



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

## Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Video Conference Call at 9:30 am

1. Call to Order- Greg Ransom
2. Review of Meeting Materials
3. Approval of April 13, 2021 Minutes
4. Financial Report- Linda Trapani
5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
6. NYSPHSAA Office Report
7. Combining of Teams- Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer
8. Fall 2 Chair Reports:
  - a. Volleyball Steve Boucher
  - b. Football Dave Coates/ Tom Casatta
  - c. Cross-Country Jim Glover/Pat Cahill
  - d. Cheerleading Kelly Hall
  - e. Girls Swimming Pat Ryan
  - f. Field Hockey Deb Beam
  - g. Girls Tennis Gina Imperiale
  - h. Boys Soccer Pete Ferguson/ Tony Martelli
  - i. Girls Soccer Diane Wanser
9. Spring Chair Reports:
  - a. Girls Golf Bill Earl
  - b. Boys Golf Tom Howe
  - c. Girls Lacrosse Wendy Crandall
  - d. Boys Lacrosse Rich Saulino
  - e. Boys Tennis Urvashi Gupta
  - f. Baseball Mike Gillespie
  - g. Softball Tom Cassata/ Steve Boucher
  - h. Track and Field Matt Hemmer / Pat Burkhardt
10. Chair Reports
  - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Greg Warren and Suzanne Lenzian
  - b. Safety Janet Carey
  - c. Student Athlete Advisory Committee Kermit Moyer
  - d. Eligibility Tom Cassata
  - e. Officials Coordinator Dennis Burkett
  - f. Sportsmanship Adam Kless
  - g. Unified Sports Rich Silverstein
11. Old Business
  - a. Girls Swim Chairperson
  - b. Bowling Chairperson
12. New Business
  - a. Section IX Dues Form
  - b. Girls Tennis Chairperson
13. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

### Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 Location TBA

8:42 PM

05/03/21

**Section IX Athletic Council, Inc.**  
**Reconciliation Summary**  
**Orange County Trust Company, Period Ending 04/30/2021**

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|                                   | <u>Apr 30, 21</u>        |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Beginning Balance                 | 235,081.00               |
| Cleared Transactions              |                          |
| Checks and Payments - 28 items    | -20,722.52               |
| Deposits and Credits - 1 item     | 13.03                    |
|                                   | <u>-20,709.49</u>        |
| Total Cleared Transactions        |                          |
| Cleared Balance                   | <u><u>214,371.51</u></u> |
| Uncleared Transactions            |                          |
| Checks and Payments - 21 items    | -3,417.99                |
| Deposits and Credits - 1 item     | 0.00                     |
|                                   | <u>-3,417.99</u>         |
| Total Uncleared Transactions      |                          |
| Register Balance as of 04/30/2021 | <u><u>210,953.52</u></u> |
| Ending Balance                    | 210,953.52               |



## **NYSPHSAA Meeting Highlights May 5, 2021**

1. Dr. Robert Zayas – Executive Director
  - a. Capacity Limitations – Dr. Zayas is working with New York State Officials and will provide an update as soon as possible.
  - b. NYSED Bona Fide Student Regulation:  
On April 13, 2021 the Board of Regents voted to adopt an emergency item impacting the Bona Fide Student Regulation related to Spring graduates.
  - c. Mandated Athletic Director Workshop:  
Section IX Workshop will be held Monday, September 12, 2021.
  - d. Official Start Dates 2021-2022:  
Fall: Monday August, 23, 2021 (Week #8)  
Winter: Monday, November 15, 2021 (Week#20)  
Spring: Monday, March 14, 2022 (Week #37)
2. Joe Altieri – Assistant Director
  - a. Updated NYSPHSAA Championship dates and sites through 2025 (enclosed)
  - b. NYSPHSAA will celebrate 100 years of NYSPHSAA starting July 2022 and culminating in July 2023
3. Todd Nelson – Assistant Director
  - a. NFHS Coaches Award, Ron Woodruff is looking for nominees for the Program. If you would like to nominate a coach, please email Ron directly at [rwoodruff42@aol.com](mailto:rwoodruff42@aol.com)
  - b. NFHS has developed some outstanding courses. Please utilize this resource – [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)
  - c. Cheerleading: NYSPHSAA will be hosting two Game Day regional events in the Fall of 2021
4. Kristen Jadin – Assistant Director
  - a. Scholar-Athlete Spring submission will open Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline will be Wednesday, June 30, 2021
  - b. School of Excellence and Distinction applications will be released mid-June with a deadline of July 16, 2021
  - c. Participation Survey will be released Monday, April 19, 2021
  - d. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)  
Application for 2021-2022 is open. Deadline to apply is May 10, 2021. Section IX is looking for 1 rising junior student-athlete female.
5. Chris Watson – Director of Communications

Coaches Appreciation Days May 18-20, 2021. This is your school opportunity to thank and honor coaches who are currently in season or will be coaching a sport through the remainder of the school year.
6. Chris Joyce, Director of Foundation and Marketing
  - a. Partners/Grants – NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee continues to offer virtual programs available to schools.
  - b. Foundation – The NYSPHSAA Foundation Board of Directors has been selected and the first board meeting will take place on April 30, 2021.

### **NYSPHSAA Informational Items:**

- a. Girls Swimming & Diving - Qualifying standards for 2021-2022, enclosed
- b. Boys Swimming & Diving – Qualifying standards for 2021-2022, enclosed
- c. Baseball – Adoption of Pitch Count Modification, enclosed

Sectional Concern – Section III – Use of Cohort Numbers, enclosed

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Action Item:

Budget and Audit: Digital Tickets and Ticket Process (enclosed)

Proposal to consider approval of only utilizing digital tickets starting with the 2021-2022 NYSPHSAA State Championship

Championship Advisory Committee:

Proposal to Modify the Selection Process of Officials for the NYSPHSAA State Tournament

“Two officials from each participating Section” (enclosed)

Handbook Committee: Items enclosed

a. Discussion → vote Consider to approve to revise the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding the TASC (SED) students

Classification Ad Hoc Committee – Steve Boucher

Safety Committee Meeting: Enclosed

a. Updates: Concussion management and Anyone Can Save a Life

b. Girls Lacrosse Headgear

c. NYSPHSAA Thunder and Lightning Policy

Modified Committee Report

Suzanne Lendzian and Greg Warren

Discussion Item: Consider approval of adding an overtime procedure for Modified Field Hockey (enclosed)

