



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 8, 2024

1. Call to Order - Greg Ransom
All members present except: Ray Castellani and Mike Bellarosa.

Greg Ransom introduced Greg Fall and Rich Koegel from BSN. Greg Fall thanked the Section IX Athletic Directors for the positive relationship BSN has had with them. Rich Koegel is retiring in December 2024 and this was an opportunity for the Athletic Directors to thank Rich for his service.

2. Review of Meeting Materials
The Athletic Council received packets of information for today's meeting. The information was also posted online on the Section IX website.
3. Consent Agenda
Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – Linda Trapani
Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, seconded by Steve Boucher. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- David Coates and Suzanne Lendzian
 - a. Consider approval of adding a 3rd Classification and Classification Cut-off Numbers for Flag Football, Spring 2025
 - b. Consider approval of Girls Lacrosse Classification Cut-off Numbers for 2025.
Motion to approve by Tom Cassata, seconded by David Coates.
Votes: Yes - 0; No - the Athletic Council was a unanimous No vote.
Section IX voted No because, for Section IX, it is a timing issue. Section IX would like to see a 2026 start date.
6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Kristen Jadin
 - a. The School Without Boundaries Committee will be meeting on October 16, 2024.
 - b. Championship Philosophy Committee will be sending the Three Region Concept for discussion and exploration. In following NYSPHSAA meeting schedule, the Three Region Concept will be discussed in February 2025 with a possible vote in May 2025 to begin in the Fall 2026.
 - c. Football – A uniform issue has developed regarding the length of the pants. The knees need to be covered. Questions, please contact Dave Coates or Tom Cassata.
 - d. Chris Mayo discussed the NYSPHSAA Foundation Grants are available – refer to the application on the NYSPHSAA website.
7. Combining of Teams - Tim Bult and Frank Alfonso
Motion to approve Combining of Teams presented to the Athletic Council was made by Tim Bult, seconded by Jason Semo. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Fall Chairs Reports

- a. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser presented an update on seeding information. Please refer to the handout.
- b. Girls Swimming – Chris Sammons – Section IX Championship is scheduled for November 7-8-9, 2024, at Valley Central HS. The NYSPHSAA travel arrangements are set and they are at Webster HS on November 21-22-23.

9. Chair Reports

- a. Modified Sports – Information from the meeting will be included in the meeting minutes and presented at the League meetings
- b. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Suzanne Lendzian reviewed the Student-Athlete Leadership Summit. Please refer to the handout in the packet.
- c. Sportsmanship – Adam Kless – It's Coaches Appreciation Week.
- d. Unified Sports – Rich Silverstein announced that Kingston will be hosting Unified Sports – Bocce. Greg thanked Rich for all of his hard work.

10. Old Business

- a. NYSAAA Representative
Motion to approve John Giametta as Section IX Representative was made by Tom Cassata, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. New Business

- a. *Motion by Brian Monahan, seconded by Derek Adams, to approve the change from 6 to 3 for Indoor Track and Gymnastics. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- b. *Motion by Tim Bult, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz, to approve Valley Central request to move from Class B to A in Classification for Boys & Girls Lacrosse for 2025. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- c. *Motion by Derek Adams, seconded by Tim Bult, to approve Luke Hagen as Section IX Ice Hockey Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- d. Greg Ransom discussed the Cheerleading Training video. Athletic Directors should refer their Coaches. Please refer to the handout in the packet of information.
- e. Early Weight Certification – Please refer to the handout in the packet of information.
- f. Girls Wrestling – NYSPHSAA is moving forward with Freestyle Wrestling. Section IX is opposed. Section IX does not have officials certified to work its schedule of contests.
- g. The "Coach" Fred Ahart Foundation fundraising event was reviewed by Michelle Ahart-Bosland. It's important to keep the legacy alive. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Ahart at 845-649-0742 or Michelle at michelle@homesteadeducation.org.

12. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Brian Monahan, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Section IX Meeting Date:
Thursday, November 7, 2024
Zoom Meeting @ 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne
Section IX Secretary

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee (Zoom)

September 26th, 2024

Fall Meeting Minutes

Central Committee Report – Todd Nelson and Jim Rose

Discussion:

Jim Rose & Todd Nelson

Todd Nelson shared an update regarding the Mixed competition and the PP process regulations. A few major amendments were outlined by the Commissioner of Education in the Spring to the Board of Regents. NYSPHSAA shared concerns regarding both of those amendments and has subsequently advocated for further discussion. Both amendments were pulled from the agenda from the September 9th Board of Regents meeting.

Currently the mixed competition process is still in place. There is currently no testing guidance and schools and sections must still give permission in certain sports. The APP process remains unchanged.

Correspondence

Discussion Items

Nights Rest Rule – Rebecca Gentile

Proposal: We propose revising the Modified Sports Standards Chart, specifically the column on "Minimum time between contests and scrimmages", to align with the corresponding column in the High School Sports Standards Chart. We would also ask that #15, "Time Interval", under the "General Eligibility Rules for the Modified Program" be removed from the NYSPHSAA Handbook in order to appropriately align with the Modified Sports Standards Chart revisions.

Discussion: *Minimum time between contests and scrimmages*

Rebecca Gentile outlined the proposed changes along with the subcommittee's rationale. This rationale in part was to align with HS and allow for all scheduled games to be played.

Language is going to be reworked to include the above changes and brought back to the modified committee as an action item in the Spring for a Fall 2025 implementation. Let me know if you need anything else.

Modified Sports Standards Chart:

Proposed Revision to the Modified Sports Standards Chart: The column on "Minimum time between contests and scrimmages", to align with the corresponding column in the High School Sports Standards Chart.

Time Interval:

Proposed Language: "A team may never play three days in a row. There shall not be more than four contests played per calendar week."