EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 18, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

3.1 **CARRIED:** June 12, 2024 Executive Committee meeting minutes

AC ACTION ITEMS

3.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of the June 12, 2024 Athletic Council meeting minutes

5.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Cheektowaga Girls Basketball independent status for the 24-25 season.

5.2 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Combining of Schools Applications

5.3 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Outside Agency Applications

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTTE
MINUTES

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** (D. Lilleck)

Commenced: 9:40am

3.0 **MINUTES** (D. Lilleck)

3.1 ***Motion to approve of the June 12, 2024 Executive Committee meeting minutes***
CARRIED
Fallacaro-Dougherty/Roth

4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (M. DiFilippo)

4.1 Conflict of Interest – Annual Acknowledgement
The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to ensure that Section VI's covered personnel act in the Section's best interest and comply with the applicable regulations set forth under New York State Not for Profit Law and Section VI's Constitution and By-laws. As such every athletic council member is required to complete the annual acknowledgement which will be distributed via email following this meeting.

4.2 Proposed 2025-2026 North & South Timelines (Action item November AC) (Appendix A)
The timelines include the processes and deadlines regarding the creation of sports schedules and assignment of officials for each school year. They are presented for review by the league heads and athletic council. The proposed 2025-2026 North & South Timelines are an action item for approval at the November 13, 2024 athletic council meeting.

4.3 Section VI Representative
The Executive Committee recommended J. Iwankow (Eden Athletic Director) for Section VI representative on the NYSPHSAA Start Date Ad Hoc Committee.

This ad hoc committee serves to review concerns specific to the NYSPHSAA 7-year calendar. Concerns are increasing in years where the start dates fall late in the year.

M. DiFilippo to inform R. Zayas that J. Iwankow is Section VI's representative.

4.4 NYSED Update

4.5 August AD Workshop Update

4.6 Mandatory AD Workshop – January 30, 2025 at Erie 1 BOCES

M. DiFilippo to share updates at the following athletic council meeting regarding agenda items 4.4 through 4.6.

4.7 Pre-Season Coaches Meetings
Several issues including virtual vs. in-person, flexibility of established meeting date, and consistency and continuity across all sports persist with coaches pre-season meetings.

The Executive Committee felt flexibility needs to be incorporated when appropriate (ie. Wrestling requested to hold their meeting in advance of the established Wednesday prior to the start of the season date due to the newly approved early weight certifications).

M. DiFilippo and K. Schon will work the sports chairpersons, reviewing responsibilities and expectations as well as emphasizing the importance of the pre-season meeting. In addition, a generic meeting outline/agenda was created and shared with all chairpersons.

4.8 Guardian Caps

M. DiFilippo will remind athletic council members that NFHS rules do not prohibit the use of the Guardian Caps during practice or games. NYSPHSAA recommends school districts contact their helmet manufacture, to ensure the helmet warranty is not impacted if the Guardian Cap is used.

4.9 Personnel Issue

M. DiFilippo and K. Schon met with an affiliated officials organization's representatives regarding one of their member's claimed inappropriate behavior. Section VI's expectations were shared and the organization responded in kind with delineating the disciplinary measures instituted: the member was suspended from all ECIC events and will only be utilized on an as needed basis otherwise, training specific to contact with children will be mandatory for the organization's membership, any further issue by the involved member will necessitate termination of membership.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS** (M. DiFilippo)

Informational – Late emergency independent status request
Executive Committee approved on August 7, 2024
a) Maple Grove as independent in the sport of Girls Tennis for the 2024 season.

5.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Cheektowaga Girls Basketball independent status for the 24-25 season.

Informational - Late emergency combining of schools applications
Executive Committee approved on August 7, 2024 via email
a) Cross Country – Fredonia/Westfield
b) G Swimming – Eden/North Collins (pending ECIC approval)
c) G Soccer – Falconer/Cass Valley/**Maple Grove** - *to add Maple Grove to the existing merger (pending BOE approval)

5.2 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Combining of Schools Applications

Winter Sports

1. Basketball B, Existing, **Tapestry, WNY Maritime,** V, JV, 372, B
2. Bowl BG, New, **Franklinville,** West Valley, V, 164, D2
3. Bowl Unified BG, Existing, **Williamsville North,** Williamsville East, Williamsville South, V 2 teams, 2244
4. Hockey G, Existing**, Williamsville South,** Williamsville East Williamsville North, V, 2244
5. Ski, Existing, **Ellicottville,** Allegany-Limestone, V, 377
6. Ski, Existing, **Williamsville South,** Williamsville East Williamsville North, V, 2244
7. Wrestling B, Existing, **HSCS,** BASCS, V, 789, 546, D2
8. Wrestling B/G, New, **Eden,** North Collins, V, &7/8, 321, Boys D2-Girls 1 div
9. Wrestling B/G, Existing, **Olean,** Allegany-Limestone, V, 78, 545, D1 Boys -Girls 1 Div
10. Wrestling G, Existing, **Niagara-Wheatfield,** Niagara Falls, Varsity only, 2406, Girls all 1 div

Spring Sports

11. Baseball, New, **Burgard**, Performing Arts**,** 666, A
12. Baseball, New, **Culinary Arts**, Emerson**,** 672, A
13. Baseball, New, **I-Prep**, L DaVinci, 764, AA
14. Baseball, New, **MEC**, LJ Bennett, Res Lab, 500, A
15. Baseball, New, **MST**, East, 553, A
16. Baseball, Existing, **Panama,** Clymer & Sherman, 177, C
17. Unified Basketball, Existing, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 1429,
18. Unified Basketball, Existing, **Williamsville North,** Williamsville East, Williamsville South, V 2 teams, 2244, NA
19. Flag Football, New, **Hutch Tech,** all BPS Schools, V, 6020, D1
20. Flag Football, New, **Silver Creek,** Forestville, V, 276, D2
21. Golf B, Existing, **Panama,** Clymer & Sherman, V, 280,
22. Golf B/G, Existing, **Chautauqua Lake**, Westfield, V, 336
23. Golf G, Existing, **Cassadaga Valley,** Maple Grove, V, 309
24. Golf G, Existing, **Fredonia,** Silver Creek, Forestville, V, 657
25. Lax B, Existing, **Kenmore West,** Kenmore East, V, JV, 1116, A

26. Lax B, Existing, **Lewiston-Porter,** Niagara Falls, V, JV, 1837, A
27. Lax BG, New, **City Honors**, All BPS school**,** V, 6679, A
28. Lax BG, Existing, **Eden,** North Collins, V, JV, 7/8, 308, D
29. Lax BG, Existing, **Lake Shore,** Silver Creek, V, JV, 7/8, 593, C
30. Lax G, Existing, **Kenmore West,** Kenmore East, V, JV, 1116, A
31. Softball, New, **Culinary Arts**, Emerson, V, 672, A
32. Softball, New, **MEC**, LJ Bennett, Res Lab**,** V, 514, A
33. Softball, New, **MST**, Burgard**,** V, 650, A
34. Softball, New, **Riverside,** I Prep, Lafayette, V, 1054, AA
35. Softball, Existing, **Sherman,** Clymer, V, 121, D
36. Tennis B, New, **Culinary Arts**, Emerson**,** V, 510, D2
37. Track & Field BG, Existing, **Chautauqua Lake**, Westfield, Brocton, V, 307, C
38. Track & Field BG, Existing, **Clymer,** Panama, Sherman**,** V, 178, C
39. Track & Field BG, New, **Culinary Arts,** Emerson, V, 477, B
40. Track & Field BG, New, **Eden, North Collins,** V, JV, 7/8, 308, C
41. Track & Field BG, New, **East, Pathways,** V, 299, C
42. Track & Field BG, Existing, **Falconer,** Cassadaga Valley**,** V, JV, Freshman, 298, C
43. Track & Field BG, Existing, **Franklinville,** Ellicottville, V, 7,8,9, 186, C
44. Track & Field BG, New, **LJ Bennett**, Alt Ed**,** V, 352, C
45. Track & Field BG, New, **Portville,** Hinsdale, V, 268, C

At the start of the following athletic council meeting, a motion will be made to add 5.2 #46 Kenmore East and West Girls Flag Football and remove #29 as well as add 4.8 Guardian Caps.

5.3 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Outside Agency Applications

a. JV Boys Grand Finale, (boys Volleyball, 10/26/24 at The R.O.C.K hosted by West Seneca Central

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.1.1 Boys Lacrosse – Lake Shore/Silver Creek
The Boys Lacrosse Committee proposed that the combination of Lake Shore/Silver Creek change from Class C to Class B. J. Sortisio will collect pertaining data for review and convene the Combining of Schools to provide recommendation for action at the November 13, 2024 athletic council meeting

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

6.3 Finance Committee (S. Penhollow)

6.3.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Treasurer's report (Appendix B)

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

6.4.1 through 6.4.3 are action items at the November 13, 2024 Athletic Council meeting:

6.4.1 Boys Wrestling – Individual Wrestling D1 and D2 Championship Tournaments

6.4.2 Boys Basketball Tiebreaker

6.4.3 Softball Championship Series Proposal (same as Baseball)

These items were all proposals that the sport committees made on their pre and post season reports.

