



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Video Conference Call at 9:30 am

1. Call to Order- Greg Ransom
2. Review of Meeting Materials
3. Approval of March 16, 2021 Minutes
4. Financial Report- Linda Trapani
5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
6. Classification Committee Report – Steve Boucher
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report
8. Combining of Teams- Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer
9. Back from the Leagues
 - a. Section IX Calendar Dates 2021-2022
 - b. Handbook Committee: Annually Report Combing of Teams to NYSPHSAA STAFF
 - c. Handbook Committee: Annually report Senior All-Start Contests to NYSPHSAA Staff
 - d. School enrollment numbers using cohort data
 - e. Modify state sport coordinator selection process
 - f. Private schools within the public school district boundaries
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 Gina Imperiale
 - h. Boys Soccer Pete Ferguson/ Tony Martelli
 - i. Girls Soccer Diane Wanser
11. 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
12. 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
13. Old Business
14. New Business
 - a. Girls Swim Chairperson
 - b. Bowling Chairperson
15. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 9:30 AM via Zoom Conference

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Section IX Athletic Council, Inc.
Reconciliation Summary
Orange County Trust Company, Period Ending 03/31/2021

	Mar 31, 21
Beginning Balance	255,420.92
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 18 items	-20,354.52
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	14.60
Total Cleared Transactions	-20,339.92
Cleared Balance	<u>235,081.00</u>
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 14 items	-5,180.29
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	0.00
Total Uncleared Transactions	-5,180.29
Register Balance as of 03/31/2021	<u>229,900.71</u>
Ending Balance	229,900.71

By keeping the formula of 20% of schools in each class there is a significant issue with competitive balance. This was apparent this year when the potential new cut-off numbers dropped AA Classification down to 800.

Proposal:

- BEDS should continue to be collected in the same manner to ensure accurate reporting.
- A school's classification number should continue to be calculated using the same formula. Ninth, Tenth, and average of Ninth/Tenth.
- Accurate count of number of programs for each sport is needed.
- The largest 100 programs in the state would be Classified AA. The remaining programs would be divided equally.

Class	Cut-Off	# of schools	Percentage
AA	980 – up	100	12.54%
A	510 – 979	174	21.83%
B	271 – 509	178	22.33%
C	146 – 270	176	22.08%
D	145 – down	169	21.20%

Section	1376-up	1375-698	697-317	316-161	161-down	Total	AA Regionals	1/4/9	2/3	5/6	8/11
	AA	A	B	C	D			29	21	12	38
1	17	32	18	6	7	80					
2	10	14	20	30	20	94	A Regionals	2/3/7/10	5/6	1/4/9	8/11
3	11	12	25	28	29	105		28	46	45	56
4	5	4	10	25	27	71					
5	6	25	27	38	38	134	B Regionals	2/7/10	5/6	3/4	1/8/9/11
6	6	21	34	22	15	98		32	61	35	45
7			6	5	13	24					
8	13	34	10	3		60	C Regionals	2/7/10	5/6	3/4	1/8/9/11
9	7	9	13	8	6	43		39	60	53	21
10		2	6	4	13	25					
11	25	22	4	4	3	58	D Regionals	1/4/8/9/11	2/7	5/6	3/10
Total	100	175	173	173	171			43	33	53	42

Classification	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Sport Programs	June 2021	June 2022	June 2023
NYSED Report	September 2021	September 2022	September 2023
Classification Adjustment	September 2021	September 2022	September 2023
Executive Committee	October 2021	October 2022	October 2023



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Meeting Dates/Sites

2021-2022

Thursday, September 9, 2021	TBA	9:30 AM
Monday, September 13, 2021	TBA	9:30 AM
Tuesday, October 5, 2021	TBA	9:30 AM
Tuesday, November 9, 2021	TBA	9:30 AM
Tuesday, January 4, 2022	TBA	9:30 AM
Tuesday, March 15, 2022	TBA	9:30 AM
Tuesday, April 5, 2022	TBA	9:30 AM
Tuesday, May 10, 2022	TBA	9:30 AM
Wednesday, June 15, 2022	TBA	9:30 AM

NYSPHSAA Meetings are scheduled for:

October 20, 2021

February 2, 2022

May 4, 2022

June 26-27, 2022

Section IX Start Dates:

All Fall Sports – Monday, August 23, 2021

All Winter Sports – Monday, November 15, 2021

All Spring Sports – Monday, March 14, 2022

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

Handbook Committee – Annually Report Combining of Teams to NYSPHSAA Staff

- Action Item
 Discussion Item
 Informational Item

Presenter:
Handbook Committee

Proposal:
Consideration of approval to change #2, under “Combining of Teams” to “Section approval must be reported annually to the NYSPHSAA Inc. Staff.”

