



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 am

1. Call to Order - Greg Ransom
2. Review of Meeting Materials
3. Financial Report - Linda Trapani
4. Consent Agenda Items – list attached
5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives - David Coates and Suzanne Lendzian
6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas
7. Combining of Teams - Tim Bult and Frank Alfonso
8. Winter Chair Reports:
 - a. Boys Basketball JJ Gass
 - b. Girls Basketball Steve Boucher
 - c. Boys Bowling Chris Vero
 - d. Girls Bowling Sean Collins
 - e. Boys Swimming Dan Wargo
 - f. Winter Track Mike White
 - g. Boys Wrestling Jeff Cuiilty
 - h. Girls Wrestling Eric Hartmann
 - i. Nordic Skiing Ann Gregory
 - j. Alpine Skiing Janet Carey
 - k. Cheerleading (Competitive) Patti Archiere
 - l. Gymnastics Nicole Calderone
9. Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Greg Warren / Amanda Zgrodek
 - b. Safety Janet Carey
 - c. Student Athlete Advisory Committee Suzanne Lendzian
 - d. Eligibility Tom Cassata
 - e. Officials Coordinator Dennis Burkett
 - f. Sportsmanship Adam Kless
 - g. Unified Sports Rich Silverstein
 - h. NYSAAA John Giametta
10. Old Business
 - a. Section IX Budget 2025-26
 - b. Unified Bocce
11. New Business
 - a. Classification Cut-off Numbers Adoption Timeline
 - b. Girls Wrestling – Seeding Mechanics and Criteria – Eric Hartmann
12. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Zoom Meeting, 9:30 am

Section IX Athletic Council, Inc.

Orange County Trust Company, Period Ending 11/29/2024

Reconciliation Report

Reconciled on: 12/04/2024

Reconciled by: Linda Trapani

Summary

Statement beginning balance: \$277,336.08

Interest earned: \$11.16

Checks and payments cleared (132) - \$79,887.43

Deposits and other credits cleared (31): \$57,161.40

Statement ending balance: \$254,621.21

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YTD ticket sales by activity

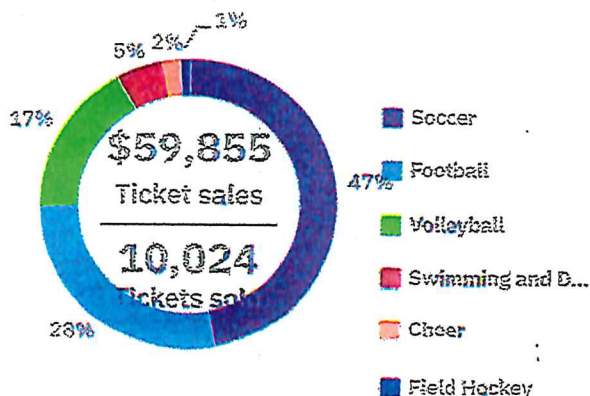
Activity

7 x activities selected

Year

2024-2025

Selected activities



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Activity

7 x activities selected

Year

2024-2025

Breakdown by activity

Soccer 47%	\$28,268 Ticket sales	4,699 Tickets sold
Football 28%	\$16,556 Ticket sales	2,771 Tickets sold
Volleyball 17%	\$10,265 Ticket sales	1,689 Tickets sold
Swimming and Diving 5%	\$2,989 Ticket sales	529 Tickets sold
Cheer 2%	\$1,181 Ticket sales	209 Tickets sold



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Consent Agenda Items to be voted on by the Section IX Athletic Council