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6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

b) Principal (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

c) Female Rep./Male Rep. (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty/J. Roth)
The following are actions items are to provide direction for M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to vote at the October 2024 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. (Appendix E)

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Action items that may be controversial:

6.7c4 Girls Volleyball: Implement 15-Point Tie-Breaker in Deciding Set at State Tournament Proposal – it is believed that most of the volleyball coaches would be in favor.

6.7c6 Cheerleading – Rule Implementation on Choreography Proposal. There is concern of policing this proposal if it passes.

6.7c11 Girls Lacrosse: New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 Using Guiding Principals Proposal. Concern was expressed because the guiding principals were not used developing this proposal

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Reports provided to the Executive Committee

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

6.13.1 JFK Girls Tennis – 3 Male Participants
The involved three male student-athletes are not participating in post season; individual or team championships. They have been evaluated and, currently, do not show dominance. Their participation will be monitored to ensure no adverse effect on the female student-athletes.

6.14 Nominations (B. Banker)

6.14.1 Section VI Male Representative (J. Roth) Term Expiration June 2025
J. Roth will report his status regarding term renewal prior to the November 13, 2024 athletic council meeting.

6.15 Corporate Partners (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)

Nothing to report

8.0 STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS (informational only) Appendix F

8.1 Championship Advisory Committee (6/18/24)
8.2 Championship Philosophy Report (7/10/24)
8.3 Girls Wrestling Committee Report (6/17/24)
8.4 Cross Country Committee Report (8/8/24)
8.5 Football Committee Report (8/13/24)
8.6 Girls Wrestling (8/14/24)

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA

M. DiFilippo to speak about the 3-region concept and regional weekend championship concept at the following athletic council meeting.

9.2 NYSAAA Report (J. Roth)

Nothing to report

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Girls Basketball Semifinals Championships
The Executive Committee is discussing the issues presented last year regarding the venue for the Girls Basketball semifinals championships. The Executive Committee plans to present a recommendation at the November 13, 2024 athletic council meeting.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

12.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

Motion to suspend the executive committee meeting and resume in executive session following the athletic council meeting.
CARRIED
Sortisio/Alvarez

APPENDIX A

ACTION ITEM: Athletic Council on November 13, 2024

2025-2026 Section VI Timeline for Schedules/Assignment of Officials
NORTH: Buffalo, ECIC, NFL, NO, MM, Independent

Green: Section responsibility **Yellow: Officials/Organization's responsibility**
White: School / assigner responsibility

	Fall 2025	Winter 2025-26		Spring 2026
Enter fees for the upcoming year (2025-2026)	Apr. 3, 2025	August 11, 2025		August 11, 2025
Officials Rankings from coaches/chairs due	May 5, 2025	Aug. 25, 2025		Jan. 2, 2026
Subassigners review rosters in arbitersports and report changes to the Section office.	May 5, 2025	Aug. 25, 2025		Jan. 2, 2026
Draft schedules complete	May 16, 2025	Sept. 8, 2025		Jan. 5, 2026
Email officials with instructions to register	May 16, 2025	Sept. 8, 2025		Feb. 2, 2026
Final schedules complete including non-league games Import of schedules to arbitersports begins	June 2, 2025	Sept. 15, 2025		Feb. 2, 2026
Final date: ALL schedules must be in arbitersports	June 13, 2025	Oct. 1, 2025	For B&G Basketball only	Feb. 17, 2026
Officials registered & availabilities listed	June 16, 2025	Oct. 8 2025		Feb. 17, 2026
*Varsity and JV assignment of officials begins	June 18, 2025	Oct. 14, 2025	Oct. 23, 2025	Feb. 20, 2026
*Assignments released to the OBR's for 5 day review	July 9, 2025	Oct. 29, 2025	Oct. 29, 2025	February 27, 2026
*Round Table (with OBRs) to finalize assignments	July 14, 2025	Nov. 3, 2025	Nov. 3, 2025	March 3, 2026
*Publish V,JV assignments-4 days to accept (7 days - Fall only)	July 15, 2025	Nov. 4, 2025	Nov. 4, 2025	March 4, 2026
*Last day to accept assignments	July 22, 2025	Nov. 8, 2025	Nov. 8, 2025	March 8, 2026
Publish Football assignments-7 days to accept	Mid-July			
Notify Athletic Offices & Officials Groups to make final payments/save financial reports (ArbiterPay)	Nov. 21, 2025	March 18, 2026		June 9, 2026
Delete season schedules	Dec. 12, 2025	April 8, 2026		June 30, 2026

Dates apply to the sports where multiple leagues share officials.
Fall - XC is league assigned; Girls Swim - ECIC & MM (auto-assigned), Buff, NO, NFL (league assigned), publish dates agreed to by involved Leagues
Winter - Boys Swimming is league assigned. Wrestling is League assigned -*Who goes first is determined between NFL,NO, and ECIC
Spring - Track is league assigned and the publish date is agreed to by the leagues involved.

NOTE: High school basketball assigning is scheduled until AFTER college assigning

ACTION ITEM: Athletic Council November 13, 2024

2025-2026 Section VI Timeline for Schedules/ Assignment of Officials
SOUTH: Cattaraugus & Chautauqua

Green: Section responsibility | Yellow: Officials/ Organization's responsibility

White: School / assigner responsibility

	Fall 2025	Winter 2025-26		Spring 2026
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GVB assignments using Group 30** officials must be complete	June 17, 2025	NA	Basketball ONLY	NA
Varsity & JV assignment of officials begins	June 18, 2025	Oct. 14, 2025	Oct. 23, 2025****	Feb. 20, 2026
Publish V,JV, Mod assignments (4 days to accept)	***	***	***	***
Publish Football assignments (4 days to accept)	*	NA	NA	NA
Notify Athletic Offices & Officials Groups to make final payments/save financial reports (ArbiterPay)	Nov. 21, 2025	March 18, 2026		June 9, 2026
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* Assignments will be complete but not published until after the first meeting of the Stier Chapter of Football Officials

** Assignments from WNYGVOA (Group 30) to Ellicottville, N.Collins, Portville and W.Valley

*** Dates to be set by Southern Tier assigners

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SOUTH ASSIGNERS WHO USE AUTO-ASSIGN ARE TO COORDINATE THE DATES OF WHICH THEY INTEND TO ASSIGN WITH THE SECTION OFFICE TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH THE NORTH AUTO-ASSIGN

APPENDIX B

Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

As of September 13, 2024

	Sep 13, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1040.1 · Bank of America CD	26,004.00
1043.1 · Northwest CD	312,679.14
1030 · Bank of America Checking	427,412.65
1040 · Bank of America Money Market	1.69
1043 · Northwest Savings Bank	121,697.56
Total Checking/Savings	887,795.04
Total Current Assets	887,795.04
TOTAL ASSETS	887,795.04
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

Dedicated Funds

	Received	Accrual
Boys Ice Hockey	$ 87,500.00	$ 125,000.00
Girls Ice Hockey	$ 27,500.00	$ 49,500.00
Indoor Track	$ 104,000.00	$ 132,600.00
	Budgeted	
State Championships	$ 212,000.00	
	$ 431,000.00	

FUND BALANCE **$ 456,795.04**

APPENDIX C

Softball 2024 Post Season Report

ALL WNY SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS		
DIVISION	**SCHOOL**	**INDIVIDUAL**
ECIC 1	Williamsville North	Michelle Switzer
ECIC 2	Amherst	Hunter Dimitroff
ECIC 3	Maryvale	Brittany Koshofer
ECIC 4	Tonawanda	Tim Frappa
ECIC 5	Tapestry	Kelly Kilonski
CCAA WEST 1		
CCAA WEST 2	Cassadaga Valley	Jerri Crandall
CCAA EAST1		
CCAA EAST2	Pine Valley	Tara Hayes
NIAGARA FRONTIER		
NIAGARA ORLEANS		
BUFFALO Division 1	Davinci	Charissa Smith
BUFFALO Division 2	Middle Early College	Mary Delsignore

2023-2024 Coaches Sportsmanship Nomination: *(coaches to be considered for the sportsmanship award at the annual Section VI Recognition Dinner)*

Current Pilot Programs:

1. Split classifications after opt-out pilot for 2 years, 23-24 and 24-25, in the sports of Boys Basketball (approved at 6/12/24 AC to be removed from pilot after 23-24 season), Girls Basketball, Baseball and Softball (Approved 11/15/23 AC)

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented: The 4 5 6 worked very well. Waiting to split classes helped even out the B bracket, However made the A bracket one of 16 teams that added extra pre-Quarters and if we didn't have late drop out would have had a play in game.(see below why we want 16 as split number)

Problems encountered/concerns:

Softball Committee proposals for the 2024 season:

~~Proposal 1:~~ The Sectional Intersectional Committee (9/12/24) did not move this item forward. It violates the Section VI Policy Manual.

