



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 am

1. Call to Order - Greg Ransom
 2. Review of Meeting Materials
 3. Approval of April 9, 2024, Minutes
 4. Financial Report - Linda Trapani
 - a. Section IX Dues 2024-2025
 5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives - Roberta Greene and David Coates
 6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas
 7. Combining of Teams - Tim Bult and Frank Alfonso
 8. Spring Chair Reports:
 - a. Baseball
 - b. Softball
 - c. Boys Golf
 - d. Girls Golf
 - e. Boys Lacrosse
 - f. Girls Lacrosse
 - g. Boys Tennis
 - h. Track & Field
 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
 - a. Roscoe/Livingston Manor Combining of Teams
 - b. NYSPHSAA Female Representative
 11. New Business
 - a. Jury of Appeals Information
 12. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting
- Next Meeting Date:**
Tuesday, June 11, 2024
8:00 am
Apple Greens Golf Course
13. Section IX Eligibility Forum
 - a. Eligibility Rules will be discussed.

Michael Gillespie
Joe DiMattina
Jorma Tompuri
Bill Earle
Rich Saulino
Taryn Brechbiel
Urvashi Gupta
Matt Hemmer / Pat Burkhardt

Greg Warren / Suzanne Lendzian
Janet Carey
Suzanne Lendzian
Tom Cassata
Dennis Burkett
Adam Kless
Rich Silverstein
Christian Hodge

Section IX Athletic Council, Inc.
Reconciliation Summary
Orange County Trust Company, Period Ending 04/30/2024

	<u>Apr 30, 24</u>
Beginning Balance	164,502.60
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 43 items	-58,829.11
Deposits and Credits - 45 items	<u>52,701.73</u>
Total Cleared Transactions	<u>-6,127.38</u>
Cleared Balance	<u>158,375.22</u>
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 27 items	-16,284.59
Deposits and Credits - 6 items	<u>16,888.77</u>
Total Uncleared Transactions	<u>604.18</u>
Register Balance as of 04/30/2024	<u>158,979.40</u>
New Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 3 items	-470.81
Deposits and Credits - 8 items	<u>10,638.94</u>
Total New Transactions	<u>10,168.13</u>
Ending Balance	<u>169,147.53</u>

SECTION IX SPORTS
2024-2025 DUES

SCHOOL: _____

CLASS: _____

Girls

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

Boys

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

Unified Basketball _____
Unified Bowling _____

Superintendent's Signature: _____

Athletic Director's Signature: _____

SHARE: \$265. per varsity sport

NUMBER OF SPORTS: _____

2024-2025 DUES: \$ _____

2024-2025 NYSAAA DUES: \$ 160.00

2024-2025 INSURANCE: \$ 454.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Return all forms to:

Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer

P.O. Box 656

Goshen, New York 10924

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

Your School District will be billed.

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

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

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NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting

Highlights

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

1. Dr. Robert Zayas – Executive Director

- a. Transgender Student Participation
NYSPHSAA continues to advise its member schools to place students on teams that most appropriately align with students' gender identity.
- b. NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule
It is imperative student-athletes and their parents/guardians are aware of the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule, which prohibits accepting money or other compensation when competing in non-NYSPHSAA sponsored events.
- c. NYSED – Mixed Competition
The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is currently in the process of reviewing regulations and guidance related to mixed gender competition in athletics teams; it is anticipated regulatory revisions will be presented at an upcoming Board of Regents meeting.
- d. Anyone Can Save a Life – starts this Fall 2024
All interscholastic teams complete the program within the first two weeks of the season starting with the Fall 2024 season. A copy of the Emergency Action Plan for the team will be submitted to the Athletic Director office by the coach after the completion of the program. Teams would also be required to conduct one (1) emergency drill prior to 50% of the games being played for that team.
- e. Future Official Start Dates
2024-2025
 - i. FALL
 1. Monday, August 19, 2024 (Week #7 – Football)
 2. Monday, August 26, 2024 (Week #8)
 - ii. WINTER
 1. Monday, November 18, 2024 (Week #20)
 - iii. SPRING
 1. Monday, March 17, 2025 (Week #37)**2025-2026**
 - i. FALL
 2. Saturday, August 23, 2025 (Week #7 – Football)
 3. Monday, August 25, 2025 (Week #8)
 - ii. WINTER
 4. Monday, November 17, 2025 (Week #20)
 - iii. SPRING
 5. Monday, March 16, 2026 (Week #37)

2. Joe Altieri – Assistant Director

Spring 2024

- a. Boys Tennis Individual –
Reminder, the State Tournament is on Friday, May 31, through Sunday, June 2.



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- b. Softball
Games have been moved to Martha Avenue Recreational Park, and the event is a two-day event with games on Friday and Saturday; optional practices on Thursday.
 - c. Championship Dates and Sites
An updated copy of NYSPHSAA Championship dates and sites is enclosed.
 - d. Sports that have expanded days of State Tournament

Bowling	2 to 3 days	Girls Basketball	3 to 4 days
Baseball	1 to 2 days	Boys Basketball	3 to 4 days
Softball	1 to 2 days	Girls Volleyball	2 to 3 days
Boys Soccer	2 to 3 days	Boys Volleyball	1 to 2 days
3. Todd Nelson – Assistant Director
- a. Girls Wrestling
The Wrestling Committee will be evaluating where we are in preparation for the 2024-2025 season with coaches and officials. We may bring a recommendation in July to the Central Committee to postpone the implementation of freestyle Wrestling until the 2025-2026 season.
 - b. NFHS – Educational Courses
Schools are encouraged to be proactive and encourage their coaches, students, and parents to take advantage of the courses offered by the NFHS.
4. Kristen Jadin – Assistant Director
- a. NYSPHSAA Student Leadership Conference:
The Conference was held on Thursday, March 28, 2024, in Albany, NY, with 175 student-athletes and over 20 administrators attending.
 - b. Scholar-Athlete
The Spring program commenced on Monday, April 8, 2024. The deadline for submissions is Monday, May 20, 2024.
 - c. Participation Survey
The survey will be released for schools to compete at the end of April/early May with a mid-June deadline. Completion of the survey is required and essential.
 - d. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
The SAAC application is open with a deadline set for Monday, June 10, 2024. Open positions are listed on the NYSPHSAA website.
5. Sectional Concerns
- a. Section I – “Schools without boundaries” participating in the current post-season NYSPHSAA structure (enclosed).
 - b. Section I – Defining days of the week for NYSPHSAA Sub-Regionals and Regional Finals (enclosed).
6. Handbook Committee
- a. Discussion Item – Handbook: Forfeit Exception for Football (enclosed)



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7. Safety Committee
 - a. NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee proposes an early weight certification date in October and November (enclosed)
8. Transfer Committee
 - a. NYSPHSAA Transfer Form for waivers and exemptions (enclosed)
9. Discussion Items
 - a. Discussion Items for the Leagues and Section IX Athletic Council (enclosed)

Respectfully submitted,

James Osborne
Section IX Secretary



NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Recap

As of May 1, 2024

Last NYSPHSAA Meeting: May 1, 2024 (Executive Committee)

Next NYSPHSAA Meeting: July 30-31, 2024 (Central Committee)

May 1, 2024 Executive Committee Approved Items:

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of Debra Ferry as the next NYSPHSAA Officer (September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2032).

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to waive the NYSPHSAA 7-Day rule for the remainder of the 2024 Spring sports season for all sports.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to cancel the 2025 and 2026 Central Committee meeting hotel contracts and secure hotel contracts in Lake Placid (2025) and Buffalo area (2026).

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of the 2024-2025 NYSPHSAA Budget.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to permanently use the standby official (6th Official) at the semifinal and final games as an on-field working official in the sport of Football.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Drone Policy to address law enforcement.

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

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to revise 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."*

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to add a NYSPHSAA SAAC student to all select NYSPHSAA Standing Committees as determined by the NYSPHSAA Executive Director. (Amended motion)

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of revisions to the Hall of Fame Policies and Operating Procedures.

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

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of Friend & Neighbor and new member schools.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of sections intent to participate in the 2024-2025 NYSPHSAA State Championships.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to allow NYSPHSAA member Football programs to start practice on the ~~Wednesday~~ **Monday** of Week #7 for Fall 2024. *(Amended motion)*

(Passed) (A) 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 and 8-man football may conduct 8-on-8 drills for a maximum of 10 offensive plays and 10 defensive plays."*

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to adopt a three-day, bracketed tournament, starting with the 2024 season in Girls Volleyball.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of Middletown High School as the host of the NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Championships (2025-2027).

(Passed) (A) 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. *(Amended motion to remove: "The schedule will consist of sections who have ten (10) or more competing schools for each of the respective divisions.")*

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to allow bowlers to compete in both the team and composite state tournament events at section discretion.

(Passed) (A) 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.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of Clarence High School (2025) and Whitesboro High School (2026) as the hosts of the NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Championships.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval for Softball to adopt NFHS Rules with waivers beginning in the 2025 season.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of Boys Lacrosse Classification Cut-off numbers for 2025.

May 1, 2024 Executive Committee Discussion Items:

(D) Consider approval of a \$0.50 increase in NYSPHSAA ticket prices beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

(D) Consider approval to add the following to the note for the Maximum Number of Contests in the NYSPHSAA Handbook, *"Exception: In the sport of Football, when a team receives a forfeit win, the forfeit win will not count towards the maximum number of contests. The team who accepts the forfeit can reschedule a game that will count towards the maximum number of contests."*

(D) Consider approval to require the use of the NYSPHSAA Transfer Form for waivers and exemptions only.