- (1) Section IX Meeting Minutes – Thursday, November 7, 2024
- (2) Voting Items from the Leagues to the Section IX Athletic Council
Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook:
Foreign Exchange 9.2. “This Policy Revision only applies to students participating at the Varsity Level”
- (3) Consider approval to create a consistent approach to Championship Awards for NYSPHSAA events.
- (4) Consider approval to continue allowing NYSPHSAA member football programs to start high school football practice on Monday of week #7.
- (5) Consider approval to allow Section III to start the rotation for the at-large teams in Division I & II in 2025 then establish the remaining rotation after the 2025 Girls/Boys Bowling State Tournament.
- (6) Consider approval for a set of Super & At-Large Standards for the NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships.
- (7) Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Boys Tennis for 2025-2030 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.
- (8) Consider approval for a new at-large rotation to fill byes for 2026-2030 NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Team Championship.
- (9) Consider approval, in Flag Football, to add language to the current rules identifying a minimum belt length. “Flag length is 14 inch minimum from the bottom of the belt (including the clip) to the bottom of the flag as a measuring point.”
- (10) Consider approval of changing flag football rule from “The ball is spotted where the ball was when the player is deflagged” to “The ball will be spotted where the flag is pulled.”
- (11) Consider approval to change the spot of the ball to the 14 yard line after
 - The visiting Team will have the choice before the toss-heads or tails
 - The Team who wins the coin toss has the option to defer, select offense (a 20-yard line start). Change to 14-yard line start.
 - After a touchdown, touchback, or safety-any play that results in a team starting at the 1st possession line (14-yard line)

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Handbook - Foreign Exchange Policy Revision

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

Presenter:

Patrick Pizzarelli, NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval of the addition of the following language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under section 9.2, regarding the Foreign Exchange Policy: "This regulation applies only to students participating at the varsity level. Students competing at the sub-varsity level are not subject to this rule."

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026 School Year

Rationale:

Provides students opportunities to participate at the sub-varsity level.

Proposal Originated:

Section VI presented this item as a concern at the Central Committee meeting. President Bartlett directed the concern to the Handbook Committee. The Handbook Committee unanimously supported the Section VI proposal and thus is bringing it forward to the Executive Committee for approval.

Budgetary Impact:

Budgetary Impact

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Championship Philosophy: Consistency Among Championship Awards

- ☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider approval to create a consistent approach to championship awards for NYSPHSAA Championship events, enhancing clarity, equity, and recognition across all sports.

This proposal suggests the following updates to the awards structure:

- **Individual Sports:**
 - Award up to ten (10) places for individual sports as determined by the NYSPHSAA Staff in consultation with the Sport Committee.
- **Team Sports:**
 - Award up to four (4) places in team championships as determined by the NYSPHSAA Staff in consultation with the Sport Committee.
 - **1st Place:** Receives the championship plaque and gold medals.
 - **2nd Place:** Receives a finalist plaque and silver medals.
 - **3rd and 4th Places:** Recognized with a plaque
- **Eliminate the Section Team Award:**

Recognition should be focused on the individual or team performance at the championship level. No shirts, champion boards, medals or plaques shall be awarded to Section Champions.

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026

Rationale:

Streamlining the awards process allows for consistency and equity in recognizing athletes' achievements in both team and individual sports. Consistency ensures that the integrity of competition remains intact.

Proposal Originated:

Championship Philosophy Committee

Budgetary Impact:

The proposed changes to streamline the championship awards system will result in a cost savings. Below is a breakdown of the estimated financial impact:

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Medals/Plaques: Estimate a savings of approximately \$1,979. (Note: Shipping costs are not included in this estimate as they vary by location.)

Champion Boards:

Eliminating Section Champion boards will save approximately \$1,300.

Champion Shirts:

Estimate a cost savings of approximately \$1,000.

Total Estimated Savings:

\$4,279

These changes represent an opportunity to allocate resources more efficiently while maintaining the prestige and recognition associated with the championships.

Notes:

All impacted sports have been notified and are examining the proposal to provide feedback over the next few months.

Attachments:

Sports Impacted Document

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

- ☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenters:

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

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football State Committee is seeking approval to continue allowing NYSPHSAA member football programs to start high school football practice on Monday of Week #7.

Effective Start Date:

August 2025

Rationale:

Besides the way the calendar falls in 2025, this proposal notes the same reasons why the committee requested a Week #7 start date in 2024:

- 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 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 September 9, 2024 meeting.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Football State Committee voted 9-0 in favor of this proposal at its September 2024 zoom meeting. This proposal makes it necessary for NYSPHSAA to once again seek approval from the New York State Education Department to extend beyond the NYSED 15-week limitation for Fall sports. Dr. Robert Zayas will make this request.