COMBINING OF TEAMS:

The joining together of students from two or more-member schools in the same district or proximity to form a single team shall be permitted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permission must be obtained from their league and section on an annual basis.
2. Section approval must be reported to the NYSPHSAA, Inc., Executive Committee. NOTE: If a combined school team goes beyond sectional level competition their boys and girls grade 9-11 enrollment shall be combined, using the below criteria, for state level competition.

Effective Start Date:
July 2021

Rationale:
The Combining of Teams is currently reported to the Executive/Central Committees at each meeting. An annual report would allow for the information to be reported in a consistent, organized manner to allow for data manipulation and analysis.

Proposal Originated:
Handbook Committee Meeting on January 8, 2021.

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

DATE REVISED: January 8, 2021

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

Handbook Committee – Annually Report Senior All-Star Contests to NYSPHSAA Staff

- Action Item
 Discussion Item
 Informational Item

Presenter:

Handbook Committee

Proposal:

Consideration of approval to change letter a, under "Senior All-Star Contest" to "These contests must be approved first by the Section in which the contest is to be held and **reported annually to the NYSPHSAA Inc. Staff.**"

27. SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTEST:

A senior all-star contest shall be any athletic contest for which admission is charged or donations accepted in which one or more of the competing teams is composed of one or more players who during the school year was a member of the high school team in the same sport, and whose participation in the senior all-star contest is based on outstanding performance as a member of the high school team.

- a. The only senior all-star contests approved by the NYSPHSAA, Inc., are those approved by a section. These contests must be approved first by the Section in which the contest is to be held and reported to the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

July 2021

Rationale:

The Senior All-Star Contests are currently reported to the Executive/Central Committees at each meeting. An annual report would allow for the information to be reported in a consistent, organized manner to allow for data manipulation and analysis.

Proposal Originated:

Handbook Committee Meeting on January 8, 2021.

Budgetary Impact:

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Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

DATE REVISED: January 8, 2021

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

School Enrollment Numbers: Using COHORT Data

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Monica Tooley – Section III Executive Committee Rep
Todd Nelson – NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

NYSPHSAA would use school COHORT data instead of BEDS data to determine the Schools Enrollment Numbers for all member schools.

Effective Start Date:

2022-23 or 2023-2024

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA has used BEDS data supplied by the SIRS Department at SED to establish school enrollment numbers for their member schools. Currently schools have flexibility in what grades students are placed within the BEDS report. Students are placed in a particular COHORT once they enter the 9th grade. Students stay in this COHORT all the way through their scholastic career unless they change schools which could affect their COHORT placement. The COHORT reports are certified by the district to the state in August of each year. There is no public COHORT report available to NYSPHSAA. Each school would have to submit an official COHORT document to either the Section or NYSPHSAA.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Executive Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Currently we are determining if non-public schools have this COHORT information and if they are required to certify the data to NYSED. We will have a finalized proposal for the May Executive Committee meeting for discussion.

Attachments:

List any attachments

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

Modify State Sport Coordinator Selection Process

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

Consider approval to modify the selection process for State Sport Coordinators. The process would entail the creation of a Sport Coordinator Appointment Committee, consisting of the NYSPHSAA Executive Director, two staff members, an officer, and a committee representative selected by the state committee. The appointment committee would then recommend an individual to the Central Committee for a five-year term. The following timeline will be followed:

- May 1st Current Coordinator Announces Intent to Seek Re-Appointment
- June 1st All letters of interest and resumes due
- June 15th Review of letters & resumes by Sport Coordinator Appointment Committee; Interviews conducted if necessary
- July 1st Recommended candidate submitted for Central Committee packet
- Late July Central Committee approves Sport Coordinator for five-year term

Effective:

July 2021

Rationale:

It is necessary to approve coordinators for each sport when a five-year term expires. The current process is the state committee nominates any individual they choose, which may include the current coordinator. Members of the committee may nominate any individual (on or off the state committee). There are no qualifications required nor is a resume required to be submitted. Committee votes are tallied then the selection is forwarded to the Central Committee without any outside input. Frequently, numerous state committee members do not submit votes during the process. Effective leadership, communication and style are a necessity when working with the NYSPHSAA staff, state committee, coaches, and athletes around the state.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Office/Central Committee in July 2020

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The process of Sport Coordinator appointments was brought up by Section I during Section Concerns at the July Central Committee meeting.