- (D)** Consider approval to allow Cheerleading programs to start practice on the Wednesday of Week #7 to align with the football start date.
- (D)** Consider approval to update the additional required coaching course to reflect the replacement of the AACCA Safety course and the new NFHS Cheerleading Rules course.
- (D)** Consider approval for a new Girls Tennis (Team) Regional Rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.
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- (D)** Consider approval for a new Girls Volleyball Regional Rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.
- (D)** Consider approval to revert back to a pool play format for the 2024 NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Championships.
- (D)** Consider approval of a new Football (11-Man) regional rotation for 2024-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.
- (D)** Consider approval of 8-Man Regional Rotations (2024-2026) and to move the 8-man Football Regional Championship to Week #22 in order to conduct it at the JMA Wireless Dome during the 11-Man Football Finals.
- (D)** Consider approval of a revision to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Penalty for Football to be, *“Any player disqualified by a sport official for unsportsmanlike behavior or flagrant foul will be ineligible for the next two consecutive halves.”*
- (D)** Consider approval of allowing Sections to have an early weight Certification date starting no earlier than the Monday of Week #17 in Boys Wrestling.
- (D)** Consider approval to use an Automatic Qualifier System to complete the 16 person brackets for the 2025 Girls Wrestling Championship.

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(D) Consider approval to continue the waiver of the 6 max tournament rule in Girls Wrestling.

(D) Consider approval to waive the NFHS 1.5% weight loss plan for Girls Wrestling.

(D) Consider approval to use the USA Wrestling Junior Rules for Freestyle wrestling in Girls Wrestling.

(D) Consider approval of removing the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook for Boys Ice Hockey under 14.10 #10 which states: *"If, in the judgement of the official, he feels that a goaltender's warm-up has been made to give his team a stoppage of play or rest period, the official may assess a minor penalty for delay of game."* Add: *"The goaltender who entered the game, must remain in the game until the next stoppage of play."*

(D) Consider approval recommending revising the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook for Boys Ice Hockey under 14.08 #11 letter b to mirror the OT procedure used during the post season. This would only be used when a winner is necessary.

(D) Consider approval to establish two divisions for Bowling Championships Composite Division (Division 1 and Division 2), beginning in Winter 2025.

(D) Consider approval to modify the bowling format of the Division 1 and Division 2 school team events during the Bowling State Tournament to utilize a 6-man format, beginning in Winter 2025.

(D) Consider approval of classification cut-off numbers for Outdoor Track/Field (B/G), starting in 2025.

(D) Consider approval for the following Unified sport offering/ rules modifications:

Unified Soccer – Rules Modifications

Unified Tennis – Rules Modifications

Unified Bocce – Sport Offering/ Rules Modifications

May 1, 2024 Executive Committee Tabled Items:

None.

May 1, 2024 Executive Committee Postponed Items:

None.

May 1, 2024 Executive Committee Defeated Items:

(Defeated 4-18) Consider approval for Spring Sports to start on the Monday of Week #36 beginning in 2025.

July 30-31, 2024 Central Committee Action Items:

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(A) Consider NYSPHSAA Unified Sport Committee is recommending the following sport offering/ rules modifications:

Unified Soccer – Rules Modifications

Unified Tennis – Rules Modifications

Unified Bocce – Sport Offering/ Rules Modifications

July 30-31, 2024 Central Committee Discussion Items:

None at this time.

July 30-31, 2024 Central Committee Information Items:

None at this time.

Items of Interest:

NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan:

The NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan was approved at the 2022 Central Committee meeting. The priorities of the five-year strategic plan are:

- 1) *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*
- 2) *Increase Student Participation*
- 3) *Long term Financial Stability*
- 4) *Officials Recruitment and Retention*

NYSPHSAA will host the first Girls Flag Football State Championships in Cortland on June 1-2, 2024.

NYSPHSAA will host the first Girls Wrestling State Championships in Albany on February 27, 2025.

**** Action Items and Discussion Items will be added to the July 30-31, 2024 Central Committee agenda as the agenda is developed and finalized.***

**** Information included in this document is not intended to replace the official meeting minutes and does not include all business and information that occurred during the Executive Committee meeting.***



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 28-30, 2024 (M,T,W)	October 27-29, 2025 (M,T,W)	October 26-28, 2026 (M,T,W)	October 25-28, 2027 (M,T,W)
	Site	**Sportime, Schenectady		USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center
Girls Tennis (Team)	Date	November 3, 2023		November 8, 2024	November 7, 2025	November 6, 2026	November 5, 2027
	Site	USTA National Tennis Center		USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center
Cheer (Game Day)	Date	SUNDAY, November 5, 2023		SUNDAY, November 10, 2024	SUNDAY, November 9, 2025	SUNDAY, November 8, 2026	SUNDAY, November 7, 2027
(state journey in 2023)	Site	Visions Veterans Arena		Hudson Valley CC	Hudson Valley CC	Hudson Valley CC	Hudson Valley CC
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	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	Middletown High School	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, TC3, Homer		Cortland	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	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 6-7, 2024	December 5-7, 2025 (tentative)	December 4-6, 2026 (tentative)	December 3-5, 2027 (tentative)
	Site	JMA Wireless Dome		JMA Wireless Dome	JMA Wireless Dome		
WINTER		WINTER 2024		WINTER 2025	WINTER 2026	WINTER 2027	WINTER 2028
Wrestling Girls (Invitation)	Date	January 26, 2024		February 27, 2025			
	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 Skating	Date	February 26-27, 2024		February 24-25, 2025	February 23-24, 2026	February 22-23, 2027	February 21-22, 2028
	Site	Whitewater/Mt. VanHoevenberg		Gore Mountain/North Creek	Bristol Mtn/Harriet Hollister	Whitewater/Mt. VanHoevenberg	
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 5, 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)		Clarence High School	Whitesboro High School		
B/G Indoor Track	Date	March 2, 2024		March 8, 2025	March 7, 2026	March 6, 2027	March 5, 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 16-19, 2028
	Site	**Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls		Visions Veterans Mem Arena	Visions Veterans Mem Arena	Visions Veterans Mem Arena	
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		USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	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			
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		Oliver Appleton Golf Course or Mill Creek Golf Club			
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		Hobart & William Smith College	Hobart & William Smith College	Hobart & William Smith College	
Boys Tennis (Team)	Date	June 7, 2024		June 13, 2025	June 12, 2026	June 11, 2027	June 9, 2028
	Site	USTA National Tennis Center		USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	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			
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	

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

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

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SECTIONAL CONCERN

"Schools without boundaries" participating in the current postseason NYSPHSAA structure

Presenter:

Section 1

Sectional Concern:

"Schools without boundaries" participating in the current postseason NYSPHSAA structure.

"Schools without boundaries" are defined as schools whose majority of the student population extends beyond a district defined boundaries.

Under the current structure, we feel the NYSPHSAA statement of "providing equitable and safe competition for the students or its member schools" is not an accurate statement.

Addressing the Sectional Concern:

- "Schools without boundaries" maintain full membership and benefits of the NYSPHSAA.
- All "schools without boundaries" will remain members of their league and section.
- As aligned with the NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan, this would increase opportunities for championships to more student-athletes in the state.

Some suggestions or thoughts:

- "Schools without boundaries" would compete in a separate classification, with the final structure of sectional and state competition to be developed by the Ad-Hoc committee.

In the end, the ad-hoc committee must review data and examine all possibilities. Membership can share suggestions, however, it is a larger discussion than simply one proposal to address a sectional concern.

Rationale:

Since the last time this concern was addressed in 2016, the landscape has changed. For example, as recent as the 2024 NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball State Championships, 4/6 teams that were named a state champion, were teams defined as "schools without boundaries". We feel a structure that is equitable and inclusive can be attained and allow for members to compete against "like" schools.

Budgetary Impact:

Cost for schools and the state for postseason

Notes:

This is a grassroots effort of several Athletic Administrators from multiple sections, who have met to discuss "schools without boundaries". Discussions have centered on inclusivity in creating an equitable and safe playing field for all schools. This concern does not have a finished proposal, it is our goal to reconvene the 2016 Ad-Hoc Committee and to restart the conversation to find a resolution that benefits all students in New York State. We seek a win-win for all student-athletes in New York State, one in which "schools without boundaries" with full membership and benefits of the NYSPHSAA.

Attachments: n/a

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SECTIONAL CONCERN

Defining days of the week for NYSPHSAA Sub Regionals and Regional Finals

Presenter:

Section 1

Sectional Concern:

NYSPHSAA does not have defined days of the week for subregional and regional competitions creating the potential for inequitable competition and logistical challenges for the traveling section/school.

Addressing the Sectional Concern:

As defined in the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy document, "in the interest of equitable competition,...and logistical concerns, including but not limited to travel...", we are proposing adopting parameters for the purpose of defining specific days of the week to host the NYSPHSAA Sub Regional and Regional Finals.

For example, all sub regionals must be scheduled on either the Tuesday or Wednesday of the week prior to the state championships. All regional finals must be scheduled on the Saturday or Sunday prior to the state championships in the respective sport.

