



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

- c. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
- d. Eligibility
- e. Officials Coordinator
- f. Sportsmanship
- g. Unified Sports
- h. NYSAAA

Suzanne Lendzian
Tom Cassata
Dennis Burkett
Adam Kless
Rich Silverstein
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

3:18 PM

06/01/23

Section IX Athletic Council, Inc.
Reconciliation Summary
Orange County Trust Company, Period Ending 05/31/2023

	<u>May 31, 23</u>
Beginning Balance	175,530.77
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 23 items	-27,062.92
Deposits and Credits - 48 items	41,526.95
Total Cleared Transactions	<u>14,464.03</u>
Cleared Balance	<u><u>189,994.80</u></u>
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 38 items	-36,892.55
Deposits and Credits - 6 items	16,888.77
Total Uncleared Transactions	<u>-20,003.78</u>
Register Balance as of 05/31/2023	<u><u>169,991.02</u></u>
New Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 2 items	-2,273.23
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	433.00
Total New Transactions	<u>-1,840.23</u>
Ending Balance	<u><u>168,150.79</u></u>



NYSPHSAA Voting Items

- **CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE-Continue Use of Standby Official on the Field for Football State Semifinals and Finals for 2023 Season** **OCIAA – Yes | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee Is seeking approval, at the request of the Football Committee, to continue use of the standby official at the semifinal and final games as an on-field working official for the 2023 season. Effective Start Date: Fall 2023.

- **Championship Advisory Committee: NYSPHSAA Fees and Policies** **OCIAA – Yes | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee Is recommending an update to the NYSPHSAA Fees and Policies document. These recommended fees and policies would be in place from September 2023 to June 2026. Effective Start Date: Fall 2023

- **Handbook Committee: Adding Language to the Representation Rule** **OCIAA – Yes | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee Is recommendation adding the following language to the Representation Regulation letter d. *"Board approved coaches may help facilitate practice"*.

NYSPHSAA Interpretation has always been that Board of Education coaches can help facilitate practice without competing or practicing against student-athletes. This now clearly states this Interpretation In the handbook. This also different coaches between clinicians. Clinicians would still be prevented from practicing or competing against student athletes. This was a concern raised by Section 4. Effective Start Date: Fall 2023

- **Undue Influence Prescribed Penalty** **OCIAA – No Motion | MHAL - NO**

Proposal: Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Undue Influence Rule:

"The use of undue influence to secure a student for competitive purposes in a sport is prohibited. An Infraction shall cause the student to forfeit eligibility in that sport until the student's eligibility is reinstated. One year from the date of enrollment is the earliest a student may request reinstatement of eligibility."

Responsibility for determining student eligibility following a violation of the undue Influence rule in a Section is at the discretion of the Section's Executive Committee. Each Section shall establish guidelines to determine the process and standards for eligibility reinstatement."

Rationale: Section III's concern with the current rule is that if a school were to unduly Influence a student as a freshman, s/he would be eligible to participate in the remaining three years of their high school career, after sitting out one year from the date of the undue Influence violation; recruiting sophomores, would leave the student with two years of high school eligibility. Effective Start Date: Fall 2024

- **Safety Committee: Mandating Anyone Can Save a Life Program** **OCIAA – Yes (but with start date 2024) | MHAL - Yes**

Proposal: The Safety Committee Is recommending mandating all Interscholastic teams complete the Anyone Can Save a Life Program within the first two weeks of the season, A copy of the Emergency Action Plan for the team will be submitted to the AD office by the coach after completion of the program. Teams would also be required to conduct 1 emergency drill prior to 50% of the games being played for that team.

The Safety Committee feels that all teams should be required to have a plan and practice that plan in case of an emergency situation. Effective Start Date: Fall 2023

- **Modified: Addition to Modified Wrestling OT** **OCIAA – Yes | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: The Modified Committee Is recommending changing Wrestling Game Condition 6c. "With Section approval, When the contestants are tied at the end of the three regular periods, they may wrestle overtime. Overtime will first consist of one 30 second sudden victory period In which the wrestlers will start in the neutral position, and if the score is still tied after this sudden victory overtime period wrestlers may use another 30-second ultimate ride out tiebreaker using the NFHS game rules for overtime".

