



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

In Person @ Orange Ulster BOCES

Carl Onken Conference Center

Conference Room B/C

9:30 am

1. Call to Order- Greg Ransom
2. Review of Meeting Materials
3. Approval of September 7, 2023 Minutes
4. Financial Report- Linda Trapani
5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- Roberta Greene and David Coates
 - a. See attached NYSPHSAA Items for October NYSPHSAA Meeting
 - b. Requested changes for 2023-2024 Wrestling Season
6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas
7. Combining of Teams- Tim Bult and Frank Alfonso
8. Fall Chair Reports:
 - a. Cross-Country
 - b. Field Hockey
 - c. Football
 - d. Game Day Cheer
 - e. Girls Soccer
 - f. Boys Soccer
 - g. Girls Swimming
 - h. Girls Tennis
 - i. Volleyball
9. Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports
 - b. Safety
 - c. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
 - d. Eligibility
 - e. Officials Coordinator
 - f. Sportsmanship
 - g. Unified Sports
 - h. NYSAAA
10. Old Business
11. New Business
 - a. Resignation of Rich Silverstein as Girls Football Co-Chairperson
 - b. Appointment of Greg Sirico as Girls Football Chairperson
12. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Jim Glover / Joe Cahill

Deb Beam

Dave Coates / Tom Casatta

Kelly Hall

Diane Wanser

Pete Ferguson / Tony Martelli

Chris Sammons

Urvashi Gupta / Matt Hayden

Steve Boucher

Greg Warren / Suzanne Lendzian

Janet Carey

Suzanne Lendzian

Tom Cassata

Dennis Burkett

Adam Kless

Rich Silverstein

Christian Hodge

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Zoom Meeting @ 9:30 am

Section IX Athletic Council, Inc.
Reconciliation Summary
Orange County Trust Company, Period Ending 08/31/2023

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Aug 31, 23</u> |
| Beginning Balance | 179,491.31 |
| Cleared Transactions | |
| Checks and Payments - 15 items | -20,955.68 |
| Deposits and Credits - 28 items | <u>127,397.51</u> |
| Total Cleared Transactions | <u>106,441.83</u> |
| Cleared Balance | <u><u>285,933.14</u></u> |
| Uncleared Transactions | |
| Checks and Payments - 23 items | -16,683.19 |
| Deposits and Credits - 6 items | <u>16,888.77</u> |
| Total Uncleared Transactions | <u>205.58</u> |
| Register Balance as of 08/31/2023 | <u><u>286,138.72</u></u> |
| New Transactions | |
| Checks and Payments - 4 items | -8,151.82 |
| Deposits and Credits - 1 item | <u>10.00</u> |
| Total New Transactions | <u>-8,141.82</u> |
| Ending Balance | <u><u>277,996.90</u></u> |



NYSPHSAA Voting Items for October State Meeting

- Consider approval of the following change to the combining of teams formula for all sports.
 - Class D- 40%
 - Class C- 50%
- Consider approval to add a third class/division for individual sports at 601 or above to the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy.
- Consider approval to add a criteria for a fifth class/division for team/individual sports at 601 or above to the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy.
- Consider approval of changes to the scoring and deduction sheets for Game Day and Competitive Cheerleading.
- Consider approval for NYSPHSAA girls to wrestle freestyle.
- Consider approval to retract the 1 lb. allowance for the Boys Dual Meet Championship if a girl participates in both the Girls Invitational and the Boys Dual Meet Championship.
- Consider approval of the following rule changes to girls wrestling to help transition to freestyle.
 1. Each period would begin in the neutral position.
 2. Out of Bounds - would be brought back to the center in the neutral position.
- Consider approval to conduct a NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling State Championship on Week #33 as a standalone event or Week #34 in conjunction with the NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Individual State Championship.
- Consider approval of updates to the state standards for the first non-qualifier to advance to the NYSPHSAA Indoor Track State Championships.
- Consider approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 with six (6) classes starting in 2024 in the sport of Girls Basketball.
- Consider approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024-28 with six (6) classes starting in March 2024 in the sport of Boys Basketball.
- Consider approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 with six (6) classes starting in 2024 in the sport of Softball.
- Consider approval to compete the Division 1 team tournament as a 3-4 format (3 singles and 4 doubles) for the team tennis championships beginning in the Spring 2024 for a two-year pilot (2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year).
- Consider approval to compete the Division 2 team tournament as a 2-3 format (2 singles and 3 doubles) for the team tennis championships beginning in the spring of 2024 for a two-year pilot (2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year).