~~The committee voted 3-0 to make 16 the number for splitting of classes.~~

~~Reason: The classes were split to recognize more teams. With going to 6 classes will be harder to have 18 teams. With 16 teams would make an even split of 8 and 8 eliminating several pre-quarter final games. Should the class drop below 16 teams the class would remain as one~~

~~Proposal 2:~~ The Sectional Intersectional Committee (9/12/24) tabled this proposal
~~The committee also would like to use a new tie breaking policy for sectional seeding. Passed 3-0~~
~~Reasoning fairness~~
~~Proposal~~

1. ~~Head to Head if same division or league~~
2. ~~Winning percentage of league or division games scheduled (independents all games)~~
3. ~~Coin toss~~
4. ~~.3 way tie still pull out of hat after 1-3 are used~~

~~Rational: With the leagues playing different amount of league games, going by total league games won is no longer fair to the teams playing fewer league games.~~

Proposal 3: The Sectional Intersectional Committee (9/12/24) moves this item forward for discussion at the September 18, 2024 Athletic Council meeting and action at the November 13, 2024 Athletic Council meeting.
~~Championship Series Proposal~~
~~There will only be 3 teams in AAA we suggest 2 plays 3 winner plays 1 in best of three Reasoning first place team would only play 1 sectional game and have long layoff~~

Things to add to handbook::

1. *For sectionals the higher seed will be home team add and have choice of dugouts.*
2. *In regionals Rotate the teams playing on Friday not always c and d*
3. *It has been an agreement for the last few years about the playing of music. We would like to add to handbook for clarification.*
   Home team will play music before and in between innings with no walk up music.
   Reasoning: We have had both teams try to play music and out do each other with volume and walk up music is not shut off in time and is still playing when pitcher is pitching.

Will have calendar at pre-season meeting. Do not know date for seeding meeting and sub regional

2024 Post Season Calendar				
Event		**Date**		**Location & Time**
Event	**Class**	**Date**	**Rain Date**	
Pre-Quarters	All Classes			
Quarters			Next day	500PM higher seed
Quarters:			Next day	500PM higher seed
Quarters:			Next day	500PM higher seed
Semifinals:			Next day	500PM higher seed
Semifinals:			Next day	500PM higher seed
Semifinals:			Next day	500PM higher seed
Semifinals:			Next day	500PM higher seed
Finals:			Next day	TBA
Finals:			Next day	TBA
Finals:			Next day	TBA
Finals:			Next day	TBA
Crossovers:			Next day	TBA
Crossovers:				
Regionals:			Next day	TBA
Regionals:			Next day	TBA
States:	All			

2023 Sectional and Post-Sectional Results:

AAA Lancaster lost in reionals
AA Clarence lost state finals
A1 Iroquois lost in regionals
B1 Fredonia lost in regionals
B2 Wilson lost in crossover
C Westfields lost in regionals
D Ellicottville lost in regionals

ALL WNY SMALL SCHOOL WINNERS			
NAME	**SCHOOL**	**GRADE**	**POSITION**
Tanleigh Bestine	Westfield	12	SS
Lilly Bromstead	Alden	11	U P
Natalie Cully	St Mary's	11	INF P
Ella Dovey	St Mary's	11	P 1B
Jordan Lucas	Fredonia	12	P
Addison Kota	Gowanda	10	P
Mia Vannelli	Depew	12	C
Alyssa Kingston	East Aurora	12	P
Mary Diggs	Akron	12	P
Mattison Foster	Portville	12	C
Ashlee Henning	Akron	12	C
Eva Gradzinski	Westfield	11	2B,P
Sylvia White	Alden	12	SS
Cayzlee Johnson	Chautauqua Lake	11	P
SMALL SCHOOL	SECOND TEAM		
Peyton Bradley	Barker	10	P
Colletta Giallella	East Aurora	9	3B
Janele Burchanowski	Clymer/Sherman	11	3B
Bella Hill	Depew	11	P
Sydney Hotchkiss	Westfield	11	C
Isabella Kilonsky	Tapestry	9	P
Hannah Melquist	Falconer	10	1B
Naomi Muck	Fredonia	9	SS
Ande Northrup	Ellicottville	10	P SS
Ella Pagano	Depew	10	SS
Danielle Palisin	Fredonia	11	Utility
Olivia Rhoat	JFK	11	C
Grace Ricci	Springville	9	1B
Kamara Shelton	Cleve Hill	10	P
Rylee Weiskerger	Silver Creek	9	P

Player of the year: Mia Vannelli – Depew
Pitcher of the year: Jordan Lucas – Fredonia
Coach of the year: Jesse Beers – Fredonia

ALL WESTERN NEW YORK LARGE SCHOOL

NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE	POS
Alyssa Budzinski	Williamsville South	11	P

Ava Farina	Orchard Park	12	P
Gianna Graber	Niagara Wheatfield	11	P
Ella Harrison	Clarence	12	P
Mikayla Hussar	West Seneca West	12	OF
Grace Kessel	Williamsville East	12	P
Jill Locher	Frontier	12	P 1B
Frankie Moris	Lancaster	12	1B 3B
Erin Nuwer	Nardin	12	P
Lindsay Tylec	Niagara Wheatfield	10	OF
Cassidy Weller	Frontier	12	3B P
Abby Wesolowski	Williamsville East	11	SS
Evelyn Wozniak	Orchard Park	11	SS
Ella Zobel	Clarence	12	1B P
Large School	Second Team		
Anna Bates	Olean	10	C
Emma Beyer	Iroquois	10	OF
Alexa Chiaramonte	Iroquois	12	P
Jordyn Colvin	Lake Shore	11	3B
Addison D'Andrea	North Tonawanda	10	OF
Carly Fraser	Lake Shore	12	1B
Ariana Gioia	West Seneca West	11	P
Emily Gorman	Nardin	12	OF
Natalie Kopf	Grand Island	11	P
Julia Kwitchoff	Niagara Wheatfield	12	1B
Emelie Pascual	Starpoint	12	SS
Samantha Pusloskie	Clarence	12	OF
Olivia Sackel	Williamsville South	11	2B
Emily Werndt	Williamsville East	12	2B

Player of the year: Ella Harrison – Clarence
Pitcher of the year: Erin Nuwer – Nardin
Coach of the year: Todd Banaszak – Clarence

Pre season meeting Sunday September 22nd 9:00 AM place TBD

Respectfully Submitted,
Date: 7/5/2024
John J Hall, Softball Chair

Baseball
Post Season Report
2024

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

DIVISION	SCHOOL	INDIVIDUAL
Buffalo	South Park	Victor Rivera
CCAA Division 1	Falconer	Gage Swanson
CCAA Division 2	Pine Valley	Team Award
CCAA Division 3	Ellicottville	Ryan Norton
ECIC 1	-	-
ECIC 2	Starpoint	Ethan Ernst
ECIC 3	Lake Shore	Team Award
ECIC 4	JFK	Tristan Desjardins
NFL	-	-
NO	Barker	Charlie LeGreca

2023 Review:

1. Congratulations to the 2023 Sectional Champions: Lancaster (AAA), Clarence (AA), Amherst (A1), Maryvale (A2), Medina (B), Wilson (C), North Collins (D).
2. Congratulations to the 2023 Regional Champions: Medina.

Current Pilot Programs:

1. Split classifications after opt-out pilot for 2 years, 23-24 and 24-25, in the sports of Boys Basketball (approved at 6/12/24 AC to be removed from pilot after 23-24 season), Girls Basketball, Baseball and Softball (Approved 11/15/23 AC)

Concerns for 2024:

1. Addition of subregionals and the effect it will have on the sectional playoff schedule.
2. Possible proposal to realign the ECIC divisions.

Proposals: Sectional Intersectional (9/12/24) recommended to not move this proposal forward because no information was provided.

