



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Zoom Meeting at 9:30 am

1. Call to Order - Greg Ransom
2. BSN – Greg Fall
3. Review of Meeting Materials
4. Approval of January 4, 2024, Minutes
5. Financial Report - Linda Trapani
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives - Roberta Greene and David Coates
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas
8. Combining of Teams - Tim Bult and Frank Alfonso
9. 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
10. 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
11. Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Greg Warren / Suzanne Lendzian
 - b. Safety Janet Carey
 - c. Student Athlete Advisory Committee Suzanne Lendzian
 - d. Eligibility Tom Cassata
 - e. Officials Coordinator Dennis Burkett
 - f. Sportsmanship Adam Kless
 - g. Unified Sports Rich Silverstein
 - h. NYSAAA Christian Hodge
12. Old Business
 - a. Section IX Team Tennis
13. New Business
 - a. Field Hockey Senior All-Star Contest
 - b. Girls & Boys Soccer All-Star Contest
 - c. 2024-2025 Meeting Dates/Sites
14. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Orange-Ulster BOCES, 9:30 am

Section IX Athletic Council, Inc.
Reconciliation Summary
Orange County Trust Company, Period Ending 01/31/2024

	Jan 31, 24
Beginning Balance	239,772.60
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 37 items	-49,675.52
Deposits and Credits - 38 items	38,239.62
Total Cleared Transactions	-11,435.90
Cleared Balance	228,336.70
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 32 items	-16,220.95
Deposits and Credits - 6 items	16,888.77
Total Uncleared Transactions	667.82
Register Balance as of 01/31/2024	229,004.52
New Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 3 items	-314.14
Total New Transactions	-314.14
Ending Balance	228,690.38



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**NYSPHSAA Highlights
Executive Committee Meeting**

Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director

- **Anyone Can Save A Life – Starts in the Fall 2024**
All Interscholastic Teams are required to complete the Program within the first two Weeks of the Season starting with the Fall 2024 Season.
- **Combining of Teams – The graduated scale increases the percentages for the two smallest Classifications from 30% to 40% & 40% to 50%. For clarification, the revised Graduated scale will apply to the two smallest classifications for a sport(i.e. Lacrosse C & D, Basketball Class C & D, Field Hockey Class B & C.**
- **Future Official Start Dates:**
2024 Spring:
Monday, March 11, 2024 (Week #37)
2024- Fall:
Saturday, August 24, 2024 (Week #7) Football
Monday, August 26, 2024 (Week #8)
2024-2025 – Winter:
Monday, November 18, 2024(Week #20)
2025 – Spring:
Monday, March 17, 2025(Week #37)
2025-Fall
Saturday, August 23, 2025(Week #7) Football
Monday, August 25, 2025(Week #8)
2025-2026 – Winter
Monday, November 17, 2025(Week #20)
2026 – Spring
Monday, March 16, 2026(Week #37)

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- **2023-2024 Championship Dates & Sites(attached)**
- **NYSPHSAA Championship 5 year calendar, Fall 2023 thru Spring 2028(attached)**

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- **NFHS Coaches Award**

Wrestling.	Kevin Gallagher.	NFHS – State - Minisink Valley
Girls Basketball	Adam Peek.	NFHS – State – Millbrook
Girls Tennis.	Matt Greevey.	NFHS – State – Cornwall

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- **Scholar Athlete, the Winter Scholar Athlete will open on Monday, January 29, 2024**
The deadline to submit is Monday, March 11, 2024
- **Participation Survey, will be released in early April with a mid-May deadline**
- **NYSPPHSAA Student Leadership Conference:**
Thursday, March 28, 2024 @ the Albany Hilton
- **Sportsmanship Promotion survey will open in early February, the deadline to**
Submit is Monday, April 8, 2024
- **Mental Health Awareness week is April 29 – May 6, 2024**
- **Student – Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)**
Section IX is in need of 1(rising junior-male)

Information and Discussion Items are attached for review by the Section IX Athletic Council and the Leagues.

NYSPPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



(A) Consider approval for a change in the Girls Basketball Officials Fees & Policies starting in the 2023-2024 season. **CARRIED**

(A) Consider approval to add Flag Football to the Officials Fees & Policies starting in the 2023-2024 season. **CARRIED**

Handbook Committee – Pat Pizzarelli

(D) Consider approval to revise the NYSPPHSAA Drone Policy to address law enforcement.

(D) Consider approval to revise the NYSPPHSAA Appeal procedures to address when the committee meets and to clarify the use of video is not permissible.

(D) Consider approval to revise the NYSPPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule to read, “Spectators and/or anyone involved in interscholastic athletics” shall not be permitted to use vulgar/offensive or racially/culturally insensitive language or engage in any racially/culturally insensitive action. NYSPPHSAA Sections may sanction, censure or place schools on probation that fail to address derogatory or inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being for those involved in interscholastic activities.”

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) –Jayda Perry & Aiden Pearl

(D) Consider approval to add a NYSPPHSAA SAAC student to all NYSPPHSAA Standing Committees.

Safety Committee – Todd Nelson

(A) Consider approval to add the use of *My Lightning Tracker App* to the NYSPPHSAA Thunder & Lightning Policy. **CARRIED 17-5**

Modified Committee – Jim Rose

(A) Consider approval of removing language regarding one-arm swings in Boys Lacrosse. **CARRIED 20-2**

(A) Consider approval to remove language prohibiting metal cleats in Softball. **CARRIED**

(A) Consider approval of Cathleen Dnyprowsy as Modified Volleyball Coordinator. **CARRIED**

NYSPHSAA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

General Action Items

- (D) Consider approval for Spring Sports to start on the Monday of Week #36 beginning in 2025. *Joe Altieri,
NYSPHSAA
Assistant Director*
- (D) Consider approval of Guiding Principles for development of Regional Rotations. *Tim Mullins,
NYSPHSAA Vice
President (Chair of
Ad Hoc Committee)*
- (D) Consider approval of revisions to the Hall of Fame Policies and Operating Procedures. *Joe Altieri,
NYSPHSAA
Assistant Director*
- (A) Consider approval to waive the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule to allow Unified athletes to compete in two seasons in the same sport. *Todd Nelson,
NYSPHSAA
Assistant Director*
CARRIED 18-4
- (A) Consider approval of waivers of the Representation Rule for various sections. *Dr. Robert Zayas,
NYSPHSAA
Executive Director*
CARRIED
- (A) Consider approval of Friend & Neighbor and new member schools. *Dr. Robert Zayas,
NYSPHSAA
Executive Director*
CARRIED

Sports Action/Discussion Items

FALL

- (D) Consider approval to allow NYSPHSAA member Football programs to start practice on the Wednesday of Week #7. *Football
Committee*
- (D) Consider approval to modify combined practice requirement in the sport of Football - "F. 11-man football may conduct 11-on-11 drills for a maximum of 10 offensive and 10 defensive plays." *Football
Committee*
- (D) Consider approval to adopt a three-day, bracketed tournament, starting with the 2024 season in Girls Volleyball. *Girls Volleyball
Committee*
- (A) Consider approval of Hudson Valley Community College as the host of the 2024-2026 NYSPHSAA Game Day Cheerleading Championships. *Game Day
Cheerleading
Committee*
CARRIED 20-2
- (A) Consider approval to revise the state tournament format to include all sections in the state tournament and increase the length of competition to two days in the sport of Boys Volleyball. *Boys Volleyball
Committee*
CARRIED

NYSPPHSAA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WINTER

(D) Consider approval for a permanent waiver of the Representation Rule reducing the minimum number of races from six (6) to three (3) in the sport of Skiing. *B/G Skiing Committees*

(D) Consider approval to permit the use of rotating at-large berths when a Division (1,2 or composite) has an odd number of teams competing in the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships. *B/G Bowling Committees*

