



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Video Conference Call at 9:30 am

1. Call to Order- Greg Ransom
2. Review of Meeting Materials
3. Approval of November 9, 2021, Minutes
4. Financial Report- Linda Trapani
5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe  
VOTING BACK FROM THE LEAGUES
  - a. Criteria for Sixth Classification (February 2, 2022)
  - b. Classification Cut-off Format (February 2, 2022)
  - c. Boys Ice Hockey – NYSPHSAA Official Fees & Policies
6. NYSPHSAA Office Report
7. Combining of Teams- Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer
8. Winter Chair Reports:
  - a. Boys Basketball
  - b. Girls Basketball
  - c. Boys Bowling
  - d. Girls Bowling
  - e. Boys Swimming
  - f. Winter Track
  - g. Ice Hockey
  - h. Boys Wrestling
  - i. Girls Wrestling
  - j. Nordic Skiing
  - k. Alpine Skiing
  - l. Cheerleading
  - m. Gymnastics
9. Chair Reports:
  - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports
  - b. Safety
  - c. Student Athlete Advisory Committee
  - d. Eligibility
  - e. Officials Coordinator
  - f. Sportsmanship
  - g. Unified Sports
10. Old Business
11. New Business
  - a. Section IX Classification Committee – Greg Ransom
  - b. GoFan – Section IX
12. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Rob Gravelle  
Steve Boucher  
Chris Vero  
Sean Collins  
Scott Warner  
Mike White  
Frank Alessandrino  
Jeff Cuilty  
Tom Cunningham  
Ann Gregory  
Janet Carey  
Patti Archiere  
Nicole Calderone

Greg Warren / Suzanne Lenzian  
Janet Carey  
VACANT  
Tom Cassata  
Dennis Burkett  
Adam Kless  
Rich Silverstein

**Next Meeting Date:**  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022



6:00 AM

12/10/21

**Section IX Athletic Council, Inc.**  
**Reconciliation Summary**  
**Orange County Trust Company, Period Ending 11/30/2021**

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	Nov 30, 21
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	280,420.03
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 168 items	-72,241.79
Deposits and Credits - 60 items	71,115.08
<b>Total Cleared Transactions</b>	-1,126.71
<b>Cleared Balance</b>	<b>279,293.32</b>
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 73 items	-56,952.95
Deposits and Credits - 2 items	5,414.00
<b>Total Uncleared Transactions</b>	-51,538.95
<b>Register Balance as of 11/30/2021</b>	<b>227,754.37</b>
<b>New Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 12 items	-8,395.42
Deposits and Credits - 6 items	969.00
<b>Total New Transactions</b>	-7,426.42
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>220,327.95</b>





# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

2022-2023

## Proposed Budget

### EXPENDITURES:

#### SALARIES:

Section IX Executive Director	\$	41,793.00
Section IX Officials Negotiator /	\$	58,489.00
MHAL Coordinator		
Section IX Secretary/Asst. Treasurer	\$	35,076.00
Section IX Treasurer/Asst. Secretary	\$	20,600.00
Section IX Eligibility Chairperson	\$	6,089.00
Social Security/Comp/Unemployment	\$	11,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>173,047.00</b>

Office Equipment & Supplies	\$	14,048.00
Catering	\$	3,000.00
Travel/Conference	\$	7,000.00
Membership	\$	2,000.00
Audit	\$	6,000.00
Awards	\$	35,000.00
Paychex Services	\$	2,000.00
Unified Sports	\$	3,000.00
Legal Fees	\$	6,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>78,048.00</b>

Boys Sport Programs	\$	133,500.00
Girls Sport Programs	\$	112,500.00
Insurance	\$	19,976.00
NYSAAA/NJAAA Dues	\$	7,040.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>273,016.00</b>

**Expenditure Total** **\$ 524,111.00**

SPORT	BOYS	GIRLS
Baseball	\$ 7,000.00	
Basketball	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Bowling	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Cheerleading (Competitive)		\$ 3,000.00
Cheerleading (Game Day)		\$ 3,000.00
Cross Country	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Field Hockey		\$ 3,000.00
Football	\$ 30,000.00	
Golf	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Gymnastics		\$ 3,000.00
Ice Hockey	\$ 3,000.00	
Lacrosse	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Modified Sports	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Softball		\$ 7,000.00
Skiing Alpine	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Skiing Nordic	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Soccer	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Swimming	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Tennis	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Track & Field	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Winter Track	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Wrestling	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Volleyball		\$ 9,000.00
NYSPPHSA Track	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