~~1. Change in tie-breaker rule to eliminate the need for a coin flip to determine seeding.~~

POST-SEASON RESULTS:

Class	Site	Score
Class AAA	at Grand Island	Lancaster def. Niagara Falls, 4-3
Class AA	at Grand Island	Clarence def. Will North, 8-2
Class A1	at Niagara Falls	Amherst def. Kenmore East, 7-0
Class A2	at Niagara Falls	Maryvale def. Dunkirk, 9-4
Class A	at Frontier	Amherst def. Maryvale, 12-9
Class B	at Grand Island	Medina def. Fredonia, 4-3
Class C	at Diethrick	Wilson def. Gowanda, 3-1
Class D	at Diethrick	North Collins def. Franklinville, 4-1

REGIONALS:

Class	Site	Score
Class AAA	at Grand Island	Fairport def. Lancaster, 5-2
Class AA	at Grand Island	Victor def. Clarence, 4-1
Class A	at Grand Island	Pittsford Sutherland def. Amherst, 2-0
Class B	at Grand Island	Medina def. Wellsville, 8-3
Class C	at Salamanca	Bolivar-Richburg def. Wilson, 8-1
Class D	at Salamanca	Arkport def North Collins, 5-4

STATES

Class	Site	Score
Class B	Binghamton	Spackenkill def. Medina, 5-3

2025 Tentative Calendar:

BASEBALL Chairperson: Robert Parry				
Event		**Date**		**Location & Time**
Last day for league play		5/21/25		
Seeding Mtg		5/21/25		Virtual Meeting @ 8:00 pm
Event	**Class**	**Date**	**Rain Date**	**Location & Time**
Pre-Quarters:	A & B AAA, AA, C, D	5/23/25 5/24/25	5/24/25 5/25/25	@ Higher Seed 5:00 pm
Quarters:	A & B AAA, AA, C, D	5/24/25 5/27/25	5/25/25 5/28/25	@ Higher Seed 5:00 pm
Semifinals:	A & B AAA, AA, C, D	5/27/25 5/29/25	5/28/25 5/30/25	@ Higher Seed 5:00 pm
Finals:	A & B AAA, AA, C, D	5/29/25 5/31/25	5/30/25 6/1/25	TBD
Crossover Finals:	A & B	5/31/25	6/1/25	TBD
Sub-Regional	Class B	6/3	6/4	Section 5
Regionals:	All Classes	6/6-6/7		Section 5
States	All Classes	6/13-6/14		Binghamton

Girls Flag Football 2024 Post Season Report

ALL WNY SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS
- **Not applicable**

2022-2023 Coaches Sportsmanship Nomination: *(coaches to be considered for the sportsmanship award at the annual Section VI Recognition Dinner)*
- *Can this be added for 24-25 school year?*

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented:
- No changes occurred in season outside of the handbook. We changed from two divisions to three divisions as the number of participating schools grew. 32 schools participated in the 2024 season. Participation surveys for 2025 are due by September 1, 2024. Based on the number of participants for 2025, classes and BEDS breakdown, we will propose new alignments if needed for 2025.

Tournament report/concerns:

- Based on how many classes are approved at the state level, this may impact the structure and post season qualifications for our teams. The tournament ran smoothly in 2024, however there will be more teams participating in 2025 and the addition of a third class is likely. A new proposal will need to be created based on the factors above.
- Concern was to raised to increase days of rest in sectional play.
- Concern was raised about using a different ball in poor weather conditions.

Girls Flag Football Committee Proposals for the 2024 season:
- *Once classes are approved, and new teams have committed for participation in Flag Football for 2025, the committee will propose divisions, post season qualifications and schedules for the 2025 season.*

2025 Post Season Calendar			
Event		**Date**	**Location & Time**
Preseason Meeting		3/5/25	6:30 pm on zoom
First practice date		3/17/25	
First league game date		3/31/25	
Opt out of sectionals		5/14/25	in writing to chairperson by 12:00pm
Last day for league play		5/14/25	
Seeding Mtg		5/15/25	7:30 pm on zoom
Event	**Class**		
Pre-Quarters:	TBA	5/17/25	7pm at higher seed
Quarters:	TBA	5/19/25	7pm at higher seed
Semifinals:	TBA	5/21/25	7pm at higher seed
D1/D2 Finals:	TBA	5/23/25	TBA at 7pm
D2 Crossovers:	TBA	5/27/25	TBA
Regionals:	TBA	5/31/25(tentative)	Highmark Stadium
States:	TBA	6/7/25, 6/8/25	Cortland HS/Homer HS

Post Season Meeting		6/12/25	6:30 pm on zoom

Other pertinent data:

All results can be found on league website and tracking sheet:
Website:
https://sectionviflagfootball.com/season?season=2024&page=teams&cache=1718247927953

Flag Football Handbook 2024:
2024_GirlsFlagFootball_Handbook

2024 Sectional Results:

- 2024 D1 Sectional Champion - Clarence, HS
- 2024 D2A Sectional Champion - Pioneer HS
- 2024 D2B Sectional Champion - Fredonia HS

Full Post Season Results:

- 2024 Flag Football Post Season

Participation Survey Results for 2025 season:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XIsuszmLhtKPkSXH3F11GhBvIHagBFR-ieVsQ9apDzM/edit?usp=sharing

Respectfully Submitted
Date: 6/11/24

Marissa Dauria, Girls Flag Football Chair

Track & Field 2024 Post Season Report

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners		
BOYS TRACK	**School**	**Individual**
	Clarence	Noah Holden
	East Aurora	Owen Rung
GIRLS TRACK		
	Franklinville	Tyetta Herman
	Williamsville East	Bella Ascone

2024 Coaches Sportsmanship Nomination: *(coaches to be considered for the sportsmanship award at the annual Section VI Recognition Dinner) Megan Braun-Smith (Niagara Wheatfield), Kyle Brown (Hamburg), Rich Skrabucha (Lancaster), Justin Weldon (Clarence)*

Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented:
Coaches were required to enter their state meet entries on Milesplit.com by Sunday at noon, after the state qualifier meet. Unfortunately five schools/coaches did not make that deadline but eventually their entries were completed.

The requirement for F.A.T. qualifiers for the 100, 200 and 100/110 hurdles went very well, and seemed to elevate the level of competition at the section meet as well as keep the integrity there.

The use of Milesplit and having no scratch adjustment period during the championship season seemed to go smoothly, only a few programs didn't know how to look at it.

Problems encountered/concerns:
General problems with coaches following policies and procedures that are outlined in the handbook and were reviewed at our preseason meeting and through emails throughout the season, from entry protocols and deadlines to submitting state meet opt-out forms.

We still have issues with teams not attending the Class Championships due to many different reasons, programs that inform us ahead of time are not an issue, but some schools didn’t tell us at all, or told us last second after duties were assigned.

Class championships continue to have issues with Pole Vault being the last event on the track, in every Class Meet, the pole vault concluded 30-60 minutes after all other events had ended. In some cases teams had to wait until final scores were determined to get their awards or waited around to get no awards.

-We had many issues including: late opt outs, not enough room on our reserved coach buses for our entire group of qualifiers and coaches, bus breakdowns, non-approved coaches showing up at the section hotel, coaches wanting to transport their athletes to and from the hotel to the track without district approval, etc. *Because of these ongoing issues and the fact that we will be adding a third division next spring, our strongest recommendation is that Outdoor Track and Field mirror Wrestling with coordinators only reserving blocks of hotel rooms for qualifying teams to use. Coordinators will no longer set up and manage transportation and meals for our group that consisted of 198 coaches and 70 rooms this past state meet to CNS High School, Syracuse.

Track & Field Committee Proposals for the 2025 season: *(*any proposals for a change in policy or practice must be submitted on the post season report of the season prior to requested implementation. All proposals are held to the governance process: sport committee approval, Sectional Intersectional Committee (and/or Finance Committee) review and recommendation, Athletic Council action item)*

~~-Extend the FAT timing qualifier standard to the Class Meets as well for the 100, 200 and the 100/110 hurdles. -Class Meet starting times may need to be moved up to 2:00 to avoid issues with the pole vault finishing prior to darkness. This would also help with busing issues that required many teams to be dropped off early so their bus could travel back to their district and complete normal runs.~~ The Sectional Intersectional Committee (9/12/24) tabled this proposal.

-With the state and sectional championship moving to 3 divisions next year, the state qualifier meet order of events and event limitations will need to be adjusted so that the meet can still be conducted in its current two-day format. After state guidance comes out, we will need to address the order of events, how the meet is run and how many qualifiers we are taking per division and per event.

-We seem to have a need for an additional sectional policy, in addition to the state policy, regarding the State and Super Standards. There were many programs abusing the logistics and intent of the standards. This may include adding a top 8 place consideration for the super standard at the state qualifier meet. The Sectional Intersectional Committee (9/12/24) tabled this proposal.

2025 Post Season Calendar		
Event	**Date**	**Location**
All Class Meets Entries Close:	11:00 pm the week of Mon, May 26	Milesplit.com Milesplit.com
Class AA, A, B, C, D Meets	TBD: the week of Mon, May 26	TBD
State Qualifier Entries Close:	11:00 pm Monday, June 2	Milesplit.com
Final State Qualifier Entry Processing:	Tuesday, June 3	
State Qualifier Meet:	11:00 Friday, June 6 10:00 Saturday, June 7	TBD
States Championship Entries Due:	12:00 Noon Sunday, June 8	Milesplit.com
NY State Championship Meet	11:00 Friday, June 13 10:00 Saturday, June 14	Middletown High School

Other pertinent data

Alden High School hosted the Section VI State Qualifier Meet. Their administration and staff did an outstanding job!

The State Championship Meet was held at Cicero North Syracuse High School with athletes representing their schools and Section VI very well.

Sectional and Post-Sectional Results
Class Meet & State Qualifier results can be found on ny.milesplit.com.