Rationale:

We recognize that securing facilities and staffing can be challenging and while the current structure provides autonomy to the host section, it creates inequities across the same state tournament.

For example, there have been numerous instances that have created inequitable scenarios and/or a (actual or perceived) competitive advantage.

- a. Without defined days of the week, sections/teams are not provided equitable night's rest creating an unfair competitive advantage.
- b. The inconsistency and lack of consideration to traveling sections/teams
- c. In certain sports, the traveling sections/schools have waited until the Thursday or Friday before a Saturday regional final to find out when and where they are playing.

Adopting a set of parameters will bring consistency across the state tournament, assist to level the playing field, and will benefit the overall planning and facilitation of the state tournament. Furthermore, it will provide sections with a true understanding of when regionals must occur to plan the best possible section tournament at the local level.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Note: Football would still utilize the Friday/Saturday model currently in place.

Attachments: n/a

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SECTION IV CONCERN – TRANSFERRING ON MERGED TEAMS

Presenter:

Douglas Wyant, Jr. Superintendent @ South Kortright CSD

Sectional Concern:

We have had several of our smaller schools (Class D) merge in the past year as well as a few schools who have had merged teams for more than a decade. These mergers have been necessitated due to low student athlete participation. By merging athletic programs, student opportunities for participation in athletics has been maintained where otherwise those opportunities would be lost.

However, current language in Section 31 Transfer of the NYSPHAA Handbook prevents a student who is currently participating on a merged athletic team from transferring to the corresponding school district as a non-resident student without losing one year of eligibility.

Addressing the Sectional Concern:

Section IV recommends amending Exemption to (b) under Section 31 to read: 7. A student, currently participating on a Section approved merged athletic team, may transfer to the corresponding school district as a non-resident student. A merged athletic team does not include teams of one (1) or teams of two (2).

Rationale:

The transfer rule exists to prevent student athletes and high school athletic teams from gaining an advantage by accepting students from other districts to improve their level of athletic performance. In this case, there is no athletic advantage gained by allowing a student to transfer to the educational institution who is currently participating on a merged athletic team. The situation remains the same since the athlete is already a member of the merged team.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

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Attachments:

None

Items for the Section IX Athletic Council

Information Items from NYSPHSAA:

- **Girls Swimming & Diving – Qualifying Standards for 2024-2025**
- **Boys Swimming & Diving – Qualifying Standards for 2024-2025**

Voting Items for the July 2024 NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting:

- **Ticket prices – NYSPHSAA Championships 2024-2025**
 - **Handbook Committee- Forfeit Exception for Football**
 - **NYSPHSAA Transfer Form for Waivers & Exceptions**
 - **Cheerleading: Early Start Date**
 - **Cheerleading: Update Required Coaching Course**
 - **Girls Team Tennis: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028**
 - **Boys Soccer: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028**
 - **Girls Soccer: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028**
 - **Field Hockey: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028**
 - **Girls Volleyball: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028**
 - **Girls Volleyball: Revise State Tournament Format Back to Pool Play**
 - **Football: 11 Man- Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2029**
 - **Football-Move 8-Man Regional Championship to Week #22 & conduct the game at the Dome, during 11 Man Finals. Establish Regional Rotation**
 - **Football: Revision to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Penalty**
 - **Boys Wrestling: Early Weight Certification Date**
 - **Girls Wrestling: Representation Rule**
 - **Girls Wrestling: Waiver of the Maximum Number of Tournaments**
 - **Girls Wrestling: Waiver of the NFHS 1.5% Weight Loss Plan**
 - **Girls Wrestling: Adopting the USA Junior Rules**
 - **Boys Ice Hockey: Revision to Goalie Warm-up**
 - **Boys Ice Hockey: OT during Regulation Season**
 - **Girls/Boys Bowling: Split Composite Division into D1& D2**
 - **Girls/Boys Bowling: Modify D1/D2 School Team Division-6 Man Format**
 - **Girls/Boys Bowling: Permit Use of Rotating At-Large Berths to Eliminate Pacer Teams at State Tournament**
 - **Outdoor Track & Field: Establish Cut-Off Numbers for 2025**
- Items for Future Discussion, possible Vote or be Tabled for Future Action**
- (A) Football: Request to Start Practice on Wednesday of Week #7**

(B) Girls Wrestling: Automatic Qualifiers

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GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING – QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR 2024-2025 SEASON

- ☐ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item
☒ Informational Item

Presenter:

Diane Hicks-Hughes, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving State Coordinator
Meg Kaplan, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Assistant State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Committee will continue to use the same State Qualifying Standards for the 2024-25 school year as they did in 2023-2024 due to participation staying between 5%-8%, per Championship Philosophy Committee requirements.

EVENT	PROPOSED STANDARD
200 Medley Relay	1:52.35
200 Freestyle	1:57.24
200 Individual Medley	2:12.84
50 Freestyle	24.84
Diving	440.00
100 Butterfly	1:00.02
100 Freestyle	54.36
500 Freestyle	5:14.65
200 Freestyle Relay	1:41.69
100 Backstroke	1:00.42
100 Breaststroke	1:08.60
400 Freestyle Relay	3:42.73

Number of girls participating in Swimming & Diving 5,198
Number of girls participating in NYSPHSAA Championships 351 (6.8% of total participation)

**CAC Standard requires 5-8% of participation*

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

CAC Feedback:

N/A

As of 4/2/2024

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BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING – QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR 2024-25 SEASON

☐ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item
☒ Informational Item

Presenter:

Peter Hugo, NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving Committee will continue to use the same State Qualifying Standards for the 2024-25 school year as they did in 2023-24 due to participation staying between 5%-8%, per Championship Philosophy Committee requirements.

EVENT	PROPOSED STANDARD
200 Medley Relay	1:40.67
200 Freestyle	1:47.60
200 Individual Medley	2:00.63
50 Freestyle	22.19
Diving	450.00
100 Butterfly	53.95
100 Freestyle	48.76
500 Freestyle	4:52.52
200 Freestyle Relay	1:30.12
100 Backstroke	54.82
100 Breaststroke	1:01.20
400 Freestyle Relay	3:18.87

Number of boys participating in Swimming & Diving:

4,500

Number of boys participating in NYSPHSAA Championships:

363 (8% of total participation)

**CAC/CPC Standard requires 5-8% of participation*

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2024-25

CAC Feedback:

N/A

DATE REVISED: April 2, 2024

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Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

Ticket Prices

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

Presenter:

Tim Mullins, NYSPHSAA Budget/Audit Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval of a \$.50 increase in NYSPHSAA Championship Ticket Prices beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

Effective Start Date:

September 1, 2024

Rationale:

Due to rising championship expenses, NYSPHSAA is seeking ways to increase revenue.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Budget/Audit Committee Meeting

Budgetary Impact:

Based on 100,000 attendees at NYSPHSAA Championships each year, there is an anticipated \$50,000 increase in revenue.

Notes:

The GoFan fee structure is \$1 plus 5% of the ticket price, so a \$10.50 ticket would carry a \$1.53 fee and the final price will be \$12.03 for all GoFan venues.

Those venues that do not permit the use of GoFan will continue to allow for cash sales, where the final ticket prices will be \$10.50 plus fees. Tickets for the JMA Wireless Dome and MVP Arena would be \$12.50 due to their current \$2 fee per ticket sold. Tickets sold through contractually obligated platforms such as Ticketmaster or SeatGeek will have additional fees added on, which is outside the control of NYSPHSAA.

Ticket prices were streamlined for NYSPHSAA to net \$10 per ticket in the 2021-2022 school year, with the approval of the all-digital ticketing platform.

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Handbook – Forfeit Exception for Football

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

Presenter:

Pat Pizzarelli, NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to add the following to the note for the Maximum Number of Contests in the NYSPHSAA Handbook, "Exception: In the sport of Football, when a team receives a forfeit win, the forfeit win will not count towards the maximum number of contests. The team who accepts the forfeit can reschedule a game that will count towards the maximum number of contests."

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

Many schools have lost out on homecoming games due to teams forfeiting. Additionally, two Section VI teams lost 25% of their season due to forfeits.

Proposal Originated:

Section VI Section Concern with support from the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

The team that receives the forfeit win has the opportunity to schedule another game. The Sections will determine how the games count towards league standings/seedings. The NYSPHSAA Football Committee supports this proposal.

Attachments:

None.

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Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

NYSPHSAA Transfer Form for Waivers & Exemptions

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

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider approval to require the use of the NYSPHSAA Transfer form for waivers and exemptions only.

Effective Start Date:

Immediate implementation upon approval

Rationale:

In the past, the NYSPHSAA Transfer Form was available for optional use by the Sections. It was not required. Sections asked the NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee to adapt the form to ensure Sections effectively address the concerns and circumstances of those involved and to align the form with the verbiage included in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None at this time.

Notes:

The Transfer Committee would like the NYSPHSAA Staff to examine and explore potential ways to provide digital options for this form in the future.

Attachments:

NYSPHSAA Transfer Form

NYSPHSAA TRANSFER NOTIFICATION

This form must be completed for all transfer students **requesting a waiver or exemption**



THE STUDENT CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN A CONTEST/SCRIMMAGE UNTIL APPROVED BY THE SECTION.