Rationale: This change would allow the wrestlers to gain experience of finishing a match following NFHS rules and to a conclusion. This procedure Is outlined In the NFHS rulebook. Effective Start Date 2023-2024



NYSPHSAA Voting Items

➤ **NFHS Implicit Bias Course** **OCIAA – Yes | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: Consider approval to require all NYSPHSAA Standing Committee members and staff to take free NFHS Implicit Bias course. Includes: Executive Committee, Central Committee, all Sport Committees, Handbook, Modified, Safety, Sportsmanship, Championship Advisory, etc. Effective Start Date: Fall 2023

➤ **NYSPHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Structure** **OCIAA – Yes (as indicated below) | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: Consider approval to restructure the NYSPHSAA SAAC by expanding to three students per section, removing the gender requirement, and requiring at least one member be a representative of diversity. Effective Start Date: 2024-2025 School Year

➤ **Penalties: Derogatory or Inappropriate behavior** **OCIAA – Yes | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook Penalties section:

"NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction, censor or place schools on probation that/all to protect those Involved in Interscholastic activities from derogatory or Inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being."

Rationale: NYSPHSAA Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee wants bring attention to the Sections ability to sanction, censor or place schools on probation for failing to protect those Involved In Interscholastic activities from derogatory or Inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being. Effective Start Date: Fall 2024

➤ **Sportsmanship: derogatory or racially explicit language: discriminatory harassment or bias conduct**
OCIAA – Yes | MHAL - YES

Proposal: Consider approval to add the following to the NVSPHSAA Handbook Sportsmanship section:

"Use of derogatory or racially explicit language; discriminatory harassment or bias conduct that creates a hostile environment that is disruptive to the educational environment. Spectators shall not be permitted to use vulgar/offensive or racially/culturally Insensitive language or engage in any racially/culturally Insensitive action. NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction, censor or place schools on probation that fall to protect those Involved in Interscholastic activities from derogatory or inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being." Effective Start Date: Fall 2024

➤ **GIRLS/BOYS VOLLEYBALL - IMPLEMENT "PURPLE CARD" SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY** **OCIAA – No Motion | MHAL – No Motion**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Girls/Boys Volleyball Committee is seeking approval to Implement a "Purple Card" to assist with management of sportsmanship issues with spectators. Effective Start Date: Fall 2023 season.

Rationale: The committees believe volleyball has serious Issues with sportsmanship and would like to address these Issues with this new policy. The purple card will give a visual cue to the site supervisors/coaches that there is a spectator/sportsmanship Issue.

➤ **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL- REVISE STATE TOURNAMENT FORMAT TO BRACKET PLAY** **OCIAA – Yes | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee is seeking approval to revise the state tournament format to bracket play (semifinals in place of pool play) for the 2023 state tournament. Effective Start Date: Fall 2023 season

Rationale: With the Increase to six classes, this will result in more teams and more matches in the state tournament. To avoid an additional day of competition or extending the first day of competition, the committee voted to revise its format to semifinals in each class. This would entail creating the brackets, then creating a schedule off of those brackets. Each final on Sunday would move an hour earlier. This would also allow schools to return home earlier.



NYSPHSAA Voting Items

➤ **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL- NEW REGIONAL ROTATIONS WITH SIX (6) CLASSES FOR 2023-25** **OCIAA – No | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee Is seeking approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2023-25 with six (6) classes starting In 2023. **Effective Start Date:** November 2023

➤ **GIRLS SOCCER- NEW REGIONAL ROTATIONS WITH SIX (6) CLASSES FOR 2023-2030** **OCIAA – No | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Girls Soccer Committee is seeking approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2023- 2030 with six (6) classes starting in 2023.

➤ **BOYS SOCCER- NEW REGIONAL ROTATIONS WITH SIX (6) CLASSES FOR 2021-2026** **OCIAA – No | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Committee is seeking approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2021- 2026 with six (6) classes starting in 2023.

➤ **Cheerleading: Classification Cut Off Numbers** **OCIAA – Yes | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee Is recommending the following Classification Cut-Off numbers for Competitive Cheerleading and Game Day Cheerleading. The proposal also Includes establishing a minimum of 2 stunt groups (8 athletes) and maximum of 20 athletes for Class C and Class D. The minimum of 3 stunt groups (12 athletes) and a maximum of 24 athletes for Class A and Class B. Co-Ed would have a minimum of 2 stunt groups (8 athletes) and a maximum of 24 athletes. The minimum and maximum requirements would only be in effect for competing in the NYSPHSAA State Championships.

