



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Zoom Meeting at 9:30 am

1. Call to Order- Greg Ransom
2. Review of Meeting Materials
3. Approval of January 4, 2023, Minutes
4. Financial Report- Linda Trapani
5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- Roberta Greene and David Coates
 - a. Sectional Concern – Section II – Increase in the Number of Students Who Are Being Classified
 - b. Sectional Concern – Section V – Senior All-Star Game Eligibility Standard
 - c. 2023-2024 Membership Dues - Updated
 - d. Sportsmanship: NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation
 - e. All Championships – Distribute Digital Certificates
 - f. NYSPHSAA Meeting Structure and Timeline
 - g. Girls & Boys Tennis – Classification Cut-Off Numbers
 - h. Game Day Cheer: Revise State Championship to Sunday of Week #18
 - i. Football – Early Season Practice Language
 - j. Football – Practice Start Date
 - k. Boys Golf – Allow Cell Phones to be Used – Distance Measuring Device
 - l. Girls Golf – Establish a Maximum of Scoring at 3x Par for Each Hole at NYSPHSAA Championship
 - m. Outdoor Track & Field – Classification Cut-Off Numbers
 - n. Outdoor Track & Field – Remove Hand Timing from Qualifying Standards
 - o. Outdoor Track & Field – Meet Format for Super Qualifier
6. NYSPHSAA Office Report
7. Combining of Teams - Tim Bult and Dominic Zarrella
8. Winter Chair Reports:
 - a. Boys Basketball Rob Gravelle
 - b. Girls Basketball Steve Boucher
 - c. Boys Bowling Chris Vero
 - d. Girls Bowling Sean Collins
 - e. Boys Swimming Scott Warner
 - f. Winter Track Mike White
 - g. Boys Wrestling Jeff Culty
 - h. Girls Wrestling Tom Cunningham
 - i. Nordic Skiing Ann Gregory
 - j. Alpine Skiing Janet Carey
 - k. Cheerleading Patti Archiere
 - l. Gymnastics Nicole Calderone
9. Spring Chair Reports:
 - a. Baseball Michael Gillespie
 - b. Softball Joe DiMattina
 - c. Boys Golf Jorma Tompuri
 - d. Girls Golf Bill Earle
 - e. Boys Lacrosse Rich Saulino
 - f. Girls Lacrosse Taryn Brechbiel
 - g. Boys Tennis Urvashi Gupta
 - h. Track & Field Matt Hemmer / Pat Burkhardt
10. Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Greg Warren / Suzanne Lenzian
 - b. Safety Janet Carey
 - 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. Girls Flag Football Rich Silverstein / Greg Sirico

11. Old Business
 - a. Section IX Meeting Dates 2023-2024
 - b. Student Leadership Conference
12. New Business
 - a. Section IX All-Star Contest 11/25/23 - Football
 - b. Combining of Teams – Sub-Varsity Approval
 - c. Classification Committee Report – Greg Ransom
13. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Next Meeting Date:
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Section IX Athletic Council, Inc.
Reconciliation Summary
Orange County Trust Company, Period Ending 01/31/2023

	Jan 31, 23
Beginning Balance	212,203.16
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 30 items	-35,921.03
Deposits and Credits - 31 items	22,237.52
Total Cleared Transactions	-13,683.51
Cleared Balance	198,519.65
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 22 items	-14,740.57
Deposits and Credits - 6 items	16,886.77
Total Uncleared Transactions	2,146.20
Register Balance as of 01/31/2023	200,667.85
New Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 11 items	-5,364.11
Deposits and Credits - 7 items	91,774.56
Total New Transactions	86,410.44
Ending Balance	287,078.29



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NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

1. Dr. Robert Zayas – Executive Director
 - a. The NYSPHSAA Combining of Teams Committee will meet in February 2023.
 - b. The NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee will also meet in February 2023.
 - c. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee will meet for the first time in February 2023.
 - d. NYS Federation Basketball Tournament of Champions will be played March 25-26, 2023, in the Capital Region.
2. Joe Altieri – Assistant Director
 - a. NYSPHSAA Championship Dates and Sites are attached.
3. Todd Nelson – Assistant Director
 - a. Girls Flag Football – At this time, 137 teams will be competing this Spring.
 - b. NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Invitational – January 27, 2023, in Syracuse, NY.
 - c. NFHS Coaches Awards – Congratulations to:
 - i. Boys Cross Country – Dave Feuer (Cornwall HS);
 - ii. Spirit/Cheerleading – Patti Archiere (Minisink Valley HS).
4. Kristen Jadin – Assistant Director
 - a. Winter Scholar-Athlete submission opens on January 30, 2023, and the deadline is March 13, 2023 (Week #37).
 - b. Participation Survey opens in April with a mid-May deadline to complete
 - c. Ball Adoption RFP has been released and is due back to NYSPHSAA by February 10, 2023. The NYSPHSAA Office Staff & Officers will present their recommendation to the Sectional Executive Directors with a new agreement announced at the May 2023 Executive Committee Meeting.
 - d. NYSPHSAA Student Leadership Conference – Thursday, March 30, 2023, at the Albany Hilton.
 - e. Sportsmanship Promotion opens February 2023 and closes Monday, April 10, 2023.
 - f. Community Service Challenge – Winter deadline is March 6, 2023.
 - g. Mental Health Awareness Week is May 2 to May 6, 2023.
5. NYSA – Annual conference is scheduled for March 14-17, 2023. Congratulations to Greg Ransom, who was awarded *The Otis Sennett Award of Excellence*.
6. Section Concerns
 - a. Section II – Increase in the number of students who are being reclassified.
 - b. Section V – Amendment to Senior All-Star Game Eligibility Standard.
7. Discussion Items from NYSPHAAA to go back to the Leagues and Sections are listed on the Agenda and attached for review.