(D) Consider approval to allow bowlers to compete in both the team and composite state tournament events at section discretion. *B/G Bowling Committees*

(A) Consider approval to adopt a new Regional Rotation and At-Large plan for the Girls Ice Hockey 2024 regional quarterfinals due to Section V announcing their intentions to participate in October. **CARRIED 21-1** *Girls Ice Hockey Committee*

(A) Consider approval of overtime procedures for Girls Ice Hockey. **CARRIED** *Girls Ice Hockey Committee*

(A) Consider approval to add a second division for the 4 x 200, 4 x 400 and 4 x 800 relays at the State Championships (does not include intersectional relay). **CARRIED 20-2** *Boys/Girls Indoor Track/Field Committees*

(A) Consider approval of Gore Mtn/North Creek (2025), Bristol Mtn/Harriet Hollister (2026) Whiteface Mtn./Mt. Van Hoevenberg (2027) as the hosts of the NYSPHSAA Skiing Championships. **CARRIED** *B/G Skiing Committees*

(A) Consider approval of AMF Strike N' Spare Lanes (Syracuse) as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships. **CARRIED** *B/G Bowling Committees*

(A) Consider approval of Visions Veterans Memorial Arena (Binghamton) as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Championships. **CARRIED 12-10** *Boys Basketball Committee*

SPRING

(D) Consider approval for Softball to adopt NFHS Rules with waivers beginning in the 2025 season. *Softball Committee*

(D) Consider approval of Boys Lacrosse Classification Cut-off numbers for 2025. *Boys Lacrosse Committee*

(D) Consider approval of the USTA National Tennis Center as the host of the Boys & Girls Individual and Team Championships for Fall 2024 - Spring 2028. *Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director & Boys/Girls Tennis Committees*

NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

<p>(A) Consider approval to permit Boys Lacrosse (JV & Varsity) and Girls Lacrosse (Varsity) to request an experiment for a shot clock to the NFHS.</p> <p>CARRIED 20-2</p>	<i>Boys/Girls Lacrosse Committees</i>
<p>(A) Consider approval of establishing a third (3rd) Class in Outdoor Track & Field beginning in Spring 2025.</p> <p>CARRIED 14-8</p>	<i>B/G Outdoor Track & Field Committees</i>
<p>(A) Consider approval to adopt the NFHS suggested speed up rule permitting courtesy runners as written in the NFHS rule book.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	<i>Baseball Committee</i>
<p>(A) Consider approval adding the following language to the NYSPHSAA Flag Football Rules regarding the flag belts.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The “pop” type flag belts will be used by all schools.2. All flag belts will have a minimum of two flags on the belt.	<i>Flag Football Committee</i>
<p>(A) Consider approval of the 2024 Flag Football Classification Cut-Off Numbers.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	<i>Flag Football Committee</i>
<p>(A) Consider approval of the 2024 Flag Football Regional Assignments/Rotations.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	<i>Flag Football Committee</i>
<p>(A) 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).</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	<i>Boys/Girls Tennis Committees</i>
<p>(A) Consider approval of SUNY Cortland as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Championships.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	<i>Girls Lacrosse Committee</i>
<p>(A) Consider approval of Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park (Binghamton) as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Softball Championships.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	<i>Softball Committee</i>
<p>(A) Consider approval of Middletown High School as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse EAST Semifinals.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	<i>Boys Lacrosse Committee</i>
<p>(A) Consider approval of SUNY Cortland as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse WEST Semifinals.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	<i>Boys Lacrosse Committee</i>
<p>(A) Consider approval of Hobart College (Geneva) as the host of the 2025-2027 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Championship Finals.</p> <p>CARRIED 14-8</p>	<i>Boys Lacrosse Committee</i>



2023-2024 NYSPHSAA
Championship Dates & Sites



Fall 2023

Oct 26-28	Girls Tennis	*Sportime, Schenectady (2)
Nov 3	Girls Tennis Team	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (NYC)
Nov 5 (Sunday)	Gameday Cheer	Visions FCU Memorial Arena, Binghamton (IV)
Nov 11	B/G Cross Country	*Vernon-Verona-Sherrill HS (III)
Nov 10-12	Boys Soccer	*Middletown High School, Middletown (IX)
Nov 11-12	Girls Soccer	*SUNY Cortland, Homer HS, Tompkins Cortland CC (III)
Nov 11-12	Field Hockey	*Centereach High School (XI)
Nov 17-18	Girls Swimming/Diving	Webster Aquatic Center (V)
Nov 18	Boys Volleyball	Capital Center, Albany (2)
Nov 18	Federation Cross Country	Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls (1)
Nov 18-19	Girls Volleyball	Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls (2)
Nov 24-25	Football East Semifinals	Middletown High School, Middletown (IX)
Nov 24-25	Football West Semifinals	Cicero North Syracuse High School, Cicero (III)
Dec 2 & 3	Football Finals	JMA Wireless Dome, Syracuse (III)

Winter 2024

Jan 26	Girls Wrestling Invitational	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC, Syracuse, NY (III)
Jan 27	Wrestling Dual Meet	*SRC Arena at Onondaga CC, Syracuse, NY (III)
Feb 16-17	Girls Ice Hockey Regional	Nexus Center, Utica (III)
Feb 23-24	Boys Wrestling Individual	*MVP Arena (2)
Feb 26-27	B/G Skiing	Whiteface Mountain & Mount Van Hoevenburg (7)
March 1-2	Boys Swimming/Diving	*Ithaca College (IV)
March 2	Girls Gymnastics	Clarence High School, Buffalo (VI)
March 2	B/G Indoor Track/Field	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex (NYC)
March 2	Cheerleading	Visions FCU Memorial Arena, Binghamton (IV)
March 8-10	B/G Bowling	*Strike N Spare Lanes, Syracuse (III)
March 9-10	Ice Hockey	LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo (VI)
March 14-17	Girls Basketball	*Hudson Valley CC, Troy (2)
March 14-17	Boys Basketball	*Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls (2)

Spring 2024

May 31-June 2	Boys Tennis	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (NYC)
June 1-2	Flag Football	Cortland High School, Homer High School (3)
June 2-3	Girls Golf	The Edison Club, Rexford (2)
June 2-3	Boys Golf	*Mark Twain Golf Course, Elmira (IV)
June 5	Boys Lacrosse East Semis	*University at Albany, Albany (2)
June 5	Boys Lacrosse West Semis	*SUNY Cortland, Cortland (III)
June 7	Boys Tennis Team	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (NYC)
June 7-8	B/G Track & Field	*Cicero-North Syracuse High School, Cicero (III)
June 7-8	Baseball	Mirabito Stadium, Union Endicott HS, Binghamton Univ (VI)
June 7-8	Girls Lacrosse	SUNY Cortland, Cortland (III)
June 8	Boys Lacrosse Finals	*Hofstra University, Hempstead (VIII)
June 7-8	Softball	*Martha Avenue Recreational Park, Brookhaven (VIII)
June 9	Federation Golf Championships	Bethpage State Park Golf Course