- Consider approval to seed the state tournament final four teams in each of the divisions (Division 1 and Division 2) using strength of team criteria via Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) system.
 - Consider approval to allow each girls flag football team to have two timeouts per half (timeouts would not carryover).
 - Consider approval of the following situations being added to the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football rules to stop the clock during the running clock period of the games;
 1. Administration of a penalty
 2. Team score
 3. Extra point be an untimed down
 4. Change of possession
 - Consider approval of the following language to be added to the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football rules regarding Punts.
 5. *The receiving team may advance the ball if caught by the receiving team. The play is dead at the point the ball contacts the ground or crosses the out of bounds."*
 - Consider approval of a "Battery Week" to allow pitchers and catchers to start one week earlier than players who do not pitch or catch.
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Combining of Teams – Increase in Percentages

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, Executive Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Combining of Teams Committee is recommending the following change to the combining of team's formula for sports that have 5 or 6 classifications.

Class D – 40%

Class C – 50%

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 school year

Rationale:

The Combining of Teams Committee is trying to address the concern raised by the membership of teams in the lowest tow classifications combining sports and only using a percentage of the smaller school enrollment and then competing against other schools in these classification that are single school teams. BY increasing the percentage of the smaller school, it may force some teams into a higher classification in the 5 and 6 class sports.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Combining of Teams Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Philosophy Committee – Criteria for adding a 3rd Division

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, Executive Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Philosophy Committee is recommending adding the criteria, for Individual sports, of 601 or more teams in the sport then the sport committee could request offering a 3rd Division for the NYSPHSAA State Championship.

Effective Start Date:

2023-2024 school year

Rationale:

Currently the criteria state individual sports that have 301 or more teams can offer 2 divisions at the NYSPHSAA Championships. The new criteria would allow sports that have 601 or more teams to offer 3rd division.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Philosophy Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Currently Track and Field is the only sport that has 601 or more teams.

Attachments:

None

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Philosophy Committee – Criteria for adding a 5th Class

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Philosophy Committee is recommending adding the criteria for Team/Individual sports, of 601 or more teams in the sport then the sport committee could request offering 5 classes for the NYSPHSAA State Championship.

| <u>Number of Varsity Programs</u> | <u>Number of Allowable Championship Classes/Divisions</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 24 – 200 | 1 |
| 201 – 425 | 2 |
| 426 – 500 | 3 |
| 501 – 600 | 4 |
| 601 – above | 5 |

Effective Start Date:

2023-2024 school year

Rationale:

Currently the criteria state individual/team sports that have 501 or more teams can offer 4 classes at the NYSPHSAA Championships. The new criteria would allow sports that have 601 or more teams to offer 5 classes.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Philosophy Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Currently there are not any individual/team sports that have 601 or more teams.

Attachments:

None

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Competitive and Game Day Cheerleading: Changes to Scoring/Deduction Sheets

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Jen Simmons, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee is recommending changes to the scoring and deduction sheets. Please see the attached documents.

Effective Start Date:

2023-2024 School Year

Rationale:

The Committee has completed the two-year cycle for the current scoring and deduction sheets. These changes were recommended in consultation with Varsity staff. These changes will be in effect for the next two school years.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

Scoring Sheets and Explanations of Changes

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Girls Wrestling – Rule Change to Transition to Free Style

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending the following rule changes for girls wrestling.

1. Each period would begin in the neutral position.
2. Out of Bounds – would be brought back to the center in the neutral position.

Effective Start Date:

2023-2024 school year

Rationale:

If NYSPHSAA approves to use the free-style wrestling starting in 2024-2025 then these rules would help athletes and coaches to transition from folk-style to free style. These rules changes would give more opportunities to the female wrestlers to develop the skills and techniques essential to free-style wrestling.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Girls Wrestling – Free Style Wrestling

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending that NYSPHSAA Girls wrestle free style wrestling as opposed to folk style wrestling.

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 school year

Rationale:

The Committee feels that freestyle wrestling is a better form of wrestling for our student athletes. The NCAA currently wrestles free style for the women's program, and this would allow our female athletes a path like the boys who wrestle folkstyle in both High School and College. Many of our female wrestlers participate in freestyle tournaments in the off season. As we move into a state championship this recommendation would help separate the sport of wrestling from the boys and give the female wrestlers their own identity.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

Schools would need to hire coaches that are familiar with free style wrestling.