NYSPHSAA Championships - 5-YEAR CALENDAR - Fall 2022 thru Spring 2027

FALL		FALL 2022	FALL 2023	FALL 2024	FALL 2025	FALL 2026
Girls Tennis (Individual)	Date	October 27-29, 2022	October 26-28, 2023	October 31-November 2, 2024	November 1-3, 2025	October 29-31, 2026
	Site	Sportime, Schenectady	**Sportime, Schenectady	Sportime, Schenectady	Sportime, Schenectady	Sportime, Schenectady
Cheer (Game Day-EAST)	Date	October 29, 2022				
	Site	Arlington High School				
Cheer (Game Day-WEST)	Date	October 29, 2022	SUNDAY, November 5, 2023	SUNDAY, November 11, 2024	SUNDAY, November 12, 2025	SUNDAY, November 8, 2026
	Site	Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena	Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena (becomes State Championship in 2023)			
Girls Tennis (Team)	Date	November 4, 2022	November 3, 2023	November 8, 2024	November 7, 2025	November 6, 2026
	Site	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center			
B/G Cross Country	Date	November 12, 2022	November 11, 2023	November 16, 2024	November 15, 2025	November 14, 2026
	Site	Vernon Verona Sherrill HS	**Vernon Verona Sherrill HS	Queensbury High School	Letchworth State Park	Queensbury High School
Boys Soccer	Date	November 12-13, 2022	November 11-12, 2023	November 16-17, 2024	November 15-16, 2025	November 14-15, 2026
	Site	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	**Middletown High School		
Girls Soccer	Date	November 12-13, 2022	November 11-12, 2023	November 16-17, 2024	November 15-16, 2025	November 14-15, 2026
	Site	SUNY Cortland, TC3, Homer	**SUNY Cortland, TC3, Homer			
Field Hockey	Date	November 12-13, 2022	November 11-12, 2023	November 16-17, 2024	November 15-16, 2025	November 14-15, 2026
	Site	Centereach High School	**Centereach High School	Arlington High School	Arlington High School	Arlington High School
Girls Swimming & Diving	Date	November 18-19, 2022	November 17-18, 2023	November 22-23, 2024	November 21-22, 2025	November 20-21, 2026
	Site	Webster Aquatic Center	Webster Aquatic Center	Webster Aquatic Center		
Boys Volleyball	Date	November 19, 2022	November 18, 2023	November 23, 2024	November 22, 2025	November 21, 2026
	Site	Capital Center, Albany	Capital Center, Albany	Capital Center, Albany		
Girls Volleyball	Date	November 19-20, 2022	November 18-19, 2023	November 23-24, 2024	November 22-23, 2025	November 21-22, 2026
	Site	Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls	Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls	Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls		
Football EAST	Date	November 25-26, 2022	November 24-25, 2023	November 29-30, 2024	November 28-29, 2025	November 27-28, 2026
	Site	**Middletown High School	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	
Football WEST	Date	November 25-26, 2022	November 24-25, 2023	November 29-30, 2024	November 28-29, 2025	November 27-28, 2026
	Site	**Union Endicott High School	Cicero North Syracuse HS	Vestal High School	Cicero North Syracuse HS	
Football FINALS	Date	December 3-4, 2022	December 1-3, 2023	December 6-8, 2024	December 5-7, 2025	December 4-6, 2026
	Site	**JMA Wireless Dome	JMA Wireless Dome	JMA Wireless Dome	JMA Wireless Dome	
WINTER		WINTER 2023	WINTER 2024	WINTER 2025	WINTER 2026	WINTER 2027
Wrestling Girls (Invitation)	Date	January 27, 2023				
	Site	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC				
Wrestling Dual Meet	Date	January 28, 2023	January 27, 2024	February 1, 2025	January 31, 2026	January 30, 2027
	Site	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC	**SRC Arena at Onondaga CC			
Girls Ice Hockey Regional	Date	February 17-18, 2023	February 16-17, 2024	February 14-15, 2026	February 13-14, 2026	TBA
	Site	Nexus Center, Utica	Section 1			
Wrestling (Boys)	Date	February 24-25, 2023	February 23-24, 2024	February 28 - March 1, 2025	February 27-28, 2026	February 26-27, 2027
	Site	MVP Arena, Albany	MVP Arena, Albany	MVP Arena, Albany		
B/G Skiing	Date	February 27-28, 2023	February 26-27, 2024	February 24-25, 2025	February 23-24, 2026	February 22-23, 2027
	Site	Bristol Mtn/Harriett Hollister	Whiteface Mtn/Mt. Vanhoevenberg			
Boys Swimming & Diving	Date	March 3-4, 2023	March 1-2, 2024	March 7-8, 2025	March 6-7, 2026	March 5-6, 2027
	Site	Ithaca College	**Ithaca College			
Competitive Cheer	Date	March 4, 2023	March 2, 2024	March 8, 2025	March 7, 2026	March 6, 2027
	Site	Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena	Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena	Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena		
Girls Gymnastics	Date	March 4, 2023	March 2, 2024	March 1, 2025	February 28, 2026	February 27, 2027
	Site	Kenmore West HS	Kenmore West HS	**Kenmore West HS		
B/G Indoor Track	Date	March 4, 2023	March 2, 2024	March 8, 2025	March 7, 2026	March 6, 2027
	Site	**Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	
B/G Bowling	Date	March 10-12, 2023	March 8-10, 2024	March 14-16, 2025	March 13-15, 2026	March 12-14, 2027
	Site	Strike N Spare Lanes	**Strike N Spare Lanes			
Ice Hockey	Date	March 11-12, 2023	March 9-10, 2024	March 15-16, 2025	March 14-15, 2026	March 13-14, 2027
	Site	LECOM Harborcenter	LECOM Harborcenter			
Girls Basketball	Date	March 17-19, 2023	March 14-17, 2024	March 20-23, 2025	March 19-22, 2026	March 18-21, 2027
	Site	**Hudson Valley CC	**Hudson Valley CC			
Boys Basketball	Date	March 17-19, 2023	March 14-17, 2024	March 20-23, 2025	March 19-22, 2026	March 18-21, 2027
	Site	**Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls	**Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls			
B/G Federation Basketball	Date	March 24-26, 2023	March 22-24, 2024	March 28-30, 2025	March 27-29, 2026	March 26-28, 2027
	Site	TBA	TBA			
SPRING		SPRING 2023	SPRING 2024	SPRING 2025	SPRING 2026	SPRING 2027
Boys Tennis (Individual)	Date	June 2-4, 2023^	May 30 - June 1, 2024	June 5-7, 2025	June 4-6, 2026	June 3-5, 2027
	Site	USTA National Tennis Center				
Boys Golf	Date	June 4-5, 2023	June 2-3, 2024	June 8-9, 2025	June 7-8, 2026	June 6-7, 2027
	Site	**Mark Twain Golf Course	**Mark Twain Golf Course			
Girls Golf	Date	June 4-5, 2023	June 2-3, 2024	June 8-9, 2025	June 7-8, 2026	June 6-7, 2027
	Site	The Edison Club	The Edison Club			
Boys Lacrosse Semis EAST	Date	June 7, 2023	June 5, 2024	June 11, 2025	June 10, 2026	June 9, 2027
	Site	**U Albany	**U Albany			
Boys Lacrosse Semis WEST	Date	June 7, 2023	June 5, 2024	June 11, 2025	June 10, 2026	June 9, 2027
	Site	**SUNY Cortland	**SUNY Cortland			
Boys Lacrosse FINALS	Date	June 10, 2023	June 8, 2024	June 14, 2025	June 13, 2026	June 12, 2027
	Site	**Hofstra University	**Hofstra University			
Boys Tennis (Team)	Date	June 9, 2023	June 7, 2024	**June 13, 2025	June 12, 2026	June 11, 2027
	Site	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center			
Girls Lacrosse	Date	June 9-10, 2023	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027
	Site	**SUNY Cortland	**SUNY Cortland			
B/G Outdoor Track	Date	June 9-10, 2023	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027
	Site	Middletown High School	**Cicero-North Syracuse	**Middletown High School		
Baseball	Date	June 9-10, 2023	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027
	Site	**Binghamton	Binghamton	Binghamton		
Softball	Date	June 9-10, 2023	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027
	Site	**Moriches Athletic Complex	**Moriches Athletic Complex			