Officials Coordinating Federation – Dennis Burkett

Discussion Item: Consider approval for NYSPHSAA to allow schools to use a School Based Official (enclosed)

General Action Items:

a. Discussion Items: Consider approval to amend the Friend and Neighbor application and approval process (enclosed)

Sports Action/Discussion Items: Fall

a. Discussion Item consider an approval to adapt a new Lineup Rule for Girls and Boys Tennis Championship competition at Regional and State tournament levels for a two year experiment

b. Discussion Item consider approval of removing #9 under Boys Volleyball in the NYSPHSAA Handbook for a 1 year trial

c. Discussion Item consider approval of a 1 year extension of the use of the two-libero rule in the sport of Boys Volleyball, with modifications

d. Action Item Proposal of changing the Boys and Girls Cross Country Classification Cut Off Numbers

Winter - No Items at this time



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Embassy Suites – Saratoga Springs  
86 Congress Street  
Saratoga Springs, NY  
518.290.9090

Wednesday, May 5, 2021  
9:00 AM

## ***Standing Committees***

Budget/Audit Committee – Russell Bartlett

(A) Consider approval of only utilizing digital tickets starting with the 2021-2022 NYSPHSAA State Championships with the following ticket prices; \$10 + fees (2021-2022). **APPROVED 20-2**

(A) Consider approval of the 2021-2022 NYSPHSAA Budget. **APPROVED**

Handbook Committee – Pat Pizzarelli

(D) Consider approval to revise the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding the TASC (GED) students.

(A) Consideration of approval to annually report Combining of Teams to the NYSPHSAA Inc. Staff. **APPROVED**

(A) Consideration of approval to annually report Senior All-Star Contests to the NYSPHSAA Inc. Staff. **APPROVED**

## ***General Action Items***

(A) Consider approval to modify the selection process for State Sport Coordinators. **APPROVED**

(A) Consider approval to eliminate “or a private school within that district’s boundaries” from the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule. **DEFEATED 4-18**

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

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

(A) Consider approval of sections intent to participate in 2021-2022 NYSPHSAA State Championships. **APPROVED**

## ***Sports Action/Discussion Items***

### **FALL**

(A) Consider approval of changing the Boys and Girls Cross Country Classification Cut-Off numbers. **APPROVED 20-2**

(A) Consider approval of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (Flushing) as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Team Championships. **APPROVED**

### **WINTER**

***None at this time.***

### **SPRING**

(A) Consider approval of the Edison Club and McGregor Country Club (Wilton/Rexford, NY) as the host of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championships. **APPROVED 16-6**

(A) Consider approval of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (Flushing) as the host of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Team Championships. **APPROVED**

(A) Consider approval to advance all Spring 2020 regional rotations and state tournament rotations to 2022 for all spring team sports, plus boys tennis individuals (which uses at-large rotations to fill byes).

**APPROVED**

(A) Consider approval to extend bid terms for all 2021 Spring State Championships for an additional year as a result of the cancellation of these state championships. **APPROVED**