Please check one: (Required supporting documentation must be attached)

Waiver Request

_____ **Health & Safety:** Appeals are considered for safety, mental health, personal relationships and other similar circumstances. Written documentation is required from Superintendent of Schools or High School Principal of the sending school indicating the specific circumstances which necessitated the transfer. Supporting documentation from a third party outside of the school may be submitted (ex. police report).

_____ **District of Residency:** (No change of residence. School registration change only.) Student is returning to a school within the district boundaries of his/her residence.

_____ **Hardship:** Each school shall have the opportunity to petition the section involved to approve transfer without penalty based on an undue hardship for the student. Educational Waivers will not be considered as an undue hardship.

_____ **Financial:** Requires documented proof of a significant loss of income or a significant increase in expenses.

Exemption Request

_____ **Divorced/Legally Separated Parents:** A student from divorced or legally separated parents who moves into a new school district with one of the aforementioned parents is exempt provided it occurs once every six months. The legal separation agreement must address custody, child support, spouses support and distribution of assets and be filed with the County Clerk or issued by a Judge.

_____ **Homeless:** Student declared homeless by the Superintendent under McKinney-Vento Legislation [NYS ED 100.2].

_____ **Other:** Exemptions (six) as denoted in NYSPHSAA Rule #31 (Transfer). Exemption: _____

_____ **Residency Change** NYSPHSAA transfer/residency policy states: Refer to By-Law & Eligibility Standards #31. (A residency is changed when one is abandoned and another one established through action and intent. Residency requires one's physical presence as an inhabitant and the intent to remain indefinitely. The mere renting of property within the District does not confer residency. **The Superintendent determines residency for enrollment, but this more restrictive requirement is needed for athletic eligibility per NYSPHSAA regulations.**

By signing this document, I attest the information provided is accurate and correct; I have understanding the falsification of information could lead to ineligibility; the immediate family will be physically residing at the current address as inhabitants and intend to remain indefinitely; the student has transferred without inducement or recruitment.

Parent Signature: _____ Name (Print): _____ Date: ____-____-____

PART ONE

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT'S RECEIVING SCHOOL

Receiving School: _____ Student's Name: _____

Date of Transfer: ____-____-____ Date of Birth: ____-____-____ Grade Level: _____ Date Entered 9th Grade: ____-____-____

Student/Family Previous Address: _____

Student/Family Present Address: _____

Parent's Names and Current Address(es)

(Parent I name & address): _____

(Parent II name & address): _____

Name of Sending School _____ Did student participate in athletics at sending school? Yes ____ No ____

The receiving school's administration is responsible for abiding by all NYSPHSAA Eligibility standards.

Athletic Director's signature: _____ Date ____-____-____

Principal's signature: _____ Date ____-____-____

Superintendent's signature: _____ Date ____-____-____

**** DO NOT COMPLETE BELOW - SECTION USE ONLY ****

SECTION APPROVAL: _____ **SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** _____

SECTION DENIAL: _____ **DATE:** ____-____-____

PART TWO
TO BE COMPLETED **BY SCHOOL STUDENT PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED**
AND RETURNED TO STUDENT'S PRESENT SCHOOL

Name of Student: _____ Date entered 9th grade ____-____-____

Did student repeat any grades? _____ If yes, which grade(s)? _____

Name of School(s) Attended Prior to Transfer _____

Date of entrance to this school _____ Date of withdrawal from this school ____-____-____

Student's address while attending the above school _____

With whom did student reside at this address (name)? _____

Relationship of this (these) person(s)? _____

PART THREE
TRANSFER STUDENT SPORT HISTORY
(Please include all sports student participated)

	YEAR	SPORT	LEVEL	SCHOOL
7 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
8 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
9 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
10 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
11 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
12 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____

The undersigned has no knowledge the student named has transferred to his/her present school without inducement or recruitment.

Athletic Director's signature: _____ Date ____-____-____

Principal's signature: _____ Date ____-____-____

Superintendent's signature: _____ Date ____-____-____

PART TWO

TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL STUDENT PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED
AND RETURNED TO STUDENT'S PRESENT SCHOOL

Name of Student: _____ Date entered 9th grade ____-____-____

Did student repeat any grades? _____ If yes, which grade(s)? _____

Name of School(s) Attended Prior to Transfer _____

Date of entrance to this school _____ Date of withdrawal from this school ____-____-____

Student's address while attending the above school _____

With whom did student reside at this address (name)? _____

Relationship of this (these) person(s)? _____

PART THREE

TRANSFER STUDENT SPORT HISTORY
(Please include all sports student participated)

	YEAR	SPORT	LEVEL	SCHOOL
7 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
8 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
9 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
10 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
11 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
12 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____

The undersigned has no knowledge the student named has transferred to his/her present school without inducement or recruitment.

Athletic Director's signature: _____ Date ____-____-____

Principle's signature: _____ Date ____-____-____

Superintendent's signature: _____ Date ____-____-____

revised: 4/2024

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Cheerleading: Fall Start Date

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Jen Simmons, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee is recommending starting on the Wednesday of week number 7 to coincide with the football start date.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

Starting on the Wednesday of week number 7 allows the team to hold a tryout and start to develop the skills necessary to prepare for the upcoming season. The development of the skills can be done in a way that progresses to help reduce risk to the student athletes. As most cheerleading teams do not have scrimmages this allows teams to prepare to attend clinics and camps held during late August and early September. These clinics and camps are very valuable in preparing a team for competition during the season.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

In the past Cheerleading has traditional started the same time as the football teams.

Attachments:

None

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Cheerleading: Update Required Coaching Course

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

Presenter:

Jen Simmons, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee is recommending updating the additional required coaching course to reflect the replacement of the AACCA Safety course and the New NFHS Cheerleading Rules course.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved the requirement that the AACCA Safety course be added to the required courses Cheerleading coaches must take. This course was required every 4 years. The AACCA course has been replaced by the USA Cheer Safety Course offered on the NFHS website. A coach would be required to take this course once. The new course that is being recommended that coaches take yearly is the NFHS Cheerleading Rules course offered by USA Cheer, which is updated annually to cover the rules changes. This course will educate all coaches on the updated rules and skills that have been changed by the NFHS Spirit Rules Committee.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee

Budgetary Impact:

The USA Cheer Safety Course costs \$85 (AACCA was \$75 every 4 years) to take and the Rules Changing course cost \$18 annually.

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

DATE REVISED: 4/17/24

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GIRLS TEAM TENNIS: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-28 **Using Guiding Principles**

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

Presenter:

Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Team Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Committee April 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 8-0 in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotation.

CAC Feedback:

Voted 10-0 to support this proposal at its April 9th meeting.

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BOYS SOCCER: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-28 Using Guiding Principles

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Mike Andrew, NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Committee in March 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 6-5 in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

Voted 8-2 in support of this proposal at its April 9th meeting.

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BOYS SOCCER: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-28 Using Guiding Principles **CONCERNS FROM COMMITTEE**

Section 1 (Matt Allen – voted NO)

This vote comes with trepidation as I understand the work that went into this. But, I feel like this is one of those that really need to properly be looked at and committing to a five year program here is a lot. It should have been condensed to one or three years at most. Here are some concerns from Section 1:

Concern #1 - Think the amount of teams in each section should be more carefully looked at. Feel like that was ignored a bit in the process. As an example, Section IV and Section IX will play at most 2 games in their Sectional final brackets whereas Section 1 will play 5 games. At the same time, Section IV has a ton of Class C teams whereas Section 1 has 5. Think regional rotations should reflect that a lot more. Fairly certain the basketball committee is figuring out their brackets in that format where total teams per class became a consideration when appropriating who gets an "out bracket" game.

Concern #2 - I'm all for a 5/6 and 8/11 rivalry. It makes sense to me. Been playing together for years but then again so have other sections. It's still bothersome to me that some rivalry groups are maintained and some aren't. To make this equitable and to truly make this fair, everyone should be treated equally. In all reality, there should be an East Region, a South region, a North Region and a West. With this, the historical connections do need to be altered. *This plays itself out most in Class C where Section 1 has an out bracket game (Subregional) during all five years of the championship but yet Sections 5/6 will not play one subregional game during that time span.

Concern #3 - Very disappointed in the process. Two nights on a google zoom with a spreadsheet on the screen with like 2-3 other spreadsheets is really not the way a professional organization should function. I received the first email on April 1st at 4:43PM. Had very little time to digest all of this and to really delve into the games, home games, brackets and ramifications of travel. I'm with Rob...a one year trial should be implemented rather than a whopper of committing to five years.

Section 2 (Ernie Clapper – Voted NO)

I am voting no because of the process and let me say that from the time I began serving on the state committee, it has been an awesome experience and I have been blessed to work with individuals who care about the game and the players who play it.

The first issue for me is the timing of the process. Something this important, that spans a five year period needs more time than getting a proposal on a Monday afternoon at 4:45 PM and then meeting two nights later in a zoom meeting to discuss.

I have found over my 16 years in school administration and over my coaching and teaching career that proposals that come from the grass roots up are much more well received and effective than "top down" proposals. I say that, not to in any way diminish the efforts of Mike and Joe and Joe in this. If the individual soccer committees from each section could have first had time to meet and look for concerns in the proposal and then bring those concerns back to the state committee for

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discussion, I feel that the final product (which will affect our student-athletes over the next five year period of time) would have been one of richer quality.