* Tournament was advanced one year due to COVID

Updated 12/20/2023

NYSPHSAA Championships - 5-YEAR CALENDAR - Fall 2023 thru Spring 2028

FALL		FALL 2023	FALL 2024	FALL 2025	FALL 2026	FALL 2027
Girls Tennis (Individual)	Date	October 26-28, 2023	October 31-November 2, 2024	October 30-November 1, 2025	October 29-31, 2026	October 28-30, 2027
	Site	**Sportime, Schenectady	Sportime, Schenectady	Sportime, Schenectady	Sportime, Schenectady	
Girls Tennis (Team)	Date	November 3, 2023	November 8, 2024	November 7, 2025	November 6, 2026	November 5, 2027
	Site	USTA National Tennis Center	Drumlins Tennis Club	Drumlins Tennis Club	Drumlins Tennis Club	
Cheer (Game Day) (state tourney in 2023)	Date	SUNDAY, November 5, 2023	SUNDAY, November 10, 2024	SUNDAY, November 9, 2025	SUNDAY, November 8, 2026	SUNDAY, November 7, 2027
	Site	Visions Veterans Arena				
B/G Cross Country	Date	November 11, 2023	November 16, 2024	November 15, 2025	November 14, 2026	November 13, 2027
	Site	**Vernon Verona Sherrill HS	Queensbury High School	Letchworth State Park	Queensbury High School	
Boys Soccer	Date	November 10-12, 2023	November 15-17, 2024	November 14-16, 2025	November 13-15, 2026	November 12-14, 2027
	Site	Middletown High School	**Middletown High School			
Girls Soccer	Date	November 11-12, 2023	November 16-17, 2024	November 15-16, 2025	November 14-15, 2026	November 13-14, 2027
	Site	**SUNY Cortland, TCS, Homer	Cortland	Cortland	Cortland	
Field Hockey	Date	November 11-12, 2023	November 16-17, 2024	November 15-16, 2025	November 14-15, 2026	November 13-14, 2027
	Site	**Centereach High School	Arlington High School	Arlington High School	Arlington High School	
Girls Swimming & Diving	Date	November 17-18, 2023	November 22-23, 2024	November 21-22, 2025	November 20-21, 2026	November 19-20, 2027
	Site	Webster Aquatic Center	Webster Aquatic Center			
Boys Volleyball	Date	November 18, 2023	November 23, 2024	November 22, 2025	November 21, 2026	November 20, 2027
	Site	Capital Center, Albany	Capital Center, Albany			
Girls Volleyball	Date	November 18-19, 2023	November 23-24, 2024	November 22-23, 2025	November 21-22, 2026	November 20-21, 2027
	Site	Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls	Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls			
Football EAST	Date	November 24-25, 2023	November 29-30, 2024	November 28-29, 2025	November 27-28, 2026	November 26-27, 2027
	Site	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	Middletown High School		
Football WEST	Date	November 24-25, 2023	November 29-30, 2024	November 28-29, 2025	November 27-28, 2026	November 26-27, 2027
(includes 8-man @ west site)	Site	Cicero North Syracuse HS	Vestal High School	Cicero North Syracuse HS		
Football FINALS	Date	December 2 & 3, 2023	December 6-8, 2024	December 5-7, 2025	December 4-6, 2026	December 3-5, 2027
	Site	JMA Wireless Dome	JMA Wireless Dome	JMA Wireless Dome		
WINTER		WINTER 2024	WINTER 2025	WINTER 2026	WINTER 2027	WINTER 2028
Wrestling Girls (Invitational)	Date	January 26, 2024	January 31, 2025	January 30, 2026	January 29, 2027	January 28, 2028
	Site	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC				
Wrestling Dual Meet	Date	January 27, 2024	February 1, 2025	January 31, 2026	January 30, 2027	January 29, 2028
	Site	**SRC Arena at Onondaga CC	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC	
Girls Ice Hockey Regional	Date	February 16-17, 2024	February 21-22, 2025	February 20-21, 2026	February 19-20, 2027	February 18-19, 2028
	Site	Nexus Center, Utica	Nexus Center, Utica	Nexus Center, Utica	Nexus Center, Utica	
Wrestling (Boys)	Date	February 23-24, 2024	February 28 - March 1, 2025	February 27-28, 2026	February 26-27, 2027	February 25-26, 2028
	Site	MVP Arena, Albany	MVP Arena, Albany			
B/G Skiing	Date	February 26-27, 2024	February 24-25, 2025	February 23-24, 2026	February 22-23, 2027	February 28-29, 2028
	Site	Whiteface/Mt. Vanhoeverberg	Gore Mountain/North Creek	Bristol Mtn/Harriet Hollister	Whiteface/Mt. Vanhoeverberg	
Boys Swimming & Diving	Date	March 1-2, 2024	March 7-8, 2025	March 6-7, 2026	March 5-6, 2027	March 4-5, 2028
	Site	**Ithaca College	Ithaca College	Ithaca College	Ithaca College	
Competitive Cheer	Date	March 2, 2024	March 8, 2025	March 7, 2026	March 6, 2027	March 4, 2028
	Site	Visions Veterans Mem Arena	Visions Veterans Mem Arena			
Girls Gymnastics	Date	March 2, 2024	March 1, 2025	February 28, 2026	February 27, 2027	March 4, 2028
	Site	Clarence HS (Kenmore withdrew)				
B/G Indoor Track	Date	March 2, 2024	March 8, 2025	March 7, 2026	March 6, 2027	March 4, 2028
	Site	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex		
B/G Bowling	Date	March 8-10, 2024	March 14-16, 2025	March 13-15, 2026	March 12-14, 2027	March 10-12, 2028
	Site	**Strike N Spare Lanes	Strike N Spare Lanes	Strike N Spare Lanes	Strike N Spare Lanes	
Ice Hockey	Date	March 9-10, 2024	March 15-16, 2025	March 14-15, 2026	March 13-14, 2027	March 11-12, 2028
	Site	LECOM Harborcenter	LECOM Harborcenter	LECOM Harborcenter	LECOM Harborcenter	
Girls Basketball	Date	March 14-17, 2024	March 20-23, 2025	March 19-22, 2026	March 18-21, 2027	March 16-19, 2028
	Site	**Hudson Valley CC	Hudson Valley CC	Hudson Valley CC	Hudson Valley CC	
Boys Basketball	Date	March 14-17, 2024	March 20-23, 2025	March 19-22, 2026	March 18-21, 2027	March 18-21, 2028
	Site	**Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls	Glens Falls or Binghamton	Glens Falls or Binghamton	Glens Falls or Binghamton	
SPRING		SPRING 2024	SPRING 2025	SPRING 2026	SPRING 2027	SPRING 2028
Boys Tennis (Individual)	Date	May 31 - June 2, 2024	June 6-8, 2025	June 5-7, 2026	June 4-6, 2027	June 2-4, 2028
	Site	USTA National Tennis Center				
Flag Football	Date	June 1-2, 2024	June 7-8, 2025	June 6-7, 2026	June 5, 2027	June 3, 2028
	Site	Cortland	Cortland	Cortland		
Boys Golf	Date	June 2-3, 2024	June 8-9, 2025	June 7-8, 2026	June 6-7, 2027	June 4-5, 2028
	Site	**Mark Twain Golf Course				
Girls Golf	Date	June 2-3, 2024	June 8-9, 2025	June 7-8, 2026	June 6-7, 2027	June 4-5, 2028
	Site	The Edison Club	Wild Wood Country Club	Wild Wood Country Club	Wild Wood Country Club	
Boys Lacrosse Semis EAST	Date	June 5, 2024	June 11, 2025	June 10, 2026	June 9, 2027	June 7, 2028
	Site	**UAlbany	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	
Boys Lacrosse Semis WEST	Date	June 5, 2024	June 11, 2025	June 10, 2026	June 9, 2027	June 7, 2028
	Site	**SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	
Boys Lacrosse FINALS	Date	June 8, 2024	June 14, 2025	June 13, 2026	June 12, 2027	June 11, 2028
	Site	**Hofstra University	Hofstra Univ or Hobart WS	Hofstra Univ or Hobart WS	Hofstra Univ or Hobart WS	
Boys Tennis (Team)	Date	June 7, 2024	June 13, 2025	June 12, 2026	June 11, 2027	June 9, 2028
	Site	USTA National Tennis Center				
Girls Lacrosse	Date	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027	June 9-10, 2028
	Site	**SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	
B/G Outdoor Track	Date	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027	June 9-10, 2028
	Site	**Cicero-North Syracuse	**Middletown High School			
Baseball	Date	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027	June 9-10, 2028
	Site	Binghamton	Binghamton	Binghamton		
Softball	Date	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027	June 9-10, 2028
	Site	**Martha Avenue Rec Park	Greenlight Networks GS Park	Greenlight Networks GS Park	Greenlight Networks GS Park	

