



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 15, 2023  
The Restaurant at Apple Greens at 8:00 am  
161 South Street, Highland, NY 12528**

1. Call to Order- Greg Ransom
2. Review of Meeting Materials
3. Approval of May 9, 2023, Minutes
4. Financial Report- Linda Trapani
5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- Roberta Greene and David Coates  
Items presented to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee:
  - a. CAC – Use of Standby Official on the Field – Football Semi-Finals and Finals 2023 Season
  - b. CAC – NYSPHSAA Fees & Policies Document Update from September 2023 to June 2026
  - c. Handbook Committee – Adding language to the Representation Regulation letter d. “Board approved coaches may help facilitate practice” – start date Fall 2023
  - d. Undue Influence Prescribed Penalty
  - e. Safety Committee: Mandating Anyone Can Save a Life Program
  - f. Modified: Addition to Modified Wrestling Overtime
  - g. NFHS Implicit Bias Course
  - h. NYSHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Structure
  - i. Penalties: Derogatory or Inappropriate Behavior
  - j. Sportsmanship: Derogatory or Racially Explicit Language, Discriminatory Harassment, or Bias Conduct
  - k. Girls & Boys Volleyball – “Purple Card” Sportsmanship Policy
  - l. Girls Volleyball – Revise NYSPHSAA Tournament Bracket Play
  - m. Girls Volleyball – New Regional Rotation – 6 Classes 2023-25
  - n. Girls Soccer – New Regional Rotation – 6 Classes 2023-30
  - o. Boys Soccer – New Regional Rotation – 6 Classes
  - p. Competitive Cheerleading – Classification Cut-off Numbers
  - q. Gymnastics – Revised Scoring Changes to the Technical Handbook
  - r. Girls and Boys Bowling – Classification Cut-off Numbers
  - s. Boys Swimming & Diving – Qualifying Standards 2023-24
  - t. Baseball – New Regional Rotation – 6 Classes 2024-29
  - u. Boys Lacrosse – New Regional Rotation 2028-33
  - v. Girls & Boys Lacrosse – Request Earlier Start Date for 2024
6. NYSPHSAA Office Report
7. Combining of Teams - Tim Bult and Dominic Zarrella
8. Spring Chair Reports:
  - a. Baseball Michael Gillespie
  - b. Softball Joe DiMattina
  - c. Boys Golf Jorma Tompuri
  - d. Girls Golf Bill Earl
  - e. Boys Lacrosse Rich Saulino
  - f. Girls Lacrosse Taryn Brechbiel
  - g. Boys Tennis Urvashi Gupta / Matt Hayden
  - h. Track & Field Matt Hemmer / Pat Burkhardt
  - i. Girls Flag Football Rich Silverstein / Greg Sirico
9. Fall Chairs Reports:
  - a. Cross-Country Jim Glover / Joe Cahill
  - b. Field Hockey Deb Beam
  - c. Football Dave Coates / Tom Casatta
  - d. Game Day Cheer Kelly Hall
  - e. Girls Soccer Diane Wanser
  - f. Boys Soccer Pete Ferguson / Tony Martelli
  - g. Girls Swimming Chris Sammons
  - h. Girls Tennis Urvashi Gupta / Matt Hayden
  - i. Volleyball Steve Boucher
10. Chair Reports:
  - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Greg Warren / Suzanne Lenzian
  - b. Safety Janet Carey

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| c. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee | Suzanne Lenzian  |
| d. Eligibility                        | Tom Cassata      |
| e. Officials Coordinator              | Dennis Burkett   |
| f. Sportsmanship                      | Adam Kless       |
| g. Unified Sports                     | Rich Silverstein |
| h. NYSAAA                             | Christian Hodge  |
11. Old Business
  12. New Business
    - a. Section IX Athletics Officers 2023-2025 & Section IX Athletics Personnel 2023-2024
  13. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

**Next Meeting Date:**  
Thursday, September 7, 2023  
Orange-Ulster BOCES, 9:30 am