I am not sure of the reasons for the time crunch, nor am I aware of the need for non- transparency in sharing this with our section committees. I am sure many other concerns could have been addressed if section committees had input into this document. As it was, all we really addressed were “home and away” concerns, and I fear many of the issues brought up by Section One were left unanswered. Kids getting home from a game at 2:30 AM is still unacceptable.

Thanks to everyone who took time from what was a “vacation week” for many to work on this and I certainly respect that, and my thanks to all for reading my response. It is an honor to work with people who truly care about kids. I apologize for a “no” vote, but I feel we can all do better.

Section 7 (Rob McAuliffe – voted NO)

- I believe the process for a decision of such magnitude was rushed and not thoroughly vetted.
- Due to receiving the brackets on Monday and being asked to vote on Wednesday, some members of our committee were not able to attend.
- This was a decision that did not allow for a coordinator to discuss this with coaches, AD's, administrators of the section they represent. This was a decision solely made by the coordinator without input of the members they are asked to represent.
- I believe we could have developed a rotation for one year (2024) that would have sufficed and met the Guiding Principles as opposed to five years.
- We as a boys soccer committee did not ask for the rotations to be changed as we were mandated. It is likely that most coordinators would have approved staying with the current rotation.
- I do believe we have exchanged a set of problems for another set of problems. I do expect, now that the brackets have been adjusted, we will see other issues arise.
- To be fair, Section 7 clearly benefits from this new rotation, but I don't believe the rest of the sections can say the same.

FINAL - READY FOR CAC/EC

BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER 2024-28 (includes GUIDING PRINCIPLES)

	2024		2025		2026		2027		2028	
	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final
Class AAA	4 @ 1	1/4 @ 9 2 @ 3 5 @ 6 11 @ 8	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1 9 @ 4 6 @ 5 3 @ 2	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3 4 @ 9 1 @ 2 11 @ 8	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4 9 @ 1 6 @ 5 8 @ 11	4 @ 9	4/9 @ 1 5 @ 6 11 @ 8 2 @ 3
Class AA	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1 4 @ 9 5 @ 6 2 @ 3	1 @ 4	1/4 @ 9 3 @ 2 6 @ 5 8 @ 11	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4 9 @ 1 5 @ 6 11 @ 8	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3 4 @ 9 1 @ 2 8 @ 11	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 1 5 @ 6 11 @ 8 3 @ 2
Class A	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4 11 @ 8 5 @ 6	8 @ 11 6 @ 5	4 @ 9 8/11 @ 1 6/5 @ 3	9 @ 4 11 @ 8 5 @ 6	9/4 @ 2 11/8 @ 1 5/6 @ 3	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9 8 @ 11 6 @ 5	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 9 1 @ 4 5 @ 6
Class B	10 @ 3	approved 4-5	7 @ 2	10/3 @ 2/7	3 @ 7	7 @ 10	2 @ 10	3/7 @ 2/10	7 @ 10	approved 4-5
	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4 11 @ 8 5 @ 6	8 @ 11 6 @ 5	4 @ 9 8/11 @ 1 6/5 @ 3	9 @ 4 11 @ 8 5 @ 6	9/4 @ 2 11/8 @ 1 5/6 @ 3	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9 8 @ 11 6 @ 5	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 9 1 @ 4 5 @ 6
Class C	10 @ 3	approved 4-5	10 @ 7	10/7 @ 2	3 @ 7	7 @ 10	2 @ 10	3/7 @ 2/10	7 @ 10	approved 4-5
	7 @ 2	10/3 @ 2/7	10 @ 7	10/7 @ 2	2 @ 10	7 @ 10	2 @ 10	3/7 @ 2/10	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 7/10
Class C	11 @ 8**	11/8** @ 1/9	8 @ 11	9/1 @ 8/11**	11 @ 8**	11/8** @ 1/9	8 @ 11	9/1 @ 8/11**	11 @ 8**	11/8** @ 1/9
	1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9	
Class C	7 @ 10	2 @ 7/10	4 @ 3	10 @ 7 4/3 @ 2	7 @ 10	7 @ 10	10 @ 7	7/10 @ 2	4 @ 2	7 @ 10 2/4 @ 3
		3 @ 4 5 @ 6		6 @ 5	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4 5 @ 6		4 @ 3 6 @ 5	8 @ 11 (only if both)	5 @ 6

Class D

11 @ 2**	11/2 @9 10 @7 3 @4 5 @6	11 @ 9**	11/9 @ 2 7 @10 4 @3 6 @5	2 @11**	2/11 @ 9 10 @7 3 @4 5 @6	9 @ 11**	9/11 @ 2 7 @10 4 @3 6 @5	11 @ 2**	11/2 @ 9 10 @7 3 @4 5 @6
2024		2025		2026		2027		2028	
Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final

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GIRLS SOCCER: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-28 Using Guiding Principles

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

Presenter:

Joe Vas, NYSPHSAA Girls Soccer State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Soccer Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Soccer Committee in March 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 10-1 (Section 1) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

Voted 8-2 in support of this proposal at its April 9th meeting.

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GIRLS SOCCER: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-28 Using Guiding Principles **CONCERNS FROM COMMITTEE**

Section 1 (Matt Chappas voted NO)

Just to be clear - we're looking for equity in travel and opponents. Sections 5/6 and 8/11 have much easier travel and matchups over the 5-year period. Section 1 has to play 2,3,4,9,8,11 at various points in the rotation. We do not see this as equity in travel. We would love a consistent 1/9 match up in subs and finals like 8/11, 5/6.

Our road to the final four has been much more difficult than some of our neighboring sections. Again, we are simply looking for equity across the board.

Section 3 (Peter Lautensack voted YES)

After yesterday's call I agreed with the improved travel rotations for our Section 3 schools. Without the benefit of having the final modified brackets in front of me I did not have the opportunity to speak to the equity of hosting Home Regional Final games. Upon review I see that Section 3 Travels away for 17 Regional Finals and is only home for 13 Regional over the 5-year span.

We would travel for 6 Sub-Regionals and only be home for 4 games. Thus, we would travel to 23 total games (presuming we win all the sub-regional matches) and only be home for 17 for the 5-year period. Section 3 would only be the home school 43% of the time and would be the traveling for 57% of the competitions.

I would like to ask that for equity 1 sub-regional pairing game host be reversed and 2 Regional game hosts be reversed. This would result in us traveling for 5 sub-regional and hosting 5 sub-regional games. It would also allow us to travel for 15 regional and be home for 15 regional finals, presuming we won the sub-regionals.

Section 6 (Chris Durr voted YES)

1. The 7/10 regional finals in class AA and A have very low numbers in comparison to the other regions...that is not equitable!
2. Would like to recommend the sub regionals be played on Wednesdays and the Regional finals on Saturdays! Game times should be sensitive to the traveling team's distance.
3. Regional finals sites need to be posted by certain date so that teams can plan the travel ahead of time should they win the sub regional.
4. Request that all sections work together to set the host sections games to help to shorten travel time when planning sub regional and regional final sites.

Section 7 (Tim Mulligan voted NO)

Pairing section 7 with section 3 for subregional play should never occur. It is a 5-hour trip from Plattsburgh to Syracuse. While the map shows our sections are contiguous, there is a 6-million-acre Adirondack Park between us.

While the pairings in A-C on some years favor our section, I cannot support something I've adamantly argued against in the past. That is a final four representative from "region" with only a handful of teams. 7-10 in class A, B, and C should not be playing a regional final to get to the final four. The same situation occurs with 8 and 11 in class B getting a regional final. We fixed this issue last year at the state meeting, and now this new schedule goes right back to allow for the inequity. I'm sure there are other situations where the pool of teams in a region needs to be looked at more closely, but there was not time to do so in this process.

FINAL - READY FOR CAC/EC
BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER 2024-28 (includes GUIDING PRINCIPLES)

	2024		2025		2026		2027		2028	
	Sub Regional	Regional/Final	Sub Regional	Regional/Final	Sub Regional	Regional/Final	Sub Regional	Regional/Final	Sub Regional	Regional/Final
Class AAA	4 @ 1	1/4 @ 9	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4	4 @ 9	4/9 @ 1
		2 @ 3		9 @ 4		4 @ 9		9 @ 1		5 @ 6
		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		1 @ 2		6 @ 5		11 @ 8
		11 @ 8		3 @ 2		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		2 @ 3
Class AA	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	1 @ 4	1/4 @ 9	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 1
		4 @ 9		3 @ 2		9 @ 1		4 @ 9		5 @ 6
		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		1 @ 2		11 @ 8
		2 @ 3		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		3 @ 2
Class A	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4		4 @ 9	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 2	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 9
		11 @ 8	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1		8 @ 11		1 @ 4
		5 @ 6	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3		6 @ 5		5 @ 6
	10 @ 3	approved 4-5					3 @ 7		7 @ 10	approved 4-5
Class B	7 @ 2	10/3 @ 2/7	10 @ 7	10/7 @ 2		7 @ 10	2 @ 10	3/7 @ 2/10	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 7/10
	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4		4 @ 9	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 2	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 9
		11 @ 8	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1		8 @ 11		1 @ 4
		5 @ 6	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3		6 @ 5		5 @ 6
Class C	10 @ 3	approved 4-5					3 @ 7		7 @ 10	approved 4-5
	7 @ 2	10/3 @ 2/7	10 @ 7	10/7 @ 2		7 @ 10	2 @ 10	3/7 @ 2/10	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 7/10
	11 @ 8**	11/8** @ 1/9	8 @ 11	9/1 @ 8/11**	11 @ 8**	11/8** @ 1/9	8 @ 11	9/1 @ 8/11**	11 @ 8**	11/8** @ 1/9
	1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9	
	7 @ 10	2 @ 7/10		10 @ 7		7 @ 10	10 @ 7	7/10 @ 2		7 @ 10
		3 @ 4	4 @ 3	4/3 @ 2	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4		4 @ 3	4 @ 2	2/4 @ 3
		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6
									8 @ 11 (only if both)	

Class D	11 @ 2**	11/2 @9 10 @7 3 @4 5 @6	11 @ 9**	11/9 @ 2 7 @10 4 @3 6 @5	2 @11**	2/11 @ 9 10 @7 3 @4 5 @6	9 @ 11**	9/11 @ 2 7 @10 4 @3 6 @5	11 @ 2**	11/2 @ 9 10 @7 3 @4 5 @6
	2024		2025		2026		2027		2028	
	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final

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FIELD HOCKEY: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-28 **Using Guiding Principles**

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Bev Hooper, NYSPHSAA Field Hockey State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Committee April 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 7-1 (Section 1 opposed, Section 2 absent) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

Voted 9-1 in support of this proposal at its April 9th meeting.