The Section VI State meet results are included. The full state results can be found at leonetiming.com and ny.milesplit.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Date: 6/26/24
Walt McLaughlin & Justin Craddock, Chairmen

Golf Girls 2024 Post Season Report

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

	School	Individual
Girls Golf		

2023-2024 Coaches Sportsmanship Nomination: *(coaches to be considered for the sportsmanship award at the annual Section VI Recognition Dinner)* Alex Conti, Fredonia High School

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented:

No Changes needed

Problems encountered/concerns:

For the second year in a row I was on the telephone with AD's, coaches, and parents until late into the night of the state qualifier tournament because a golfer qualified but had a conflict with NYSPHSAA State Tournament.. This is unacceptable to not know thisbefore the tournament begins. From now on, coaches and golfers will sign a waiver prior to the tournament declaring their intentions if the golfer and/or coach can commit to the State Championship Tournament in the event the golfer or coaches golfer qualifies. This way we will know ahead of time so all tiebreakers are settled and will know who is representing Section 6 at the state tournament when we leave the afternoon of the sectional championship.

Girls Golf Committee Proposals for the 2024 season: *(*any proposals for a change in policy or practice must be submitted on the post season report of the season prior to requested implementation. All proposals are held to the governance process: sport committee approval, Sectional Intersectional Committee (and/or Finance Committee) review and recommendation, Athletic Council action item)*

2025 Post Season Calendar		
Event	**Date**	**Location & Time**
State Qualifier:	Monday, May 19, 2025	Gowanda Country Club
States:	Saturday June 6-8, 2025	Wildwood GC

Other pertinent data:

Sectional and Post-Sectional Results

Section VI State Qualifiers (See Full Results Attached) *= Medalist *** Alternate #Did not participate in States

Golfer	Sch	Gr	Res
Claire Brady*	OP	7	77
Kylie Dean	Clar	11	79
Jocelyn Wintersteen	CV	9	84
Brianna Scozzofava #	NW	12	87
Julianna Spacciopolli	Fred	12	90
Juliana Enser	Clar	11	91
Tatiana Tutko	Clar	9	91
Autumn Bailey	Amh	10	93
Sydnee Hoffman	Fred	10	96
Charlotte Occhino***	OP	8	98
Eliana Wierzbowski	*OP Alt at States*		

Team Standings: * Represented Section 6 at State Tournament

School	Score
1st Clarence*	368
2nd Orchard Park	383
CV/Maple Grove	422
Williamville North	453

State Tournament Results:

Kylie Dean	76-88-164 25th
Claire Brady	84-81-165 30th
Jocelyn Wintersteen	90-90-180
Sydnee Hoffman	92-92-184
Tatiana Tutko	100-89-189
Julianna Spacciapolli	95-95-190
Charlotte Occhino	102-90-192
Autumn Bailey	95-99-194
Juliana Enser	94-105-199

Section VI Finished in 9th Place but 21 strokes better than last year 1251 Strokes

Clarence finished in 6th Place 765 Strokes

Kylie Dean was the Section 6 Sportsmanship Nominee for the tournament.

Respectfully Submitted: 6/4/2024

Joe Biondo Section VI Coordinator

Unified Basketball 2023-24 Post Season Report

2023-2024 Coaches Sportsmanship Nomination:
2024 Unified Basketball - coach from Catt / Little Valley: Justine Pelligrino
2024 Unified Bowling - coach from Amherst: Jennifer Higgins

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented:
1. Scrimmage sites - no more then four (4) at multiple sites set by League coaches
2. NYSO final Report / Rosters online for easier access
3. Player Development before or at halftime / NYSO Skills Program
4. NYSPHSAA & NYSO video / Officials enforcing rules - consistently
5. Head table - scorebooks
6. Unified All-Star Basketball Special Event / Little Interest for 24 season
7. Status of "waiver" pending outcome of State Unified meeting in August
8. Extended Eligibility - Unified Sports Only / Skills Alternative Assessment (CDOS students)

Problems encountered/concerns:
1. Games tied after regulation - teams did play the required overtime period
2. Opt out date for end of season tournament - set sooner to order awards
3. Coaches / directors on site prior to game agreeing to alter the rules of the game
4. Culmination Tournament - Host "The ROCK" / earlier start / Well received by schools
5. Coaches style or philosophy of "partners" role during game situation / play
6. Scheduling / Alignment of Teams - **2023 - 2024 AC vote** League driven
7. Postseason End of Year Tournament / Culmination Event: Chair. with Committee

Unified Basketball Committee Proposals for the 2024 season:
1. *NYSPHSAA & NYSO video reviewed by all working officials and coaches*
2. *Schools failing to adhere to Opt-out date are subject to consequences*
3. *Unified Teams alternating rules or regulations are subject to violations*
4. *Host end of season culminating tournament - The ROCK Project Champion*
5. *The ROCK - Project Champion Fee $500.00*

2025 Post Season Calendar		
Event	Date	Location & Time
Practice begins	Monday, 03/10/25	Rosters due: 3/25/25
Scrimmage date	Tuesday, 4/01/25	Multiple sites: TBD 4:30-6:00(max. 4 teams)
Games begin	4/02/25 - 5/22/25	Game time: 5:00 PM Assemblies: 12:45PM
First Round of Play-Offs	Tuesday, 5/27/25	Multiple sites - TBD
Culmination Event	Thursday, 5/29/25	The R.O.C.K." w/ time schedule slots TBD
Opt out date	Wednesday, 5/14/25	Notification - writing from schools director
Unified Champion Summit	Fall 2024-WNY SO	Site: (TBD)

Other Pertinent Data

1. 2024 Post Season Unified Sports Meeting: Monday, June 12, 2024 / League Host
2. Unified Basketball Coaches Pre-Season Meeting: Spring League Host
3. Unified Bowling Coaches Pre-Season Meeting: Winter League Host
4. Williamsville is requesting to make a third team in Bowling & Basketball for 24 - 25
5. Character Training Awards - Mike Masters
6. Section VI Sportsmanship Player Awards - Patch

2024 Conference Champions

Buffalo City Schools - TBA
Niagara Frontier League / Niagara Orleans-TBA
ECIC: A - TBA
ECIC: B - TBA
ECIC: C - TBA
ECIC: D - TBA
CCAA: TBA

2024 Culmination Tournament Results:

D #1 J
1st - Catt / Little Valley 38 - Sweet Home 36
3rd - Orchard Park 49 - Eden 40
D #2 B
1st - Dunkirk 42 - Williamsville - Gold 38
3rd - Fredonia 30 - West Seneca West 26
D #3 D
1st - Medina 36 - Hamburg 24
3rd - Williamsville - Green 32 - Olmsted 28
D #4 H
1st - Pine Valley 31 - Southwestern 21
3rd - Jamestown 48 - Lancaster 32
D #5 E
1st - Akron 42 - Amherst 36
3rd - Depew 46 - Clarence 38
D #6 C
1st - Cheektowaga 49 - Tonawanda 16
3rd - Salamanca 41 - City Honor 32
D #7 A
1st - East Aurora 43 - Lake Shore 42
3rd - Hutch Tech won by BYE
D #8 G
1st - OTC 52 - Pioneer 39
3rd - Springville 38 - Pembroke 36 *OT
D #9 I
1st - Allegany Limestone 37 - Starpoint 26
3rd - Newfane 39 - Frewsburg 36 *OT
D #10 F
1st - Iroquois 53 - Frontier 38
3rd - Cassadaga Valley 36 - Maryvale 27

Respectfully submitted,
Date: June 6, 2024
Douglas Ames, Section VI Unified Sports Chair



SECTION VI BOYS TENNIS POST SEASON REPORT

2024

SECTION VI POST-SEASON REPORT
Boys Tennis 2025
Chairperson: Terence McMahon
February 2025

Committee members (voting*)

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BOYS	Chairperson	School	Home	Work	E-Mail
Buffalo	Aubry Lloyd.	Buffalo			
Olean	Ben Wright	Olean	560-9920		375-6250 bwright@ogh.org
ECIC	Brian Koziol*	Sweet Home	341-8820		bkoziol@sweethomeschools.org
NFL	Dan Krolewski*	Niag-Wheatfield	553-3799		dkrolewski@nwcsd.org
NO	Jeff Roth*.	Wilson	(S) 751-3200ext 175		jroth@wilsoncsd.org

Committee meeting date(s)
Individual Seeding meeting- Sunday May 18 9am at South Towns Tennis Club

Post Season Information

BOYS TENNIS Chairperson: Terence McMahon (H) 716-662-4843 Co Chairperson Alex Chambers(S) 407-9043		
Team Sectionals	TBD	Neutral Sites
Team Sectional Finals Team Regionals Team Finals	TBD TBD TBD	Orchard Park HS 9am At Section V (Indoors) USTA Complex (NYC) National Tennis Center, Flushing, NY
Individual Sectionals	Tues-Fri 5/26-28	Orchard Park High School 3:00 pm
Individual States	Thurs-Sat 6/6-8	USTA Complex (NYC) National Tennis Center, Flushing, NY

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season- Changes for Individual Sectionals to include realignment of qualifiers TBD Changes for Team Championships to include no FRIDAY matches and furthers changes after meeting with the executive director Mandatory use of UTR website to report scores, inform media and organize data for seeding meeting. Coman Tie-Break for all leagues.
Rule Changes for 2025 None
Other Pertinent Data – State seeding meeting for Individuals June 5 @ 7:30
Budget 2025