**NYSPHSAA Championships - Fall 2020 thru Spring 2025**

| FALL                      | FALL 2020   |                               | FALL 2021                       | FALL 2022                        | FALL 2023                        | FALL 2024                      |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Girls Tennis              | Date        | October 29-31, 2020           | October 28-30, 2021             | October 27-29, 2022              | October 26-28, 2023              | October 31-November 2, 2024    |
|                           | Site        | Sportime, Schenectady         | Sportime, Schenectady           | Sportime, Schenectady            | **Sportime, Schenectady          |                                |
| Girls Tennis (Team)       | Date        |                               | November 5, 2021                | November 4, 2022                 | November 3, 2023                 | November 8, 2024               |
|                           | Site        |                               | USTA National Tennis Center     | USTA National Tennis Center      | USTA National Tennis Center      |                                |
| Cheer (Game Day-WEST)     | Date        |                               | October 30, 2021                | October 29, 2022                 | October 28, 2023                 | November 2, 2024               |
|                           | Site        |                               | Visions FCU Memorial Arena      | Visions FCU Veterans Mem Are     | Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena   |                                |
| Cheer (Game Day-EAST)     | Date        |                               | October 30, 2021                | October 29, 2022                 | October 28, 2023                 | November 2, 2024               |
|                           | Site        |                               | Arlington High School           | Arlington High School (option)   | Arlington High School (option)   |                                |
| B/G Cross Country         | Date        | November 14, 2020             | November 13, 2021               | November 12, 2022                | November 11, 2023                | November 16, 2024              |
|                           | Site        | Vernon Verona Sherrill HS     | Chenango Valley State Park      | Vernon Verona Sherrill HS        | **Vernon Verona Sherrill HS      |                                |
| Boys Soccer               | Date        | November 14-15, 2020          | November 13-14, 2021            | November 12-13, 2022             | November 11-12, 2023             | November 16-17, 2024           |
|                           | Site        | Middletown High School        | Middletown High School          | Middletown High School           | Middletown High School           | **Middletown High School       |
| Girls Soccer              | Date        | November 14-15, 2020          | November 13-14, 2021            | November 12-13, 2022             | November 11-12, 2023             | November 16-17, 2024           |
|                           | Site        | SUNY Cortland, TC3, Homer     | SUNY Cortland, TC3, Homer       | SUNY Cortland, TC3, Homer        | **SUNY Cortland, TC3, Homer      |                                |
| Field Hockey              | Date        | November 14-15, 2020          | November 13-14, 2021            | November 12-13, 2022             | November 11-12, 2023             | November 16-17, 2024           |
|                           | Site        | Centereach High School        | Centereach High School          | Centereach High School           | **Centereach High School         |                                |
| Girls Swimming & Diving   | Date        | November 20-21, 2020          | November 19-20, 2021            | November 18-19, 2022             | November 17-18, 2023             | November 22-23, 2024           |
|                           | Site        | Ithaca College                | **Ithaca College                |                                  |                                  |                                |
| Boys Volleyball           | Date        | November 21, 2020             | November 20, 2021               | November 19, 2022                | November 18, 2023                | November 23, 2024              |
|                           | Site        | Capital Center, Albany        | **Capital Center, Albany        | Capital Center, Albany           | Capital Center, Albany           | Capital Center, Albany         |
| Girls Volleyball          | Date        | November 21-22, 2020          | November 20-21, 2021            | November 19-20, 2022             | November 18-19, 2023             | November 23-24, 2024           |
|                           | Site        | Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls | **Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Fa | Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls | Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls | Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls  |
| Football EAST             | Date        | November 27-28, 2020          | November 26-27, 2021            | November 25-26, 2022             | November 24-25, 2023             | Nov. 29-Dec 1, 2024            |
|                           | Site        | Middletown High School        | Middletown High School          | **Middletown High School         |                                  |                                |
| Football WEST             | Date        | November 27-28, 2020          | November 26-27, 2021            | November 25-26, 2022             | November 24-25, 2023             | Nov. 29-Dec 1, 2024            |
|                           | Site        | Union Endicott HS             | Cicero North Syracuse HS        | **Union Endicott HS              |                                  |                                |
| Football FINALS           | Date        | December 4-6, 2020            | December 3-5, 2021              | December 2-4, 2022               | December 1-3, 2023               | December 6, 7, 8, 2024         |
|                           | Site        | The Dome                      | The Dome                        | **The Dome                       |                                  |                                |
| WINTER                    | WINTER 2021 |                               | WINTER 2022                     | WINTER 2023                      | WINTER 2024                      | WINTER 2025                    |
| Wrestling Dual Meet       | Date        | January 30, 2021              | January 29, 2022                | January 28, 2023                 | January 27, 2024                 | February 1, 2025               |
|                           | Site        | SRC Arena (Onondaga CC)       | SRC Arena (Onondaga CC)         | SRC Arena (Onondaga CC)          | **SRC Arena (Onondaga CC)        |                                |
| Girls Ice Hockey          | Date        | February 12-13, 2021          | Date TBA                        | Date TBA                         | Date TBA                         | Date TBA                       |
|                           | Site        | SUNY Canton                   | **SUNY Canton or Potsdam        | Section 1 or 2                   |                                  |                                |
| B/G Skiing                | Date        | February 22-23, 2021          | February 28-March 1, 2022       | February 27-28, 2023             | February, 26-27, 2024            | February 24-25, 2025           |
|                           | Site        | Whiteface Mountain            | Gore Mtn/North Creek            | Bristol Mtn/Harriett Hollister   | Whiteface Mtn/Mt. Vanhoevenberg  |                                |
| Girls Gymnastics          | Date        | February 27, 2021             | March 5, 2022                   | March 4, 2023                    | March 2, 2024                    | March 1, 2025                  |
|                           | Site        | Kenmore West HS               | Kenmore West HS                 | Kenmore West HS                  | Kenmore West HS                  | **Kenmore West HS              |
| Wrestling                 | Date        | February 26-27, 2021          | February 25-26, 2022            | February 24-25, 2023             | February 23-24, 2024             | February 28 - March 1, 2025    |
|                           | Site        | Times Union Center, Albany    | **Times Union Center, Albany    | Times Union Center, Albany       | Times Union Center, Albany       | Times Union Center, Albany     |
| B. Swimming & Diving      | Date        | March 5-6, 2021               | March 4-5, 2022                 | March 3-4, 2023                  | March 1-2, 2024                  | March 7-8, 2025                |
|                           | Site        | Ithaca College                | Ithaca College                  | Ithaca College                   | **Ithaca College                 |                                |
| B/G Bowling               | Date        | March 12-14, 2021             | March 11-13, 2022               | March 10-12, 2023                | March 9-10, 2024                 | March 14-16, 2025              |
|                           | Site        | Strike N Spare Lanes          | Strike N Spare Lanes            | Strike N Spare Lanes             | **Strike N Spare Lanes           |                                |
| B/G Indoor Track          | Date        | March 6, 2021                 | March 5, 2022                   | March 4, 2023                    | March 2, 2024                    | March 8, 2025                  |
|                           | Site        | Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex | Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex   | **Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex  |                                  |                                |
| Competitive Cheer         | Date        | March 6, 2021                 | March 5, 2022                   | March 4, 2023                    | March 2, 2024                    | March 8, 2025                  |
|                           | Site        | RIT, Rochester                | **RIT, Rochester                | Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena   | Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena   | Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena |
| Ice Hockey                | Date        | March 13-14, 2021             | March 12-13, 2022               | March 11-12, 2023                | March 9-10, 2024                 | March 15-16, 2025              |
|                           | Site        | LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo   | LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo     | LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo      | LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo      |                                |
| Girls Basketball          | Date        | March 19-21, 2021             | March 18-20, 2022               | March 17-19, 2023                | March 15-17, 2024                | March 21-23, 2025              |
|                           | Site        | HVCC, Troy                    | HVCC, Troy                      | **HVCC, Troy                     | **HVCC, Troy                     |                                |
| Boys Basketball           | Date        | March 19-21, 2021             | March 18-20, 2022               | March 17-19, 2023                | March 15-17, 2024                | March 21-23, 2025              |
|                           | Site        | Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls | Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls   | **Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls  | **Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls  |                                |
| B/G Federation Basketball | Date        | March 26-28, 2021             | March 25-27, 2022               | March 24-26, 2023                | March 22-24, 2024                | March 28-30, 2025              |
|                           | Site        | Fordham University            | Fordham University              | Fordham University               |                                  |                                |
|                           |             | CANCELLED DUE TO COVID        |                                 |                                  |                                  |                                |
| SPRING                    | SPRING 2021 |                               | SPRING 2022                     | SPRING 2023                      | SPRING 2024                      | SPRING 2025                    |
| Boys Tennis               | Date        | June 3-5, 2021                | June 2-4, 2022                  | June 1-3, 2023                   | May 30 - June 1, 2024            | June 5-7, 2025                 |
|                           | Site        | **USTA National Tennis Center | **USTA National Tennis Center   |                                  |                                  |                                |
| Boys Tennis (Team)        | Date        | Begins in Spring 2022         | June 10, 2022                   | June 9, 2023                     | June 7, 2024                     | **June 13, 2025                |
|                           | Site        |                               | USTA National Tennis Center     | USTA National Tennis Center      | USTA National Tennis Center      |                                |
| Boys Golf                 | Date        | June 5-7, 2021                | June 4-6, 2022                  | June 3-5, 2023                   | June 1-3, 2024                   | June 7-9, 2025                 |
|                           | Site        | Mark Twain Golf Course        | Mark Twain Golf Course          | **Mark Twain Golf Course         | **Mark Twain Golf Course         |                                |
| Girls Golf                | Date        | June 4-6, 2021                | June 3-5, 2022                  | June 3-5, 2023                   | June 1-3, 2024                   | June 7-9, 2025                 |
|                           | Site        | Deerfield Country Club        | Section 2 or Section 5          | Section 2 or Section 5           | Section 2 or Section 5           |                                |
| B/G Outdoor Track         | Date        | June 11-12, 2021              | June 10-11, 2022                | June 9-10, 2023                  | June 7-8, 2024                   | June 13-14, 2025               |
|                           | Site        | Middletown High School        | Cicero North Syracuse High Sch  | Middletown High School           | **Cicero-North Syracuse (3)      | **Middletown High School       |
| Girls Lacrosse            | Date        | June 11-12, 2021              | June 10-11, 2022                | June 9-10, 2023                  | June 7-8, 2024                   | June 13-14, 2025               |
|                           | Site        | SUNY Cortland                 | SUNY Cortland                   | **SUNY Cortland                  | **SUNY Cortland                  |                                |
| Boys Lacrosse EAST        | Date        | June 9, 2021                  | June 8, 2022                    | June 7, 2023                     | June 5, 2024                     | June 11, 2025                  |
|                           | Site        | U Albany                      | U Albany                        | **U Albany                       | **U Albany                       |                                |
| Boys Lacrosse WEST        | Date        | June 9, 2021                  | June 8, 2022                    | June 7, 2023                     | June 5, 2024                     | June 11, 2025                  |
|                           | Site        | SUNY Cortland                 | SUNY Cortland                   | **SUNY Cortland                  | **SUNY Cortland                  |                                |
| Boys Lacrosse FINALS      | Date        | June 12, 2021                 | June 11, 2022                   | June 10, 2023                    | June 8, 2024                     | June 14, 2025                  |
|                           | Site        | Hofstra University            | Hofstra University              | **Hofstra University             | **Hofstra University             |                                |
| Baseball                  | Date        | June 11-12, 2021              | June 10-11, 2022                | June 9-10, 2023                  | June 7-8, 2024                   | June 13-14, 2025               |
|                           | Site        | Binghamton                    | **Binghamton                    | **Binghamton                     |                                  |                                |
| Softball                  | Date        | June 12, 2021                 | June 11, 2022                   | June 10, 2023                    | June 8, 2024                     | June 14, 2025                  |
|                           | Site        | Moriches Athletic Complex     | Moriches Athletic Complex       | **Moriches Athletic Complex      | **Moriches Athletic Complex      |                                |