1/4/2023

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

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



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Items for Review by the Section IX Athletic Council

Information Items:

- Structural Growth and Membership Dues
- NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor Fee

Discussion Items to be Voted upon:

- Football – permanently continued use of the Standby Official at the SemiFinal and Final games as an on-field working Official
- Drone Policy – Law Enforcement
- Appeal Procedure – Protest Committees & use of Video
- Sportsmanship Rule – Clarification
- NYSPHSAA SAAC – Add SAAC student to ALL NYSPHSAA Standing Committees
- Spring Sports – Adopt earlier start date of Monday of Week #36 starting 2025
- Regional Rotation- Guiding Principles
- Hall of Fame Program – Revisions to Procedures
- Football – Request to start practice on Wednesday of Week #7
- Football- Modify the Combined Practice Requirements
- Girls Volleyball- Adopt a Three-Day Tournament for 2024
- Skiing- Waiver for a Permanent Representation Rule 6-3
- Girls/Boys Bowling- Permit use of Rotating At-Large Berths
- Girls/Boys Bowling- Allow Bowlers to compete in both Team & Composite Events 2025
- Girls Ice Hockey- Adopt New Regional Rotation for 2024
- Softball- Adopt NFHS Rules starting in 2025
- Boys Lacrosse- Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2025
- Girls & Boys Tennis- Designate the National Tennis Center as Host of All NYSPHSAA Tennis Events

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – January 31, 2024

Structural Growth & Membership Dues

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

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 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 meeting.

\$1050 + \$1/student over 300

This represents a \$50 increase of the base fee

Additionally, the base fee of NYSPHSAA membership dues will increase \$50 annually beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. The Executive Committee expressed interest in incorporating structural growth of membership dues within the association's budget structure. Schools can now budget a \$50 annual increase. The \$50 annual increase will be included within the NYSPHSAA Budget, which will be voted on at the May Executive Committee meetings. A sample schedule increase is below. The increase will continue until the Budget/Audit Committee proposes a revision based upon membership feedback and input.

2024-2025

\$1050 + \$1/student over 300

2025-2026

\$1100 + \$1/student over 300

2026-2027

\$1150 + \$1/student over 300

2027-2028

\$1200 + \$1/student over 300

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NYSPHSAA Friend & Neighbor Fee

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

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 School year

Details:

The NYSPHSAA Friend & Neighbor fee will be \$500 annually beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. This item will be included within the NYSPHSAA Budget to be voted on at the May Executive Committee meeting.

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CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE/FOOTBALL – Continue Use of Standby Official on the Field for Football State Semifinals and Finals

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Greg Ransom, CAC Chair

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee is seeking approval, at the request of the Football Committee, to permanently continue using the standby official at the semifinal and final games as an on-field working official.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

Prior to the pilot, five working on-field officials and one standby official were being used. The back judge is responsible to cover all down field plays with the line judges supporting them. Today's teams and athletes are producing more and more downfield plays. These downfield plays are becoming more difficult for a back judge to cover alone. The standby official is on the sidelines working with the chain crew and is used if an official is not able to continue due to an injury or illness. Continuing to allow the standby official to be a working on-field official then there could have two back judges on each side of the field which would provide greater coverage for downfield plays and allow the line judges to monitor the line of scrimmage area better.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA CAC following a discussion and recommendation by the Football Committee in December 2023.

Budgetary Impact:

Currently, the standby official is being paid ½ game fee to stand on the sidelines. If he was to become an on-field working official, he would receive a full game fee.

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal.

DATE REVISED: January 12, 2024

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Drone Policy – Law Enforcement

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

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider revising the NYSPHSAA Drone Policy to address law enforcement. Proposed revisions:

"The NYSPHSAA Executive Director has the authority to grant an exception to this policy to ~~law enforcement~~, public safety agencies, NYSPHSAA media partners, or other entities or individuals; the use of drones by law enforcement agencies does not require approval from the NYSPHSAA Executive Director. Any request for an exception to the policy must be submitted to the Executive Director at least a week prior to the event. The exception is limited to the specific event requested and requires the consent of the host venue."

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

Law enforcement agencies work cooperatively with school districts and should not require approval from NYSPHSAA to operate a drone during a high school interscholastic event.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA staff

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee supports this proposal.

Attachments:

Revised Drone Policy



New York State Public High School Athletic Association Drone Policy

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association prohibits the use or possession of unmanned aircraft or aerial systems (UAS), also known as drones, for any purpose by any person or entity at all scrimmages, regular season and post season events.

This prohibition applies to the area above and upon all spectator areas, fields of play, courts, arenas, stadiums, mats, gymnasiums, pools, practice facilities, parking areas and or other property being utilized for the purpose of the interscholastic activity.

If there is a report of UAS activity at an athletic event school, Section and/or State Association officials will, in consultation with the sports officials, suspend the play until such time as the UAS is removed from the area as defined above or the school, Section/ State and sports officials determine it is safe to proceed.

For purposes of this policy, a UAS is any unmanned airborne device or aircraft. The NYSPHSAA, Section and/or Member School reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone operating or attempting to operate a UAS or to request the immediate removal of any person using or attempting to use a UAS in violation of this policy.

The NYSPHSAA Executive Director has the authority to grant an exception to this policy to ~~law enforcement~~, public safety agencies, NYSPHSAA media partners, or other entities or individuals; the use of drones by law enforcement agencies does not require approval from the NYSPHSAA Executive Director. Any request for an exception to the policy must be submitted to the Executive Director at least a week prior to the event. The exception is limited to the specific event requested and requires the consent of the host venue.

Any use granted under this provision must comply with the applicable FAA regulations as well as any and all requirements set forth by NYSPHSAA. News media must have the necessary FAA authorization. Any individuals granted an exception would be required to sign a document acknowledging and agreeing to the terms of use and agreeing to hold the NYSPHSAA and its member schools harmless from damage to persons or property.

**Approved May 5, 2017 (Executive Committee)*

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Appeal Procedure – Protest Committees & Use of Video

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

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider revising the NYSPHSAA Appeal procedures to address when the committee meets and to clarify the use of video is not permissible. Proposed revisions:

"All questions and/or protests as to game/meet rules or as to the conduct of the game or meet shall be heard and decided by the game/meet committee established by that Section or State Sport Championship Committee as the case may be prior to play continuing; and all such decisions shall be final with no right of appeal. In any case, video may not be used to overturn an official's decision unless the rules clearly provide for the use of video (i.e., ice hockey, cheerleading, basketball, etc.)."

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA addressed several situations this fall pertaining to protest committees. NYSPHSAA staff and Sections continue to answer questions pertaining to the use of video to overturn an official's decision. The proposed revisions will help to clarify and emphasize the use of video is not permitted.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA staff

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee supports this proposal.

Attachments:

None

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Sportsmanship Rule – Clarification

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

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider revising the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship rule to read:

"Spectators and/or anyone involved in interscholastic athletics shall not be permitted to use vulgar/offensive or racially/culturally insensitive language or engage in any racially/culturally insensitive action. NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction, censure or place schools on probation that fail to address derogatory or inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being for those involved in interscholastic activities."

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

At the request of the NYSPHSAA DEI Committee, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved the addition of language to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship rule to address the use of vulgar/offensive or racially/culturally insensitive language or engage in any racially/culturally insensitive actions. For clarity, the rule should not only apply to "spectators" as it currently states.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA staff

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee supports this proposal.