1/12/2023

yellow box indicates RECOMMENDED and will be voted on at the next Executive/Central Committee meeting

^moved from June 1-3, 2023

** due to COVID-19 canceling these events, an additional year was granted by the Executive Committee to host these events again



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Future Official Start Dates:

2022-2023

Spring Monday, March 13, 2023 (Week #37)

2023-2024

Fall Saturday, August 19, 2023 (Week #7) *NYSPHSAA Football Championship Sections
Monday, August 21, 2023 (Week #8)

Winter Monday, November 13, 2023 (Week #20)

Spring Monday, March 11, 2024 (Week #37)

2024-2025

Fall Saturday, August 24, 2024 (Week #7) *NYSPHSAA Football Championship Sections
Monday, August 26, 2024 (Week #8)

Winter Monday, November 18, 2024 (Week #20)

Spring Monday, March 17, 2025 (Week #37)

**NYSPPHSAA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**



**Embassy Suites – Saratoga Springs
86 Congress Street
Saratoga Springs, NY
518.290.9090**

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

(A) Action (D) Discussion (I) Information

Standing Committee

Handbook Committee – Pat Pizzarelli

(A) Consider approval of removing the NYSPPHSAA Note under the Mixed Competition portion of the NYSPPHSAA Handbook. **APPROVED**

Modified Committee – Jim Rose

(A) Consider approval to change mouthguard requirement for soccer goalies to a recommendation. **APPROVED**

(A) Consider approval to increase the maximum number of events for Modified Track & Field to 4, providing one of the 4 is a relay and eliminate the distance restrictions in the Modified Track and Field regulation. **APPROVED**

General Action Items

(A) Consider approval of waivers of the Representation Rule for various sections. **APPROVED**

*Dr. Robert Zayas,
NYSPPHSAA Executive
Director*

(A) Consider approval of Friend & Neighbor and new member schools. **None at this time.**

*Dr. Robert Zayas,
NYSPPHSAA Executive
Director*

(A) Consider the league placement of Tapestry Charter School and Global Concepts Charter School to Erie County Interscholastic Conference (ECIC) and Health Sciences Charter School to Buffalo Public Schools (BPS). **APPROVED**

*Dr. Robert Zayas,
NYSPPHSAA Executive
Director*

NYSPPHSAA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

(A) Consider approval of the addition to the NYSPPHSAA Combining of Teams Rule: "6. The 13 public school districts in the State that operate to serve students in grades K-8 only, may merge to form multiple "modified" teams. If the K-8 student who participates at the modified level, transfers to a different school with which the K-8 district contracts, the student would be subject to the NYSPPHSAA Transfer Rule." **DEFEATED 8-10-4**

Section 2

Sports Action.