Notes:

NYSPHSAA would use the USA Wrestling rules for free style rules which are based on the international rules for women's wrestling with safety modifications.

Attachments:

None

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Girls Wrestling – NYSPHSAA State Championship

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending that NYSPHSAA conducts a Girls Wrestling State Championship. The Championship would be conducted in week #33 as a stand alone event or week #34 in conjunction with the Boys Wrestling Individual Championship.

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 school year

Rationale:

The sport of Girls Wrestling currently meets the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy of having at minimum of 4 teams in 6 Sections. We have 4 teams in 7 Sections. NYSPHSAA conducted a Girls Wrestling Invitational in the 2022-2023 season and will conduct a second invitational during the 2023-2024 season. We had over 450 female wrestlers express and interest and ended up with 210 invited wrestlers compete.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

Sections may conduct qualifying tournaments and NYSPHSAA Staff will follow the procedures for the BID process once it is approved by the Executive Committee.

Notes:

The Girls Wrestling Committee is seeking feedback from the Boys Wrestling Committee, the Section Executive Directors, NYSPHSAA Staff and the membership on the week # of the championship.

Attachments:

None

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INDOOR TRACK – REQUEST REVISED QUALIFYING STANDARDS

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Kristin Frazer, NYSPHSAA Boys Indoor Track Coordinator
Dave Hennessey, NYSPHSAA Girls Indoor Track Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys and Girls Indoor Committees are seeking approval of updates to the state standards for the first non-qualifier to advance to the State Championships

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2023-24

Rationale:

Our committee reviews standards and the average 6th place finisher over a 5 year period. The standards vs. the average in the Boys Shotput, Boys High Jump and Boys Weight Throw need to be amended to be in line/equitable with all other standard vs. average ratios in each event.

Proposal Originated:

Boys and Girls Indoor Track Committees at their June 14, 2023 meeting

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The Girls and Boys Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at its June 14, 2023 meeting.

Attachments:

Information regarding standards mentioned above:

Boys Shotput

Current standard: 52'
5 year average 6th place: 51' 1.25"
Proposed Standard for 23-24: 51'

Boys High Jump

Current standard: 6' 4"
5 year average 6th place: 6' 2.25"
Proposed Standard for 23-24: 6' 2"

Boys Weight Throw

Current Standard: 53'
5 year average 6th place: 61' 2"
Proposed Standard for 23-24: 56'

CAC Feedback:

No concerns at the June 21, 2023 CAC meeting

DATE REVISED: June 23, 2023

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GIRLS BASKETBALL – NEW REGIONAL ROTATIONS WITH SIX (6) CLASSES FOR 2024-28

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Tim Lincoln, NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Committee is seeking approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 with six (6) classes starting in 2024.

Effective Start Date:

March 2024

Rationale:

Six (6) classifications have been approved for the sport of girls basketball so it is necessary to revise the regional rotation to reflect the change in programs in some sections. The attached regional rotation schedule outlines the sections that will play to advance to the State Championship.

Proposal Originated:

Girls Basketball Committee on March 16, 2023.

Budget Impact:

Six classes will result in five additional regional contests. The budget impact will be game fees for officials, travel, and host site facility fees associated with playing five additional regional games.

Notes:

Unanimously approved by the Girls Basketball Committee via email on April 18, 2023.

Attachments:

The actual regional rotation for six classes from 2024 through 2028

CAC Feedback:

No concerns at the June 21, 2023 meeting

REVISED DATE: June 23, 2023

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BOYS BASKETBALL – NEW REGIONAL ROTATIONS WITH SIX (6) CLASSES FOR 2024-28

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Bob Mayo, NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Committee is seeking approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024-28 with six (6) classes starting in March 2024.

Effective Start Date:

March 2024

Rationale:

Six (6) classifications have been approved for the sport of boys basketball so it is necessary to revise the regional rotation to reflect the change in programs in some sections. The attached regional rotation schedule outlines the sections that will play to advance to the State Championship.

Proposal Originated:

Boys Basketball Committee in September 2022

Budget Impact:

Six classes will result in five additional regional contests. The budget impact will be game fees for officials, travel, and host site facility fees associated with playing five additional regional games.

Notes:

Unanimously approved by the Boys Basketball Committee at its September 2022 meeting.