Respectfully submitted 10/30/24
Terence McMahon
Section VI Boys Tennis Sportchair

2024 SECTION VI BOYS TENNIS STATE QUALIFIERS

Terence T. McMahon - Chairperson

Alec Chambers-Asst' Chairperson

Singles-1.Grant Wang- -Williamsville East

2. Taylor McGrath-Orchard Park

3. Dakshaeswar Muthukrishnan-Williamsville North

Doubles-1. Fletcher and Trey DeMink- Maple Grove

2. Isaac Moses/Cavan Boutillette- Olean

3. Andrew Jiang/David Cong-Williamsville East

4. Will Roberts/ Griffin Watson- Orchard Park

SECTION VI BOYS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

Singles Draw
Orchard Park High School
May 23 and 24 - 3:00 PM

State Qualifiers
1 - Grant Wang
2 - Taylor McGrath
3 - Dakshaeswar Muthukrishnan

1 Grant Wang
ECIC 1 - Williamsville East 1
Court 1
2 Jackson Sherry
CCAA 4 - Maple Grove

Grant Wang
6-0, 6-0

3 Samir Fares
BUF 1 - Olmsted 1
Court 2
4 Lucas Pynn
NFL 1 - Lockport

Samir Fares
6-4, 4-6, 7-5

Grant Wang
6-0, 6-0

5 Yonten Gyatso
ECIC 4 - Williamsville East 2
Court 3
6 Alex Watkins
CCAA 3 - Southwestern

Yonten Gyatso
6-4, 6-0

7 Aiden Belle-Isle
ECIC 5 - Amherst
Court 4
8 Luke Gunby
NO 1 - Newfane

Aiden Belle-Isle
6-0, 6-0

Aiden Belle-Isle
6-2, 6-4

Grant Wang
6-0, 6-1

9 Jackson Spangler
CCAA 1 - Fredonia
10 Andrew Jowdy
NFL 2 - Lewiston Porter

Jackson Spangler
6-1, 6-0

11 Dakshaeswar Muthukrishnan
ECIC 3 - Williamsville North
12 Casey Glynn
BUF 3 - City Honors

Dakshaeswar Muthukrishnan
6-0, 6-1

Dakshaeswar Muthukrishnan
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BUF 2 - Olmsted 2

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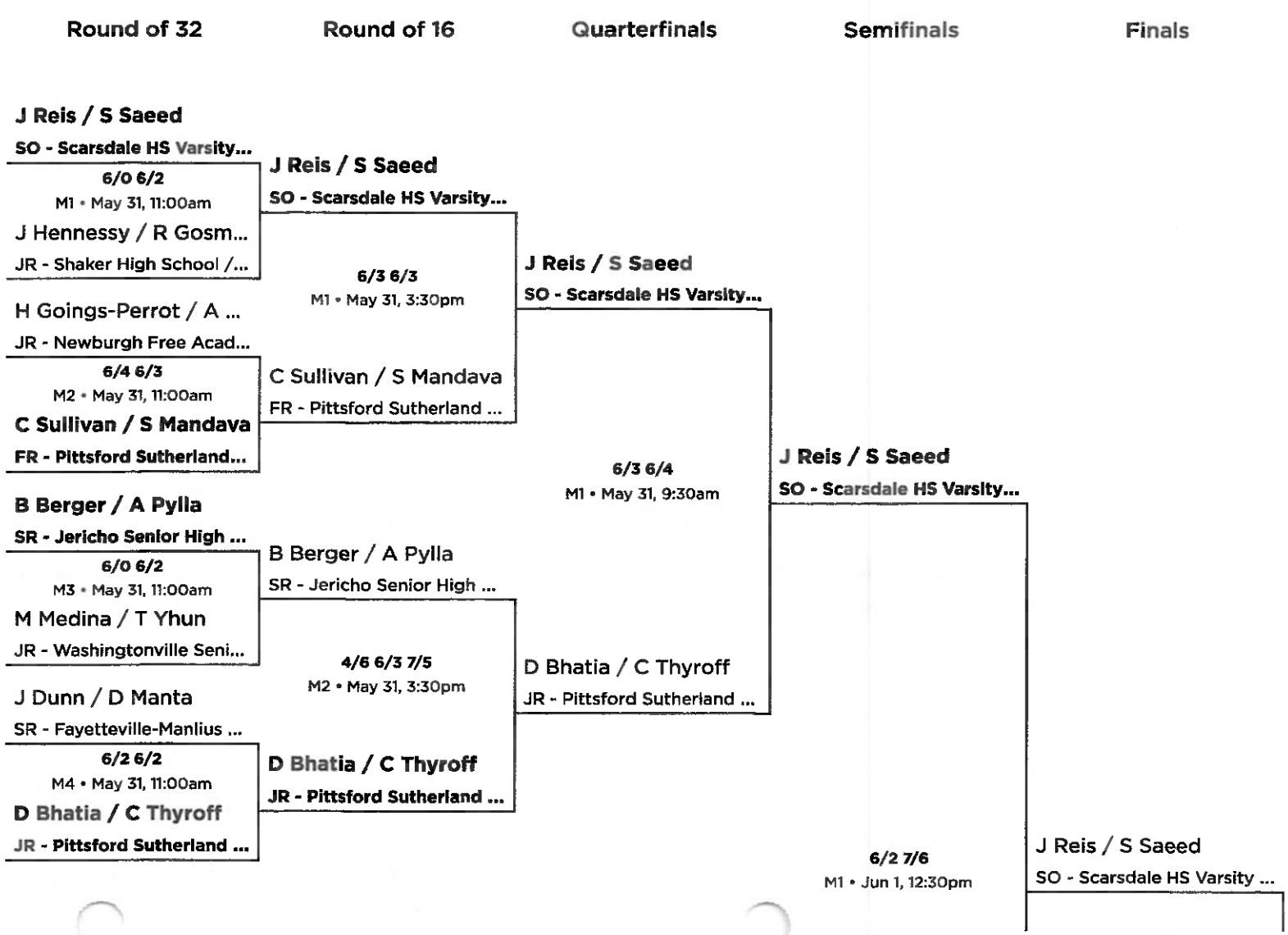
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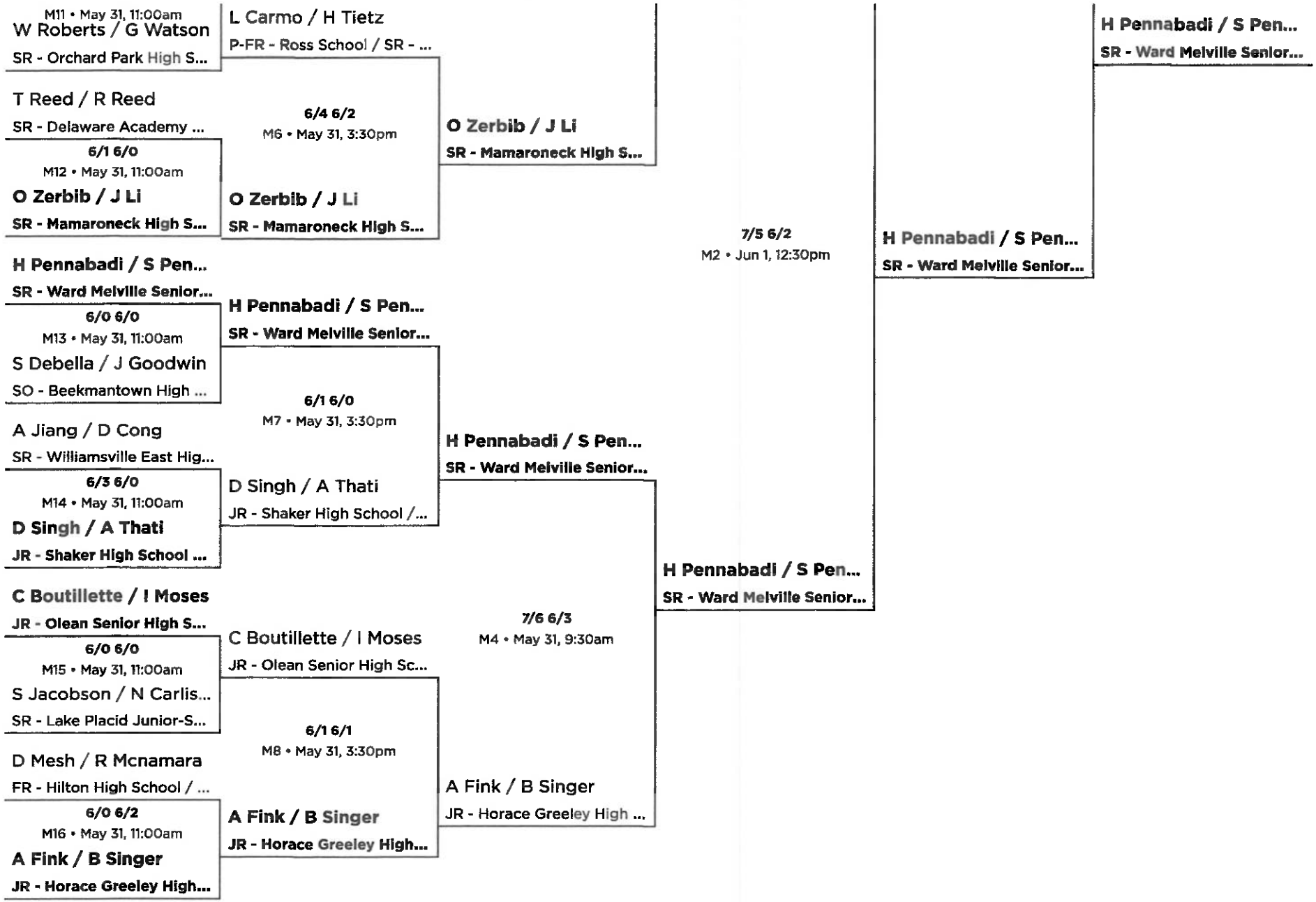
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H. Becker 6.xx JR - Lake Placid Junior-Se... **6/0 6/0** M4 • May 31, 8:00am **G. Wang 9.xx** **SR - Williamsville East Hi...**					