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

\*\* due to COVID-19 canceling these events, these sites were (or will be) approved by Executive Committee to extend hosting for 1 additional year



# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – May 5, 2021

## GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING – QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR 2021-2022 SEASON

\_\_\_\_\_ Action Item  
\_\_\_\_\_ Discussion Item  
  X   Informational Item

### Presenter:

Diane Hicks-Hughes, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving State Coordinator  
Patrick Ryan, 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 2021-2022 school year as they did in 2019-2020 due to participation staying between 5%-8%.

| 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 6,733  
Number of girls participating in NYSPHSAA Championships 485 (7.2% of total participation)

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

### Effective Start Date:

Fall 2021

DATE REVISED: March 22, 2021



# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – May 5, 2021

## **BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING – QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR 2021-2022 SEASON**

☐ Action Item  
☐ Discussion Item  
☒ Informational Item

### **Presenter:**

Peter Hugo, NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving State Coordinator

Patrick Ryan, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Assistant State Coordinator

### **Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving Committee will continue to use the same State Qualifying Standards for the 2021-2022 school year as they did in 2019-2020 due to participation staying between 5%-8%.

| 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: 5,644  
Number of boys participating in NYSPHSAA Championships: 433 (7.7% of total participation)

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

### **Effective Start Date:**

Winter 2021-22

DATE REVISED: March 22, 2021

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



*Executive Committee Meeting – May 5, 2021*

## **BASEBALL – ADOPTION OF PITCH COUNT MODIFICATION**

The Safety Committee reviewed and approved the new pitch count on April 8, 2021.

The NYSPHSAA Officers reviewed and approved the pitch count on April 12, 2021.

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

### **Presenter:**

Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball State Coordinator

### **Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee is seeking approval to adopt the following modifications to the current Pitch Count Rule at the varsity level:

- April:
  - 76-85 (4 Nights Rest)
  - 46-75 (3 Nights Rest)
  - 31-45 (2 Nights Rest)
  - 1-30 (1 Nights Rest)
- May:
  - 96-105 (4 Nights Rest)
  - 66-95 (3 Nights Rest)
  - 31-65 (2 Nights Rest)
  - 1-30 (1 Nights Rest)
- June:
  - 103-125 (4 Nights Rest)
  - 72-102 (3 Nights Rest)
  - 41-71 (2 Nights Rest)
  - 1-40 (1 Nights Rest)

### **Effective Start Date:**

2021 season only, then the counts will return to the original rule.

### **Rationale:**

A sub-committee of Chris McCarthy (1), Mike DeMagistris (2) and Jason Bunting (5) discussed and proposed these counts to accommodate the change in the spring seasons (due to COVID). The pitch count does not differ from the current rule, it simply applies to different months due to the late start of the season. The committee emphasized sections can be more restrictive with the proposed counts if they choose. The JV and Modified Pitch Count Rules would not be impacted if this proposal is adopted.

### **Proposal Originated:**

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee discussed this in their annual meeting on January 6, 2021. A sub-committee was formed to develop this proposal which was voted 11-0 by the baseball state committee via video call on March 25, 2021 in support of it.

### **Budget Impact:**

None

DATE REVISED: APRIL 12, 2021

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



*Executive Committee Meeting – May 5, 2021*

## **SECTIONAL CONCERN - SECTION III - Use of Cohort Numbers**

**Presenter:**

Monica Tooley – Section III Executive Committee Rep  
Todd Nelson – NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

**Sectional Concern:**

School enrollment numbers

**Addressing the Sectional Concern:**

NYSPHSAA would use school COHORT data instead of BEDS data to determine the School's Enrollment Numbers for all member schools.

