and/or positioning greater skilled doubles teams below lesser skilled doubles teams;
 - Penalty for stacking is forfeiture from a Regional or State Tournament match
- Submission of Lineups – Coaches are required to provide the team's roster, singles ranking ladder, doubles ranking ladder, season challenge matches, participant USTA/UTR rankings and team/individual records of season contests, upon request by an opposing coach or NYSPHSAA official, to the Coach, Section Coordinator and State Coordinator/Tournament Director by 6 pm the day prior to the start of Regionals and of State Semi-Final contests. Any changes to a submitted lineup must be approved by the tournament committee.
- Should any participant refuse to compete for any reason other than injury, illness or personal circumstance, then the participant(s) shall become ineligible to participate in a later round.

Effective Start Date:

October 2021

Rationale:

To offer fair conditions of competition for the NYSPHSAA Team State Tennis Championships requires a uniform rule that governs the structure of the team line-up for team state championship contests. The line-up rule proposed is already found across NYSPHSAA. This rule allows all coaches to allocate their team talent in the manner that can create a competitive option for their teams. Additionally, the proposed lineup rule provides equal recognition to singles and doubles events which is commensurate with the team scoring system.

While the proposed team lineup rule may require Sectional Team Champions to adapt to Regional and State Tournament lineup guidelines, the structure proposed provides fair opportunity for NYSPHSAA teams statewide with disparity of ability, the best opportunity to compete with competitive balance.

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Proposal Originated:

The NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis Committee Joint Meeting on December 14, 2020. A subcommittee was formed and met several times to develop the proposal which was ultimately voted 6-2 in favor for the Boys and 7-2 in favor for the Girls on March 8, 2021. The sub-committee was made up of Selina DeCicco (boys coordinator), Chris Horgan (girls coordinator), Terence McMahon (Section 6 coordinator), Josh Bartolotta (Section 5 coordinator), Michael Kazin (Section 8 coordinator) and Shai Fisher (Section 8).

Budgetary Impact:

There is no financial impact

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

No concerns

OTHER INFO TO BE INCLUDED IN CHAMPIONSHIP OPERATIONS PACKET (PROCEDURAL ITEMS):

- **Stacking** – The term “stacking” is not defined in the USTA Rules and Regulations “Friend at Court”. A fundamental ethical standard for tennis coaches requires that players must be arranged in the proper order of ability from top to bottom at the singles and doubles positions for team matches. Stacking occurs when a coach violates this principle. Stacking is not allowable for any reason and any team that stacks its line-up faces forfeiture of the match.
- **Lineup Changes** – At the conclusion of the Team Regionals or State Semifinals, coaches are permitted to make changes to their lineups and submit their final entries one hour before the start of the scheduled contest.
- **Filing Protests** - Should any regional or state lineup protest become necessary after lineups have been submitted, a written protest must be filed to the NYSPHSAA Regional Tournament Committee and/or NYSPHSAA State Tournament Committee/State Coordinator respectively, at least one hour before the scheduled contest for any consideration.
- **Ruling on Protests** – The Regional or State Tournament Committee, who will review and decide on all lineup protests, will be comprised of the State Coordinator and the Section Coordinators of opposing teams involved in the contest for which the lineup protest originated.
- **Scoring System** - The proposed lineup rule provides equal recognition to singles and doubles events which is commensurate with the team scoring system. This awards one point to a team that wins a position match whether it's a singles or doubles match. Division 1 teams must win four of seven matches to win the contest while Division 2 teams will require winning three of five matches to win the contest.
- **Adaptability** - While the proposed team lineup rule may require Sectional Team Champions to adapt to Regional and State Tournament lineup guidelines, the structure proposed here provides a fair opportunity for NYSPHSAA teams statewide with disparity of ability, the best opportunity to compete with competitive balance.