(A) Consider approval of an amendment to the Combined Practice Guidelines for 11-Man Football. **APPROVED**

Football Committee

(A) Consider approval of SPORTIME, Schenectady as the host of the 2024-2026 NYSPPHSAA Girls Tennis Individual Championships. **APPROVED**

Girls Tennis Committee

(A) Consider approval of Arlington High School as the host of the 2024-2026 NYSPPHSAA Field Hockey Championships. **APPROVED 20-2**

Field Hockey Committee

(A) Consider approval to follow the NFHS 1.5% weight loss plan, beginning in the 2023-2024 season. **APPROVED 16-4-2**

Boys Wrestling Committee

(A) Consider approval to eliminate the NYSPPHSAA honor weigh-in beginning in the 2023-2024 season. **APPROVED 14-6-2**

Boys Wrestling Committee

(A) Consider approval to use the NFHS weight classes plus a NYSPPHSAA lower weight, beginning in the 2023-2024 season. **APPROVED**

Boys Wrestling Committee

(A) Consider approval of Boys Wrestling becoming a variation sport with Division cut-off numbers being 600 and above for Division 1 and 599 and below being Division 2. **APPROVED**

Boys Wrestling Committee

(A) Consider approval of Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex as the 2024-2026 NYSPPHSAA Indoor Track & Field Championships. **APPROVED**

Boys/Girls Indoor Track & Field Committees

(A) Consider approval of following High school sports standards for Girls Flag Football. **APPROVED**

Girls Flag Football Committee

(A) Consider approval of following the NFHS Football playing rules along with the NYSPPHSAA Girls Flag Football Rules. **APPROVED**

Girls Flag Football Committee

(A) Consider approval of NYSPPHSAA offering a State Championship in the sport of Girls Flag Football starting in the Spring of 2024. **APPROVED**

Girls Flag Football Committee

(A) Consider approval of Binghamton (various sites) as the host of the 2024-2026 NYSPPHSAA Baseball Championships. **APPROVED**

Baseball Committee

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Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2023

SECTIONAL CONCERN

Presenter:

Section 2 Representatives- Elise Britt & Matt Ronca

Sectional Concern:

Increase in the number of students who are being reclassified, despite academic records showing 80 & 90+GPA's. If reclassified as an 8th grader, (having not played a HS level sport), they in essence do get an extra year by doing this and being APP'd the second time in 8th grade.

Addressing the Sectional Concern:

We believe this is being done and increasing in frequency for athletic purposes. Perhaps we need to reconsider the eligibility rule to be 6 years from the date you enter 7th grade? Perhaps we consider there being a standard or justifiable reason to reclassify a student? Can this be discussed and perhaps then recommendations and or discussions be made to NYSED?

Rationale:

We understand this is a common practice in many southern states. We believe this is being done and increasing in frequency solely for athletic advantage. We believe this is not in line with our current NYSPHSAA philosophies, goals, and objectives of Interscholastic participation.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Attachments:

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SECTIONAL CONCERN

Presenter:

Kathy Hoyt, Section V

Sectional Concern:

Amendment to the Senior All Star Game eligibility standard

Addressing the Sectional Concern / Rationale:

b. Only seniors who have completed their secondary school eligibility in that sport may compete in these contests. Special circumstances may be appealed to the Section Executive Director.

Allowing for extenuating circumstances to be considered.

In extenuating circumstances, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director, in consultation with the Section Executive Director and NYSPHSAA President, shall have the ability to grant a waiver to participate in an all star game.

Similar to what is under the REPRESENTATION standard:

In extenuating circumstances where the student does not have a medical reason for a waiver of the representation rule, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director, in consultation with the Section Executive Director and NYSPHSAA President, shall have the ability to grant a waiver of the representation rule.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

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Attachments:

None

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2023-2024 Membership Dues

- ☐ Action Item
- ☐ Discussion Item
- ☒ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Effective Start Date:

2023-2024 School year

Details:

The following increase of NYSPHSAA membership dues will be included within the NYSPHSAA Budget to be voted on at the May Executive Committee meetings.

\$1000 + \$1/student over 300

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Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2023

Sportsmanship: NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee is recommending adding the following NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Regulations to the Handbook.

“Any negative, inappropriate, derogatory comments or actions that brings direct attention to a supervisor or school administrator by a spectator or group of spectators are required to be addressed by the host school, Sectional or NYSPHSAA representative in the following non-sequential order depending on the comments or behavior:

- First warning – Directing the spectator or group of spectators to refrain from any negative comments or actions.
- Second warning – A personal discussion with the spectators or group of spectators on the above NYSPHSAA expectations and reminding the spectators or group of spectators of the next step, removal of the game or event, will be utilized if the behavior continues.
- Removal from the contest – The spectator or group of spectators will be directed to leave the facility for the remainder of the game or event. If spectators or group of spectators refuse to leave the game or event, play will be stopped until they vacate the premise.

Penalty for being removed from a game or event: Any spectator removed from a game or event will have a minimum penalty of completing the NFHS Parent Credential course or a one game suspension before they are allowed to attend any interscholastic event, home or away. Once the course is completed the spectator will provide a certificate of completion to the athletic department office. Schools are required to communicate with the offending spectator on the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Expectations.

- Depending on the severity of the behavior/comments or future disqualifications by the offending spectator NYSPHSAA and the Section may get directly involved in the situation.

Note: A school may take any or all these actions during or after an interscholastic contest.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2022

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Rationale:

NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee believes the time has come to hold our spectators to the same expectations that our coaches and student athletes are held to during an interscholastic contest. If our spectators cannot meet these expectations, then just like our coaches and student athletes they will face a similar consequence to their behaviors and comments. NYSPHSAA schools have a requirement to address these types of behaviors as members of our association.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee

Budgetary Impact:

Schools may have to increase supervision staff at all interscholastic contests.

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – DISTRIBUTE DIGITAL CERTIFICATES FOR REGIONAL & STATES VIA E-MAIL/ NYSPHSAA WEBSITE

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director
Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

Proposal

On behalf of sport committees, NYSPHSAA is seeking approval to only provide digital participation certificates for Regional and State Tournaments via e-mail or accessible on the NYSPHSAA website.

Effective Start Date

October 2023

Rationale

The majority of sport committees feel the certificates are not distributed at the end of a Regional or State Tournament for a variety of reasons. It would be more effective for a coach or athletic director to print out certificates on their own to distribute at season ending banquets, team gatherings or other events. Providing digital certificates will also allow the student's name to be included in a more professional manner.

Proposal Originated:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Committee brought this forward in September 2022 and voted unanimously in favor of going to digital certificate distribution.

Budgetary Impact:

Yes, NYSPHSAA will annually save on the cost of paper, printing, and shipping.