**Rationale:**

NYSPHSAA has used BEDS data supplied by the SIRS Department at SED to establish school enrollment numbers for their member schools. Currently schools have flexibility in what grades students are placed within the BEDS report. Students are placed in a particular COHORT once they enter the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Students stay in this COHORT all the way through their scholastic career unless they change schools which could affect their COHORT placement. The COHORT reports are certified by the district to the state in August of each year. There is no public COHORT report available to NYSPHSAA. Each school would have to submit an official COHORT document to either the Section or NYSPHSAA.

**Budgetary Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

Currently we are determining if non-public schools have this COHORT information and if they are required to certify the data to NYSED. We will have a finalized proposal for the May Executive Committee meeting for discussion.

**Attachments:**

None

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## **Budget & Audit: Digital Tickets & Ticket Prices**

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion Item  
☐ Informational Item

### **Presenter:**

Russell Bartlett, NYSPHSAA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

### **Proposal:**

Consider approval of only utilizing digital tickets starting with the 2021-2022 NYSPHSAA State Championships with the following ticket prices; \$10 + fees (2021-2022), \$11 + fees (2022-2023), and \$12 + fees (2023-2024).

### **Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2021

### **Rationale:**

Digital ticketing allows for the association to avoid handling cash on site. In addition, it improves event management by providing the ability to limit capacity, if needed and helps avoid lines. Furthermore, with the purchase, the fan provides an email address which will provide an opportunity to communicate important event information (i.e. details about the event, promote merchandise sales, digital program, etc.).

NYSPHSAA will see increased expenses, like additional cleaning and sanitizing fees, and additional staffing requirements. There is also potential for increased facility costs due to extending schedules/days. Other possible increased expenses for NYSPHSAA includes single occupancy hotel rooms for officials, which is estimated to cost at least an additional \$50,000 a year.

### **Proposal Originated:**

Budget & Audit Committee

### **Budgetary Impact:**

**\$10** – Ticket revenues estimate is \$902,710 plus \$31,760 in GoFan money for a total of \$934,470. This would be an increase from Actual 18-19 ticket revenue of approximately \$50,000. *Total fan cost \$11.50.*

**\$11** – Ticket revenues estimate is \$980,639 plus \$32,297 in GoFan money for a total of \$1,012,936. This would be an increase from Actual 18-19 ticket revenue of approximately \$130,000. *Total fan cost \$12.55.*

**\$12** – Ticket revenues estimate is \$1,069,788. This would be an increase from Actual 18-19 ticket revenue of approximately \$186,000. *Total fan and additional potential revenue is dependent on digital ticketing partner at that time.*

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## **BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Modify the Selection Process of Officials** **for the NYSPHSAA State Tournament**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion Item  
☐ Informational Item

### **Presenter:**

Greg Ransom, CAC Chair  
Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

### **Proposal:**

The Championship Advisory Committee is recommending modifying the language in the NYSPHSAA Fees and Policies document for Selection of Officials for Boys and Girls Volleyball to the following:

***"Two officials from each participating Section"***

### **Effective Start Date:**

2021 Fall Season

### **Rationale:**

Currently, one official from each Section and the host Section provides officials to be the lines people during the pool play round and the finals. With this recommendation, the host Section would no longer need to provide the officials for the NYSPHSAA tournament. The quality of the officials would be increased because the Sections would be sending the two best. With this format the officials would be assigned in pods of four and would be able to rotate positions between matches and be provided rest throughout the tournament.

### **Proposal Originated:**

Boys and Girls Volleyball Committees on March 23 and 24, 2021

### **Budgetary Impact:**

There would be no change in the fees that will be paid for matches by NYSPHSAA because we are currently paying all officials the appropriate match fee. The NYS Volleyball Officials have offered, if this proposal is approved, to provide all the officials a meal stipend for the tournament. NYSPHSAA would continue to provide a meal to the officials through our hospitality venue. According to the Volleyball Officials rep there should not be an increase to travel cost due to both officials sharing transportation to the tournament from the same Section. NYSPHSAA would see an increase in lodging cost. The NYSPHSAA staff has determined that based on the provisions mentioned above the total estimated increase would be \$800 in total officials expenses for both tournaments.

### **Notes:**

The following sports currently send 2 officials per Section: Baseball, B/G Basketball, Football, B/G Soccer (3 for Boys), and Softball.

### **Attachments:**

Volleyball page from NYSPHSAA Fees and Policies

### **CAC Feedback:**

CAC voted in favor of this proposal, 10-0, at their April 12, 2021 meeting.

DATE REVISED: April 12, 2021

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## **Handbook Committee: Revising TASC language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook** **under Bona Fide student regulation**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion Item  
☐ Informational Item

### **Presenter:**

Pat Pizzarelli, Handbook Chair  
Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

### **Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee is recommending revising the current language in the NYSPHSAA handbook regarding TASC (GED) students to the following. *"Students enrolled in a TASC program (GED) must be receiving 2.5 hours of instruction daily and also meet the physical education requirement in accordance with SED Bona Fide student regulation"*.

### **Effective Start Date:**

Updated following the May Executive Committee Meeting

### **Rationale:**

The current language reads, *"For assistance in determining the eligibility of students enrolled in a GED program, please contact the NYSPHSAA office."* The office assistance is always the same response. The student must be receiving 2.5 hours of instruction daily and meet the physical education requirement. The revised language proposed will spell out the assistance and not necessitate an athletic administrator contacting the NYSPHSAA office. As always, the NYSPHSAA staff will be able to assist our member schools if clarification is needed by the athletic administrator.

### **Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

### **Budgetary Impact:**

None

### **Notes:**

None

### **Attachments:**

None

# MEETING REPORT

## Meeting: Safety Committee Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 @ 1:00PM via Video Conference

### Topics Discussed:

1. Girls Lacrosse Headgear
2. Thunder and Lightning Policy
3. Baseball Pitch Count

### Attendees:

Section I –  
Section II – Rick Knizek  
Section III – John Rathbun  
Section IV – Bill Dorritie  
Section V – Kim Kenshaw  
Section VI – Brian Wild  
Section VII – Jen Drucker  
Section VIII – Pat Pizzarelli  
Section IX – Janet Carey  
Section X – Erika Backus  
Section XI – Tim Mullins  
NYSPHSAA – Todd Nelson  
Jarret Rhoads, Darryl Daily, Dr. Donatelli,  
Dr. O'Brien, Brian Reiger, Liz Parry

### Status Updates:

1. Concussion Management Update – Updates to the NYS Concussion Management Law has been introduced in both the Senate and Assembly for the current legislation session. BIANYS and NYSPHSAA have worked together on these updates. The main update will require all schools to have a concussion management team. It is expected that this legislation will be voted on in the current session. Brian Reiger continues to work with the NYS COA and NYSAPHERD on developing guidelines for return to PE. He will keep the committee posted. NYSPHSAA is continuing their partnership with ezSCRN. ezSCRN is an invaluable tool in any school's concussion management program. ezSCRN provides great communication and data collection for a school district. This tool will be able to provide valuable information to a school's concussion management team. ezECRN has provided great NYSPHSAA pricing based on a school's classification.
2. Anyone Can Save a Life: Schools are reminded to add this program for all of their interscholastic teams. This program allows teams to be proactive instead of reactive involving an emergency medical situation. Please visit [www.anyonecansavealife.org](http://www.anyonecansavealife.org) for more information.