DATE REVISED: April 11, 2024

				FINAL - READY FOR CAC/EC							
FIELD HOCKEY 2024-28 (includes Guiding Principles)											
2024		2025		2026		2027		2028			
Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final		
6 v 3 in Sect 5	6/3 @ 5	4 @ 9	4/9 @ 1	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1	1 @ 2	1/2 @ 3		
	Class C: Regional Final is 3 @ 6		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		9 @ 4		11 @ 8		
	11 @ 8		3 @ 2		4 @ 2		2 @ 3		6 @ 5		
	9 @ 1		5 @ 6		1 @ 9		5 @ 6		4 @ 9		
	2 @ 4		Class C: Atl 4 @ 6		Class C Atl 1 @ 6		Class C Atl 2 v 6 @ 5		Class C Atl 9 @ 6		
	Class B: Atl 11 @ 1				Class B: Atl 6 @ 1		Class B: Atl 8 @ 4		Class B: Atl 3 @ 9		
<p><i>* If Section 5 has a Class C team, the At Large team for that year advances to the next year.</i></p> <p><i>* If Section 9 has a Class B team, the At Large team for that year advances to the next year.</i></p>											
Committee Vote:											
7-1 (Section 1 opposed) in favor on March 25, 2024 (Section 2 absent)											
Concerns:											
<p>* Section 1 is opposed to their section playing different opponents during term</p> <p>* Numerous sections concerned about Long Island Championships being a required matchup in sub or reg final. Not written in principles.</p>											
as of March 25, 2024											

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-28 **Using Guiding Principles**

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Peggy Seese, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee March 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 10-0 (Section 2 absent) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

Voted 9-1 in support of this proposal at its April 9th meeting.

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Revise State Tournament Format Back to Pool Play

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

Presenter:

Peggy Seese, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Committee is seeking approval to revert back to a pool play format for the 2024 State Tournament.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

Pool play guarantees that each team will play six (6) sets of volleyball (competing against all teams in their class) over an extended period of time, whereas bracket play only guarantees a minimum of 3 sets against one team) which can sometimes be completed in as little as 45 minutes. Student-athletes work tirelessly their entire career with dreams of making it to the NYSPHSAA Final Four. Teams across the state are accustomed to pool play during regular season multi-team tournaments. The pool play format will provide student-athletes a more memorable experience rewarding the hard work and dedication that they have endured to make it to the final four. While pool play and bracket play both have their flaws in determining the two state finalist teams, our committee feels that pool play will ultimately lead to the top two teams in the state facing off in the final match.

Once the committee experienced the length of time it took for six classes playing bracketed play, the initial concern for the length of time it took to add another team to pool play was no longer a concern.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee on March 19, 2024.

Budgetary Impact:

There is minimal or no budgetary impact with this format.

Notes:

The Girls Volleyball State Committee supported this proposal with a 7-4 vote.

CAC Feedback:

Voted 8-2 to support this proposal.

DATE REVISED: April 11, 2024

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Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

FOOTBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-29 Using Guiding Principles

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

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2024-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee March 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA Football State Committee voted 9-0 in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

Voted 10-1 in support of this proposal at its April 9th meeting.

			FINAL - READY FOR CAC/EC								
			FOOTBALL 2024-29 (Includes Guiding Principles; voted by football committee 8-0 on 3/8/24)								
			2024		2025		2026		2027		
Class AA	Section	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final
	Section 1		1 @ 2		9 @ 1		Atl 6 @ 1		Atl 3 @ 1		Atl 3 @ 1
	Section 2		1 @ 2		Atl 9 @ 2		9 @ 2		9 @ 2		9 @ 2
	Section 3		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		Atl 3 @ 1; 3 @ 4		Atl 3 @ 1; 3 @ 4
	Section 4		4 @ 3; & ATL 4 @ 9		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		3 @ 4
	Section 5		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		5 @ 6
	Section 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		Atl 6 @ 1; & 6 @ 5		5 @ 6		5 @ 6
	Section 9		ATL 4 @ 9		Atl 9 @ 2; & 9 @ 1		9 @ 2		9 @ 2		9 @ 2
Class A	Section 1		1 @ 2		9 @ 1		Atl 6 @ 1		Atl 3 @ 1		Atl 3 @ 1
	Section 2		1 @ 2		Atl 9 @ 2		9 @ 2		9 @ 2		9 @ 2
	Section 3		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		Atl 3 @ 1; 3 @ 4		Atl 3 @ 1; 3 @ 4
	Section 4		4 @ 3; & ATL 4 @ 9		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		3 @ 4
	Section 5		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		5 @ 6
	Section 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		Atl 6 @ 1; & 6 @ 5		5 @ 6		5 @ 6
	Section 9		ATL 4 @ 9		Atl 9 @ 2; & 9 @ 1		9 @ 2		9 @ 2		9 @ 2
Class B	Section 1		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		1 @ 9
	Section 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2		7/10 winner @ 2
	Section 3		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		3 @ 4
	Section 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		3 @ 4
	Section 5		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		5 @ 6
	Section 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		5 @ 6
	Section 7	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2		7/10 winner @ 2
	Section 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		1 @ 9
	Section 10	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2		7/10 winner @ 2
Class C	Section 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		9 @ 1
	Section 2	7 @ 10	7/10 @ 2 winner	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner		2 @ 7/10 winner
	Section 3		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		3 @ 4
	Section 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		3 @ 4
	Section 5		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		5 @ 6
	Section 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		5 @ 6
	Section 7	7 @ 10	7/10 @ 2 winner	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner		2 @ 7/10 winner
	Section 9		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		9 @ 1
	Section 10	7 @ 10	7/10 @ 2 winner	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner		2 @ 7/10 winner

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FOOTBALL – MOVE 8-MAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TO WEEK #22 AND CONDUCT IT AT JMA DOME DURING 11-MAN FINALS; ESTABLISH REGIONAL ROTATION

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football State Committee is seeking approval to move the 8-man regional championship to week #22 and conduct it at the JMA Dome during the 11-man finals. The attached regional rotation for 2024-26 is part of this proposal.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

Due to the growth of 8-man football and seeking an additional week to play postseason, the committee would like to play the 8-man championship prior to the first 11-man final or immediately following the last 11-man final on the weekend of week #22. The committee also believes moving the regional final to the Dome creates an equitable situation with 11-man football where both can share the same venue.

The regional rotation being proposed meets the recently established Guiding Principles of Regional Rotations addressing equity in hosting and traveling to regionals.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football State Committee on December 20, 2023. The State Committee formed a sub-committee and voted 6-2 (plus 1 abstention) to present this to the State Committee. The state committee supported this proposal by an 8-0 vote.

Budgetary Impact:

In the West Semifinal, since officials, awards, travel, and some facility fees are already rolled into expenses and revenues are accounted for, there won't be any change to the financials. For the East Semifinals, however, an additional game will increase costs, potentially by approximately \$3,000. Anticipated revenue would be \$3,000 based on 300 fans for the additional game, resulting in a net profit/loss of \$0. An additional game at the JMA Wireless Dome will incur an extra \$13,400 in expenses due to facility, staffing, security, etc. However, with anticipated ticket sales of approximately 300 fans generating \$3,000, this would offset some of the costs, resulting in a net loss of approximately \$11,400 for the one additional game.

Attachments:

Proposed regional rotation for 2024-26

CAC Feedback:

Voted 9-1 to DEFEAT this proposal.

DATE REVISED: April 11, 2024

8 man Regional Rotations for 2024-2026

Advantages

- Aligns with Class AA- D Regional games
- Each Section host 2 out of 3 years
- Each Section gets a wild card once every 3 years
- This model allows for expansion in one or both Regions
- Potential for the Regional Championship to be hosted at JMA Dome

Disadvantages

- Section 4 has to travel to East region for East Championship
- Sections with a small number of schools could enter tournaments with losing or no win that season.