Competitive Cheer

Class A: 1025 and up (75 schools)	Class B: 555 to 1024 (127 schools)	Class C: 250 to 554 (127 schools)
Class D: 249 and below (100 schools)	Co-Ed- One Class	

Game Day

Class A: 849-up 75 schools	Class B: 479-848 75 schools	Class C: 478-below 77 schools
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➤ **GYMNASTICS - Approval of Revised Scoring Changes to Its Technical Handbook** **OCIAA – Yes | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Committee Is seeking approval for scoring changes In Its Technical Handbook:

- A. Value Part Recognition on Floor Aero Passes
 1. To receive Value Part credit a 2nd time for the same Saito or Aerial (If a different flight element with hand support precedes or is directly follow by a Saito/Aerial It will make the Aero pass different.)
 2. The addition or deletion of a dance element following or directly connected to the last Saito or Aerial element In an Aero pass will make the pass different.
- B. Lower the Start Value of a Handspring Vault to an 8.5 from an 8.6.

Effective Start Date: Fall 2023. Committee unanimously approved.

➤ **GIRLS AND BOYS BOWLING: Classification Cut-Off Numbers** **OCIAA – Yes | MHAL – YES**

Proposal: The Boys and Girls Bowling Committees are recommending Bowling become a variation sport and keep the classification cut-off numbers at 600 and above for Division 1 and 599 and below for Division 2. Effective Start Date: 2023-2024. (This is what it is now.)

➤ **BOYS SWIMMING and DIVING -QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR 2023-2024 SEASON** **OCIAA – Yes | MHAL - YES**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving Committee is seeking approval to keep the qualifying standards the same as 2022-23 despite exceeding the 5%-8% standard set forth by Championship Philosophy Committee.



NYSPHSAA Voting Items

➤ **BASEBALL - NEW REGIONAL ROTATIONS WITH SIX (6) CLASSES FOR 2024-2029**

OCIAA – No | MHAL - YES

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee is seeking approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024-2029 with six (6) classes starting in 2024.

➤ **BOYS LACROSSE -New Regional Rotation for 2028-33 creating equitable number of out bracket games for all regions**

OCIAA – No | MHAL - NO

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Committee is seeking approval for a new Regional Rotation for 2028-33 which would create an equitable rotation with each region playing an equal number of out bracket (sub regional) games over six years.

➤ **BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE- Request Earlier Start Date for 2024 and beyond**

OCIAA – No | MHAL - NO

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse Committees are seeking approval to start the Saturday of Week #36 (March 9, 2024)-two days earlier than the traditional spring sports start date. Effective Start Date: March 9, 2024

Rationale: This will allow schools to be able to conduct a scrimmage or contest on the following Saturday. For example, in 2024, a scrimmage can be conducted on March 16, 2024 due to having enough practices. Instead of waiting until the following Monday for the first scrimmage/game. Football has successfully requested an earlier start date to allow for more practices prior to the first game. This request would fall in line with the football proposal.

Informational:

➤ **GIRLS SWIMMING - QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR 2023-2024 SEASON**

Informational item: The NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Committee will continue to use the same State Qualifying Standards for the 2023-2024 school year as they did in 2022-2023 due to participation staying between 5%-8%, per Championship Philosophy Committee requirements.

➤ **Safety Committee: Addition to NYSPHSAA Heat Index Regulation**

Proposal: The Safety Committee is recommending adding the Wet Bulb Temperature specific guidance (see attached) to the current NYSPHSAA Heat index Regulation. The Safety Committee is also recommending adding the map which identifies the different categories to follow depending on the location of the site. Effective Start Date: Immediately

Rationale: The committee was made aware that the current guidance and thresholds in the NYSPHSAA Heat Index regulations do not match up with the use of a Wet Bulb Temperature Indicator. The current thresholds are only good for heat index readings through WeatherBug. The recommended guidance and thresholds are specific to a Wet Bulb Temperature Indicator. The chart has three separate categories of recommendations. Category 1 and Category 2 are to be used for New York State. Most of the state is in Category 1.