DATE REVISED: January 13, 2021

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

Private Schools within Public School District Boundaries

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Section V Executive Committee Representatives

Proposal:

Consideration of approval to eliminate “or a private school within that district’s boundaries” from the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule. See below.

31.b. A student who transfers without a corresponding change in residence of his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months prior) is ineligible to participate at the varsity level in any interscholastic athletic contest in a particular sport for a period of one (1) year if as a 9-12 student participated in that sport during the one (1) year period immediately preceding his/her transfer. A student’s period of ineligibility begins with the date of registration at the student’s new school. (May 2020) NOTE: Students in grades 7-10, shall be eligible to participate at the sub-varsity level and practice at all levels, while students in grades 11-12 shall be limited to practice (all levels) only. (July 2019). At no time during the one-year period of ineligibility at the varsity level should a student participate in a scrimmage or be an exhibition participant at the varsity level.

Students who transfer from any school to the public-school district of the residence of his/her parents (or other persons whom the student has resided for at least six months) ~~or a private school within that district’s boundaries~~ shall receive a waiver from the Transfer Rule. Such a transfer without penalty will only be permitted once in a high school career. Schools must submit the required transfer form to the Section office. Athletes are not permitted to practice before the form has been submitted. Athletes are not permitted to compete without approval. NOTE: A student in a foreign exchange program listed by CSIET has a one-year waiver of the Transfer Rule. If such a student elects to stay a second year he/she becomes a foreign student at the start of the school year with item (b) in effect.

Effective Start Date:

2021-2022 School Year

Rationale:

The verbiage creates an unfair advantage for the private school of transfer and public schools without a private school within their boundaries. All other transfers from a public school district to a private school are subject to the transfer rule in any sport a student participated in for one (1) year. As a result of the current language, students can transfer to a private school within their district’s boundaries for athletic purposes for no penalty. This only impacts districts with private school within their boundary and it should be consistent across the state regardless of the location of the private school.

DATE REVISED: September 22, 2020

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

Proposal Originated:

Section V Sectional Concern

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee and NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee do not support this recommended change.

Attachments:

None



Section IX Athletics

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Section IX Policy for Conducting a Championship Event

NYS Department of Health Guidelines for Spectators at Athletic Contests

Capacity Limitations:

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"B. Physical Distancing

Responsible Parties must ensure that for any indoor sport or recreational activity, capacity is limited to no more than 50% of the maximum occupancy for a particular area as set by the certificate of occupancy, inclusive of employees and patrons/players/spectators.

Responsible Parties must limit spectators to no more than two spectators per player or the State's social gathering limit, which is 100 or fewer people in indoor non-residential settings and 200 or fewer people in outdoor non-residential settings, as of March 22, 2021. Responsible Parties may determine which spectator limit – two per player or the social gathering limit – facilitates compliance with health and safety protocols for their specific sports and recreation event."

Section IX will comply with the above NYS Department of Health Guidelines and the supplemental guidelines listed below.

1. Gates open no earlier than 30 minutes prior to game time.
2. Each school must provide a gate list for spectators. You are allowed two spectators for each athlete that is on the playing roster. Ball boys, managers, coaches, asst. coaches etc. are not allowed to be counted for the number of spectators allowed.
3. Home and away team must have their own event staff at the gate responsible for checking in their own spectators. The visiting team must provide to the home school who will be attending as event personnel.
4. The home school will provide designated areas for the visiting team spectators and the home school spectators. It will be the responsibility of each school to supervise their own spectators for mask compliance and social distancing.
5. All other Section IX spectator rules apply. Mask and 6 feet social distancing. Family members may sit together without social distancing.
6. The challenge will be sites that have a wide open campus that spectators can view the game without entering the facility. The home school will have discretion on how to deal with their facility issues.

Section IX Contest Guidelines Spring Season - 2020-2021

In an effort to bring consistency throughout our member districts, Section IX has developed a "Framework for Success" of best practices for interscholastic athletic contests for the Spring season of 2020 - 2021.

