



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Thursday, January 4, 2024
Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 am

1. Call to Order - Greg Ransom
2. Review of Meeting Materials
3. Approval of November 2, 2023 Minutes
4. Financial Report - Linda Trapani
5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives - Roberta Greene and David Coates
Please see attached items.
6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas
7. Combining of Teams - Tim Bult and Frank Alfonso
8. Winter Chair Reports:
 - a. Boys Basketball JJ Gass
 - b. Girls Basketball Steve Boucher
 - c. Boys Bowling Chris Vero
 - d. Girls Bowling Sean Collins
 - e. Boys Swimming Dan Wargo
 - f. Winter Track Mike White
 - g. Boys Wrestling Jeff Culty
 - h. Girls Wrestling Eric Hartmann
 - i. Nordic Skiing Ann Gregory
 - j. Alpine Skiing Janet Carey
 - k. Cheerleading (Competitive) Patti Archiere
 - l. Gymnastics Nicole Calderone
9. 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. NYSAAA Christian Hodge
10. Old Business
 - a. Section IX Budget 2024-2025
 - b. Section IX Regional Gate List
11. New Business
 - a. Greenwood Lake Proposal
 - b. Outside Agency Approval Application
 - c. Cheerleading
 - d. Section IX Team Tennis
12. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Zoom Meeting, 9:30 am

Section IX Athletic Council, Inc.
Reconciliation Summary
Orange County Trust Company, Period Ending 11/30/2023

	Nov 30, 23
Beginning Balance	297,364.90
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 188 items	-100,078.28
Deposits and Credits - 35 items	97,728.40
Total Cleared Transactions	-2,349.88
Cleared Balance	295,015.02
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 68 items	-62,697.94
Deposits and Credits - 6 items	16,888.77
Total Uncleared Transactions	-45,809.17
Register Balance as of 11/30/2023	249,205.85
New Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 13 items	-11,746.79
Deposits and Credits - 2 items	116.98
Total New Transactions	-11,629.81
Ending Balance	237,576.04



Voting Items – November 2023

1. GIRLS BASKETBALL- REQUEST CHANGE IN OFFICIALS FEES & POLICIES: **MHAL – Yes | OCIAA - Yes**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Committee is seeking approval for a change in the Officials Fees & Policies starting in the 2023-24 season. The following is being requested: \$135 a game, 3 officials per contest.

Effective Date: 9/1/23 - 8/31/26

Proposal Originated: NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Committee on September 18, 2023

CAC Feedback: CAC voted 10-0 to support this proposal.

2. FLAG FOOTBALL-REQUEST ADDING TO OFFICIALS FEES & POLICIES: **MHAL – Yes | OCIAA - Yes**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee is seeking approval to add in the Officials Fees & Policies starting in the 2023-24 season.

Effective Date: 9/1/23- 8/31/26

Proposal Originated: NYSPHSAA ,Flag Football Committee

CAC Feedback: CAC voted 10-0 to support this proposal.

3. Safety Committee - My Lightning Tracker: **MHAL – Yes | OCIAA - No**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee is recommending adding to the NYSPHSAA Thunder and Lightning Policy the use of "My Lighting Tracker App". Schools would have to suspend or cancel any practice or game if the My Lighting App detected lightning within 15 miles of the location of the event. The event could not be resumed until 30 minutes had passed from the last lightning strike within the 15-mile radius. Schools would still be able to use the current system of seeing lightning and hearing thunder.

Effective Start Date: Spring 2024

4. Modified Committee - Remove One Hand Check Language: **MHAL – Yes | OCIAA - Yes**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending removing Boys Lacrosse Game Rule #3 - "A one-arm swing with a Crosse whether contact is made or not, shall be considered a personal foul - slashing. This includes the over-the-head check." **Rationale:** This recommendation falls in line with the US Lacrosse rules for U12 and U14 play. This is an acceptable play at all levels from the U12 level and up. If contact is made to the head a foul will be called as per the NFHS rules.