Attachments:

None

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BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING – Start At-Large Rotation with Section III for 2025; Establish Remaining Rotation following 2025 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 allow Section III to start the rotation for the at-large teams in Division 1 and Division 2 in 2025, then establish the remaining rotation after the 2025 state tournament.

Effective Start Date:

Winter (March) 2025

Rationale:

The at-large replaces the pacer teams at the tournament and the state committee felt it was cost effective for Section III to provide the at-larges in 2025 since there would be no travel/cost with a local team and the committee can see how the new tournament format plays out. The 2025 tournament will be the first year bowling splits into two divisions.

The committee will work on a proposed rotation to discuss during/following the state tournament and will award an at-large berth in each division for sections who have ten (10) or more competing schools for each of the respective divisions.

Proposal Originated:

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

Budgetary Impact:

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

Notes:

The Bowling State Committees supported this proposal with a 4-3 (1 abstention) vote at their Oct 11th meeting.

CAC Feedback:

Will be provided at the January 16th meeting.

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OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD – ESTABLISH STRICT SET OF SUPER & AT-LARGE STANDARDS

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

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

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Committee is seeking approval for a stricter set of Super and At-Large Standards for the 2025 state meet (and beyond). The meet must be a formal meet using FAT timing.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

It is necessary to develop more strict Super Standards and At-Large Standards for the state meet to limit the number of qualifying athletes. Based on previous years, it has been calculated that there will be 600-700 less athletes that will qualify for the state meet in 2025 using the proposed standards. Following the 2025 state meet, the state committee and staff will review the number of qualifiers based on the proposed formula. At this time, they will determine continuing with the formula or propose a new set of standards/formula for 2026.

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

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Outdoor Track and Field Committee at its September 10, 2024 meeting.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The state committee voted 17-0 in favor of this proposal at its September 10th meeting.

Attachments:

Super Standards (old way), Super Standards using Seed Avg (proposed), Standards for At-Large (old way), Standards for At-Large using Seed Avg (proposed)

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 8-0 in support of this proposal at its October 10th meeting.

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BOYS TENNIS: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-30 **Using Guiding Principles**

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

Presenter:

Quan Huynh, NYSPHSAA Boys Team Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-30 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

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 Tennis Committee September 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 8-0 (with 1 abstention) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotation.

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 8-0 in support of this proposal at its October 10th meeting.

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BOYS TENNIS: Establish New At-Large Rotation to Fill Byes for 2026-30

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Quan Huynh, NYSPHSAA Boys Team Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee is seeking approval for a new at-large rotation to fill byes for 2026-30. See proposed rotation below:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>	<u>2030</u>
Singles	1 & 2	5 & 6	9 @ 11	3 & 4	7 & 8
Doubles	3 & 4	7 & 8	1 & 2	5 & 6	9 & 11

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2026

Rationale:

Every five years the boys tennis committee must establish a new at-large rotation to fill its byes. The rotation being proposed matches the 2021-25 rotation for both singles and doubles. Filling the byes provides equitable competition for all participants in both singles and doubles instead of some players receiving a bye and getting extra rest. The proposal provides the exact same number of contests for each participant which begins with two contests per day for each player. Six additional athletes (2 singles, 4 doubles) will now compete.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee September 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

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

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 8-0 in support of this proposal at its October 10th meeting.

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Flag Football Rule Adjustment- Minimum Flag Belt Length

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

Presenter:

Jen Lapinski- Co- Flag Football Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval to add language to the current rules identifying a minimum belt length.

Specifically, the rules shall read: Flag length is 14 inch minimum from the bottom of the belt (including the clip) to the bottom of the flag as a measuring point

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

There is currently no requirement relative to belt length in the rule book. Last year, it was added that all belts must be a pop belt and have at least two flags, specifically stating:

Flag belt - Each player must wear "pop" flag belts at the waistline with two flags.

Based on feedback from several sections, there is a need for a minimum length to be instituted to ensure consistency and fairness in play and disallow teams any advantage by wearing a belt that is shorter than their opponents in length.

Proposal Originated:

Sectional concern brought to the NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee and continued discussion amongst the Flag Football committee relative to belts.