Attachments:

None

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NYSPHSAA SAAC – ADD NYSPHSAA SAAC STUDENT TO ALL NYSPHSAA STANDING COMMITTEES

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Jayda Perry, NYSPHSAA SAAC Leader
Aiden Pearl, NYSPHSAA SAAC Leader

Proposal:

Consider approval to add a NYSPHSAA SAAC member to all NYSPHSAA Standing Committees (CAC, Philosophy, Budget/Audit, DEI, Handbook, Modified, Safety, Sportsmanship, SADC).

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

The NYSPHSAA SAAC discussed different ways for the student perspective to be more prevalent in decision making process within NYSPHSAA. After thorough discussion, the committee felt it was important to include the student perspective in the standing committee discussions. It will help students understand the processes and provide a perspective to the adults working on behalf of the student-athletes. Overall, the student perspective is crucial for adults making decisions, as it brings valuable insights, promotes inclusivity, and contributes to the creation of policies and practices that better serve the needs of the student-athlete population.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA SAAC December 3, 2023 Meeting

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA SAAC student selection would be volunteer based. The student would serve in an Ex-Officio capacity to provide a student perspective (non-voting).

Attachments:

List any attachments

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SPRING SPORTS – Adopt Earlier Start Date of Monday of Week #36 Starting in 2025

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Spring Sport Coordinators & State Committees

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Spring Sport Coordinators/Committees are seeking approval to start the Monday of Week #36 beginning in 2025.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

The boys/girls lacrosse and baseball (battery week) committees proposed earlier start dates at the October Executive Committee meeting and the proposals were defeated. It was recommended that all spring sports be canvassed to gauge their interest in a "combination" proposal to start week #36.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Executive Committee in October 2023

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Each Sport Committee met to discuss and vote on this proposal. Results are below:

Baseball – In Favor (10-0)	Boys Lacrosse – In Favor (7-1)
Softball – In Favor (6-4)	Girls Lacrosse – In Favor (6-2)
Boys Golf – In Favor (7-2-1)	Outdoor Track – In Favor (6-4)
Girls Golf – Opposed (0-10)	Boys Tennis – Opposed (2-8)
Flag Football – Opposed (0-8)	

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback

N/A

Date Revised: January 16, 2024

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Feedback:

IN FAVOR:

Baseball (10-0 in favor) – Likes flexibility. Earlier start allows all sections the option and not hold back everyone. Possible minor conflicts with winter championships.

Softball (6-4 in favor) – Likes the flexibility of going earlier/Section can be more restrictive. Starting earlier means extra days allows more time to get in min # of practices.

Boys Lacrosse (7-1 in favor) – Allows flexibility. Can give schools extra practice time to play scrimmages/games earlier and condense season less.

Girls Lacrosse (6-2 in favor) – Many athletes don't pick up a stick until first practice; extra week will help those kids. Likes the flexibility of going earlier/Section can be more restrictive. Overlap of winter sports a concern. Managing gym/facility space a concern.

Boys Golf (7-2-1 in favor) – No concerns/comments.

Outdoor Track (6-4 in favor) – No concerns/comments.

OPPOSED:

Boys Tennis (2-8 opposed) – Likes flexibility. Overlap of winter sports a concern. Concern of extending coach contracts/more time. Concern of competitive advantage for some sections with good weather.

Girls Golf (0-10 opposed) – Concern of competitive advantage for some sections with good weather. Golf unique. Outside only. Believes established start dates should be what we follow. Concern of extending coach contracts/more time.

Flag Football (0-8 opposed) – Believes established start dates should be what we follow. Following with girls lacrosse for sport standards stay aligned with start dates, stay with what we use now. Made a change a few years ago to push back fall sports which has trickled into other seasons. Weather is also an impact on the season start date for spring.

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Regional Rotations – Guiding Principles

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Tim Mullins, NYSPHSAA Vice President & Regional Rotation Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval of Guiding Principles for the development of Regional Rotations.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

To address equity concerns related to Regional Rotations, the guiding principles will be used by NYSPHSAA Sport Committees to develop Regional Rotations. The NYSPHSAA staff will be responsible for ensuring the rotations are equitable before the Championship Advisory Committee (CAC) reviews.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Several proposals were considered by the Ad Hoc Committee before supporting the Guiding Principles.

Attachments:

Guiding Principles



NYSPHSAA Guiding Principles for Regional Rotations

1. No Section will play in a sub-regional classification for more than two consecutive years.
2. If there is a bye for sub-regionals, the “bye” will always host the regional game.
3. One Section will not host more than 75% of Regional games in a given year in a sport.
4. At-Large teams will have no travel restrictions.
5. The term of rotations should reflect equity for all sections; with a minimum of at least 6 years.
6. Mid-week travel should be limited/ minimized.
7. Contiguous sectional competition should be considered.
8. The number of participating teams in each Region should be considered.
9. If any of the above guiding principles cannot be met, the sport committee must provide rationale as to why.

Process:

- 1) NYSPHSAA Sport Committee meets to develop regional rotation using established guiding principles.
 - 2) NYSPHSAA Staff examines regional rotation for equity and fairness.
 - 3) NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee examines regional rotation and votes to recommend to NYSPHSAA Executive Committee.
 - 4) NYSPHSAA Executive Committee examines regional rotation provides approval or denial

Note:

The current NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy states:

“NYSPHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY: “NYSPHSAA will sponsor Championships that represent excellence achieved in each sport. In the interest of equitable competition, minimal loss of academic time, financial impact and logistical concerns including, but not limited to, travel, lodging, meals and facilities for competition, the NYSPHSAA will sponsor one championship experience in a sport when six or more of its sections having four (4) or more of their member teams each sponsor that sport. Championships will be conducted according to established guidelines. All sports will be recognized by the NYSPHSAA as either a team sport or an individual sport, or a combination team/individual sport. Variations will be permitted in the NYSPHSAA classification system.”

DATE REVISED:

12/20/23

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HALL OF FAME PROGRAM – Revisions to Policies and Operating Procedures

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director/Program Liaison

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Committee is seeking approval of revisions to its Policies and Procedures document effective immediately.

Effective Start Date:

Immediately

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA and the HOF Screening Committee is tasked with periodically evaluating the HOF process to ensure it is efficient and up to date. The proposed revisions are items that need updates in the manual due to technology, shifting of dates and procedures that allow for better efficiency from the nomination to the selection process.

The HOF Committee last met in 2017 and made revisions then.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Committee meeting on December 14, 2023.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Per the HOF Policies and Operating Procedures, all action of the Screening Committee is confidential (Article IV, Section 2e) therefore committee names will not be stated in the proposal or are in the meeting minutes.

Attachments:

See attached items proposing to be approved.

CAC Feedback:

N/A

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FOOTBALL – Request to Start Practice on Wednesday of Week #7

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenters:

Scott Barker, NYSPHSAA Section V Football Coordinator
Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football State Committee is seeking approval to allow NYSPHSAA member football programs to start football practice on Wednesday of Week #7 (currently football starts Saturday or Week #7).

Effective Start Date:

August 2024

Rationale:

The following points have been noted as reasons why the committee would like to move forward with this:

- Required 10 days of practice (football is the only fall sport that requires 10)
- Current start date does not allow flexibility or absence of a student-athlete before Game 1
- Current start date requires practices over entire Labor Day Weekend
- Fiscal strain for districts opening up schools over Labor Day
- This proposal builds in 2-day flexibility for eligibility
- Allows for safer progression of practice with a holiday weekend
- Accounts for possible missed practices/games over Jewish holiday

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee at its December 2023 meeting.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Football State Committee voted 10-1 in favor of this proposal at its January 8, 2024 zoom meeting. This proposal makes it necessary for NYSPHSAA to seek approval from the New York State Education Department to extend beyond the NYSED 15-week limitation for Fall sports. Dr. Zayas will make this request.