Effective Start Date: Spring 2024

5. Modified Committee - Softball Metal Cleats: **MHAL – Yes | OCIAA - Yes**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending removing the language that prohibits metal cleats in the sport of modified Softball. **Rationale:** A few years ago, the High School Softball removed the language that prohibited the use of metal cleats at the high school level because of an OCR complaint. The language at the modified level remained in effect. Baseball is not prohibited from using metal cleats at either level.



6. Unified Committee - Waiver of the Representation Rule: **MHAL – Yes | OCIAA - Yes**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Unified Committee is recommending that the NYSPHSAA Representation rule preventing students from gaining an unfair advantage they are prohibited from participating in the same sport in different seasons during the school year for Unified participants only.

Effective Start Date: Spring 2024

7. Boys Volleyball - Revise State Tournament format to include all sections (pool play) in the state tournament: **MHAL – No | OCIAA - No**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Committee is seeking approval to revise the state tournament format to include all sections in the state tournament and increase the length of competition to two days. **Effective Start Date:** Fall 2025 Season

8. Girls Ice Hockey Committee - OT Procedure: **MHAL – Yes | OCIAA - Yes**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Girls Ice Hockey Committee is recommending following the same procedure as the Boys Ice Hockey for overtime in the post season. **Effective Start Date:** 2024-2025 Season

9. Indoor Track- request adding a second division for relays only: **MHAL – No | OCIAA - No**

Proposal: The Boys and Girls Indoor Committees are seeking approval to add a second division for the 4 x 200, 4 x 400 and 4 x 800 relays at the State Championships. This proposal does not apply to the Intersectional Relay. **Effective Start Date:** Winter 2024-25

10. Boys Lacrosse: Permission to Ask NFHS for a Shot Clock Experiment: **MHAL – No | OCIAA - No**

Proposal: The Boys Lacrosse Committee is recommending receiving permission to ask the NFHS for an experiment to use a shot clock in the 2025 and 2026 Lacrosse season. The attached document covers what would be included in the request to the NFHS. **Effective Start Date:** 2025 season

11. Boys/Girls Outdoor Track - establish third class starting in 2025: **MHAL – No | OCIAA - No**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Outdoor Track Committees are seeking approval to establish a third class starting in 2025. **Effective Start Date:** Spring 2025

12. Baseball- Adopt The NFHS Suggested Speep Up Rule: **MHAL – Yes | OCIAA - Yes**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee is seeking approval to adopt the NFHS suggested speed up rule permitting courtesy runners as written in the NFHS rule book. **Effective Start Date:** March 2024

Rationale: Implementing this rule would allow courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher, thus resulting in games moving along faster instead of waiting for a catcher to dress equipment and delay the start of warm ups.

13. Flag Football - Adopt Flag Belt Requirements: **MHAL – Yes | OCIAA - Yes**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee is recommending adding the following language to the NYSPHSAA Flag Football Rules regarding the flag belts.

- The "pop" type flag belts will be used by all schools.
- All flag belts will have a minimum of two flags on the belt.



14. Flag Football-Adopt Classification Cut-Off Numbers: **MHAL – Yes | OCIAA – Yes**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee is recommending the following cut-off numbers for the Spring 2024 season: Div. 1: 788 and Up | Div. 2: 787 and down

Effective Start Date: Spring 2024

15. Flag Football-Adopt Regional Rotation For 2024: **MHAL – Yes | OCIAA – Yes**

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee is recommending the following Regional Rotations for the 2024 season.