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>HOST SCHOOL</u>	<u>COMB SCHOOL#1</u>	<u>RECO</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>	<u>IS #</u>	<u>Year</u>
Modified Girls Soccer	Roscoe	Downsville	Y	Insuff #	Team	Fall -2021
Modified Boys Soccer	Roscoe	Downsville, Liv. Manor	Y	Insuff #	Team	Fall -2021
Modified & Varsity B & G XC	Liv. Manor	Roscoe and Downsville	Y	Insuff #	5	Fall -2021
Modified & Varsity Fball (8-man)	Roscoe	Downsville, Liv. Manor	Y	Insuff #	Team	Fall -2021
Varsity Boys Soccer	Downsville - <u>Sect IV</u>	Liv. Manor and Roscoe	Y	Insuff #	Team	Fall -2021
Varsity Girls Soccer	Downsville - <u>Sect IV</u>	Roscoe	Y	Insuff #	Team	Fall -2021

OCIAA Approve	5/18/21
MHAL Approve	5/19/21
S9 Approval	6/15/21

Varsity & Modified Wrestling	Fallsburg	Tri-Valley	Y	Fall - 12 / TV-6 (weight cert based)	7	Winter-2021-22
Girls Alpine Skiing	Fallsburg	Tri-Valley	Y	Falls - 1 / TV - 1	4	Winter-2021-22

*Note - Boys Alpine Skiing - shadow Tri-Valley Fallsburg Shadow Tri-Valley - 8 / Fall - 2 - Winter 2021-22

OCIAA Approve	6/8/21
MHAL Approve	6/9/21
S9 Approval	6/15/21



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

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

Sport or Activity Field Hockey

1. Name of Contest Senior Game 2021 Wed, Nov. 10, 2021, 6 pm
Date _____
2. Site of Contest Rondout Valley High School
3. Co-sponsoring school, league or section _____
(for events sponsored with any outside organization, college or university)
4. School personnel responsible for contest supervision: Name Deborah Beam
Address 180 Willow Glen Rd, Red Hook NY Zip 12571 Phone 518-819-9813
5. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of contestants: Section Chair Debbie Beam
6. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of coaches: Section Chair Debbie Beam
7. Net profit to be donated to the following charitable or educational programs: No Charge
8. Contestants will be insured by: Own Schools Own School
Other (list)
Liability insurance supplied by sponsor: _____ Section _____ Other (list)* _____
***Attach certificate of insurance**
9. Signature of host Athletic Administrator (if applicable): _____
10. Uniforms are to be supplied by: Shirts will supplied to players for game
11. Official's organization to assign contest officials: Section IX Officials will officiate game
12. Within two weeks of completion of the contest, all of the following must be mailed to
Secretary/Treasurer of the Section sanctioning the contest:

1. Complete roster of participants	3. Injury report
2. Complete financial report	4. Complete awards report

Completed application presented and approved by Section _____
Date _____ Section Executive Director _____

NOTE: Contests approved by the Section must be mailed for recording to:
Robert Zayas, Executive Director
New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.
8 Airport Park Boulevard
Latham, NY 12110

NYSPHSAA, Inc. USE ONLY:
Application complete _____ Date _____
Application returned _____
as incomplete _____

**SECTION IX SPORTS
2021-2022 DUES**

SCHOOL: _____

CLASS: _____

Girls

Boys

Basketball _____
 Bowling _____
 Cheerleading (Competitive) _____
 Cheerleading (Game Day) _____
 Cross Country _____
 Field Hockey _____
 Golf _____
 Gymnastics _____
 Lacrosse _____
 Skiing, Alpine _____
 Skiing, Nordic _____
 Soccer _____
 Softball _____
 Swimming _____
 Tennis _____
 Track, Indoor _____
 Track, Outdoor _____
 Volleyball _____
 Wrestling _____

Baseball _____
 Basketball _____
 Bowling _____
 Cross Country _____
 Football _____
 Golf _____
 Ice Hockey _____
 Lacrosse _____
 Skiing, Alpine _____
 Skiing, Nordic _____
 Soccer _____
 Swimming _____
 Tennis _____
 Track, Indoor _____
 Track, Outdoor _____
 Wrestling _____

Superintendent's Signature: _____

Athletic Director's Signature: _____

SHARE: \$200. per varsity sport

NUMBER OF SPORTS: _____
 2021-2022 DUES: \$ _____
 2021-2022 NYSAAA DUES: \$ 160.00
 2021-2022 INSURANCE: \$ 454.00

Return all forms to:
 Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer
 P.O. Box 656
 Goshen, New York 10924

TOTAL \$ _____

PLEASE KEEP ONE COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS; RETURN ONE COPY BY THE DUE DATE OF FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021. THANK YOU.

Your School District will be billed.

Section IX Dues not paid by September 1, 2021, will incur a 10% penalty.

Section IX Dues not paid by October 1, 2021, will result in INELIGIBILITY for Section IX Tournaments of that school district's athletic teams.