Attachments:

None

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FOOTBALL – Modify the Combined Practice Requirements

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenters:

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator
Ken Stoldt, NYSPHSAA Football Assistant State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football State Committee is seeking approval to modify its combined practice requirements. The request would be to add letter "F" to the guidelines to read:

F. 11-man football may conduct 11-on-11 drills for a maximum of 10 offensive and 10 defensive plays.

Effective Start Date:

August 2024

Rationale:

Teams are given an opportunity to practice game-like scenarios utilizing the full schematics of 11-on-11 football. This minimal participation provides a healthy progression to a full scrimmage or contest.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee at its January 8, 2024 Zoom meeting.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Football State Committee voted 10-1 in favor of this proposal at its January 8, 2024 zoom meeting.

Attachments:

None

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – Adopt a Three-Day Tournament Starting in 2024

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Peggy Seese, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Committee is seeking approval to adopt a three-day, bracketed tournament starting with the 2024 season.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

The addition of a 6th class has greatly extended the day of semifinal competition. The 2023 tournament was bracket play and the doors opened at 7:00 am on a Saturday and finished at 11:15 pm. Even if pool play was conducted, the day would have been shortened some but not significantly.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA State Committee Meeting in November 2022, then again in March 2023. A possible three-day tournament schedule was further discussed during and after the 2023 tournament in November and it was agreed to go forward with the proposal for a three-day tournament. In March 2024, the committee meets for its annual meeting and will discuss a suitable schedule with the staff.

Budgetary Impact:

\$900 electric, \$200 garbage, \$300 personnel. Court and building rental would not be increased because NYSPHSAA is already occupying the building and has the court set up that Friday morning. With this proposal, some teams would now play Friday afternoon/evening but would not incur additional travel expenses. They would simply play a day earlier. Competition would start no earlier than 3:00 pm on Friday so teams can travel in the same day.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Committee supported this proposal 10-0 during a January 5th Zoom call.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback

CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal.

Date Revised: January 12, 2024

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SKIING – Waiver for A Permanent Representation Rule (6 to 3)

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dennis O'Brien, NYSPHSAA Alpine State Coordinator
Bob Underwood, NYSPHSAA Nordic State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Skiing State Committee is seeking approval for a permanent waiver of the Representation Rule reducing the minimum number of races from six (6) to three (3). This would be for all sections participating in alpine or nordic skiing.

Effective Start Date:

Immediately

Rationale:

Due to the unpredictability of sufficient snow each season in NYS, the committee is requesting a lower number of races to accommodate those sections who cannot conduct more than three meets prior to the sectionals.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Skiing State Committee meeting on December 13, 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Skiing State Committee voted 11-0 in favor of this proposal at its December 13, 2024 Zoom meeting.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

N/A

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BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING – Permit Use of Rotating At-Large Berths To Eliminate Pacer Teams at State Tournament

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Mike O'Connell, NYSPHSAA Boys Bowling Coordinator
Eileen Shultis, NYSPHSAA Girls Bowling Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Bowling State Committee is seeking approval to permit the use of rotating at-large berths when a division (1,2 or composite) has an odd number of teams competing in the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships. At-large berths would eliminate pacer teams at the State Tournament and be a part of the state tournament competition.

Effective Start Date:

Winter (March) 2025

Rationale:

Each year the host section is responsible for providing a different "pacer" team for each session due to the odd number of teams that are competing. This is done so teams are not bowling alone on a pair. Securing pacer teams requires the host section to recruit and get students out of school for Friday competition and ask them to volunteer Saturday and Sunday as well. It is a challenge to secure students all day for three days. Furthermore, this proposal would alleviate the management of the pacer teams during the tournament (lane assignments, hospitality, etc) and alleviate the concern of providing quality bowlers to pace with another teams.

It is proposed to establish a schedule which will specify which section will be awarded an at-large berth in each division of the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships. The schedule will consist of sections who have ten (10) or more competing schools for each of the respective divisions.

Proposal Originated:

Section VI- Dan Kaplan at the NYSPHSAA Boys/Girls Bowling State Committee meeting on October 13, 2023.

Budgetary Impact:

There is no cost to NYSPHSAA as the lineage for the at-large teams would be the same as the pacer teams. There would be typical travel costs (lodging, transportation, meals) for rotating sections to send an additional team to the State Tournament.

Notes:

The Boys and Girls Bowling State Committees supported this proposal with a 16-0 vote at their October 13th meeting.

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 8-1 in support of this proposal.

Date Revised: January 12, 2024

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BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING – Allow Bowlers to Compete in Both Team and Composite Events Starting in 2025

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Mike O'Connell, NYSPHSAA Boys Bowling Coordinator
Eileen Shultis, NYSPHSAA Girls Bowling Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Bowling State Committee is seeking approval to allow bowlers to compete in both the team and composite state tournament events at section discretion. It is currently not permitted.

Effective Start Date:

Winter (March) 2025

Rationale:

The composite division was created to recognize the top bowlers from each section, but currently a bowler competing in the team event is ineligible to participate as an individual in the composite division. This proposal allows the best bowlers to be eligible to bowl in both the team and individual events at the state tournament at the discretion of the section.

In place of a High Series award in the composite division, this proposal would now allow a NYSPHSAA State Champion, Runner Up and 3rd place finisher to be awarded.

Proposal Originated:

Mark Foeder and Brian Usselman, Section V Bowling Coordinators

Budgetary Impact:

There is no cost to NYSPHSAA.

If a section chooses to send additional bowlers, typical travel costs (lodging, transportation, meals) will be incurred by the section.

Notes:

The Boys and Girls Bowling State Committees supported this proposal with a 16-0 vote at their October 13th meeting.

CAC Feedback

CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal.

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GIRLS ICE HOCKEY – Adopt New Regional Rotation for 2024 Regional Quarterfinals

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Carl Normandin, NYSPHSAA Girls Ice Hockey Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Ice Hockey State Committee is seeking approval to adopt a new Regional Rotation and At-Large plan for its 2024 regional quarterfinals due to Section V announcing their intentions to participate in October.

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2024

Rationale:

On October 18th, Section V informed the girls ice hockey committee and NYSPHSAA they would officially participate in girls ice hockey. This necessitated the committee to meet and develop a revised regional rotation and add an at-large rotation for its postseason playoffs. This sport culminates its season with a Regional Championship (a Final Four), and it is necessary to re-organize the round (quarterfinals) leading up to the final four to include Section V. Adding Section V also required the committee to establish an at-large rotation to fill the byes. See attached proposed brackets and at large rotation.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA State Committee Meeting in October/November/December

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The Girls Ice Hockey State Committee supported this proposal with a 7-0 vote at their Dec 6, 2023 meeting.

Attachments:

- An overview of how the committee has handled the inclusion of “new” teams/sections for postseason play.
- Proposed brackets and at large rotation

CAC Feedback

CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal.

Date Revised: January 16, 2024

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SOFTBALL – Adopt NFHS Rules Starting in 2025 Season

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Jim Wright, NYSPHSAA Softball Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Softball State Committee is seeking approval to adopt NFHS Rules starting with the 2025 season.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA State Committee Meeting in December 2022

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The Softball State Committee supported this proposal with a 6-5 vote at their December 6, 2023 meeting.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback

Provided after January 10th meeting.

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Executive Committee Meeting – January 31, 2024

Boys Lacrosse – Classification Cut-Off Numbers

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Jim Amen, NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys Lacrosse Committee is seeking approval to change the current classification cut-off numbers for the 2025 season. Below are the recommended changes.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Cut-off Numbers</u>	<u>Schools</u>
Class A	1036 and Up	81 schools
Class B	728 – 1035	81 schools
Class C	727 – 450	82 schools
Class D	449 and Down	82 schools

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

The Boys Lacrosse Committee believes that all classes should be divided as equally as possible. After reviewing the current cut-off numbers, the committee feels an adjustment should be made to equally divide the classes.