**Total** **\$ 133,500.00** **\$ 112,500.00**

### INCOME:

Section IX Dues \$225.(per varsity team) x 897 teams	\$ 201,825.00
Section IX Gate Revenue, Spalding Contract, and Sponsors	\$ 295,270.00
Section IX Insurance per school fee \$454. x 44 schools	\$ 19,976.00
NYSAAA-NIAAA Dues per school \$160. x 44 schools	\$ 7,040.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 524,111.00</b>

#### Section IX

	2013-2014		2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017		2017-2018	
Dues Charge per varsity team	\$315.00	-1.3%	\$250.00	-20%	\$225.00	-10%	\$225.00	0.0%	\$225.00	0.0%
Insurance Charge per District	\$454.00	0.0%	\$454.00	0.0%	\$454.00	0.0%	\$454.00	0.0%	\$454.00	0.0%
NYSAAA-NIAA Dues Charge per District	\$150.00	0.0%	\$150.00	0.0%	\$150.00	0.0%	\$150.00	0.0%	\$150.00	0.0%

#### Section IX

	2018-2019		2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023	
Dues Charge per varsity team	\$225.00	0.0%	\$225.00	0.0%	\$225.00	0.0%	\$200.00	-11.0%	\$225.00	+11.0%
Insurance Charge per District	\$454.00	0.0%	\$454.00	0.0%	\$454.00	0.0%	\$454.00	0.0%	\$454.00	0.0%
NYSAAA-NIAA Dues Charge per District	\$150.00	0.0%	\$160.00	9.3%	\$160.00	0.0%	\$160.00	0.0%	\$160.00	0.0%



# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – October 20, 2021

## Championship Philosophy - Criteria for Sixth Classification

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion Item  
☐ Informational Item

### **Presenter:**

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

### **Proposal:**

Consider approval of establishing criteria for the creation of a sixth classification for sports with 501 or more teams competing in the NYSPHSAA State Championships.

### **Effective Start Date:**

09/01/2023

### **Rationale:**

Currently several NYSPHSAA sports have more than 600 teams competing in the NYSPHSAA State Championships. In an effort to provide more equity amongst all NYSPHSAA Championship sports and greater opportunity for students to experience a NYSPHSAA Championship, criteria for a sixth classification is being proposed by the Classification Ad Hoc Committee.

With the proposed format by the Classification Ad Hoc Committee to establish classification cut off numbers of 75 (top) and 100 (bottom) a larger discrepancy exists for the number of teams competing for a NYSPHSAA Championship in the remaining classes when comparing five classes to six classes.

### **Example Boys Basketball**

<i>Five Classifications</i>		<i>Six Classifications</i>	
		AAA	75
AA	75	AA	140
A	187	A	140
B	187	B	140
C	187	C	140
D	100	D	100

### **Example Girls Soccer**

<i>Five Classifications</i>		<i>Six Classifications</i>	
		AAA	75
AA	75	AA	121
A	161	A	121
B	161	B	121
C	161	C	121
D	100	D	100

### **Proposal Originated:**

Classification Ad Hoc Committee – Spring 2021

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



*Executive Committee Meeting – October 20, 2021*

## Classification Cut Off Format

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion Item  
☐ Informational Item

**Presenter:**

Russell Bartlett, NYSPHSAA President Elect & Chair of the Classification Ad Hoc Committee

**Proposal:**

Consider approval to establish a timeline, process and criteria for the classification cut off numbers for non-variation five, four, three classification sports and two division sports pending the approval of the Championship Philosophy Committee proposal.

***SEE PAGE 2-3 OF PROPOSAL***

**Effective Start Date:**

09/01/2023

**Rationale:**

To revise the current non-variation classification process for greater accuracy, consistency and equity.

**Proposal Originated:**

Classification Ad Hoc Committee – Spring 2021

**Budgetary Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

Classification Ad Hoc Committee was formed in the Fall of 2020 because of concerns expressed by the NYSPHSAA membership to review the current process of establishing classification cut off numbers. The Ad Hoc Committee met on three occasions to thoroughly review the current process and discuss several alternatives to establish classification cut off numbers.