DOUBLES MAIN DRAW

UTR SPORTS




M11 • May 31, 11:00am
W Roberts / G Watson
SR - Orchard Park High S...
L Carmo / H Tietz
P-FR - Ross School / SR - ...
T Reed / R Reed
SR - Delaware Academy ...
6/4 6/2
M6 • May 31, 3:30pm
O Zerbib / J Li
SR - Mamaroneck High S...
6/1 6/0
M12 • May 31, 11:00am
O Zerbib / J Li
SR - Mamaroneck High S...
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SR - Mamaroneck High S...
7/5 6/2
M2 • Jun 1, 12:30pm
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SO - Beekmantown High ...
H Pennabadi / S Pen...
SR - Ward Melville Senior...
6/1 6/0
M7 • May 31, 3:30pm
A Jiang / D Cong
SR - Williamsville East Hig...
H Pennabadi / S Pen...
SR - Ward Melville Senior...
6/3 6/0
M14 • May 31, 11:00am
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JR - Shaker High School ...
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JR - Shaker High School /...
H Pennabadi / S Pen...
SR - Ward Melville Senior...
C Boutillette / I Moses
JR - Olean Senior High S...
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M4 • May 31, 9:30am
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M15 • May 31, 11:00am
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SR - Lake Placid Junior-S...
C Boutillette / I Moses
JR - Olean Senior High Sc...
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FR - Hilton High School / ...
A Fink / B Singer
JR - Horace Greeley High ...
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UTR SPORTS

Finals	Winner
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Terence McMahon <ttennismcmahon@gmail.com>

Team Sectional/Regional Tournament Results

1 message

Alexander Chambers <AChambers@clarenceschools.org>
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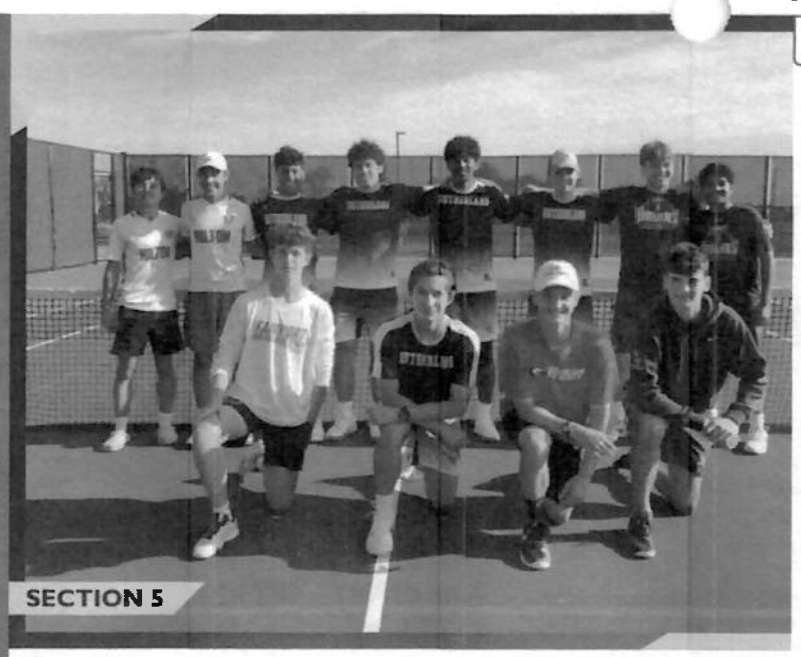
LARGE SCHOOLS
Semifinals
Orchard Park 5, Clarence 2
Williamsville East 7, Williamsville North 0

Final
Williamsville East 5, Orchard Park 2

SMALL SCHOOLS
Site 1: Springville High School
Round of 16
Maple Grove 5, Cheektowaga 0
Springville def. Southwestern, walkover
Quarterfinals
Maple Grove 4, Springville 1

Site 2: Lancaster High School
First Round
Barker 5, Depew 0
Round of 16
Williamsville South 3, Olmsted 2
Olean 5, Barker 0
Quarterfinals
Olean 5, Williamsville South 0

Site 3: East Aurora High School
First Round
Pioneer 3, Cassadaga Valley 2
Round of 16
Akron 3, Alden 2
East Aurora 5, Pioneer 0



SECTION 5

Section V Coordinator: Joe Thyroff

Singles V-1	Drew Fishback	Geneva	11	Bill H
Singles V-2	Trevor McLaughlin	Pittsford Mendon	11	Paul
Singles V-3	Andrew Balsamo	Fairport	10	j
Doubles V-1	Charlie Thyroff Dylan Bhatia	Pittsford Sutherland	11 11	Joe T
Doubles V-2	Sathya Mandava Cormac Sullivan	Pittsford Sutherland	10 9	Joe T
Doubles V-3	Eitan Fay ArnavSharma	Brighton	12 11	Steve
Doubles V-4	Damian Mesh Remy McNamara	Hilton	9 12	Joe



CTION 6

oordinators: Terence McMahon, Alex Chambers

:VI-1	Grant Wang	Williamsville East	12	David Monkarsh
:VI-2	Taylor McGrath	Orchard Park	10	Terance McMahon/Chris Horgan
:VI-3	Dakshaeswar Muthurkrishnan	Williamsville North	9	Michael Venditti
es VI-1	Fletcher DeMink Trey DeMink	Maple Grove	12 12	Connor Barnes
es VI-2	Isaac Moses Cavan Boutillette	Olean	12 11	Benjamin Wright
es VI-3	Andrew Jiang David Cong	Williamsville East	12 11	David Monkarsh
es VI-4	William Roberts Griffin Watson	Orchard Park	12 9	Terence McMahon/Chris Horgan

SECTION VI POST-SEASON REPORT
Girls Lacrosse 2024

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

Girls LACROSSE	School	Individual	Coach of Year
Conference 1	Lancaster	Mieley Baran	Bridget Callahan (OP)
Conference 2	Grand Island	Charlotte Steck	Megan Barone (WSW)
Conference 3	Will. East	Siena Zgoda	Jane Woloss (SH)
Conference 4	Buffalo Public	Tessa Feuerstein	Lottie Gill (Gow.)

Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented:
The conferences were very competitive for a third year in a row. Conference 1 & 2 champions were decided in head-to-head competitions. All Conference 1 teams had winning records, providing information that they were the best teams in the area and had competitive conference games (which is what we want)! Conference 2, 3, & 4 champions did control their conference. The conferences are working. This provides schools with the opportunity to be more competitive and successful in their conference. This helps the schools in recruiting by having the potential to play more competitive games or even win a Conference championship.

Problems encountered/ concerns:
Next year, Conference 3 & Conference 4 will play crossover games like Conference 1 & 2.
Coaches want to make the senior All-star game like the guys, have a set number, 1 - 2 players from each school.