Proposal Originated:

Boys Lacrosse Committee Zoom meeting in November.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The Boys Lacrosse State Committee voted 11-0 in favor of this proposal at its January 9, 2024 Zoom meeting.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal.

DATE REVISED: January 12, 2024

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BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS – DESIGNATE BILLIE JEAN KING NATIONAL TENNIS CENTER AS HOST OF ALL NYSPHSAA TENNIS EVENTS (TEAM, INDIVIDUAL) THROUGH 2028; ADJUST GIRLS INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT TO MON, TUE, WED OF WEEK #17

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

Presenter:

NYSPHSAA Staff

Quan Huynh, NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Coordinator

Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Staff in addition to the Boys and Girls Tennis Committees are seeking approval to designate the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center as the host site for the NYSPHSAA Team and Individual State Tournaments (both genders) through spring 2028. With this change, it is also proposed to move the girls individual tournament to a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday competition.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

The boys team (since 2021) and individual (since 1990's) tournaments have been played at the BJK National Tennis Center while the girls have been playing at various clubs around the state. It is perceived the Tennis Center is the best venue in the country and the boys get to experience this venue every year. With the challenge of weather and indoor availability of the Tennis Center in the Fall (on Saturdays), the girls tournaments are not able to play at this venue thus creating an inequity between boys and girls.

To eliminate the inequity, NYSPHSAA has met numerous times with management of the Tennis Center to explore court time on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (remaining on Week #17) for the girls individual state tournament (currently on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday which is unavailable at the Tennis Center in November). The girls would also be able to continue to play on a Friday (remain on Week #18) for the team tournament at this facility.

It is proposed to enter into an agreement with the Tennis Center for both the team and individual tournaments for girls and boys starting in fall 2024 and going through spring 2028. We are currently already on the books for boys team and individual for the spring of 2024.

There would be no change in travel costs for schools nor would there be any additional missed school time using these days of the week.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Staff December 2023

DATE REVISED: January 12, 2024

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – January 31, 2024

Budgetary Impact:

The boys tournaments are both already at the BJK Nat Tennis Center so there is no revised financial impact for NYSPHSAA. For the girls team tournament, going to the Tennis Center would yield a savings compared to Drumlins. For the girls individual tournament, it is projected to spend \$12,000 going to the Tennis Center for three days indoors in November, which is a slight savings compared to Sportime, current tournament host. As previously stated, there is no financial impact for member schools. See comparison below.

2024 Girls Team - \$7,000 @ Drumlins, per bid
2023 Girls Team - \$5,448 @ BJK Nat Tennis Ctr

2024 Girls Ind - \$13,000 @ Sportime
*2022 Girls Ind - \$12,000 @ Sportime
**2022 used since 2023 was outdoors at a local park*

Notes:

At the January 4, 2024 meeting of the staff and both tennis committees, the NYSPHSAA Staff recommended this proposal and the Boys Committee and Girls Committee each voted 9-0 in support of it.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal.

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

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



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 Field Hockey - Section IX
- Name of Contest Senior All Star Game 2024 Date Nov. 14, 2024
 - Site of Contest Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Poughkeepsie N.Y.
 - Co-sponsoring school, league or section Section IX
(for events sponsored with any outside organization, college or university)
 - School personnel responsible for contest supervision: Name Deborah A. Beam
Address 180 Willow Glen Rd. Red Hook Zip 12571 Phone 518-819-9813
 - School personnel responsible for screening and selection of contestants: Deborah A. Beam
All seniors are eligible to play if not in state playoffs
 - School personnel responsible for screening and selection of coaches: Deborah A. Beam
Groups of Coaches from Section IX Coach teams
 - Net profit to be donated to the following charitable or educational programs: no cost
 - Contestants will be insured by: [Signature] Own School
Other (list) _____
Liability insurance supplied by sponsor: ☒ Section _____ Other (list)* _____
***Attach certificate of insurance**
 - Signature of host Athletic Administrator (if applicable): _____
 - Uniforms are to be supplied by: T-shirts provided to athletes
 - Official's organization to assign contest officials: Officials will donate their time
 - Within two weeks of completion of the contest, all of the following must be mailed to Secretary/Treasurer of the Section sanctioning the contest:
 - Complete roster of participants
 - Complete financial report
 - Injury report
 - Complete awards report

Completed application presented and approved by Section _____

Date _____ Section Executive Director _____

NOTE: A list of Sr. All-Star Contests approved by the Section must be emailed for recording to:

Robert Zayas, Executive Director (rzayas@nysphsaa.org)
New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.



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- Sport or Activity SOCCER
1. Name of Contest Boys + Girls Soccer Senior Games Date 12/20/24 11/10/24
 2. Site of Contest O'Neill High School, Highland Falls per Mike Kelly
 3. Co-sponsoring school, league or section Section 9 (O.C.I.A.A + M.H.A.L)
(for events sponsored with any outside organization, college or university)
 4. School personnel responsible for contest supervision: Name Michael Kelly + Dave Doulin
Address 222 Scotchtown Ave. Goshen NY Zip 10924 Phone 845-774-6025
 5. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of contestants: Jason Pavlich,
Dave Doulin, Michael Kelly + Marc Gittleman
 6. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of coaches: Jason Pavlich +
Michael Kelly
 7. Net profit to be donated to the following charitable or educational programs: The Anthony
Martelli Service Awards
 8. Contestants will be insured by: _____ Own School per Mike Kelly
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: Participants (student-athletes)
 11. Official's organization to assign contest officials: Orange County + Mid-Hudson Soccer
Officials Associations
 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:
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Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX

Meeting Dates/Sites

2024-2025

Thursday, September 5, 2024	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Monday, September 9, 2024	TBA MANDATED WORKSHOP	8:30 AM
Tuesday, October 8, 2024	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Thursday, November 7, 2024	ZOOM Meeting	9:30 AM
Tuesday, January 7, 2025	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Tuesday, March 11, 2025	ZOOM Meeting	9:30 AM
Tuesday, April 8, 2025	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Tuesday, May 13, 2025	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Tuesday, June 10, 2025	TBA	8:00 AM

NYSPHSAA Meetings

October 24, 2024

February 5, 2025

May 7, 2025

July 29-30, 2025

Section IX Start Dates

Football – Saturday, August 24, 2024

All Other Fall Sports – Monday, August 26, 2024

All Winter Sports – Monday, November 18, 2024

All Spring Sports – Monday, March 17, 2025



Roscoe Central School District

LIVINGSTON MANOR
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 23, 2024

Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

P.O. Box 656

Goshen, NY 10924

Dear Mr. Ransom,

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is John Evans and I am the shared Superintendent of the Livingston Manor and Roscoe Central School Districts. I write to you and the Section IX Executive Committee today on behalf of the Boards of Education of these districts with a unique request.

For over 20 years these two small rural schools have been combining athletics at one time or another in practically every sport offered by either school district. Over the last decade, multiple athletic programs have been combined each year at every level. During this time period a lack of consistency and uncertainty surrounding these combined athletic programs has contributed to inconsistent program success, game and entire season cancellations and an overall decline in student participation in athletics at both schools.