Notes:

All state coordinators and sport committees were surveyed for a formal vote and 19 out of 24 committees were in favor of going to digital certificate distribution. Two committees were 50-50 split on the proposal. Additionally, the SAAC was surveyed at their December Summit and they unanimously were in favor of digital participation certificates.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

No concerns/questions at January 11, 2023 meeting (discussion)

DATE REVISED: January 12, 2023

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Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2023

NYSPHSAA Meeting Structure & Timeline

- ☐ Action Item
- ☒ Discussion Item
- ☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider approval to revise the timeline for NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee meetings as follows:

October – Central Committee and Hall of Fame in person; HOF banquet Tuesday night.

February – Executive Committee in person

May – Executive/ Central Committee and Recognition of outgoing members in person

July – Executive Committee via ZOOM

**Note: all meetings would be one day on Wednesday*

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

By revising the calendar of meetings, Sections would have the ability to have four representatives at the October meeting and May meeting and significantly decrease annual expenses associated with meetings.

To improve communication and interaction with principals and superintendents, it would be beneficial to include these representatives at two meetings per year, instead of one meeting. The NYSPHSAA budget is annually approved at the May meeting; having Superintendent representatives in attendance would enhance the credibility of the budget approval.

The late July Central Committee meeting expenses (hotel room rate, banquet space, food and beverage, audio visual, etc.) have increased over the past decade. See "notes" on page 2 for history of hotel room night rates.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA staff.

Budgetary Impact:

NYSPHSAA will save \$42,000+ annually. Sections would also see decreased expenses for travel associated with attendance at NYSPHSAA meetings.

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NYSPHSAA currently has signed contracts for the 2025, 2027 and 2029 Central Committee meetings. If NYSPHSAA were to cancel these agreements prior to July 2023, NYSPHSAA would only incur a \$2000 per venue cancellation fee. Following July 2023, partial payment is required, by contract, for the 2025 meeting.

Notes:

The 2013 Central Committee meeting was hosted at the Woodcliff Resort in Rochester. The hotel room rate was \$142 per night.

The 2022 Central Committee meeting was hosted at the Lake Placid High Peaks Resort. The hotel room rate was \$219 per night.

NYSPHSAA signed a contract in October 2020 for the 2029 Central Committee meeting at the Chautauqua Hotel, in Celoron. The contracted hotel room rate is \$249 per night. The contract was signed nearly 9 years in advance to receive a preferential room rate.

Current Meeting costs:

October Executive Committee	\$14,000
February Executive Committee	\$14,000
May Executive Committee	\$14,000
Central Committee & HOF	\$108,000
TOTAL:	\$150,000

Proposed Meeting costs:

October Central Committee & HOF	\$66,000
February Executive Committee	\$15,000
May Executive/ Central Committee	\$28,000
Executive Committee	\$0
TOTAL:	\$108,000

Difference= \$42,000

Attachments:

None

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Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2023

GIRLS/BOYS TENNIS – Classification Cut-Off Numbers

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Coordinator
Quan Huynh, NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys and Girls Tennis Committees are recommending tennis 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:

Fall 2023

Rationale:

Neither committee supported the formula of 40% of the teams in Division 1 and 60% of the teams in Division 2. The current cutoff number of 599 keeps the breakdown balanced.

Proposal Originated:

Boys and Girls Tennis Committees in January 2023

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Boys/Girls Classification Breakdown:	Division 1	206/211 teams	44.1%/51.9%
	Division 2	262/196 teams	55.9%/48.1%

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

No concerns/questions at January 11, 2023 meeting (discussion)

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Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2023

GAMEDAY CHEER: REVISE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TO SUNDAY OF WEEK #18

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Jennifer Simmons, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee is seeking approval to revise its Game Day Cheer State Championship to Sunday of Week #18 starting in 2023 (November 5th).

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2023.

Rationale:

Approval was already granted to establish a Game Day State Championship on the Saturday of Week #17 or Week #18. Due to Game Day Cheer teams supporting their football teams on Fridays and Saturdays in the fall, the committee is requesting state tournament competition to take place on Sunday. This would be a permanent day of competition for this event. Competition finishes early enough where it will not impact travel home too late on Sunday evening.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee at their December 2022 meeting

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The Cheerleading Committee unanimously voted in favor of this proposal at its December 2022 meeting.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

No concerns/questions at January 11, 2023 meeting (discussion)

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2023

Football – Early Season Practice Language

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, Football Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is recommending revising the first line in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Football 10.08 #4 to read, "The first two (2) days of practice must be noncontact, without the use of **personal** protective equipment and mechanical blocking devices".

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2023

Rationale:

Many training programs including USA Football encourage the use of clocking pads and dummies when teaching proper techniques to players. The current rule prohibits the use of these devices and the change would now allow them to be used by coaches during early season practices.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2023

Football – Practice Start Date

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, Football Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is recommending allowing all Sections to start the season on the Saturday of Week #7. Currently, this start date is only for Sections that are participating in the NYSPHSAA Football Championship.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2023

Rationale:

The Football Committee feels all Sections should have the opportunity to start their season on the same day across NYSPHSAA.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2023

BOYS GOLF – ALLOW CELL PHONES TO BE USED AS DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Tom Gladd, NYSPHSAA Boys Golf Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Golf Committee is seeking approval to change the NYSPHSAA Handbook to allow for the use of cell phones as distance measuring devices (DMDs) during the State Tournament, in accordance with USGA Rule 4.3. Athletes would be able to use one predeclared DMD with only distance/yardage functions during the round.

Effective Start Date:

Spring of 2023

Rationale:

Currently, the use of cell phones in this manner is prohibited. However, the use of cell phones as distance measuring devices during regular season and Sectional play is not prohibited. This change in the handbook is being proposed at the request of the Boys Golf Committee to bring the rules governing the Boys Golf State Championship tournament in line with the rules used by the USGA (United States Golf Association) at their championship events. Additionally, this change would create a more consistent competitive atmosphere for players for the entirety of their season, thus reducing the opportunity for error or a breach of the rules that govern play.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Golf Committee on June 4, 2022

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Golf Committee voted 8 - 3 in favor of adopting this change.