Budgetary Impact:

None- by adding a minimum length that is consistent with the flags that schools have received from the NFL & Flag 60, we do not anticipate any budgetary impact on schools needing to purchase new belts.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee voted in favor of this change 7-0. It was also discussed with our State Officials representative that this would fall under player equipment.

Attachments:

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Flag Football Rule Change- Spotting the Ball

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

Presenter:

Jen Lapinski- Co- Flag Football Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval of a language change to current rules: The ball is spotted where the ball was when the player is deflagged.

Proposal to change to: *"The ball will be spotted where the flag is pulled."*

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

The current flag football rules state that no diving is allowed. Changing the language to read "ball will be marked where the flag is pulled" aligns with this rule and addresses safety concerns relative to collisions on the field. This will eliminate the need for athletes to stretch forward as the ball will be placed where the flag is pulled.

Proposal Originated:

Sectional concern brought to the NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee. This was also discussed with and support by officials.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee voted in favor of this change 7-0.

Attachments:

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Flag Football - Rule Adjustment- First Possession Line

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

Presenter:

Jen Lapinski- Co- Flag Football Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval to change the spot of the ball to the 14-yard line after the following:

- The visiting team will have the choice before the toss – heads or tails.
- The team who wins the coin toss has the option to defer, select offense (a 20-yard line start)- **Change to 14-Yard lined start).**
- *After a touchdown, touchback or safety- any play that results in a team starting at the first possession line (14 Yard Line).*

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

The offense is at a severe disadvantage starting 1st and zone (20 yards). This is consistent with how other states currently have their first possession line.

Proposal Originated:

Sectional concern brought to Flag Football Committee.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee voted in favor of this change 7-0. It was also discussed with and supported by officials.

Attachments:

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Executive Committee Meeting – February 5, 2025

Spring Sport Start Dates

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

Presenter:

Debra Ferry, NYSPHSAA 2nd Vice President & Start Date Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to align the start date for all spring sports to the second Monday in March.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2026

Rationale:

Some Sections have expressed concerns that the current spring sports start date is too early, while others feel the season should be longer. Although the NFHS Standard Calendar of Weeks provides a helpful framework, the NYSPHSAA-designated start date for spring sports has occasionally been misaligned with the needs of member schools. Establishing the start date as the second Monday in March creates a consistent approach that better accommodates the varying needs of Sections and ensures alignment across the NYSPHSAA membership.

Proposal Originated:

Sport Start Date Ad Hoc Committee on November 12, 2024.

Budgetary Impact:

N/A

Notes:

Votes by Section are as follows: In Favor (Yes): Sections 2, III, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, XI. Opposed (No): Sections I, VI, X. The motion carried with an 8-3 vote.

Attachments:

Start Dates for next several years.



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

2025-2026

Proposed Budget

EXPENDITURES:

SALARIES:

Section IX Executive Director	\$ 46,559.00
Section IX Officials Negotiator /	\$ 65,160.00
MHAL Coordinator	
Section IX Secretary/Asst. Treasurer	\$ 39,076.00
Section IX Treasurer/Asst. Secretary	\$ 22,950.00
Section IX Eligibility Chairperson	\$ 6,784.00
Social Security/Comp/Unemployment	\$ 11,947.00
Total	\$ 192,476.00

Office Equipment & Supplies	\$ 18,000.00
Catering	\$ 3,000.00
Travel/Conference	\$ 7,000.00
Membership	\$ 2,000.00
Audit	\$ 6,000.00
Awards	\$ 35,000.00
Paychex Services	\$ 3,000.00
Unified Sports	\$ 4,000.00
Legal Fees	\$ 6,000.00
Total	\$ 84,000.00

Boys Sport Programs	\$ 152,500.00
Girls Sport Programs	\$ 132,300.00
Insurance	\$ 20,900.00
NYSAAA/NJAAA Dues	\$ 7,700.00
Total	\$ 313,400.00