### Items Discussion/ Action Taken:

1. Girls Lacrosse Headgear: NYSPHSAA has discussed this topic for many years. Based on this discussion significant improvements to the rules, coaching and officiating training, and equipment have been made by the governing bodies. Currently the rules for Girls Lacrosse allow individual student athletes and teams to wear a soft headgear that meets the ASTM standard. There are organizations that have required the headgear to be worn by all players in girl's lacrosse (PSAL, FHSAA, and a league in Virginia). The Safety Committee was given some research and data from the PSAL and US Lacrosse (based on the Virginia League). The PSAL data showed a decrease in head injuries over the two-year period they required the use of headgear. The US Lacrosse study showed that headgear decrease the force of a stick and ball when making contact with the head. A majority of the Sections felt the data was significant enough to continue with the discussion of mandating headgear. Some Section pointed out that Massachusetts mandated headgear but then rescinded the mandate after one year. Other Sections felt like the skill level of the players and teams also contributed to the head injury rate. Brian Reiger pointed out that the data showed no increase injuries due to the use of the headgear. This is similar results shown in the sport of skiing when helmets were introduced in that sport. He also stated more data should be obtained. BIANYS will be meeting with US Lacrosse to try and obtain more data. Liz Parry (Girls Lacrosse Coordinator) was invited to the



meeting. She stated that within the rules currently being used any player or team may use and wear headgear that meets ASTM standard. The Safety Committee directed that the data and research be shared with the Girls Lacrosse Committee to gather their thoughts and opinions. Liz will report back to the Safety Committee at the Fall meeting. The Girls Lacrosse Committee is also discussing a possession clock proposal to help minimize risk.

2. NYSPHSAA Thunder and Lightning Policy. Several Safety Committee members were able to take part in a trial from EarthNetworks on their spheric maps application. NYSPHSAA would like to thank EarthNetworks for allowing our committee a trial period. The data that can be obtained from the application is very useful and valuable to our member schools but can be cumbersome to navigate through the application. There is also a price to NYSPHSAA/member schools for the use of the application. For a 5-year contract it would cost NYSPHSAA \$47,000 or our member schools \$47 per school. For a 1-year contract it would cost \$77,000 or \$77 per member school. Based on these two factors the committee was not interested in recommending the use of spheric maps in the Thunder and Lightning policy. The committee would like to add the use of WeatherBug to the current policy knowing that the information obtained by WeatherBug might not be 100% accurate. The NYSPHSAA Staff, Jarett Rhoads, and Jim Rose will work on language and propose to the Safety Committee at the Fall meeting.
3. Baseball Pitch Count Modification for Spring 2021. With the modification of the sport seasons due the current pandemic there is a need to adjust the baseball pitch count for the 2021 season. The baseball committee is recommending that the March pitch count be moved to April, the April pitch count be moved to May and the May pitch count be moved to June. This change is for Varsity level only. A question was raised about Sections that will be starting baseball in May. Sections can be more restrictive and use the April pitch counts if they want to. The committee was fully in support of the proposal with one abstention (Section 11). The proposal will go to the NYSPHSAA officers for their approval.
4. Section Concerns. Section 8 and Section 2 asked Darryl Daily if the physical waiver was going to be extended past this current school year. Both Sections would like to see the regulation return to the regulation prior to the pandemic. Darryl will inquire within his department and plan on reporting the answer at the May Executive Committee meeting.

**Future Items/Meeting:**

1. Girls Lacrosse Headgear – Input from Girls Lacrosse Committee
2. Thunder and Lightning Policy
3. Next Meeting: September 28, 2021 at 1pm



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## **Modified Field Hockey: Overtime procedure**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion Item  
☐ Informational Item

### **Presenter:**

Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Committee Chair

### **Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending to the following language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Modified Field Hockey. "4. With Section/League approval, one (1) 4-minute overtime period will be allowed if the score is tied at the end of regulation. The overtime period will be played with teams at full strength and full field.

### **Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2021

### **Rationale:**

This will allow for more participation and a natural conclusion to the contest if tied at the end of regulation.

### **Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Committee and NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

### **Budgetary Impact:**

None

### **Notes:**

None

### **Attachments:**

None

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## **OCF – School Based Official**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion Item  
☐ Informational Item

### **Presenter:**

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

### **Proposal:**

The OCF is recommending NYSPHSAA allow schools to use a School Based Official with the following criteria. This would be for a two-year pilot program.

- The SBO would only work non-varsity games
- SBO will be paid based on the Section's Officials contract
- SBO will be certified through the local chapters training and testing protocols
- Assignments will be offered to all members of the local chapter and if non-varsity game remain unassigned then the assignor will contact the SBO
- SBO will not have to pay the local or state dues (excluding insurance and assignor fees) in the first year. SBO will be required to pay full dues starting in year two.

### **Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2020

### **Rationale:**

This recommendation will help address the issues lack of officials and sub-varsity games not being covered by one or more officials.

### **Proposal Originated:**

OCF

### **Budgetary Impact:**

None.

### **Notes:**

None.

### **Attachments:**

None.