In an effort to better stabilize programs and to develop more comprehensive athletic offerings for the students of these two districts, the Livingston Manor and Roscoe Boards of Education are requesting special consideration be granted to our unique situation. At their respective December 2023 regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings both Boards unanimously passed resolutions respectfully requesting that Section IX consider policy changes or amendments/addendum be made to their current combining of teams policy and procedures that would allow the Livingston Manor and Roscoe CSDs to combine all athletic programs at the modified, junior varsity and varsity levels through a more permanent comprehensive sports merger. Official copies of the Board extracts of these resolutions are included with this correspondence. While we are seeking a permanent merger, we realize that such action would still require annual review and approval by Section IX per current NYSPHSAA policy and procedures. In an effort to provide additional background information and rationale for this request, I feel it is important for the executive committee to know that these two districts have conducted two different comprehensive full school district merger studies. The official recommendation at the conclusion of both of these studies was that the Livingston Manor and Roscoe school districts merge to create a new school district through centralization. On both

occasions the idea of merger was put forth to the school communities for a vote and the communities voted against the complete school merger. The first study occurred in the early 1990s and the more recent study was completed in August of 2022 and the vote was defeated in both districts in October of 2022. While both school boards feel that a full school merger is in the best interests of students, they have been unable to move forward due to the lack of support from the voters in both communities.

Declining enrollment, shrinking class sizes and increasing financial challenges make it more and more difficult to offer the depth and breadth of educational and extracurricular opportunities these districts once offered independently. Both boards believe that working together through sharing across both schools can offer our students better opportunities.

According to the NYSED enrollment data for the 2000-01 school year, Livingston Manor's K-12 enrollment was 683 students and Roscoe's was 303. The current K-12 enrollment for the 2023-24 school year is 415 for Livingston Manor and 208 for Roscoe. In this time period Livingston Manor's enrollment dropped by 223 students and Roscoe dropped by 95 for a combined drop in total student enrollment in grades K-12 of 318 students. Included with this letter are copies of pages 13 & 14 of the official merger study document that was submitted to NYSED in August of 2022. These tables show the enrollment projections for both schools through 2028-29. As you can see by these charts, our declining enrollment is not expected to improve.

For the aforementioned reasons the Livingston Manor and Roscoe Central School Districts respectfully request that a permanent combining of teams for all sports at all levels of play be considered for approval by Section IX.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will make myself available at your convenience.

Educationally yours,

John Evans

Shared Superintendent for the Roscoe and Livingston Manor CSDs

Livingston Manor Central School District

John P. Evans, Superintendent
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Livingston Manor, NY 12758

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Nicole Park
Jill Smith
Marlyn Peters, District Clerk

January 4, 2024
From the Regular Board Meeting of December 20, 2023
E X T R A C T

Permanent Athletic Merger

Be it resolved that the RCS & LMCS Boards of Education jointly feel that permanent athletic mergers in all sports at the modified, JV and Varsity levels are in the best interest of the students in both school communities. As such they have authorized their Superintendent to respectfully request that the OCIAA and Section IX athletic councils consider amendments to their current policies and procedures relating to the Combining of Teams to allow for permanent athletic mergers in all sports between these two independent school districts.

The Boards feel strongly that permanent athletic mergers would allow our two districts to more consistently offer age and ability level appropriate athletic programs to our students in a safer and more educationally appropriate manner. Thus allowing for the proper progression of our student athletes beginning at the modified level to junior varsity and ultimately the varsity level.

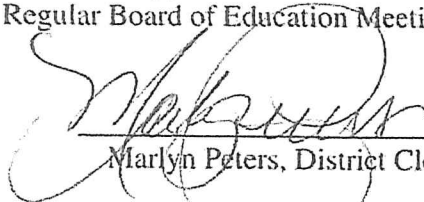
Motion made by: Jill Smith

Motion seconded by: Frank Adamse

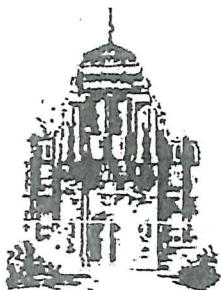
Voting:

Unanimously Approved

I certify this is a true copy of the motion as it appears in the approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting, of December 20, 2023.



Marlyn Peters, District Clerk



ROSCOE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT

JANICE PHILLIPS
PRE-K-12 PRINCIPAL

ROBIN FRANCISCO
PRE-K-12 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

January 4, 2024

From the Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 19, 2023

EXTRACT

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Motion made by: Joe Langan

Motion seconded by: Timothy Clark

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

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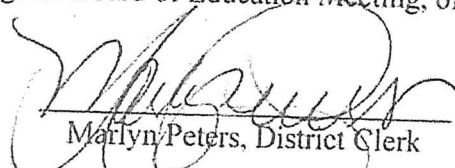

Marilyn Peters, District Clerk



Table 2.2
Livingston Manor Enrollment History and Projections

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Live Birth Data for incoming Kindergarten class	35	43	25	28	34	20	36	24	26	28	28	28	28
Grade K	29	35	26	38	25	29	28	35	24	26	28	28	28
Grade 1	26	30	35	29	37	22	29	28	35	24	26	28	28
Grade 2	30	24	27	39	30	40	22	29	28	36	24	26	28
Grade 3	37	26	23	26	38	31	38	21	28	27	34	23	25
Grade 4	33	35	24	26	22	39	30	37	21	27	26	33	22
Grade 5	27	32	38	22	27	22	39	30	37	21	27	26	34
Grade 6	40	28	29	35	24	31	22	40	31	38	21	28	27
Grade 7	35	35	29	33	35	27	32	23	41	32	40	22	29
Grade 8	42	38	33	29	32	37	27	32	23	42	32	40	22
Grade 9	23	43	36	33	27	33	37	27	32	23	41	32	39
Grade 10	27	28	43	30	32	26	33	36	27	32	23	41	32
Grade 11	30	21	28	44	31	35	26	32	36	26	31	23	40
Grade 12	37	30	21	25	37	30	33	24	30	34	25	30	21
Total Grades K-12	416	405	392	409	397	402	396	397	394	387	379	379	375
Total Grades K-5	223	210	202	215	203	214	209	221	204	198	186	191	190
Total Grades 7-12	194	195	190	194	194	188	187	176	190	189	192	187	184

NOTE: From 2025-26 to 2028-29 live births are the average of the previous five years. Consequently, from 2025-26 to 2028-29 the early grade enrollments are quite speculative.



Table 2.3
Roscoe Enrollment History and Projections

	2016 -17	2017 -18	2018 -19	2019 -20	2020 -21	2021 -22	2022 -23	2023 -24	2024 -25	2025 -26	2026 -27	2027 -28	2028 -29
Live Birth Data for incoming Kindergarten class	14	16	10	13	15	12	12	10	12	12	12	12	12
Grade K	9	13	11	19	10	15	12	12	10	12	12	12	12
Grade 1	20	11	14	10	19	12	16	12	12	10	13	13	13
Grade 2	21	17	11	14	13	21	13	17	13	13	11	14	13
Grade 3	18	19	19	10	16	10	20	12	17	13	13	11	13
Grade 4	12	18	20	19	12	15	10	21	13	17	13	13	11
Grade 5	22	14	20	20	19	12	16	11	22	13	18	14	14
Grade 6	21	24	12	21	19	21	12	16	11	23	14	18	14
Grade 7	19	20	23	13	21	19	21	12	16	11	23	14	18
Grade 8	22	18	19	20	13	22	18	20	12	15	11	22	13
Grade 9	17	20	20	21	21	11	22	18	20	12	15	11	22
Grade 10	20	16	22	17	21	20	11	21	18	20	11	15	10
Grade 11	14	16	17	19	18	16	18	10	19	16	18	10	14
Grade 12	22	16	15	16	20	17	16	18	10	20	16	18	10
Total Grades K-12	237	222	223	219	222	211	205	201	193	195	187	183	173
Total Grades K-6	123	116	107	113	108	106	99	101	98	101	93	94	90
Total Grades 7-12	114	106	116	106	114	105	106	100	95	94	94	89	83

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Beginning in 2016-17, the K-12 student enrollment in Livingston Manor declined through the 2018-19 school year followed by an increase in 2019-20. The enrollment has