2024			
West Region			
Section 5 WC			
Game 1 @ Section 3	Game 1 Winner		
Section 3			
	Game 5 @ West Site	West Champion	
Section 6		Game 5 Winner	
Game 2 @ Section 5	Game 2 Winner		
Section 5			
East Region			Regional Champion
Section 4 WC			Game 7 @ TBD
Game 3 @ Section 9	Game 1 Winner		
Section 9			
	Game 6 @ East Site	East Champion	
Section 7/10		Game 6 Winner	
Game 4 @ Section 4	Game 2 Winner		
Section 4			

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Football: Revision to NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Penalty

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

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, Football Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is recommending revising the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Penalty for the sport of football. Any player disqualified by a sport official for unsportsmanlike behavior or flagrant foul will be ineligible for the next two consecutive halves.

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 school year

Rationale:

Currently, a student-athlete could be disqualified on the first play of a game and would have to sit out that entire game and the following game. This could equate to 25% of their season, based on an 8-game schedule. This is not equal, compared to all other NYS high school team sports. All other sport teams that have 16 or 20 games would only sit out 12.5% or 10% of their season. This rule will make it 12.5% for an 8-game schedule and 10% for a 10-game schedule. More than 75% of all football playing schools only participate in 8 games. This would mirror what the penalty is for a disqualification for targeting currently in the NYSPHSAA handbook.

Proposal Originated:

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee supported this proposal.

Attachments:

See example

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Boys Wrestling: Early Weight Certification Date

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, Boys Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:

The Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending allowing Sections to have an early weight Certification date starting no earlier than the Monday of week #17. **Schools would be required to register any wrestlers participating in the early certification date by the Saturday of week #15.**

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 school year

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA has approved the 1.5% weight loss descent plan for all wrestlers competing in the boys season as of the 2023-2024 season. The weight loss descent plan locks wrestlers into a specific weight based on their certification weight at the beginning of the season. The descent plan is based on a student losing a maximum of 1.5% of their body weight each season. Unfortunately, some wrestlers were not able to compete for a majority of their season because their descent plan did not allow them to get to an eligible weight based on the certification at the beginning of the year. Other wrestlers were not eligible for a desired weight because their plan maxed out right above a particular weight class. If a Section was allowed to have an earlier certification date, then some wrestlers would be able to get certified and then start their weight descent plan 6 weeks prior to the season therefore maximizing their participation. If an earlier start date was allowed this would mean that the Section consultants would have to organize their staffs on two different time periods to certify the wrestlers prior to the season starting. There is also no guarantee that a wrestler will follow the descent plan and be at the desired weight class at the beginning of the season.

Proposal Originated:

The Boys Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

There may be an increase cost to the Section but in theory the same amount of wrestlers is being certified before the season.

Notes:

DATE REVISED: 4/3/24

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Wrestling Consultants voted 3-5 against this proposal. The Safety Committee voted 10-1 in favor. **The Boys Wrestling Committee revised the proposal based on the feedback from the Wrestling Consultants and the Safety Committee.**

Attachments: See example

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Girls Wrestling – Representation Rule

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

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, Girls Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending amending the current Representation Regulation for Girls Wrestling in the following manner.

NOTE: For individual, individual/ team sports, when a school district does not have a team designated for each singular gender, the Section Executive Director may grant a waiver of the Representation Standard for Sectional Competition when a student has met the qualification for participation in the current school year's NYSPHSAA Championship event. ***In the sport of Girls Wrestling, if a school does have a team for both genders the female wrestlers may choose to compete in either the boys post season or the girls post season but not both.***

Effective Start Date:

2024 – 2025 Season

Rationale:

The sport of girls wrestling continues to grow across NYS. Some schools are reluctant to start a girl's teams for a variety of reasons because girls are allowed to compete on the boy's team and still be eligible to compete in the girls post season. Data from across the country and shown that many more girls will wrestle if the school offers a girl only team. Until the sport grows to wear female wrestlers can practice and compete against other girls there is still a need for some wrestlers to compete and practice on boys' teams. The committee feels this recommendation will encourage schools to offer a girl's team and still accommodate female wrestlers that have been wrestling on boys teams for many years.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The committee voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

DATE REVISED: April 12, 2024

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Girls Wrestling – Waiver of the Maximum Number of Tournaments

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

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, Girls Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending continuing the waiver of the limitation of 6 tournaments during the regular season. The waiver is for girl only tournaments.

Effective Start Date:

2024 – 2025 Season

Rationale:

Currently there are not enough complete teams in the Sections to justify having dual meets during the regular season. The waiver allows girls to participate in as many competitions without going over the maximum number of contests allowed during the regular season.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The committee voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

Attachments: None

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Girls Wrestling – Waiver of the NFHS 1.5% Weight Loss Plan

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

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, Girls Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending waiving the NFHS 1.5% weight loss plan.

Effective Start Date:

2024 – 2025 Season

Rationale:

The Girls Wrestling Committee believes that there are other biological factors that effect girls weights as opposed to boys and this rule could have a negative impact on a female wrestler.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The committee voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

Attachments: None

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Girls Wrestling – Adopting the USA Junior Rules

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

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, Girls Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending adopting the Juniors rules in the USA Wrestling Rulebook.

Effective Start Date:

2024 – 2025 Season

Rationale:

The Girls Wrestling Committee recommended and the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved using the USA Wrestling Rulebook for Freestyle wrestling. The juniors section of the rulebook is most appropriate for the HS level competition.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The committee voted 9-1 in support of this proposal. Section 1 voted against the proposal.

Attachments: None

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Boys Ice Hockey: Revision to Goalie Warm-Up

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

Presenter:

Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey Committee is recommending removing the language in the NYSPHSAA handbook under 14.10 #10 which states, **"If, in the judgement of the official, he feels that a goaltender's warm-up has been made to give his team a stoppage of play or rest period, the official may assess a minor penalty for delay of game."**

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 season

Rationale:

The official has no way of determining what the intent of the coach was when making the substitution therefore this language is not enforced and puts the official in a no-win situation.

Proposal Originated:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Boys Ice Hockey: OT During Regulation Season

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey Committee is recommending revising the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under 14.08 #11 letter b to mirror the OT procedure used during the post season. This would only be used when a winner is necessary.

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 season

Rationale:

The Committee feels that the same procedure that is used in the post season should be used during the regular season when a winner is necessary. This provides consistency for players, coaches, and officials.

Proposal Originated:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING – Split Composite Division into Division 1 & Division 2

- ☐ 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 establish two divisions for its Composite Division—Division 1 and Division 2—for competition during the State Tournament.

Effective Start Date:

Winter (March) 2025

Rationale:

Splitting the existing composite division by the current division enrollment numbers creates equitable opportunity to qualify for the state championship. The composite division awards state champions for Individuals as well as section teams. With 17,253 varsity bowlers in NYS in 2022-24, bowling would still be within its 5-8% range, per Championship Philosophy.

Proposal Originated:

Section 5 shared at the committee meeting in March 2024.

Budgetary Impact:

This does not increase the length of the tournament as unused lanes in the bowling center will be assigned to Division 2 teams. Approximate cost to added lineage is expected to be \$3,000 for an addition 700-864 games. Anticipated attendance is 300-400 additional spectators, equivalent of \$3,000-\$4,000. To send additional teams, sections/schools will incur additional travel and lodging costs for student-athletes competing. NYSPHSAA must also book additional rooms to cover the second division lodging needs.

Notes:

The Boys and Girls Bowling State Committees supported this proposal with a 18-0 vote on March 9, 2024.

CAC Feedback

Voted 9-1 to support this proposal.

Date Revised: April 17, 2024

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BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING – Modify D1/D2 School Team Division to use 6-Man Format

☐ 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 modify the bowling format of the Division 1 and Division 2 school team events during the State Tournament to utilize a 6-man format.

Effective Start Date:

Winter (March) 2025

Rationale:

The existing format uses a 5-man format on a single pair of lanes (10 bowlers across 2 lanes). All five (5) scores currently count towards the team game total. While the 6-man format increases bowler participation with the additional competing player, the lowest individual score is dropped from the team total. The 6-man format also utilizes an additional pair of lanes (12 bowlers across 4 lanes) resulting in a more efficient tournament and better experience for student-athletes and fans instead of long days.

Proposal Originated:

Section V Coordinator shared this concept at the committee meeting in March 2024.

Budgetary Impact:

An additional 20 competing players over both Division 1 and 2 events will result in an increase of approximately \$500 in lineage cost for NYSPHSAA. With 20 additional players now guaranteed to compete, it may result in additional admissions to offset lineage cost.

Notes:

The Boys and Girls Bowling State Committees supported this proposal with a 16-2 vote on March 9, 2024.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback

Voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

Date Revised: April 17, 2024

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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.

*****On Jan 31st, the Executive Committee expressed a concern about only allowing 10 or more schools to be eligible for the at-large. The Bowling Committee met on March 9th to discuss this concern and decided to stand by the original proposal and maintain 10 or more schools minimum to be considered for the at-large rotation.***

Proposal Originated:

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

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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.

Notes:

The Boys and Girls Bowling State Committees supported this proposal with a 16-0 vote at their Oct 13th meeting then re-affirmed their vote on March 9th.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback: CAC voted 8-1 in support of this proposal at its January 15 meeting.

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OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD: **Establish Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2025**

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

Presenter:

Dan Doherty, Girls Track and Field Coordinator
Tom Wells, Boys Track and Field Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Outdoor Track and Field State Committee is recommending the following classification cut-off numbers starting in 2025.