Region 1: DI/D2 Section 11 vs Section 8

Region 2: DI/D2 Section 9 vs Section 1

Region 3: DI/D2 Section 5 vs Section 6

Region 4: DI Section 3 vs Section 4 winner Section 2

D2 Section 3 vs Section 4 winner Section 7 (hosted by Section 2)

Effective Start Date: Spring 2024



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

2024-2025

Proposed Budget

EXPENDITURES:

SALARIES:

Section IX Executive Director	\$ 44,769.00
Section IX Officials Negotiator /	\$ 62,654.00
MHAL Coordinator	
Section IX Secretary/Asst. Treasurer	\$ 37,574.00
Section IX Treasurer/Asst. Secretary	\$ 22,068.00
Section IX Eligibility Chairperson	\$ 6,523.00
Social Security/Comp/Unemployment	\$ 11,488.00
Total	\$ 185,076.00

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
Total	\$ 78,048.00

Boys Sport Programs	\$ 138,200.00
Girls Sport Programs	\$ 126,000.00
Insurance	\$ 19,976.00
NYSAAA/NJAAA Dues	\$ 7,040.00
Total	291,216.00

SPORT	BOYS	GIRLS
Baseball	\$ 8,400.00	
Basketball	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
Bowling	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
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	\$ 5,000.00
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		\$ 8,400.00
Skiing Alpine	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Skiing Nordic	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Soccer	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 10,800.00
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	\$ 7,000.00
Volleyball		\$ 10,800.00

Expenditure Total	\$ 554,340.00	Total	\$ 138,200.00	\$ 126,000.00
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INCOME:

Section IX Dues \$265.(per varsity team) x 901 teams	\$ 238,765.00
Section IX Gate Revenue, Spalding Contract, and Sponsors	\$ 288,559.00
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
Total Income	\$ 554,340.00

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%
	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%
	2023-2024	2024-2025			
Dues Charge per varsity team	\$260.00 +15%	\$265.00 +1.9%			
Insurance Charge per District	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%			
NYSAAA-NIAA Dues Charge per District	\$160.00 0.0%	\$160.00 0.0%			

SECTION IX SPORTS
2024-2025 DUES

SCHOOL: _____

CLASS: _____

Girls

Basketball	_____
Bowling	_____
Cheerleading (Competitive)	_____
Cheerleading (Game Day)	_____
Cross Country	_____
Field Hockey	_____
Flag Football	_____
Golf	_____
Gymnastics	_____
Lacrosse	_____
Skiing, Alpine	_____
Skiing, Nordic	_____
Soccer	_____
Softball	_____
Swimming	_____
Tennis	_____
Track, Indoor	_____
Track, Outdoor	_____
Volleyball	_____
Wrestling	_____

Boys

Baseball	_____
Basketball	_____
Bowling	_____
Cross Country	_____
Football	_____
Golf	_____
Ice Hockey	_____
Lacrosse	_____
Skiing, Alpine	_____
Skiing, Nordic	_____
Soccer	_____
Swimming	_____
Tennis	_____
Track, Indoor	_____
Track, Outdoor	_____
Wrestling	_____
Unified Basketball	_____
Unified Bowling	_____

Superintendent's Signature: _____

Athletic Director's Signature: _____

SHARE: \$265. per varsity sport

NUMBER OF SPORTS:

2024-2025 DUES:	\$ _____
2024-2025 NYSAAA DUES:	\$ 160.00
2024-2025 INSURANCE:	\$ 454.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Return all forms to:

Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer
P.O. Box 656
Goshen, New York 10924

PLEASE KEEP ONE COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS; RETURN ONE COPY BY THE DUE DATE OF FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2024. THANK YOU.

Your School District will be billed.

Section IX Dues not paid by September 1, 2024, will incur a 10% penalty.

Section IX Dues not paid by October 1, 2024, will result in INELIGIBILITY for Section IX Tournaments of that school district's athletic teams.



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Regional Gate List

School: _____
Superintendent: _____
Principal: _____
Athletic Director: _____
Sport: _____

Gate List

(List reserved for supervisors, chaperones, and school personnel)
All names listed must show Photo ID at the gate

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

***Completed forms should be sent to the Sport Chair and/or host site.

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Web site: <http://www.section9sports.org>

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – January 31, 2024



Combining of Teams Subrule for K-8 Districts

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

Presenter:

Sarah Hadden, Superintendent GWL

Proposal:

(Separate subrule for Combining of Teams for K-8 Districts only)

Districts that serve only grades K-8 are able to create multiple, separate modified teams in a sport with each of the Districts they contract with for high school.