Expenditure Total \$ 589,876.00

SPORT	BOYS	GIRLS
Baseball	\$ 9,000.00	
Basketball	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Bowling	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Cheerleading (Competitive)		\$ 4,000.00
Cheerleading (Game Day)		\$ 4,000.00
Cross Country	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Field Hockey		\$ 3,000.00
Flag Football	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Football	\$ 30,000.00	
Golf	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Gymnastics		\$ 3,000.00
Ice Hockey	\$ 3,000.00	
Lacrosse	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Modified Sports	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Softball		\$ 9,000.00
Skiing Alpine	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Skiing Nordic	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Soccer	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Swimming	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Tennis	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Track & Field	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Winter Track	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Wrestling	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Volleyball	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,800.00

Total \$ 152,500.00 \$ 132,300.00

INCOME:

Section IX Dues \$270. (per varsity team) x 950 teams	\$ 256,500.00
Section IX Gate Revenue, Spalding Contract, and Sponsors	\$ 304,776.00
Section IX Insurance per school fee \$475. x 44 schools	\$ 20,900.00
NYSAAA-NIAAA Dues per school \$175. x 44 schools	\$ 7,700.00
Total Income	\$ 589,876.00

Section IX

Dues Charge per varsity team	\$315.00 -1.3%	\$250.00 -20%	\$225.00 -10%	\$225.00 0.0%	\$225.00 0.0%
Insurance Charge per District	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%
NYSAAA-NIAA Dues Charge per District	\$150.00 0.0%	\$150.00 0.0%	\$150.00 0.0%	\$150.00 0.0%	\$150.00 0.0%
Dues Charge per varsity team	\$225.00 0.0%	\$225.00 0.0%	\$225.00 0.0%	\$200.00 -11.0%	\$225.00 +11.0%
Insurance Charge per District	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%
NYSAAA-NIAA Dues Charge per District	\$150.00 0.0%	\$160.00 9.3%	\$160.00 0.0%	\$160.00 0.0%	\$160.00 0.0%
Dues Charge per varsity team	\$260.00 +15%	\$265.00 +1.9%	\$270.00 +1.9%		
Insurance Charge per District	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$475.00 +4.6%		
NYSAAA-NIAA Dues Charge per District	\$160.00 0.0%	\$160.00 0.0%	\$175.00 +9.4%		

2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
\$315.00 -1.3%	\$250.00 -20%	\$225.00 -10%	\$225.00 0.0%	\$225.00 0.0%
\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%
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2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
\$225.00 0.0%	\$225.00 0.0%	\$225.00 0.0%	\$200.00 -11.0%	\$225.00 +11.0%
\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%
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2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026		
\$260.00 +15%	\$265.00 +1.9%	\$270.00 +1.9%		
\$454.00 0.0%	\$454.00 0.0%	\$475.00 +4.6%		
\$160.00 0.0%	\$160.00 0.0%	\$175.00 +9.4%		

Section IX Budget 2025-2026

Rich Silverstein
Director of PE, Health, Athletics, FACS and Nurses
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MEMO

To: Greg Ransom
From: Rich Silverstein, Unified Sports Chair
Re: adding Unified Bocce

This Fall 2024, Section 9 offered Unified Bocce as an intramural program at five (5) different school districts. All 5 schools came to one site for an extramural event, followed by several 1:1 events as well.

I feel strongly that Section 9 is ready to now offer Unified Bocce as a Fall sport.

I am asking if the Section can now adopt Unified Bocce as an official Section 9 sport in the Fall of 2025/26, with a schedule for those schools wanting to compete. We would also offer a culminating event at the conclusion of the season.

Thank you

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Executive Committee Meeting –

Classification Cut-Off Numbers Adoption Timeline

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

Presenter:

Greg Ransom, Executive Director, Section IX Athletics

Proposal:

Establish a timeline for the adoption of classification cut-off numbers for the following school year. Since sections receive cut off numbers from NYSPHSAA for the six classification sports in the fall of the previous school year, it would be prudent for all sports committees to submit proposals for change in the fall of the previous school year to take effect for the following school year. Any changes must be approved, at the very latest, at the May NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting to take effect in the next school year.

Effective Start Date:

Immediately

Rationale:

Alignments and schedules are based on classification cut off numbers in most sections. Changes to those numbers after schedules are completed for the following school year are detrimental to the structure and integrity of schedules. There is no reason why proposals for changes to cut off numbers cannot be forwarded and approved prior to the school year we are in.