Attachments:

The actual regional rotation for six classes from 2024 through 2028

CAC Feedback:

No concerns at the June 21, 2023 meeting

REVISED DATE: June 23, 2023

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SOFTBALL – NEW REGIONAL ROTATIONS WITH SIX (6) CLASSES FOR 2024 AND 2025

****REVISED PROPOSAL FOLLOWING JUNE 21 CAC MEETING****

☐ Action Item

☒ Discussion/Information Item

Presenter:

Jim Wright, NYSPHSAA Softball Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Softball Committee is seeking approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024 and 2025 with six (6) classes starting in June 2024 including the addition of at-large participants from those sections that have a large number of teams per that classification.

Effective Start Date:

June 2024

Rationale:

Six (6) classifications have been approved for the sport of softball so it is necessary to revise the regional rotation to reflect the change in programs in some sections. The attached regional rotation schedule outlines the sections that will play to advance to the State Championship. With many other sports considering filling brackets, softball is a sport that is definite need of a more competitive state tournament. Too many sections with higher numbers in their respective classifications go through an extensive sectional tournament while others have either an automatic, or a much shorter path to States.

Proposal Originated:

Softball Committee in December 2022

Budget Impact:

Six classes will result in five additional regional contests. The budget impact will be game fees for officials, travel, and host site facility fees associated with playing five additional regional games. Additional budget concerns will be to those schools entering the tournament as an at-large participant.

Notes:

Unanimously approved by the Softball Committee via email in June

Attachments:

See groupings and proposed rotation on page 2.

DATE: June 28, 2023

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BOYS TENNIS – MOVE TO 3 SINGLES, 4 DOUBLES (3-4) FORMAT IN DIVISION I TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Quan Huynh, NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys Tennis Committee is seeking approval to compete the Division 1 team tournament as a 3-4 format (3 singles and 4 doubles) for the team tennis championships beginning in the Spring 2024 for a two-year pilot (2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year).

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

This proposal allows an additional player to compete alongside teammates for a team state championship in Division 1. The format also aligns with the girls current format played in the Division 1 team state championship.

Proposal Originated:

Boys Tennis Committee in June 2023

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The Boys Committee voted 7-2-1 in favor of this proposal at its meeting on June 1, 2023.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

No concerns at the June 21, 2023 CAC Meeting

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BOYS TENNIS – MOVE TO 2 SINGLES, 3 DOUBLES (2-3) FORMAT IN DIVISION II TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Quan Huynh, NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys Tennis Committee is seeking approval to compete the Division 2 team tournament as a 2-3 format (2 singles and 3 doubles) for the team tennis championships beginning in the spring of 2024 for a two-year pilot (2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year).

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

This proposal allows an additional player to compete alongside teammates for a team state championship in Division 2.

Proposal Originated:

Boys Tennis Committee in June 2023

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The Boys Committee voted 6-4 in favor of this proposal at its meeting on June 1, 2023.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

No concerns at the June 21, 2023 CAC Meeting

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BOYS/GIRLS TENNIS – ADOPT SEEDING OF TEAM STATE TOURNAMENT FINAL FOUR

☐ 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 seeking approval to seed the state tournament final four teams in each of the divisions (Division 1 and Division 2) using strength of team criteria via Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) system.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2023

Rationale:

The purpose of this proposal allows the greatest opportunity for the two best teams in each division in the state tournament to compete in the championship round. This may also result in less court time needed for the team tennis state tournament.

Proposal Originated:

Boys Tennis Committee on June 1, 2023. The Girls Committee was informed of this discussion and recommendation made by the Boys and was interested in discussing it and also in favor of it.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The Boys Tennis Committee voted 9-1 in favor of this proposal.
The Girls Tennis Committee voted 9-1 in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

No concerns at the June 21, 2023 meeting

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Girls Flag Football – 2 Timeouts per Half

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Committee is recommending that each team be allowed to have two timeouts per half. There would not be carry over of the timeouts.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

The Committee feels allowing each team two timeouts per half will allow teams to adjust and stop the clock in both halves. Currently each team is given 2 timeouts per game.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Girls Flag Football – Stopping Clock during Running Time

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Committee is recommending that the following situations be added to the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football rules to stop the clock during the running clock period of the games.