Effective Start Date:

07/01/2024

Rationale:

Currently, under combining of teams, districts can only combine to form one team. In the case of Greenwood Lake UFSD, we contract with two districts for high school. We would like the opportunity for our athletes to participate with the school, for modified sports, that they would be attending for high school. This will afford our students equal opportunity as compared to their counterparts in other districts. It will also allow them to play alongside their peers that they will be playing with throughout high school.

Adding this language simply allows districts this option. Individual districts maintain the choice and decision to participate or host another district's students. K-8 districts enter into contract with those schools they attend for high school. Within those contracts, or separately, districts could require a student-athlete to make their formal commitment to that school if participating on a combined team.

Additionally, as with all combining of team considerations,

this would be for sports not offered in one district, or where numbers don't support fielding a full team in a sport previously offered.

Proposal Originated:

Section IX, OCIAA

Budgetary Impact:

No budget impact to NYSPHAA

Notes:

Notes

Attachments:

List any attachments

DATE REVISED: INSERT DATE HERE (Month, Day, Year)

Section IX Athletics

Gregory P. Ransom, Executive Director

Patti Archiere:

The Section IX Cheerleading Committee met and would like to make the following recommendation for the 2023-2024 Season:

With regard to the New York Competitive Cheerleading Requirements, we the Committee would recommend that we do NOT implement the 3-point deduction, for Class Size Violation with either the minimum or maximum number of stunt groups or participants during the season Invitationals for all programs (Varsity, JV and Modified). The rationale is to provide the opportunity for all athletes to participate in the sport (some Teams are struggling to get 8 athletes and others may have more than the maximum that they would like to put on the mat to get the competition experience). The Class Size Violation will be implemented at the Section IX Championship. All Teams moving on to the NYSPHSAA Championship also must meet the Classification requirements.

**New York State Public High School Athletic Association
OUTSIDE AGENCY Approval Application**

(for use in events involving New York State schools only - for interstate events use Sanctioning Application)
NYSPHSAA ELIGIBILITY STANDARD

18. OUTSIDE AGENCIES: Cooperation is permitted with any organization, college, or university which may offer encouragement and/or the use of facilities for competition. An application for approval is to be submitted to the Section Athletic Council. Approval may be given if these conditions are satisfied:

1. A school, league, section or the Association must cosponsor the activity.
2. Secondary school personnel shall be responsible for planning and for conducting the activity.
3. The contest shall be developed with due regard for health and safety standards as set forth by the NYS Commissioner of Education Regulations, and policies and standards of the NYSPHSAA, Inc.
4. Insurance shall be provided which will protect the participants in case of injury and the organization or institution against liability.
5. The philosophy and standards which are to be followed shall be consistent with those listed in the most current NYSPHSAA, Inc. HANDBOOK.
6. Financial arrangements are to be clearly specified in the application for approval.

To be completed by host member high school (complete ALL items)

APPLICATION DATE 11/20/23 SECTION (Section 1-11) 9 DATE OF EVENT Feb. 3, 2024

HOST HIGH SCHOOL (or LEAGUE) RESPONSIBLE FOR EVENT Sparken Kill UFSO

HOST HIGH SCHOOL (or LEAGUE) RESPONSIBLE PERSON Marco Lanzoni

print name, phone numbers & email address of person responsible for this event

EVENT NAME Officials vs. Cancer

SPORT Boys Basketball
name the sport and specify Boys or Girls

VENUE Dutchess Community College
location of event

EVENT CO-SPONSOR IAABO Board 114 12 Regency Dr. Poughkeepsie 12601
name of organization address city state zip

CO-SPONSOR CONTACT Mark Hurley Committee Chair
print name title
mjhurley1@gmail.com 845.742.4120
email address phone numbers: work cell

PROVIDER of INSURANCE for EVENT* Borden Perlman Ewing Township NJ 08628
name & address of agency providing insurance

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: On the attached form list entry fees, admission fees, sponsorship monies, expenses and the distribution of profits if any.
REQUIRED SIGNATURES OF APPLYING SCHOOL: Execution of this form constitutes an agreement by the administrators of the host school to assume oversight responsibility for the event and to be present on site at the event, either in person or by a designee.