Proposal Originated:

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Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Attachments:

Dear Section IX, OCIAA and MHAL,

I am contacting all of you to get approval for an update to our handbook. I currently created a seeding system for our Section IX Girls Championships based on what has worked for the boys for the past few years. Most recently the NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee was able to gain approval from NYSPHSAA to use a new system that will seed the Girls State Tournament. The Girls Committee has encouraged each section to use the PINS system for their Sectional Championships. The introduction of USA Wrestling's Performance Index (PIN) for seeding the NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Championships offers several key benefits. First, it ensures a more consistent and data-driven approach to ranking athletes by evaluating their performance over time rather than relying on isolated, one-time wins. This rewards athletes who consistently defeat high-ranking opponents, promoting fairness and accuracy in the seeding process. The PIN system emphasizes consistent performance and provides athletes with ongoing opportunities to improve their rankings by participating in more events, leading to dynamic and up-to-date seeding. Weekly updates of the PIN ensure that rankings reflect current performance, while also making it easier to track an athlete's progress throughout the season. Additionally, by using Trackwrestling to automatically update PINs, the system maintains accuracy and efficiency, eliminating the possibility of human error in manually tracking results. This will eliminate the stress and paperwork at the end of the year for our coaches who should be focused on instruction and getting athletes ready for the Championships. Finally, the clear and structured tiebreaker criteria, including head-to-head matchups and overall win statistics, provide a transparent and equitable way to resolve any seeding conflicts. Overall, the PINS system creates a fairer, more transparent, and consistent method for seeding at the Girls Wrestling Championships, rewarding sustained excellence. I attached how the system works on the second page.

Thank you for your time,

Eric Hartmann
Section IX Girls Wrestling Chairperson

Seeding Mechanics and Criteria

USA Wrestling's Performance Index (PIN)

USA Wrestling's Performance Index (PIN) will be used for seeding the NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Championships starting with the 2024-25 season. All Girls Sectional Championships and any regular season girls freestyle tournaments are encouraged (though not required) to utilize USA Wrestling's Performance Index (PIN) for seeding.

About USA Wrestling's Performance Index (PIN)

- The USA Wrestling Performance Index (PIN) measures consistency over time and rates the probability of a person winning against an opponent based on their bodies of work. This is the primary tool used for seeding all major USA Wrestling competitions held throughout the United States.
- A person with a higher PIN is considered more likely to beat someone with a lower PIN and the closer the PINs are between athletes, the closer the probability gets to 50/50 chances.
- This does not reward the one-time win or head-to-head over an opponent. What it does is reward an athlete's consistency over time. If you consistently beat people with higher PINs, you will gain PIN points to surpass them in the index, given that you do not lose to lesser competition along the way.
- The more you wrestle, the more opportunity you have to change your PIN.
- The baseline number for a person's PIN is 1,000 points. The more points your PIN has above 1,000 reflects positive success against your opponents.

PIN Numbers Updated Weekly Using Trackwrestling

- The USA Wrestling Performance Index (PIN) system will automatically pull all match results from the girls portal in Trackwrestling every Monday in order to generate updated PINs for each athlete. In order to maintain the most up-to-date PINs for every athlete, all results from the current week **MUST** be entered into the girls portal of Trackwrestling by end of day on Sunday. If results are not entered into Trackwrestling, they will not be accounted for in the updated PINs for the upcoming week's events.
- The USA Wrestling Performance Index (PIN) system will **NOT** utilize results from mixed competition matches or folkstyle matches in calculating a PIN.

Using PIN Numbers for Seeding

- Athletes in each weight class will be sorted in numerical order from highest to lowest based on PIN. Seeding will then be applied in that same order with the highest PIN receiving the 1st seed, the second highest PIN receiving the 2nd seed, etc.
- In the event of an exact tie, seeding will be determined based on the following criteria (all criteria **MUST** be from the current girls high school freestyle season; results from mixed competition matches or folkstyle matches should **NOT** be utilized): (a) most recent head-to-head; (b) most pins; (c) most technical falls; (d) most wins; (e) highest win percentage.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 5, 2025

Fall Sport Start Dates

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

Presenter:

Debra Ferry, NYSPHSAA 2nd Vice President & Start Date Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to align the start date for all fall sports to two weeks prior to Labor Day, with football beginning on the Saturday of Week #7 when the start date falls on the Monday of Week #8.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025

Rationale:

Utilizing the National Federation of High School's (NFHS) Standard Calendar of Weeks provides a helpful framework however, the NYSPHSAA designated fall sport start date has, at times, been either too early or too late to meet the needs of member schools. Allowing the start date to begin two weeks prior to Labor Day ensures consistency for the NYSPHSAA membership.