**Attachments:**

Statewide Classification Breakdown  
Sectional Breakdown & Regional Rotation



# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



*Executive Committee Meeting – October 20, 2021*

## **BOYS ICE HOCKEY – NYSPHSAA Officials Fees and Policies**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion Item  
☐ Informational Item

**Presenter:**

Greg Ransom, CAC Chairman

**Proposal:**

The Championship Advisory Committee is recommending amending the game fee for Ice Hockey Officials in the NYSPHSAA Fees and Policies document to reflect the change from 15-minute periods to 17-minute periods. The new fee would be \$122. The current fee is \$115.

**Effective Start Date:**

Winter 2021-2022

**Rationale:**

NYSPHSAA approved a recommendation from the NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey Committee to increase the time periods from 15 minutes to 17 minutes. The recommendation from the CAC reflects the change in time periods. The new fee would be for regional, semifinal, and final games in the NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey Championship.

**Proposal Originated:**

CAC

**Budgetary Impact:**

This increases the officials cost for all regional, semi-final and final games in the Ice Hockey Championship.

**Notes:**

The increase was based off an average of all Sections that increased their regular season fees due to the increase in minutes per period. Those Sections were Sections 1,2, and 6.

**Attachments:**

CAC voted 9-1 in favor of this proposal at its September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**SPORT****HOST SCHOOL****COMB SCHOOL #1****RECOMMEND****RATIONALE****Qual #****Year**

Varsity Softball	Rondout Valley	Onteora	Yes	Insuf # Onteora - 1 student	Team	Spring 2022
Varsity Boys' Lacrosse	Rondout Valley	Onteora	Yes	Insuf # Onteora - 2 students	Team	Spring 2022
Varsity Boys' Lacrosse	Red Hook	Pine Plains & Rhinebeck	Yes	Insuf # PP- 4 & Rhine - 6 students	Team	Spring 2022
Varsity Girls' Alpine Ski	Fallsburg	Liberty & TV	Yes	Insuf # Lib & Falls-1 each & TV-1 student	Ind - 4	Winter 21-22

OCIAA Approve	12/21/21
MHAL Approve	12/22/2021
S9 Approval	01/4/2022



## CHEERLEADING SECTION IX COMPETITIONS

Section IX – Team Size. NYSPHSAA Divisions and Classes: 2 Divisions - I and II, small class and large class in each division. 1 Co-Ed division. Section IX Cheerleading teams will submit its' team division/size to the Section IX Cheerleading Chairperson two weeks after the first practice and will remain in that division for the duration of the competitive season.

### 2021-2022 CHEERLEADING SECTIONALS COMPETITION – FEBRUARY 19, 2022

Monroe Woodbury High School, 155 Dunderberg Road, Central Valley, NY 10917 The top teams from Sectionals will compete at STATES.

Each school must provide a copy of their music licensing agreement (this is obtained from your respective DJ). It is to be submitted with your Sectional or State entry.

1. Procedure for weather delays or cancellations of Section IX Championships
  - In Sectional competition involving multiple schools, the respective Sports Chair will advise the Executive Director or designee of any adverse conditions. The Executive Director or Designee will consult with the participating schools then decide whether to hold or cancel the competition. The snow date is **February 20, 2022**
2. Admission:
  - \$5.00 Adults and Seniors
  - \$3.00 Student
3. Awards:
  - Plaques and Medals will be awarded to the Section IX Champion for each Division.

### 2022 NYSPHSAA STATES COMPETITION - MARCH 5th

*Rochester Institute of Technology, Gordon Field House, Rochester, NY*

*ONLINE TICKET PURCHASE ONLY FOR STATE CONTESTS (as of 11/15/21)*

*Tickets, \$8 on line; Doors open at 8, Prelims begin at 9 a.m.; Finals at 3 p.m.*

*Details subject to change based on State and Local COVID guidelines at the time of the event.*

*All coaches, athletes, officials and spectators must comply by the COVID guidelines set forth by NYSPHAA and the event venue.*



## Revised 2021-2022 Nordic Ski By-Laws for Section IX

**Teams:** Monticello, New Paltz, Rondout (shadows New Paltz), and Wallkill

In Nordic Skiing at the State Championship Race the technique alternates each year between Classic and Skate. For example, when the State Individual Championship Race is a classic race the State Relay/Team Race becomes the skate race. The next year it would switch to skate technique for the State Individual Race, and the classic technique becomes the State Relay/Team Race.

In Section IX, before we hold our Sectional Meet, we try to offer at least 3 races in the State Individual Technique for that year, and 2 races in the Team/Relay Technique. In a year there is not enough snow to accommodate the techniques, we strive to compete in at least 4 races regardless of technique before we have our Sectional race.