1. Administration of a penalty
2. Team score
3. Extra point be an untimed down
4. Change of possession

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

In the pilot year the game was conducted with a stop clock following NFHS rules. This past season the game was conducted with a running clock except for the last 2 minutes of each half. The committee felt that games were completed in a short amount of time and the opportunity for the team to comeback was limited due to the running clock. By adding these situations to stop the clock this would lengthen the game and allow teams the opportunity to come back when down.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Girls Flag Football – Live Punts

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Committee is recommending the following language be added to the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football rules regarding Punts.

5. The receiving team may advance the ball if caught by the receiving team. The play is dead at the point the ball contacts the ground or crosses the out of bounds”.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

This past season the punt was a dead play and the offense was allowed to have a free kick. The Committee feels this play should be live if the receiving team catches the ball in the air before it hits the ground.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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BASEBALL – IMPLEMENT BATTERY WEEK (PITCHERS/CATCHERS) STARTING IN 2024

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Baseball State Committee is seeking approval of a "Battery Week" to allow pitchers and catchers to start one week earlier than players who do not pitch or catch. All Battery Week players would still be required to practice for 10 days before the first contest. Other components to this proposal:

1. All non-pitchers and non-catchers will start on the approved NYSPHSAA established start date for all spring sports and will be required to practice for 6 days before the first contest.
2. Rules and restrictions during Battery Week:
 - a. Only pitchers and catchers will be permitted during Battery Week and these practices will only count for pitchers and catchers.
 - b. No pitching to live batters.
 - c. No batting practice permitted during Battery Week for any player during this period.
 - d. Fielding, throwing, and conditioning workouts, along with position-specific skill work for pitchers and catchers are ONLY permitted during Battery Week approved practices.
 - e. No team practices are permitted during Battery Week.
 - f. Battery Week practices will follow all NYSPHSAA practice guidelines.

PRACTICE SESSIONS:

- Only one practice session per day.
- No student may be permitted to practice on 7 consecutive days during Battery Week.
- Only six days of Battery Week may be counted towards the 10 total practice sessions required for pitchers and catchers.
- All required practice sessions shall be organized and planned for a reasonable length of time and shall include vigorous activity specific to the sport for the purpose of improving the physical condition of the players attending.
- Any "late addition" pitcher who does not attend Battery Week is required to fulfill the 10-day practice rule before pitching in a contest.

Effective Start Date:

DATE REVISED: June 27, 2023

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Spring, 2024

Rationale:

Pitcher arm health and safety is the main priority in this proposal. By providing these additional days of practice, pitchers will be more prepared to pitch in preseason scrimmages.

The current 10-day practice rule for baseball limits the opportunity for programs to schedule scrimmages prior to the regular season game start date. Scrimmages are vital team assessment and preparation opportunities that this proposal seeks to nurture while still adhering to the 10-day practice rule for pitchers and catchers.

- This will allow flexibility for scheduling scrimmages.
- Baseball will now have the same start date for scrimmages as lacrosse, softball and track have.

Proposal Originated:

Sean Burns, Section VIII Baseball Coordinator. The proposal was initially presented to the Baseball State Committee in January 2023 and was returned to the sections for input. Section VIII unanimously voted to bring this forward at the next NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting and did so on May 3, 2023 as a Sectional Concern. The proposal was sent back to the Baseball State Committee for consideration on June 9, 2023. A motion, second and unanimous vote to support this proposal was filed by the Baseball Committee during that meeting with all coordinators present.

Budget Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

SECTION 9 DUALS:

CURRENT YEAR SECTION 9 TOURNAMENT- SPECIFICS continued:

B. SEEDING AND DEVELOPMENT OF BRACKETS:

The week weight certifications end all teams that wish to participate will submit their best anticipated January lineup by weight (assuming the +2-pound weight allowance has gone into effect). The weight certifications will determine the lowest weight class each wrestler can compete at. Coaches will also note any weight classes they will not be able to fill.

-Once received the Section Chairman and/or Asst. Chairman will assign point values to the submitted lineups as follows: Based on prior year Sectional place: 6 pts for 1st or 2nd place, 5 pts for 3rd place, 4 pts for 4th place, 3 pts for 5th or 6th place. Each returning non-placer who was seeded will earn 2 pts. Each returning non-placer who was "line-seeded" will earn 1 pt. Projected forfeits will cause a -6 point deduction. Total points per team will be tallied and used as the teams seeding point value.

-Should any teams have the same total points, # of points earned in the prior year sectional tournament will be used as the tie breaker.