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## Friend & Neighbor Application Process

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion Item  
☐ Informational Item

### **Presenter:**

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

### **Proposal:**

Consider approval to amend the Friend & Neighbor application process to the following:

1. Complete and submit the Friend & Neighbor application to NYSPHSAA, Inc.
2. NYSPHSAA will contact the Section Executive Director from the school's location (if applicable) regarding any potential concerns.
3. NYSPHSAA will work with the Section Executive Director to ensure the school understands all rules and responsibilities.
4. The school's name will be presented to the NYSPHSAA Executive/Central Committee for approval at the next scheduled meeting.
5. The Friend & Neighbor school will be invoiced \$200, annually.
6. Friend & Neighbor schools will still need to follow the subsequent rules:
  - a. Friend and Neighbors schools may compete against NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools only through the league level of play.
  - b. Friend and Neighbors schools are eligible to compete with NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools in all sections excluding post-scheduled contests.
  - c. The two-hundred-dollar fee is payable every year and invoiced annually.
7. Approval will remain indefinitely unless the following occurs:
  - a. The section where the school is located presents an issue with Friend & Neighbor status.
  - b. The school requests, in writing, to be removed as a Friend & Neighbor.
  - c. The school does not pay their annual invoice of \$200.

### **Effective Start Date:**

July 2021

### **Rationale:**

Currently, the process is convoluted due to the school's needing to apply every two years but are invoiced yearly. The benefits of the new process are as follows:

1. Removes additional responsibilities away from the sections.
2. Streamlines the process to mirror NYSPHSAA membership invoicing procedure.
3. Provides one central point of contact for both the section and Friend & Neighbor schools.

The NYSPHSAA Handbook states, "All other schools which are registered with the State Education Department shall apply for Friends and Neighbors status to be eligible to compete with NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools. Applications must be processed through the Sectional Athletic Council in which the

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school is located. The application shall contain the agreement to abide by the NYSPHSAA, Inc., rules and will be signed by the applicant. The application, with an administrative fee of two hundred dollars, shall be forwarded by the Section Secretary to the Executive Director of the State Association with recommendations and substantiating statements for or against approval. The State Executive Committee shall make the final determination. Approval shall only be for a period of two years at which time schools may reapply for Friends and Neighbors status.”

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Office Staff

**Budgetary Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

The proposal was reviewed by the Section Executive Directors. No concerns were presented. The Handbook Committee reviewed the proposal and provided feedback regarding making sure schools understand all rules and responsibilities.

**Attachments:**

Sample Application





## Friends & Neighbor Application

1. Complete the application and email to NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, Kristen Jadin at [kjadin@nysphsaa.org](mailto:kjadin@nysphsaa.org).
2. NYSPHSAA, Inc. will contact the Section Executive Director from the school's location (if applicable) regarding any potential concerns.
3. The school's name will be presented to the NYSPHSAA Executive/Central Committee for approval at the next scheduled meeting.
4. Once approved, the school will be invoiced \$200, annually.

### PART I: SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SED Code: \_\_\_\_\_

| <u>Enrollment:</u> | Boys  | Girls |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Grade 7            | _____ | _____ |
| Grade 8            | _____ | _____ |
| Grade 9            | _____ | _____ |
| Grade 10           | _____ | _____ |
| Grade 11           | _____ | _____ |
| Grade 12           | _____ | _____ |
| Sec UNG            | _____ | _____ |

Signature of Chief School Officer represents an agreement that the applying school will follow all NYS Education Department regulations & NYSPHSAA bylaws, eligibility standards, and sports standards when participating with NYSPHSAA Schools. I certify our school is registered with the NYS Education Department.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chief School Officer

*\*Please use figures from the October BEDS of current school year.*

### PART II: SCHOOL YEAR

We are applying for Friend & Neighbor status to begin with the \_\_\_\_\_ school year.

### INFORMATION:

1. Friends & Neighbor schools will still need to follow the subsequent rules:
  - a. Friends and Neighbors schools may compete against NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools only through the league level of play.
  - b. Friends and Neighbors schools are eligible to compete with NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools in all sections excluding post-scheduled contests.
  - c. The two-hundred-dollar fee will be invoiced annually and payable every year.
2. Approval will remain indefinitely unless the following occurs:
  - a. The section where the school is located presents an issue with Friends & Neighbor status.
  - b. The school requests, in writing, to be removed as a Friend & Neighbor.
  - c. The school does not pay their annual invoice of \$200.

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## **BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS – ADOPT LINEUP RULE FOR REGIONALS & STATES**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Action Item
- ☒ Discussion Item
- \_\_\_\_\_ Informational Item

### **Presenters:**

Selina DeCicco, NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Coordinator

Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Coordinator

### **Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis State Committees are seeking approval to adopt a new Lineup Rule for Team Championship competition at the Regional and State Tournament levels for a two-year experiment.

- The NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis State Team Championship Line-up Rule shall treat singles and doubles as separate entities.
  - #1 and #2 singles to be restricted to singles positions #1 and #2
- Stacking is prohibited. The definition of stacking is:
  - Positioning players out of ability order
  - Positioning greater skilled singles players below lesser skilled singles players and/or positioning greater skilled doubles teams below lesser skilled doubles teams;
  - Penalty for stacking is forfeiture from a Regional or State Tournament match
- Submission of Lineups – Coaches are required to provide the team's roster, singles ranking ladder, doubles ranking ladder, season challenge matches, participant USTA/UTR rankings and team/individual records of season contests, upon request by an opposing coach or NYSPHSAA official, to the Coach, Section Coordinator and State Coordinator/Tournament Director by 6 pm the day prior to the start of Regionals and of State Semi-Final contests. Any changes to a submitted lineup must be approved by the tournament committee.
- Should any participant refuse to compete for any reason other than injury, illness or personal circumstance, then the participant(s) shall become ineligible to participate in a later round.

### **Effective Start Date:**

October 2021

### **Rationale:**

To offer fair conditions of competition for the NYSPHSAA Team State Tennis Championships requires a uniform rule that governs the structure of the team line-up for team state championship contests. The line-up rule proposed is already found across NYSPHSAA. This rule allows all coaches to allocate their team talent in the manner that can create a competitive option for their teams. Additionally, the proposed lineup rule provides equal recognition to singles and doubles events which is commensurate with the team scoring system.

While the proposed team lineup rule may require Sectional Team Champions to adapt to Regional and State Tournament lineup guidelines, the structure proposed provides fair opportunity for NYSPHSAA teams statewide with disparity of ability, the best opportunity to compete with competitive balance.