SUPERINTENDENT PF 11/28/23
name date
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Steven Malkischer 11/28/23
name date
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR Marco Lanzoni 11/28/23
name date

Provide a list of all participating high schools on the reverse side of application form.

FOR SECTION ATHLETIC OFFICE USE ONLY

Signature of Section Director _____ Section # _____ Date _____

***Insurance Certificate must be attached naming Section as additional insured.**

List ALL Participating High Schools
New York schools only

FDR

Cornwall

Poughkeepsie

Mahopac

Red Hook

Beacon

Wallkill

New Paltz

Haldane

Spackenkill

PROPOSED BUDGET
Co-Sponsored Events (Outside Agencies)
Submit with application form.

Name of Co-sponsored Event: Officials vs Cancer Date of Event 2/3/24

Estimated Income:

Gate Receipts \$ 2500

Sponsors \$ 10,000

Entry Fees \$ _____

Miscellaneous \$ 3500

(itemize misc.) _____

Estimated Expenditures:

Total Income

\$ 16500.00

Awards \$ 200

Equipment/Supplies \$ 4900

Facilities \$ 1000

Officials \$ _____

Personnel \$ 350

Programs \$ 50

Security \$ _____

Miscellaneous \$ _____

(itemize misc.) _____

Total Expenses

\$ 6500.00

(proposed income minus proposed expenses) Proposed Net Profit

\$ 9500

Charitable or educational programs net profit to be donated to: American
Cancer Society

REVIEW/REPORT ON GIRLS AND BOYS TEAM TENNIS

As Section IX Boys & Girls Tennis Coordinator for the past 15 years, I would like to submit a Review/Report on Girls and Boys Team Tennis which was introduced in Fall 2021 and added to the regular league Tennis season in addition to the Individual event.

BRIEF OVERVIEW:

Team Tennis consists of four Regions. Section IX is a part of the Eastern Region and is the only region that consists of three Sections which include Sections I and IV. All other regions consist of only two sections.

Based on my experience conducting multiple Team Tennis events for the past two years, I would like to make a recommendation to Section IX to '**rethink**' the addition of Team Tennis to the regular season based on the following observations and challenges:

OCIAA INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE COMPETITION IS COMPROMISED:

Prior to the addition of Team Tennis in Fall 2021, each school played their OCIAA Division

opponents twice – home and away. They were also able to schedule additional matches to their schedule playing across other Divisions for purposes of practice and competition. The addition of Team Tennis has caused serious time constraints to the OCIAA Tennis season which has resulted in schools playing their opponents only once during the season. This has raised concerns of unfairness amongst coaches who feel each school should have the opportunity to play their opponent twice – home and away.

The OCIAA league season now ends 7-10 days earlier in order to accommodate Team Tennis contests.

I have discussed this change of format with Chris Mayo at OCIAA and requested reverting back to the previous format of each school playing their opponents twice, home and away. However, Chris is unable to accommodate the request due to the addition of four Team Tennis events along with Individual events.

TIME CONSTRAINTS; WEATHER RELATED POSTPONEMENTS/LAST MINUTE SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Despite the addition of Team Tennis events, the time frame and length of both Girls and Boys seasons remain the same as in the past. However, we now have an addition of four post season Team Tennis contests which requires us to coordinate dates, time and venue with MHAL, Section I and IV so we can move forward to ensure contests are completed on time. Also the fact that Eastern Region has three sections which entails an additional contest. On many occasions, several contests are played on consecutive days due to weather related postponements, inability to reschedule dates, conflicting dates and venue availability which have caused the most inconvenience to all parties concerned. Moreover, playing matches frequently on consecutive days does not bode well for our student athletes both physically and mentally, especially for an individual sport.