1. The Host School shall abide by the district's building plan for Covid-19 screening. **The home school will be responsible for screening and temperature checks of their athletes and support personnel and the game officials.**
2. The Visiting School will provide a roster to the Host School of all in attendance with contact information including current phone and email for purposes of contact tracing. The roster will include a box confirming each individual student has answered the Section IX health-screening questionnaire and has been temperature scanned prior to departure from their campus. **Temperature checks of the visiting team will no longer be required upon arrival at the host school.**
3. Officials will arrive dressed with completed printed Section IX health screening form to be handed in upon arrival. They will be subject to temperature scan prior to entering the venue.
4. Section IX Mask Policy is as follows:
 - Any Section IX contest played at a member school facility will follow that districts mask policy.
 - Any Section IX contest played at a neutral venue will follow the venues mask policy or NYSPHSAA mask policy whichever is more restrictive.
 - Sport specific policy: The only sport specific mask policy is boys and girls swimming which states: Swimmers will not wear a mask from the time they enter the starting block until the race is over and they exit the pool.
 - **Schools must provide a designated mask break area for athletes to use if they need to take off their masks.**
5. Sanitizing stations will be placed by entry, exits, benches and bathrooms. Personal Protective Equipment (masks, gloves, etc....) will be made available by the host school.
6. Separate and/or staggered entrances and exits for outdoor venues will be established (enter one-way, exit another when possible).
7. In an attempt to keep athletic events up and running, no spectators will be allowed at any indoor venue on or off school district property? **Unified sports must be discussed. We are polling the participating schools for their input.**
8. Outdoor events will allow spectators based on the recommendations of the NYS Department of Health. Spectators must maintain social distancing and are required to always wear a mask. Family members will be permitted to sit next to each other. Any Section IX School District has the right to be more restrictive with their spectator policy **with the following exception: If a school is hosting a Section IX tournament contest the**

Section IX Spectator Policy Guidelines must be followed.

The guidelines as of March 22, 2021 are listed below:

Capacity Limitations:

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“B. Physical Distancing

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Responsible Parties must limit spectators to no more than two spectators per player or the State’s social gathering limit, which is 100 or fewer people in indoor non-residential settings and 200 or fewer people in outdoor non-residential settings, as of March 22, 2021. Responsible Parties may determine which spectator limit – two per player or the social gathering limit – facilitates compliance with health and safety protocols for their specific sports and recreation event.”

9. Athletes and coaches will arrive with their own water bottles clearly marked by individual names. **The visiting school will be responsible for bringing their own water** with each team responsible for one designated person to refill the bottles and sanitize their team's refill station (one person only touching the surface of the refill station).
10. Isolation area will be established for anyone developing symptoms during the contest. In the event visiting coaches, athletes or game personnel develop a high temperature of 100 F or greater, that person will be directed to the predetermined isolation area of the home district until a ride home can be secured (parent/ guardian etc....)
11. Locker rooms will be used as changing rooms only; teams are encouraged to come dressed for the contest. Personal items will not be stored in the locker rooms. Department of Health capacity guidelines will be followed regarding student use of changing areas. Changing areas will be supervised by visiting team coaches and home personnel.
12. All shared equipment and spaces (benches) will be disinfected prior to and between contests.
13. Athletes should come taped and prepared. Injury to a visiting athlete is first evaluated by their coach. In consideration of social distancing guidelines, if additional medical care is needed, the coach will step away from the athlete to allow the athletic trainer, doctor, or site personnel to attend to the athlete.
14. Due to current Department of Health recommendations, athletes and coaches must refrain from pre- and post-game hugging, high fives, shaking hands or fist bumps.

15. Visiting athletes arriving to a contest separate from the school bus must enter with their team. The visiting coach will be responsible for health screening questionnaire, timely arrival (entry) with full team and accurate record keeping for all visiting athletes (regardless of method of travel).
16. In extenuating circumstances where an athlete or coach does not enter with the full team, prior arrangements must be made by the visiting Athletic Director with the home Athletic Director to ensure the visiting athlete or coach can be temperature checked then escorted to the proper location.
17. It is recommended that for outdoor sports the home school have a plan in place for inclement weather and a place be provided to safely shelter in case of a thunderstorm. It is recommended that visiting school transportation always stay with the team to help mitigate sheltering requirements.