Sprint races will not count towards point standings but may be counted toward the required minimum 3 races needed to compete in the Sectional championship race.

### **Waxing:**

1. No waxes higher than CH to be applied to skis prior to Sectionals
2. Floral waxes are no longer allowed in Nordic races in most facilities and levels of racing. **This is a change starting the 2020-2021 Nordic season.**

**Regular Season Scoring:** Top 4 skiers score, and the 5th skier acts as a displacer. If a team has less than 5 skiers, they will score team points for the skiers that compete in the race.

**Example for Scoring:** Two teams have 5 or more racers and one team has 4 racers and one team has 3 racers. The total points are 17 (2x5 plus 4 plus 3=17). The first place skier receives 17pts, 2nd place receives 16 pts, 3rd place receives 15 pts etc. The sum of the top 4 racers from each team will determine their teams total. If a team has less than 4 skiers then the sum of their racers points will be the total.

**To qualify for skiing in the Sectional Championship Race** a skier must have competed in **3 races (JV or varsity)**-regardless of the technique. If a coach determines their skier is not safe for the terrain of the course the athlete should not participate in that race. **During this COVID year, if a team is quarantined during the race season we will change our By-laws to the following; Any racer can compete in Sectionals as long as the coach deems they are safe for the course offered.**



**Sectional Championship Race:** 10K Boys and 7.5K Girls

1. Individual Section IX Champion will be determined at this race. Winner of this race is the Champion.
2. Team Section IX Champion is determined by; Top 3 skiers score and the 4th skier acting as a displacer. If a team has less than 4 skiers, they will score team points for skiers that compete in the race.

**Example for Scoring:** Three teams have 4 or more racers and one team only has 2 racers. The total points are 14 ( $3 \times 4$  plus  $2=14$ ). The first place skier receives 14pts, 2nd place receives 13pts, 3rd place receives 12pts etc. The sum of the top 3 racers from each team will determine their teams total. If a team has less than 3 skiers then the sum of their racers points will be the total.

**State Meet Selection:** 6 racers plus 1 alternate for boys and girls teams. The top 3 skiers from the Sectional Championship team plus an alternate skier from that team if they do not have a 4th skier to qualify.

**To advance to the State Meet** in a year **we offer** at least 3 races in the State Individual technique and 2 in the State Relay techniques skier's Point Standings are based on;

1. The finish place of the top 2 varsity racers of the State Individual Technique for that year, **and**
  2. The best finish in one of the varsity race of the State Relay technique **and**
  3. Sectional finish place.
- Winner of Sectionals automatically qualifies if they have participated in 3 **varsity races (JV races do not count)**. The Sectional race can count towards the third race.
  - Two skiers of each gender could possibly qualify by unanimous coach's decision if there are unusual circumstances that apply to the top skier.
  - The remaining individual spots are based on the regular season Point Standings  $\times 0.60$  **plus** Sectional place  $\times .40$

**To advance to the State Meet** in a year **we do not** have enough snow to offer enough races in both techniques the skier's Point Standings are based on;

1. Their place in any 3 **varsity races** regardless of technique, **and**
  2. Sectional place finish.
- Winner of Sectionals automatically qualifies if they have participated in 3 **varsity races (JV races do not count)**. The Sectional race can count towards the third race.
  - Two skiers of each gender could possibly qualify by unanimous coach's decision if there are unusual circumstances that apply to the top skier.
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To All:

I have attached a memo received from Dr. Robert Zayas in regards to the NYSDOH Mask Mandate. I have attached it for your review.

Greg

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



## MEMO

**TO:** NYSPHSAA Section Executive Directors  
**FR:** Dr. Robert J. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director  
**RE:** NYSDOH Mask Mandate - Student-Athletes  
**DATE:** December 16, 2021

*Re 3-*

As we complete the first month of the 2021-2022 Winter season, the purpose of this memo is to remind members of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) mask mandate.