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**Proposal Originated:**

The NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis Committee Joint Meeting on December 14, 2020. A subcommittee was formed and met several times to develop the proposal which was ultimately voted 6-2 in favor for the Boys and 7-2 in favor for the Girls on March 8, 2021. The sub-committee was made up of Selina DeCicco (boys coordinator), Chris Horgan (girls coordinator), Terence McMahon (Section 6 coordinator), Josh Bartolotta (Section 5 coordinator), Michael Kazin (Section 8 coordinator) and Shai Fisher (Section 8).

**Budgetary Impact:**

There is no financial impact

**Attachments:**

None

**CAC Feedback:**

No concerns

**OTHER INFO TO BE INCLUDED IN CHAMPIONSHIP OPERATIONS PACKET (PROCEDURAL ITEMS):**

- **Stacking** – The term “stacking” is not defined in the USTA Rules and Regulations “Friend at Court”. A fundamental ethical standard for tennis coaches requires that players must be arranged in the proper order of ability from top to bottom at the singles and doubles positions for team matches. Stacking occurs when a coach violates this principle. Stacking is not allowable for any reason and any team that stacks its line-up faces forfeiture of the match.
- **Lineup Changes** – At the conclusion of the Team Regionals or State Semifinals, coaches are permitted to make changes to their lineups and submit their final entries one hour before the start of the scheduled contest.
- **Filing Protests** - Should any regional or state lineup protest become necessary after lineups have been submitted, a written protest must be filed to the NYSPHSAA Regional Tournament Committee and/or NYSPHSAA State Tournament Committee/State Coordinator respectively, at least one hour before the scheduled contest for any consideration.
- **Ruling on Protests** – The Regional or State Tournament Committee, who will review and decide on all lineup protests, will be comprised of the State Coordinator and the Section Coordinators of opposing teams involved in the contest for which the lineup protest originated.
- **Scoring System** - The proposed lineup rule provides equal recognition to singles and doubles events which is commensurate with the team scoring system. This awards one point to a team that wins a position match whether it's a singles or doubles match. Division 1 teams must win four of seven matches to win the contest while Division 2 teams will require winning three of five matches to win the contest.
- **Adaptability** - While the proposed team lineup rule may require Sectional Team Champions to adapt to Regional and State Tournament lineup guidelines, the structure proposed here provides a fair opportunity for NYSPHSAA teams statewide with disparity of ability, the best opportunity to compete with competitive balance.

DATE REVISED: April 12, 2021



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## **CROSS COUNTRY: Change to Classification Cut-off Numbers**

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

### **Presenter:**

Chuck Wiltse – NYSPHSAA Boys Cross Country State Coordinator  
Marbry Gansle – NYSPHSAA Girls Cross Country State Coordinator  
Todd Nelson – NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

### **Proposal:**

The Boys and Girls Cross Country Committees are recommending changing the current Classification Cut-Off numbers to the following:

|         |              |             |        |
|---------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| Class A | 815 and Up   | 135 schools | 25.04% |
| Class B | 450 – 814    | 135 schools | 25.04% |
| Class C | 255 – 449    | 135 schools | 25.04% |
| Class D | 254 and down | 134 schools | 24.86% |

### **Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2021

### **Rationale:**

The Boys and Girls Cross Country Committees support the philosophy that the 4 classes should be broken down with an equal number of schools within each classification, as much as possible. The current proposed recommendation meets that philosophy. The committee used the 2021-2022 school enrollment numbers and updated the teams in each Section, taking into account all merged teams. The 2021-2022 school enrollment numbers are based on the final 2019-2020 BEDS numbers provided to NYSPHSAA from SED. The school enrollment numbers **ONLY** effect Sectional and State Competition in the sport of Cross Country across all Sections. Each Section does have a minimum of two teams in each class except Section 7 (Plattsburgh High School). The committee is **strongly** recommending that if the proposal is approved that the new classifications are instituted for the 2021 season. If they have to wait until the 2022 season, they feel the numbers used to make the recommendation will be two years old.

### **Proposal Originated:**

Boys and Girls Cross Country Committee

### **Budgetary Impact:**

None

### **Notes:**

|                                   |         |              |             |        |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| Current Classification Breakdown: | Class A | 830 and Up   | 129 schools | 23.93% |
|                                   | Class B | 446 – 829    | 149 schools | 27.64% |
|                                   | Class C | 240 – 445    | 140 schools | 25.97% |
|                                   | Class D | 239 and down | 121 schools | 22.44% |

### **CAC Feedback:**

CAC voted in favor of this proposal, 9-1, at their April 12, 2021 meeting.

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**SECTION IX SPORTS**  
**2021-2022 DUES**

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Girls**

Basketball \_\_\_\_\_  
Bowling \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheerleading (Competitive) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheerleading (Game Day) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cross Country \_\_\_\_\_  
Field Hockey \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SHARE: \$200. per varsity sport**

NUMBER OF SPORTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
2021-2022 DUES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
2021-2022 NYSAAA DUES: \$ 160.00  
2021-2022 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 25, 2021. THANK YOU.**

**Your School District will be billed.**


Section IX Dues not paid by September 1, 2021, will incur a 10% penalty.

Section IX Dues not paid by October 1, 2021, will result in INELIGIBILITY for Section IX Tournaments of that school district's athletic teams.





# WALL OF HONOR



## *New York State Athletic Administrators Association*

April 6, 2021

Mrs. Becky Ahart  
87 Rockland Road  
Roscoe, NY 12776

Dear Becky,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the New York State Athletic Administrators Association, it is indeed a great honor to inform you that your husband, Fred, has been chosen to be added to the third class of the **NYSAAA Athletic Administrator "Wall of Honor."** He is one of **four** athletic administrators to be added this coming year (2022).

His selection comes as a result of a two-step process. All nominees are screened by the Veterans Committee and recommendations made to the Executive Board, who make the final determination of those to be added. I commend both of you on this distinguished honor as a result of a very successful career.

The ceremony for 2022 will take place on a date to be determined as part of the David Martens Award Luncheon at the Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs, NY at 12 noon. More information will be provided and requested by the Executive Director later this fall regarding arrangements to attend the ceremony and about the ceremony itself.

We certainly hope that you and family member(s) will be able to join us next March in Saratoga Springs to be part of this honor bestowed upon your husband by the NYSAAA. Best wishes to you, and please know that you will be receiving further communications from the Executive Director's office. Should you have any questions at this time, please contact Alan Mallanda at 607-368-5060.

Respectfully,

*Mike Murray*

Mike Murray, CMAA  
President