Proposal Originated:

Sport Start Date Ad Hoc Committee on November 12, 2024

Budgetary Impact:

N/A

Notes:

In Favor (Yes): Sections 2, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X. Opposed (No): Sections I and XI (with the note that they only opposed starting football on Saturday of Week #7, preferring Monday, and acknowledged football's interest in Week #7 moving forward). The motion carried with a 9-2 vote.

Attachments:

Start Dates for the next several years.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 5, 2025

Spring Sport Start Dates

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

Presenter:

Debra Ferry, NYSPHSAA 2nd Vice President & Start Date Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to align the start date for all spring sports to the second Monday in March.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2026

Rationale:

Some Sections have expressed concerns that the current spring sports start date is too early, while others feel the season should be longer. Although the NFHS Standard Calendar of Weeks provides a helpful framework, the NYSPHSAA-designated start date for spring sports has occasionally been misaligned with the needs of member schools. Establishing the start date as the second Monday in March creates a consistent approach that better accommodates the varying needs of Sections and ensures alignment across the NYSPHSAA membership.

Proposal Originated:

Sport Start Date Ad Hoc Committee on November 12, 2024.

Budgetary Impact:

N/A

Notes:

Votes by Section are as follows: In Favor (Yes): Sections 2, III, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, XI. Opposed (No): Sections I, VI, X. The motion carried with an 8-3 vote.

Attachments:

Start Dates for next several years.

For Meeting Date:	JANUARY 2025
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Sport:	WRESTLING
Chairman:	JEFF CUILTY

Important Dates, Times, Locations	2024-25 Dates: Eastern States: Friday-Saturday January 10-11 (Impact Center, Clifton Park-S2) Section 9 Duals: Tues. Jan 14 -Sites: NFA, Walkill D2-Finals-Port Jervis Wed. Jan 15 -D1 Finals- Minisink Valley NYS Duals: Saturday Feb 1 at SRC Center-Syracuse D1 Sections: Fri/Sat Feb 14-15 at Monroe Woodbury D2 Sections Sunday Feb 16 at FDR Hyde Park Girls Sections Monday Feb 17 at TBA States: Fri/Sat Feb 28-Mar 1 at MVP Arena-Albany FS9 Awards Ceremony -TBA
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Championship Winners	N/A
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Financial Report	N/A.
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Issues for Discussion	S9 Duals Final Bracket will be sent to all coaches and AD's over the winter break. Minutes from NYSWC Winter meeting (1/6) will be sent to all AD's and coaches
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Thank you to New Paltz, Warwick, Newburgh, and Middletown for hosting our weight certification sites this year. The assessors were very happy with the sites and would like to use them again next year.

The 1.5% method with weight loss plans (WLP's) is still an adjustment but coaches have been in constant contact with me with questions as they come up and we are all starting to "get the hang of it"

January 1 was the final day for accepting Waivers for participants who came out late.

Written Proposals Requiring a Vote	None at this time.
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GIRLS SOCCER FINAL REPORT 2024
11/21/2024

Congratulation to the Girls Section IX Class Champions.

AAA Pine Bush

AA Goshen

A New Paltz

B Mount Academy

C Burke Catholic

D Livingston Manor

New Paltz and Mount Academy lost in their semi-final Regional game.

New Paltz lost to Section 1 Rye and Mount Academy lost to Section 1 Bronxville.

Pine Bush lost in the Regional round to Section 1 Arlington.

Goshen lost in the Regional Round to Section 4 Vestal.

Livingston Manor lost in the Regional Round to Section 2, the 2024 New York State Champion Northville. Congratulations to Burke Catholic for their victory over Section 1 Tuckahoe in the Regional Round. With this victory they qualified for the State Championship games held in Cortland.