-An adjustment factor is used when teams change Divisions from one year to the next as follows:

Moving from D1 to D2: Multiply point value by 1.25

Moving from D2 to D1: Multiply point value by 0.60

14-D1 Teams and 8-D2 Teams are placed on the bracket using the following guidelines:

-The NUMBER OF SEEDING PTS (based on the above formula) will determine the seeds.

-The top 2 seeded D1 teams will all earn any BYEs needed to fill the bracket.

-The top 6 teams with the most points will be entered on the bracket sheet as the #1-#6 seeds.

Remaining teams will then be entered as the next available seeds, however any time two teams from the same league that are ranked #7 or lower end up meeting each other, the lower of the two seeds will be switched with the seed below them, so as to avoid two teams from the same league meeting in the first round.

-There are no wrestlebacks or consolation matches in this tournament, the winner must beat all.

-This will be the **initial draft bracket** and will be distributed **Thanksgiving weekend**.

-The **final bracket** will be distributed the **Sunday prior to the return from Christmas break**.

Changes to the draft bracket could occur if **transfers not originally accounted for become known, math errors in applying the point formula are discovered, if teams become aware they cannot fill the required number of weight classes or if Head to Heads have occurred**.

Any team that defeated a top 6 seeded team in a dual meet prior to Christmas break will be able to jump that seeded team, unless they are blocked by a team in-between them who beat them head-to-head, in which case they would move up to the block. (This mirrors the procedure for seeding used in our individual tournament and those procedures will be used to determine the final seeds).

Should more than the allotted number of teams by division apply, they will be wait-listed. Once a bracket becomes official, if a D1 team scratches, the D1 bracket will not be re-done, the team scheduled to wrestle the scratched team will advance by forfeit. In D1: the wait-listed team will move into the bracket as the 15th seed- on the Bye line and wrestle the #2 seed. If a D2 seeded team scratches, a wait-listed team can be added. The D2 bracket will be redrawn. No changes will be made to the D2 bracket after the Tuesday prior (**1/2/24**). Scratches after that point will become Forfeits.

With consent of both Athletic Directors, teams may count their match in the Section 9 Duals as their league match. This gives more flexibility in scheduling opponents you are not originally scheduled to wrestle.

SECTION 9 DUALS:

CURRENT YEAR SECTION 9 TOURNAMENT- SPECIFICS continued:

C. DETERMINING OUR AT-LARGE ENTRY FOR NYS DUALS:

Each section can determine the way they will determine their entry and At-Large bid for the NYS Duals. The S9 Duals Champ will represent S9 at the NYS Duals.

The runner-up team shall be the team allowed to submit the At-Large bid with the following exception: Any team whose NYS At-Large bid form has a higher point value than the runner-up team shall replace the runner-up team as our At-Large bid entry, so long as they were not defeated by the runner-up team at any time during the season or during the S9 Dual Meet tournament. The NYS Duals At-Large bid form must be submitted by **Wed 1/17/24**.

INDOOR TRACK – REQUEST ADDING A SECOND DIVISION FOR RELAYS ONLY

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| | Action Item |
| <u>X</u> | Discussion Item |
| | Informational Item |

Presenter:

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Bob Wallen, NYSPHSAA Girls Indoor Track Coordinator

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

Rationale:

Our committee discussed the difficulty of schools that would be considered Division 2 by enrollment numbers (under 600 students) to have a relay team qualify for the State meet due to the Indoor Track and Field State Championships utilizing only one division. The Committee felt strongly that Track and Field is an individual sport and would like to remain one division for individual events, but felt that relay events requiring more individuals is more difficult with less student athletes to draw from. Our committee brought this idea back to their Sections and the response from the Sections was overwhelmingly in favor.

Proposal Originated:

Boys and Girls Indoor Track Committees at their June 14, 2023 meeting

Budgetary Impact:

Sections will have an increased cost including transportation, lodging and meals for additional athletes (6 additional relay teams-3 Girls, 3 Boys). NYSPHSAA may have additional facility rental costs depending on how much additional time is needed in the venue to conduct Division 2 relays. NYSPHSAA will also incur an additional cost for awards and champion t-shirts for the Division 2 relay winners.

Notes:

The Girls and Boys Committee voted in favor of this proposal at its August 29, 2023 meeting. The Girls Committee was in favor by a 7-1 vote and the Boys Committee was in favor by a 6-1 vote. Of note, both "No" votes were based on concerns of limited facilities in their respective Section.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

After September 27 meeting