Listed below are Team Tennis contests qualified teams must participate in:

TEAM TENNIS CONTESTS PLAYED POST SEASON:

1-Playoff between top team in OCIAA Division 1 and 2 to decide who will represent OCIAA in Division 1:

This event takes place at the conclusion of the regular OCIAA league season. Team Tennis contests are represented by a Division 1 and Division 2 Team.

2- Section IX Team Tennis- OCIAA vs MHAL

3- NYSPHSAA Sub-Regional Team Tennis – Section IX vs Section IV or Section IX

5- NYSPHSAA State Championships

INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS:

- 1 – OCIAA Tournament conducted for three days followed by;
- 2 – Section IX Tournament conducted for two days followed by;
- 3 - NYSPHSAA State Championships conducted for three days.

STUDENTS MISSING SCHOOL:

This past fall, student athletes who qualified for TT, OCIAA, Section IX and NYSPHSAA individual competition, missed approximately 7 days of school.

RECENT CHANGES IN TEAM TENNIS LINE UP FORMAT FOR DIVISIONS 1 AND 2

The OCIAA and MHAL regular league season line up format is:

OCIAA: four Singles and three Doubles.

MHAL: three Singles and two Doubles

TEAM TENNIS LINE UP FORMAT FOR GIRLS AND BOYS:

Division 1: Three Singles and Four Doubles

Division 2: Two Singles and Three Doubles

Team Tennis does not follow the line up format for matches used for the regular OCIAA and MHAL League season. This has caused confusion among coaches.

MHAL schools, across the board, play three singles and two doubles matches during the regular league season. Team Tennis format requires **four additional players (total of 11 players)** to be added on for Division 1 and **one additional player (total of 8 players)** to be added to Division 2.

MHAL coaches, especially from Division 1 have mentioned the challenge of fielding four extra players for Team Tennis matches. Some of them do not have 11 players on their Teams.

OCIAA schools, across the board, play four singles and three doubles line up format during the regular season. Team Tennis format requires one additional player on the team.

CONCLUSION:

The concept of Team Tennis for Girls and Boys is excellent and similar to Individual Tennis, which greatly contributes to, among other things, team spirit, camaraderie, social skills and friendships that last a lifetime. Unfortunately, due to a variety of challenges mentioned above especially time constraints, line up format changes between the Individual league season and Team Tennis format, Section IX needs to seriously **‘rethink’** the addition of Team Tennis to the regular OCIAA/Section IX Girls and Boys seasons.

Respectfully submitted,

Urvashi Gupta
Section IX Co-Cordinator

Final Report for 2023 Girls Soccer.

Post Section Report.

Class AAA Monroe Woodbury defeated Arlington in the Regional contest. They advanced to the State Semi-Final and defeated Fairport to advance to the State Final. They were defeated by Ward Melville in the Championship game.

Class AA Valley Central was defeated by Somers in the Regional Game.

Class A Our Lady of Lourdes was defeated by Rye in the Regional Game.

Class B James I O'Neill defeated Briarcliff in a Sub-Regional contest to move on to the Regional Game where they were defeated by Babylon and were declared the Regional Finalist.

Class C Mount Academy defeated North Salem in the Regional Championship Game. They advanced to the State Semi-Final where they defeated Saquoit Valley. In the Championship Game Mount Academy tied with Waterford-Half to be declared CO-Champions.

Class D Livingston Manor was defeated by Fort Ann in the Regional Final.

Thank you, Wallkill High School for hosting our Regional Tournament.
Section 9 hosted the Regional Finals for Class AAA, AA, A.

Award winners at the State Tournament.

The Sportsmanship Awards.

Kayla Page from Mount Academy.

Amanda Piazza from Monroe Woodbury.

The Most Valuable Player Awards.

Kayley Huleatt from Mount Academy.

Faith Zollo from Monroe Woodbury.

The two officials from Section 9 were.

Mark A. Mahoney Mid-Hudson Soccer Officials Association.

Rob Miller Mid-Hudson Soccer Officials Association.

Both officials were chosen to be middle officials for Championship Games.

Thanks,

Diane