Regional Champion Burke Catholic was defeated in the Semi-Final State Championship round by Section 5 Byron-Bergen, the 2024 New York State Champion.

In the Semi-Final game Burke Catholics McKenzie Lee won the NYS Sportmanship Award.

The officials for the State Tournament were.

Mark Mahoney, and Rob Miller. Both were given referee positions in Championship games. (Center Official). Both are from the Mid-Hudson Soccer Officials Association.

All post season Girls Soccer games were held at Wallkill High School.

Thank you to Bill Earl and his staff for hosting these events.

Thank you to the staff in the Section Office for their support through the entire pre-season and post-season period. Their assistance is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Linda Trapani, Jim Osborne, and Greg Ransom for their help in making these events run smoothly.

Sincerely,

Diane Wanser

GIRLS LACROSSE - 2025-30													
9 Sections In Class A/B and 10 Sections In Class C/D													
2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030			
Sub	Reg Final	Sub	Reg Final	Sub	Reg Final	Sub	Reg Final	Sub	Reg Final	Sub	Reg Final		
Class A	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	1 @ 4	1/4 @ 9	3 @ 2	3/2 @ 4	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3	9 @ 2	9/2 @ 4	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1	
		9 @ 4		8 @ 11		1 @ 9		4 @ 9		5 @ 6		9 @ 4	
		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		2 @ 1		11 @ 8		6 @ 5	
due to \$10	10 @ 3	10/3 @ 2	10 @ 2	10/2 @ 3	Rotation TBA	11 @ 8		8 @ 11		1 @ 3		3 @ 2	
Joining Class A in Dec 2024													
Class B	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	1 @ 4	1/4 @ 9	3 @ 2	3/2 @ 4	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3	9 @ 2	9/2 @ 4	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3	
		9 @ 4		2 @ 3		1 @ 9		4 @ 9		5 @ 6		4 @ 9	
		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		2 @ 1		11 @ 8		2 @ 1	
		3 @ 2		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		3 @ 1		8 @ 11	
Class C	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	3 @ 10	3/10 @ 2	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 9	10 @ 2	10/2 @ 1	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 3	
	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	1 @ 9	1/9 @ 4	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 4	4 @ 3	4/3 @ 9	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	9 @ 2	9/2 @ 10	
		9 @ 4		8 @ 11		3 @ 10		8 @ 11		2 @ 10		8 @ 11	
		10 @ 2		6 @ 5		2 @ 1		6 @ 5		9 @ 4		6 @ 5	
Class D	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	3 @ 10	3/10 @ 2	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 9	10 @ 2	10/2 @ 1	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 3	
	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	1 @ 9	1/9 @ 4	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 4	4 @ 3	4/3 @ 9	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	9 @ 2	9/2 @ 10	
		9 @ 4		8 @ 11		3 @ 10		8 @ 11		2 @ 10		8 @ 11	
		10 @ 2		6 @ 5		2 @ 1		6 @ 5		9 @ 4		6 @ 5	
Committee Vote: 8-1 (Section 1) *NOTE: this rotation resembles boys lax but has 5/6 and 8/11 playing opposite boys in some classes/years													
as of Dec 16th													



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX

Meeting Dates/Sites

2025-2026

Thursday, September 4, 2025	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Monday, September 8, 2025	Otterkill Golf Club MANDATED WORKSHOP	8:30 AM
Tuesday, October 7, 2025	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Thursday, November 6, 2025	ZOOM Meeting	9:30 AM
Tuesday, January 6, 2026	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	ZOOM Meeting	9:30 AM
Thursday, April 9, 2026	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Tuesday, May 12, 2026	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Wednesday, June 10, 2026	TBA	8:30 AM

NYSPHSAA Meetings

October 21, 2025

February 3, 2026

May 6, 2026

July 28-29, 2026

Section IX Start Dates

Football – Saturday, August 16, 2025

All Other Fall Sports – Monday, August 18, 2025

All Winter Sports – Monday, November 17, 2025

All Spring Sports – Monday, March 9, 2026

Updated 12/17/24