- Sections 2, III, IV, VI, VII, IX, X, XI voted Yes, Sections I, X, VIII voted No
 - The vote was conducted via email September 2022

Attachments:

- Image of the relevant information on the use of DMDs under the USGA Rules of Golf.

CAC Feedback:

No concerns/questions at January 11, 2023 meeting (discussion)

DATE REVISED: January 12, 2023

EFFECTIVE 2019

UNDERSTANDING THE RULES OF DMDs

Beginning on January 1, 2019, distance-measuring devices (DMDs) are allowed under the Rules of Golf. Take a look below to see what types of functions on your DMD are allowed under the Rules.

WHAT'S THE RULE?

Rule 4.3a allows the use of distance-measuring devices so long as the player does not access any information that is prohibited under this Rule (details below). The first breach of this Rule means the player gets a loss of hole penalty in match play or a two-stroke penalty in stroke play. A second breach of Rule 4.3 during the same round results in disqualification. NOTE: A golf course or the Committee in charge of a competition does have the option to prohibit the use of distance-measuring devices by Local Rule.

TYPES OF DEVICES

STAND-ALONE DEVICES

Common stand-alone devices include laser rangefinders, handhelds and watch-style GPS units.



Laser rangefinder



GPS watch



Handheld GPS unit

MULTI-FUNCTIONAL DEVICES

Common multi-functional devices include mobile phones and tablets.



Mobile phone



Tablet



PLAYER ACTIONS

A player may use a device that is capable of operating a prohibited function, provided these specific functions are not accessed by the player during the round. "Access" is interpreted to mean that the player has viewed or otherwise used the information generated by a prohibited function, or the player uses a device where such output is displayed.

WHAT CAN I ACCESS?



Distance between two points (actual)



Pre-published information (e.g., swing tips or advice on playing the hole)



Scorecard



Local weather information or alert for nearby lightning



Chart showing average club distances, obtained from prior rounds, for a wide range of clubs

WHAT CAN'T I ACCESS?



Displays of effective playing distances (e.g., slope-based and other plays-like distance information)



Club recommendation



Processed or analyzed club distances from current round



Gauged or measured variable environmental conditions, such as wind speed or altitude



Analysis or display of swing, set-up or other swing mechanics



USE ADDITIONAL CARE

If a device is readily viewable by the player (e.g., the player is wearing a multi-functional watch) and information is being displayed that, if accessed, would result in a breach of the Rules, the player is considered to have "used" the information generated by a prohibited function, even if the player has not actually viewed it.



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Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2023

GIRLS GOLF – ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM OF SCORING AT THREE TIMES PAR FOR EACH HOLE AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (Create New NYSPHSAA Rule)

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Jamie Harter, NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Coordinator

Proposal

The NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Committee is seeking approval to cap the scoring at three times par for each hole at the NYSPHSAA State Tournament for a two-year experiment. This is the maximum score a competitor can receive during the state tournament. This would be a new NYSPHSAA rule and not follow USGA. Sections and Leagues may still be permitted to set their scoring cap as they see fit.

Rationale

This rule would improve the pace of play at the state tournament. Currently, girls golfers play out the hole no matter how many strokes it requires. This would cap the number of strokes on each hole to three times the par of that hole.

Effective Start Date:

Spring of 2023

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Committee on October 21, 2022

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Golf Committee voted 8-2 in favor of adopting this change (Section 1 & 2 voted no).

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

No concerns/questions at January 11, 2023 meeting (discussion)

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Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2023

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD– Classification Cut-Off Numbers

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dan Doherty, NYSPHSAA Girls Track Coordinator
Tom Wells, NYSPHSAA Boys Track Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys and Girls Track Committees are recommending Outdoor Track and Field 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:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

The majority of the committee was not in favor of using the recently approved formula of 40% of the teams in Division 1 and 60% of the teams in Division 2. There would have been around 35 teams that would have moved from Division 1 to Division 2 and the committee felt that this would have an adverse effect on those teams and the competition in Division 2. The committees also felt the boys and girls teams should have the same cut-off numbers because of coaches coaching both teams.

Proposal Originated:

Boys and Girls Outdoor Track and Field in January 2023

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Boys/Girls Classification Breakdown:	Division 1	230/229 teams	34.53%/35.23%
	Division 2	436/421 teams	65.46%/64.76%

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

No concerns/questions at January 11, 2023 meeting (discussion)

January 12, 2023

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2023

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD – Remove Hand Timing from Qualifying Standards

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dan Doherty, NYSPHSAA Girls Outdoor Track Coordinator
Tom Wells, NYSPHSAA Boys Outdoor Track Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Committee is recommending removing the hand time standard for the 2nd qualifier to the NYSPHSAA State Championship and only using FAT time as the standard.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2023 season

Rationale:

The committee believes the FAT timing is much more accurate than hand timing and that a vast majority of meets are being run using FAT timing. With the availability and accuracy of FAT timing the committee wishes only for FAT timing to be allowed to qualify a second athlete to the state meet from a Section.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Outdoor Track and Field Committee in December 2022

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The Committee was unanimous in support of this proposal

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

No concerns/questions at January 11, 2023 meeting (discussion)

January 12, 2023

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 1, 2023

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD – Meet Format for Super Qualifier

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dan Doherty, NYSPHSAA Girls Outdoor Track Coordinator
Tom Wells, NYSPHSAA Boys Outdoor Track Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Committee is recommending removing the requirement for the Super Standard Qualifier must be in a meet with a minimum of 5 or more teams. The meet must be a formal meet using FAT timing.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2023 season

Rationale:

The Committee believes FAT timing is the important aspect of the Super Standard and as long FAT is being used it can be in any meet format with a certified official.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Outdoor Track and Field Committee in December 2022

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The committee was unanimous in this recommendation.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

No concerns/questions at January 11, 2023 meeting (discussion)

Softball	Varsity	Rondout Valley	Onteora	Yes	Onteora-1 (senior)	team	Spring 2023
			OCIAA Approve	2/14/2023			
			MHAL Approve	2/15/2023			
			S9 Approve	3/14/2023			

Motion –

The Section IX Combining of Teams Co-Chairpersons (currently Tim Bult/OCIAA & Dom Zarrella/MHAL) are granted the authority to approve Combining of Teams applications received from Section IX member schools for sub-varsity level teams when said applications are reviewed and found by both individuals to meet the Section IX COT policy criteria. Approval will be shared with the sport chairperson(s) as well as the OCIAA/MHAL member schools and the Section IX Athletic Council via meeting minutes.