On September 2, 2021, the NYSDOH released the Interim NYSDOH Guidance For Classroom Instruction in P-12 Schools During the 2021-2022 Academic Year. The full guidance document is linked below:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/09/school-guidance.pdf>

The above referenced NYSDOH guidance mandates all students, personnel, teachers, administrators, contractors, and visitors must wear masks at all times indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

The September 2<sup>nd</sup> NYSDOH guidance included the following:

*"9. Sports and extracurricular activities – Schools must consider the range of mitigation measures available to them and described in the "Sports and Other Extracurricular Activities" section of the CDC guidance to maximize the safety of all people (players, coaches, spectators), including vaccination, screening testing, and, if necessary, canceling all sports and extracurricular activities in counties with high transmission. The Commissioner's determination for masking in schools issued pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.60 applies to indoor settings, including for sports and extracurricular activities. For indoor sports and extracurricular activities in which masking is not possible (e.g., swimming), a minimum distance of 6 feet must be maintained to deviate from the above referenced Commissioner's determination."*

It is the responsibility of NYSPHSAA member schools to comply with the NYSDOH mask mandate as it is written. Any questions or concerns related to the enforcement and/or compliance with the NYSDOH mask mandate should be directed to local departments of health.





## 2021-2022 NYSPHSAA Championship Protocol

September 8, 2021

At this time, NYSPHSAA plans to host all State Championship events as scheduled. The following protocol will be published in all Championship Operation Packets and utilized for 2021-2022 NYSPHSAA Regional and State Championship events if a participating member school is notified of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case impacting a member of their team (i.e., players, coaches, managers, etc.) during post season play. Championship Operation Packets are released approximately one month prior to the State Championship.

1) When advancing to regional and state championship play, school administration must immediately notify the NYSPHSAA Executive Director of any confirmed COVID-19 positive case or close contact (as defined by the Department of Health) impacting a member of their team.

*Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director*  
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518.925.6631 (cell)

Any members of a team who have tested positive will not be permitted to participate in NYSPHSAA Regional and/or State Championship events until properly cleared by Department of Health officials and will not be permitted entrance into any Regional or State Championship venue. School administration should follow their approved local Department of Health protocols and develop a contingency plan to properly supervise students if a confirmed COVID-19 case were to originate during a NYSPHSAA Regional and/or State Championship event.

2) NYSPHSAA Executive Director or his designee will immediately notify the appropriate local departments of health.

3) The member school will work in conjunction with their local county department of health to determine if they can continue participating in the NYSPHSAA Regional and/or State Championship. It shall be the responsibility of the member school to inform NYSPHSAA's Executive Director of their ability to continue participating in accordance with the released event schedule. No game dates or times, event schedules, etc. will be adjusted or revised to accommodate an impacted school (i.e., quarantine, contact tracing, etc.).

4) If the member school determines it is unable to continue participating in a NYSPHSAA Regional and/or State Championship event, it shall be the responsibility of the NYSPHSAA Executive Director to determine if there is a reasonable amount of time and interest to replace the impacted team/ individual and which team/ individual will be invited in accordance with NYSPHSAA bylaws (*Rule 19. Penalties b. 1 & 2*). If a replacement can be invited, that team/ individual will be inserted into the bracket or event position vacated.





5) The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and local departments of health will have final jurisdiction over NYSPHSAA Regional and State Championship events pertaining to matters of public health. The NYSPHSAA Executive Director will work collaboratively with the NYSDOH and local departments of health when events are impacted by a confirmed positive COVID-19 case.

*NYSPHSAA will continue to review, examine and potentially revise the above protocol throughout the 2021-2022 school year.*

**CHAMPIONSHIP VENUES:**

NYSPHSAA will honor and abide by all terms, conditions and restrictions imposed by the scheduled and contracted venue for matters impacting and protecting public health. Public health restrictions may include, but are not limited to, capacity limitations, screening and testing protocols, vaccination requirements, etc.

The NYSPHSAA website will list any venue-imposed COVID restrictions as soon as they are made available. Approximately one month prior to the State Championship, the NYSPHSAA sports specific Championship Operations Packet will list any COVID restrictions that exist at that time; restrictions are subject to change.

**PRE-TOURNAMENT GATHERINGS:**

To minimize potential opportunities for disruptions impacting NYSPHSAA State Championship events and possibly reduce overnight accommodations, pre-tournament banquets, ceremonies, gatherings, etc. will not be held during the 2021-2022 school year.

\*Note: Post-game/ event activities may be altered (i.e., awards ceremonies, handshakes, etc.).

To All Section IX AD's,

I want to share with you the most current information concerning indoor track and our use of the Armory. The Armory has informed me that we may use the facility under the following protocols. Athletes, coaches, trainers and other school personnel will not be required to show proof of vaccination. We are sending our own officials and we know they have been vaccinated. Parents and any other spectators will be required to show proof of at least one vaccination shot to enter the building. **Everyone** must wear a mask at all times once you enter the building. As always this is subject to change at any time based on new regulations from the city or state.

Greg Ransom