Class A	800 and above	156 teams (24%)	8,066 athletes (39.76%)
Class B	799 to 400	168 teams (25.88%)	6,090 athletes (30%)
Class C	399 and below	325 teams (50%)	6,126 athletes (30.2%)

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

With the approval of a third division in the sport of Track and Field, it is necessary the State Committee establishes classification cut-off numbers for a new class. The committee feels most athletes competing in the sport of Track and Field are in the largest division therefore it has established 800 and above for the top division and split the lower two divisions creating equity and fairness.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Track and Field Committee in 2024.

Budgetary Impact:

The establishment of new classification numbers does not yield a financial impact. The financial impact of adding a third division was explained in the original proposal.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track State Committee voted 17-5 in favor of supporting this proposal.

CAC Feedback:

Voted 10-0 in support of this proposal. Also identified potential issues with the use of "divisions" instead of classes" therefore track will be known to have three classes.

DATE REVISED: April 11, 2024

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

- ☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

*New start Date Approved for
Monday, August 19, 2024*

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. Following the January 31st Executive Committee meeting, Dr. Zayas asked NYSED if NYSPHSAA could start football practice early and go beyond the 15-week Fall season guideline. Dr. Zayas received the following response from Elyse Loughlin at NYSED:

"Having reviewed the "Proposal-Football-Early Start Date 2024" and accompanying documents, I am writing to inform you of the Department's decision to extend the football season to 16 weeks for the 2024 season. Please proceed with the necessary arrangements to implement this change, keeping in mind the overall welfare and developmental needs of our student-athletes."

DATE REVISED: January 8, 2024

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Girls Wrestling – Automatic Qualifiers

Will need New Format.

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

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, Girls Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending using an Automatic Qualifier System to complete the 16 person brackets for the 2025 Girls Wrestling Championship.

Effective Start Date:

2025 State Championship

Rationale:

The committee discussed two options to complete the 16-person bracket for the 2025 Championship. Most of the committee decided that using a system like the boy's current system was the best way to ensure the champion of each Section was in the tournament and that the top wrestlers from around the state completed the rest of the bracket. The committee also discussed a regional format, but this concept was not supported by a majority of the committee.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The committee voted 9-2 in support of this proposal. Section 4 and 5 voted against the proposal.

Attachments:

None

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Unified Sports: Sport Offering/Rules Modifications

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Unified Sport Committee is recommending the following sport offering/rules modifications.

Unified Soccer – Rules Modifications
Unified Tennis – Rules Modifications
Unified Bocce – Sport Offering/Rules Modifications

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA/SONY has been looking to offer a Fall sport to our Unified Sports program for several years. Some Sections have piloted programs in these sports and would like to have the sport/rule modifications officially adopted by NYSPHSAA to be placed in the handbook. Bocce would have to be approved as a NYSPHSAA Unified Sport. All of our sport offerings are administered through the local Section/Leagues.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Unified Sport Committee

Budgetary Impact:

SONY has provided support to local schools through equipment and other needs but no direct grant funding. Schools would be funding the program if they decided to participate.

Notes:

None

Attachments:

Soccer Rule Modifications
Bocce Rule Modifications
Tennis Rule Modifications

Colleagues,

I am pleased to present to The Council, a contract extension that has been unanimously approved by the Section IX Federation of Sports Officials.

With your approval, this extension would extend our working relationship till June 30, 2028.

The agreement includes no new language in the contract pages 1-10 (with the exception of dates corresponding to the agreement).

This is critical, in my opinion, for two reasons. While imperfect, like any contract, it is language that both sides are familiar with and have navigated successfully for more than twenty years without grievance. In addition, our schools will realize no increases in travel fees, travel allowance fees, late start fees or league championship/ sectional championship "bonus" fees.

Varsity game fees will increase over the life of the extension approximately 3.3% per season. Sub varsity fees will increase approximately 5% per season.

The sub varsity increases are targeted to encourage new, entry level officials. We also hope to entice veteran officials to help us at our sub varsity level contests, where many contests have been canceled or played with less than the required number of officials. During the 36 years that I have represented Section IX on the NYSPHSAA OCF, the pendulum has swung dramatically away from the favorable NYSPHSAA Contract language once enjoyed by the sections.

Current fact finding and especially the arbitration process is extremely expensive and wildly unpredictable. Decisions are now rendered solely by a representative of the American Arbitration Association. As many of you know, negotiations throughout New York have often turned hostile, leading to fractured relationships that will last for many years. We are privileged to enjoy an excellent working relationship with The Federation. For all the above reasons, I urge The Council to approve the proposed contract at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

Dennis Burkett
Section IX Negotiator

Proposal: For Section IX teams to be allowed to compete in the Game Day divisions for the Winter Season - locally, regionally, and/or nationally - similar to Track & Field or any other athlete that is invited to or attends a National Competition.

Rationale:

- By the NYSPHSAA guidelines, Game Day and Competitive are not separate sports, they are separate events within the same sport. The Game Day Championship is scheduled in the fall and the Competitive Championship is scheduled in the Winter. Therefore, within Fall Cheerleading and Winter Cheerleading, teams may compete within multiple events in the same competition for both Game Day and Competitive. There may be different individuals that compete in each of those events, similar to track, swimming, and gymnastics.
- As Game Day is a lower progression within the sport of cheerleading, it may be more appropriate and safer for some developing programs to have a winter Game Day performance, rather than a Competitive performance. As Programs progress, they can develop Competitive performances alongside their winter Game Day performance.

Desired Outcomes:

- Increase student participation and number of cheerleading programs in section IX, as Game Day opens the door for more athlete participation with no difficulty requirement.
- Increase participant safety by encouraging programs and individual athletes to participate in the cheerleading event that is in line with their current skills and progressions.
- Increase overall technique and execution of all cheerleading events in Section IX, as Game Day focuses on technique and proper execution, over difficulty.

Considerations:

- The NYSPHSAA championship philosophy determines which state championships will be offered and how classes or divisions will be competed for at the state championship.
We are not looking for a Section or State Championship for Game Day in the Winter season.
- Game Day Cheerleading:
 - Is currently only allowed in the Fall Season, in Section IX. Game Day competition is currently allowed in New York Sections 1, 4, 8, and 11 in the

Winter Season. These sections allow their Game Day teams to compete at UCA/NCA regional and national competitions in the Winter.

- Allows athletes to grow and gain a competitive experience.
- Focuses on progression of skills and technique of the score sheet at a safe pace.
- Is a competitive division that rewards traditional cheerleading responsibilities at the schools.
Increases the presence of Cheerleading as a sport in school or communities.
- Could help to increase the presence of cheerleading in schools that may be losing athletes or even entire programs due to loss of interest because of the difficulty requirements.
- Coaches stipends - there should be no additional stipends needed for coaches as they will already be coaching during that season.
- It is the responsibility of the teams to pay their own way to UCA/NCA Regional or National competitions which would mean no additional costs to the district for those teams attending UCA/NCA events.
- Implementation - Section 1 has another separate try out for their Game Day team during their winter tryouts. Sections 4, 8 & 11 carry over their Game Day teams to the winter season.



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

TO: Section IX Executive Committee, Athletic Directors & Chairpersons

SUBJECT: Golf Outing after the Section IX Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Site: Apple Greens Golf Club

Time: Immediately after the Section IX Meeting

Cost: \$47.00 per person – 18 holes with cart

\$35.00 per person – 9 holes with cart

If you are interested in playing as a Single or you have a foursome You must respond to this email as Apple Greens needs to know how Tee Times need to be Reserved.

Last Day for Sign-Up is Friday, June 7, 2024

(1) Name: _____

Foursome: I will be playing with that day

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

**Middletown Athletic Department
Registration Transfer Form
NYSPHSAA Eligibility Review**



TO BE USED BY GUIDANCE OFFICES FOR ALL TRANSFERS &
FORWARDED TO DAVID COATES, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

TRANSFER STUDENT INFORMATION

DATE: _____ STUDENT #: _____
ENTERING GRADE: _____ MALE/ FEMALE AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____
Last First MI

NEW ADDRESS: _____
Residence in Middletown School District

WITH WHO DO YOU CURRENTLY RESIDE WITHIN THIS DISTRICT? _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

WILL YOU BE ENROLLING IN THE GENERAL SCHOOL POPULATION OR ARE YOU
ENROLLED OR ENROLLING IN A GED (GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA) PROGRAM?

*****PREVIOUS SCHOOL INFORMATION*****

Previous School: _____

*****Sports played in previous school*****



Fall sport played:	Level: Varsity, JV or Modified
Winter sport played:	Level: Varsity, JV or Modified
Spring sport played:	Level: Varsity, JV or Modified

Previous Address: _____

With whom did you reside with at your previous address? _____

Are you an amateur as defined by the NYSPHSAA Handbook? _____

****** PAST ACADEMIC INFORMATION******

Year entered 9th grade: _____ Verification: _____

Counselor's signature

Have you repeated a grade in high school? Yes ____ No ____

How many documented absences have you had from school in the past three years? _____

Please provide an explanation for any large or unusual periods of excused or unexcused absences.

*****Guidance Dept. will forward this form to David Coates, AD, when
the student has been accepted for registration*****



TEAM _____

ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR _____ DATE _____

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