2022-23 SECTION 9 DUALS

SECTION 9's QUALIFIER FOR THE NYS DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

ROUND OF 16		QUARTERFINALS		SEMI's		FINALS	
TWO SITES / 2 MATS / TUESDAY 01/10/23				ONE SITE / 2 MATS / WEDNESDAY 01/11/23			
DAY # 1 at NEWBURGH FREE ACADEMY				DAY # 2 at MINISINK VALLEY			
<div>1- MINISINK VALLEY</div> <div>BYE</div> <div>1-MINISINK VALLEY</div> <div>BYE</div> <div>7:30 p.m. / MAT #2</div> <div>9- VALLEY CENTRAL</div> <div>6:00 p.m. / MAT #1</div> <div>8- NEWBURGH</div> <div>8-NEWBURGH</div> <div>56-12</div> <div>5- MONROE WOODBURY</div> <div>6:00 p.m. / MAT #2</div> <div>12- KINGSTON</div> <div>5-MONROE WOODBURY</div> <div>59-12</div> <div>7:30 p.m. / MAT #1</div> <div>13- FDR-HYDE PARK</div> <div>5:00 p.m. / MAT #1</div> <div>4- WARWICK VALLEY</div> <div>4-WARWICK VALLEY</div> <div>51-22</div>				<div>DIVISION 1</div> <div>1-MINISINK VALLEY</div> <div>54-14</div> <div>5:00 p.m. / MAT #1</div> <div>1-MINISINK VALLEY</div> <div>49-16</div> <div>5-MONROE WOODBURY</div> <div>48-18</div> <div>6:30 p.m. / MAT #1</div> <div>1-MINISINK VALLEY</div> <div>52-12</div> <div>SECTION 9</div> <div>D1-DUAL MEET</div> <div>CHAMPIONS</div> <div>2022-23</div> <div>WILL REPRESENT S9 AT THE</div> <div>NYS DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS</div> <div>SATURDAY 1/28/23</div> <div>7-CORNWALL</div> <div>1-0</div> <div>7-CORNWALL</div> <div>33-29</div>			
<div>DAY # 1 at WALLKILL</div> <div>3- MIDDLETOWN</div> <div>5:00 p.m. / MAT #1</div> <div>14- BEACON</div> <div>3-MIDDLETOWN</div> <div>64-9</div> <div>7:30 p.m. / MAT #1</div> <div>11- WASHINGTONVILLE</div> <div>6:00 p.m. / MAT #1</div> <div>6- GOSHEN</div> <div>6-GOSHEN</div> <div>43-24</div> <div>7- CORNWALL</div> <div>6:00 p.m. / MAT #2</div> <div>10- PINE BUSH</div> <div>7-CORNWALL</div> <div>54-15</div> <div>7:30 p.m. / MAT #2</div> <div>BYE</div> <div>2-WALLKILL</div> <div>BYE</div> <div>2- WALLKILL</div>				<div>DIVISION 2</div> <div>DAY # 2 at MINISINK VALLEY</div> <div>FINALS-Day 2</div> <div>5-SAUGERTIES</div> <div>42-26</div> <div>6:30 p.m. / MAT #2</div> <div>@MINISINK VALLEY HS</div> <div>2-RED HOOK</div> <div>48-28</div> <div>SECTION 9</div> <div>D2-DUAL MEET</div> <div>CHAMPIONS</div> <div>2022-23</div> <div>5-SAUGERTIES</div> <div>48-25</div> <div>WILL REPRESENT S9 AT THE</div> <div>NYS DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS</div> <div>SATURDAY 1/28/23</div>			
<div>DAY # 1 at PORT JERVIS</div> <div>OUTBRACKETS</div> <div>1- PORT JERVIS</div> <div>5:00 p.m. / MAT #1</div> <div>8- HIGHLAND</div> <div>5- SAUGERTIES</div> <div>6:00 p.m. / MAT #1</div> <div>4- ONTEORA</div> <div>3- NEW PALTZ</div> <div>6:00 p.m. / MAT #2</div> <div>6- CHESTER</div> <div>7- OUR LADY OF LOURDES</div> <div>5:00 p.m. / MAT #2</div> <div>2- RED HOOK</div>				<div>SEMI's-Day 1</div> <div>1-PORT JERVIS</div> <div>48-30</div> <div>7:30 p.m. / MAT #1</div> <div>5-SAUGERTIES</div> <div>63-6</div> <div>6-CHESTER</div> <div>39-33</div> <div>7:30 p.m. / MAT #2</div> <div>2-RED HOOK</div> <div>55-15</div>			