2023-24 Combining of Teams

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>HOST SCHOOL</u>	<u>COMB SCHOOL #1</u>	<u>RECO</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>	<u>IS #</u>	<u>Year</u>
Football	Varsity	Red Hook	Germantown	Yes	Germantown - 4	Team	Fall 2023
Football	Modified A	Red Hook	Germantown	Yes	Germantown - 3	Team	Fall 2023
				OCIAA Approve	6/5/23	<u>Stay Class B</u>	
				MHAL Approve	6/5/23		
				S9 Approve	6/15/23		



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Section IX Athletics 2023-2025 Officers

Gregory Ransom
Tim Bult
Stephen Boucher
Suzanne Lenzian
Tom Cassata

Executive Director
President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Past President

Section IX Athletics 2023-2024 Personnel

Gregory Ransom
Dennis Burkett

James Osborne
Linda Trapani
Tom Cassata

Executive Director
Officials Negotiator and
MHAL Coordinator
Secretary & Asst. Treasurer
Treasurer & Asst. Secretary
Eligibility Chairperson



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Section IX

Meeting Dates/Sites

2023-2024

Thursday, September 7, 2023	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Monday, September 11, 2023	TBA MANDATED WORKSHOP	8:30 AM
Tuesday, October 3, 2023	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Thursday, November 2, 2023	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Thursday, January 4, 2024	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Tuesday, March 12, 2024	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Tuesday, April 9, 2024	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Tuesday, June 11, 2024	TBA	8:00 AM

NYSPHSAA Meetings

October 18, 2023

January 31, 2024

May 1, 2024

July 30-31, 2024

Section IX Start Dates

Football – Saturday, August 19, 2023

All Other Fall Sports – Monday, August 21, 2023

All Winter Sports – Monday, November 13, 2023

All Spring Sports – Monday, March 11, 2024

This Qualifying and Seeding criteria is for the following sports: Boys and Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Boys and Girls Lacrosse.

Qualifying Standards

To qualify a team must achieve one of the standards listed below:

1. 500 winning percentage in division
2. 500 winning percentage in class
3. 500 winning percentage Overall
4. Committee Selection

There will be a Section appointed committee that will handle all requests from schools who do not qualify for entry into the tournament by one of the first three standards listed above. It would be made up of equal reps from both leagues. It would be selected from league Presidents, Section IX Officers, and League Coordinators. The school must apply to the committee 24 hours prior to the stated sport seeding meeting date. The decision of this Committee will be how a school can gain entry via Committee Selection and its decision could be appealed by the school to the Executive Director.

Seeding Criteria

1. Point Cards will be submitted on line based on a deadline set by each sports committee
2. Seeding is based on either your division points/# of division games or your overall points/ # of overall games played
3. The highest index of the two must be used.
4. Any division in either league with less than four teams when the division games begin will only use their overall index.
5. Points will be earned for a win based on the chart below and a tie game the teams will split in half the points from the number of points they would have earned if they had won the game.
6. There are no negative points.
7. The tie breaker for seeding is:
 - a. Head-to-head
 - b. Class points/# of class games played.
 - c. Overall points/# of overall games played.
 - d. Coin toss
 - e. In three 3 way or greater ties, after one team breaks the tie, the remaining teams go back to the first criteria and continue until that tie is broken and so on until all ties have been resolved.
8. For purposes of what constitutes a division game the definition is as follows: Division games are the teams in your division as assigned by the MHAL or OCIAA. If you play each team twice in your division and choose to play that team a third time only the games assigned by your league count as division games

<u>AAA WIN AGAINST</u>		<u>Tie</u>
AAA	6	3
AA	5	2.5
A	4	2
B	3	1.5
C	2	1
D	1	.5

<u>AA WIN AGAINST</u>		
AAA	7	3.5
AA	6	3
A	5	2.5
B	4	2
C	3	1.5
D	2	1

<u>A WIN AGAINST</u>		
AAA	8	4
AA	7	3.5
A	6	3
B	5	2.5
C	4	2
D	3	1.5

<u>B WIN AGAINST</u>		
AAA	9	4.5
AA	8	4
A	7	3.5
B	6	3
C	5	2.5
D	4	2

<u>C WIN AGAINST</u>		
AAA	10	5
AA	9	4.5
A	8	4
B	7	3.5
C	6	3
D	5	2.5

<u>D WIN AGAINST</u>		
AAA	11	5.5
AA	10	5
A	9	4.5
B	8	4
C	7	3.5
D	6	3