SECTION IX GIRLS WRESTLING YEAR END REPORT 2023

- Girls wrestling became an emerging sport in the summer of 2022.
- **Weight Certifications in November-** 68 girls were certified in Section 9 for the 22/23 season. There were a total of 869 girls in the state that were certified and listed as eligible to compete in Track wrestling.
- **NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Invitational-** SRC Arena January 27, 2023.
 - This was an invitational tournament which had 451 girls register to participate. The committee met on January 8th to work on the selection of participants for the event. The committee selected 208 participants which was 16 entries for each of the 13 weight classes. There were a total of 451 girls who registered for this event.
 - The committee worked well to select at least one wrestler per section to be represented in each weight class.
 - Section IX had 14 wrestlers invited and accepted to the invitational tournament.
 - 3 of the 14 wrestlers had to withdraw the week of the tournament due to injury.
 - 6 of the 11 wrestlers did place in the tournament.
 - 1 champion Sara Pauls- Minisink Valley
 - 1 second place- Brooke Tarshis-Pine Bush
 - 3 4th place- Kiera Filip- Minisink Valley
Jadia Macaluso- Minisink Valley
Zoe Kip- Liberty
 - 1 6th place- Savannah Tittelback- Saugerties

- **Section IX Girls Championships- February 10, 2023**
 - The tournament ran simultaneously with the boys at Monroe-Woodbury with all rounds taking place on Mat 1 which is in front of the main bleachers. The finalists were introduced to the crowd before wrestling in their finals match.
 - Nine weight classes represented out of 13
 - 36 total girls were seeded for the event- This is double the number from the 2021/22 tournament. One wrestler was scratched the day of the event due to illness.
 - Medals were awarded to the top 3 in the following weight classes- 107, 114, 132 and 152 as they had more than 4 wrestlers in the weight class.
 - Medals were awarded to the top 2 in the following weight classes- 120, 126, 138, 165 and 185.

- **Finals results:**

107: Sara Pauls (MV) f 2:37 Olivia Schmidt (VC)

114: Keira Filip (MV) f :28 Lilykate Brosnan (Onteora)

120: Brooke Tarshis (PB) f 1:43 Kaleigh Polaanis (PJ)

126: Jadia Macaluso (MV) f 2:39 Ashley Aucencela (Chester)

132: Citrus Triplett (Red Hook) f :52 Gillian Mills (Saugerties)

138: Meridith Mills (Saugerties) f 3:07 McKenzie Cooper (OLL)

152: Arica Pearson-Leavy (VC) dec 10-9 utb Zoe Kip (Liberty)

165: Cheyenne Graham (Liberty) dec 5-2 Alison McGovern (Chester)

185: Winnie Kelalu (Kingston) f 2:47 Faith Villanueva (Chester)

- **Thank You's:**

- Jeff Culty for his assistance with everything this season, especially the sectional girls wrestling championship. He was always available to help me with anything as it relates to girls wrestling this season.
- The head table of the Section IX tournament for allowing the girls an opportunity to showcase their abilities in front of many spectators.

- **Recommendations for 2023/24:**

- Teams need to declare they will be having an all girls team to the Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics prior to winter schedules being released. This will allow time for the regional office to prepare a schedule for these teams. The schools who declared all girls for 2022/23 felt not having a schedule deterred girls from continuing to wrestle.
- If numbers continue to grow for the sectional girls championship we will have to explore using another site. I will continue to talk with Jeff Culty about our options if our numbers continue to grow.
- The state committee is meeting in March to discuss next steps for the sport of girls wrestling. The committee will use this meeting to discuss the invitational tournament and what worked and what can be improved upon in future state events for girls wrestling.



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

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, 20234	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



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 PARTICIPATING IN THIS CONTEST ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE IN THIS SPORT.

Sport or Activity FOOTBALL

1. Name of Contest EXCEATOWN SENIOR Date 11/25/23
2. Site of Contest TBD
3. Co-sponsoring school, league or section SECTION 9 FOOTBALL COACHES ASSC.
(for events sponsored with any outside organization, college or university)
4. School personnel responsible for contest supervision: Name ASSOCIATION
Address _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
5. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of contestants: FOOTBALL COACHES
6. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of coaches: ASSOCIATION
7. Net profit to be donated to the following charitable or educational programs: N.A.
8. Contestants will be insured by: 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: S.P.C.A.
11. Official's organization to assign contest officials: S.P.C.A.
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
 2. Complete financial report
 3. Injury 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 _____
Application returned _____
as incomplete _____

Date _____

Executive Director

February 1, 2023

Good Afternoon,

The Classification Committee would like to propose to the Section 9 Athletic Council for the Mount Academy Boys Soccer team to participate in Class C for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Classification Committee would like to propose the other Section 9 Athletic Council for the Mount Academy Girls Soccer team to participate in Class C for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Classification Committee would like to propose to the Section 9 Athletic Council for the Mount Academy Girls Volleyball team to participate in Class C for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Classification Committee would like to propose to the Section 9 Athletic Council for the Mount Academy Boys Cross Country team to participate in Class C for the 2023-2024 school year.

The classification committee would also like to add two members to our committee. Dominic Zarrella from the MHAL and Joe DiMattina from the OCIAA would be joining the Classification Committee to bring us to 5 members in the committee.

We would like to thank you for your time in considering our recommendations.

Thank you,

Classification Committee

The classification committee met and the following decisions were made:

Boys Soccer will remain in **Class C** for the upcoming 2023-2024 season. While Mount Academy did not win a sectional title this year, they were very competitive with an 11-4 overall record in the first year as a Class C team.

Boys Cross Country will drop down from Class B to **Class C** for the upcoming 2023-2024 season. Even though Mount Academy has won the Section Championship in 2 of the last 3 seasons that had championships, the state level competitiveness has dropped each of those years which is why moving Mount Academy from Class B to Class C is justified.

Girls Soccer will move from Class D to **Class C** for the upcoming 2023-2024 season. Mount Academy has won the last 3 Section Championships. Mount Academy has also won the last two New York State Championships in Class D which is why moving them up to a Class C is justified.

Girls Volleyball will move from Class D to **Class C** for the upcoming 2023-2024 season. Mount Academy has won the last 4 Section Championships. Mount Academy has placed in the top 3 at the New York State Championships over the past 4 seasons including 2 NYS Championships that last two years. This is why moving them up to Class C is justified.

JJ Gass
Athletic Director
Port Jervis City School District