Recommendations for 2025 season: (including calendar)
Keep the Conference Alignment the same, adjust teams into different conferences based on 2024 results & 2025 projections. Review any proposals by coaches and do what is best for All Teams.
****Our quarter & semi final games will be played on Monday & Wednesday next year to avoid conflicts with boys who will play Tuesday & Thursday. We will alternate Monday-Wednesday and Tuesday Thursday yearly as per our previous agreement.**

GIRLS LACROSSE Chairpersons: Richard Schmitt			
Last day for league play		Thurs. 5/15	
Seeding Meeting		Thurs. 5/15	No in-person meeting, teams will be informed of playoff seed w/ brackets
Pre Quarters	C Only	Fri. 5/16	@ Higher Seed 5:00 pm
Quarterfinals	A,B,C	Mon. 5/19	@ Higher Seed 5:00 pm
Semifinals	A,B,C, D	Wed. 5/21	@ Higher Seed 5:00 pm
Finals	A,B,C, D	Tues. 5/27 & Wed. 5/28	5/27: A - 5 pm, B - 7:30 pm 5/28: D - 5 pm, C - 7:30 pm
		Rain date: 5/29	
Far West Regionals		Sat. 5/31	Section 6: TBD, Game Order: D, A, B, C
State Tournament		Fri. 6/6 & Sat. 6/7	SUNY Cortland
Post Season Meeting		Mon. 6/2	Post Season Meeting: A, B, C, D @ 6:30 pm Erie 1 Boces
Senior All-Star		Wed. 6/11	TBD
Underclassman All-star game		Thurs. 6/12	TBD

Sectional and Regional Results:
Class A: Lancaster (14) – Orchard Park (8)
Class B: Clarence (12) – West Seneca West (8)
Class C: Lake Shore (18) – Hamburg (13)
Class D: Gowanda (12) – Salamanca (11)

Regional Results:
Class A: Fairport (12) - Lancaster (7)
Class B: Victor (22) - Clarence (0)
Class C: Our Lady of Mercy (17) - Lake Shore (8)
Class D: Penn Yan Academy (17) - Gowanda (4)

State Semi Finals: None played

State Championships: None Played

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Schmitt and Jeff Bauda, Section VI Girls Lacrosse Co-chairs.

Boys Lacrosse 2024 Post Season Report

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

BOYS LACROSSE	School	Individual
Division A	Buffalo	
Division B	West Seneca West	
Division C	Amherst	
Division D	Wilson	

2023-2024 Coaches Sportsmanship Nomination: *(coaches to be considered for the sportsmanship award at the annual Section VI Recognition Dinner)*

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented:

Problems encountered/concerns: Need to look at JV Expulsions this year Varsity much better and player conduct as well as fan conduct during games. Officials concerns etc.

Boys Lacrosse Committee proposals for the 2025 season:

*The following proposal was moved to the Combining of Schools committee for review and recommendation. (S/I 9/12/24)

~~The Class Chairmen discussed a proposal to move Lakeshore/SC combined team to Class B due to the dominance they have displayed in winning 4 consecutive sectional titles. The competitive advantage is a concern.~~

2025 Post Season Calendar:			
Event	Date	Location and Time	Tentative times and dates
Last day for league play	TBA		
Play-in Round (if needed)	TBA		
Quarterfinals	TBA	Higher Seed	
Semifinals	TBA	Higher Seed	
Finals	TBA	West Seneca West HS	
Far West Regionals	TBA	St. John Fisher	
Semi Finals	TBA	Cortland University	
State Finals	TBA	Hobart College	

Other pertinent data:

The State has implemented the shot clock at Varsity and JV boys games. Schools will need to budget for clock at both ends of field and a person to run clock. Sectional chair and officials organization will offer clinics in winter to explain the process if passed

2024 Sectional and Post-Sectional Results: (see Section VI website – click on Brackets)

Class A	Orchard Park
Class B	Niagara Wheatfield
Class C	Lakeshore/ SC
Class D	Akron

Respectfully submitted,
Date:6/13/2024 Revised 6/27/2024
Ed Greenway, Chairman

APPENDIX D

PRE-SEASON REPORT
BOYS BASKETBALL
2024-2025
Chairman: Larry Jones

Committee members (voting*)
Chair Larry Jones Depew
Asst. Chairman Erik O'Bryan Niagara Wheatfield

CCAA Div.1 Nick Bertrando Fredonia
Div. 2 Adam Bennett Salamanca
Div. 3 Corey Emory Sherman
Div 4 *Dave McCann Ellicottville

ECIC Chairman *Chris Kensy Amherst
ECIC 1 Chris Frankowski Orchard Park
ECIC 2 Chris Kensy Amherst
ECIC 3 Mike Tryzbinski WI. South
ECIC 4 Chris Koselny East Aurora
ECIC 5 Matt Krotz Holland

Buffalo Scott Kirsch City Honors (Small Schools)
*Zaire Dorsey McKinley (Large Schools)

N.F.L. *Erik O'Bryan Niagara Wheatfield

N.O. *Justin Gerstung Akron

(Jerry Fisk, former AD @ SUNY Fredonia is no longer an at-large Board Member, he has taken a job out of state)

Committee meeting date(s)
Pre-Season-Wednesday, October 23, 2024 @ Depew HS 7:00 p.m.
Seeding Meeting - Saturday, February 22, 2025 @ E1 BOCES 9:00 a.m.
Post Season Meeting – Wednesday, April 2, 2025 @ Depew HS 7:00 p.m.

Post Season Information

Basketball (Boys): Larry Jones (c)585-746-8327				
Click here for → Boys Basketball brackets Click here for weather contingency plans on → page 15 of handbook				
Last regular season game		Thu. Feb 20		
Seeding meeting		Sat. Feb. 22	E1 BOCES W.Seneca	9:00 am
Click here for → BoysBasketball Brackets				
1st Round		Tue. Feb. 25	Higher seed	7:00pm

2nd Round		Wed. Feb. 26	Higher seed	7:00pm
Pre-Quarters		Thu. Feb. 27	Higher seed	7:00 pm
Quarters		Fri. Feb 28	Higher seed	7:00 pm
Quarters		Sat. March 1	Higher Seed	12:00 pm
Semi-Finals	D	Mon. March 3	JCC	6:00 & 7:45 pm
Semi-Finals	AA1(1), AA2 (2)	Mon. March 3	Buff State	5:00, 6:30, 8:00 pm

Semi-Finals	C	Tue. March 4	JCC	6:00 & 7:45 pm
Semi-Finals	AA1(1), A1 (2)	Tue. March 4	Buff State	5:00, 6:30, 8:00 pm
Semi-Finals	B2(1) A2 (2)	Wed. March 5	Buff State	5:00, 6:30, 8:00 pm
Semi-Finals		Thu. March 6	Buff State	5:00, 6:30, 8:00 pm
Finals	D & C	Fri. Mar 7	JCC	6:00 & 7:45 pm
Finals	A2, A1	Fri., Mar 7	Buff State	5:00*, 6:30, 8:00 pm
Finals	B2,B1,AAA, AA2,AA1	Sat. Mar 8	Buff State	12:00, 1:45, 3:30 (break) 7:00, 8:30
Regional Qualifier	B1 vs B2 A1 vs A2 AA1 vs AA2	Tues. Mar. 11	Buff State	5:00, 6:30, 8:00 pm
Far West Regionals	C, AAA	Fri. Mar. 14	Buff State	6:30, 8:15 pm
Far West Regionals	B,A D, AA	Sat. March 15	Buff State	1:00, 2:45 6:00, 7:45
State Trny	All Classes	March 20-23	Glens Falls - Cool Insuring Arena	

Fed.Tournament AA,A,B Mar. 24-26 Hofstra Univ Link to State Info

Number of Schools Participating/ Sectional Alignments

This will be our second season with 6 Classifications. AAA will have 3 teams this coming season, (Jamestown is joining Lancaster and Niagara Falls). This will be an unusual format, with just 1 semi-final game, and then a Sectional Final. Not sure how we will schedule the 1 Class AAA semi-final game, because we don't have the room within the schedule to use Buff State for that game, AND, if we waited that long, it would give all of those Class AAA schools almost 2 full weeks off from any competitive games. Scheduling all of this remains a work in progress.

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

Starting date for 2024-25 season will be Monday, November 18th. # of practices before the first contest is 6. The State tournament will be hosted in Binghamton for the next three years. The

Federation tournament is still in a holding pattern and will 99% NOT be played this coming season. Spalding continues to be the state provider for basketballs; the "Legacy" will now be used for Sectional play and beyond.

A change for us here in Section VI - our "Regional Rotation" past our own Sectional Finals is now changing. We always played vs Section V, with the winner moving on to the State final 4. Moving forward we may have to play Section V in a sub-Regional game. This year there will NOT be any sub-regional games for Section VI - but next season (2025-26), Classes A, B, & D will play Section V in a sub-regional game here in Buffalo, with the winners advancing to a Regional final in Section 3. This will force us to re-examine how and when we schedule playoffs, particularly in those specific Classes next season, since they will need to travel to the Syracuse area for an extra game.

Adding an extra Class and changing from 2 officials to 3-man crews for ALL Sectional games has definitely had an impact on how we arrange our schedule the first few days of the tournament. The Southern tier officials' group, which has many dual certified officials (men's and women's Boards) is particularly stretched thin when both boys and girls are playing on the same night. Chris Durr and I have worked closely together to try and ensure we can still fit all the games in while being able to have quality officials on both the boys and the girls side.

CURRENT PILOT PROGRAMS:

Boys Basketball was approved to be removed from the split classification pilot program (June 2024 athletic council).

1. **4,5,6 Point System Pilot Program** (Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Softball, and Baseball) for the 23-24 and 24-25 school years.
*Note Boys and Girls Basketball began this pilot with the 22-23 school year, and was extended a year through 24-25 (approved AC May 2023).

CURRENT PROPOSALS

The following tiebreaker proposal is excluded from approval within this report at the September 18, 2024 Athletic Council meeting. The Sectional Intersectional Committee directed its representatives to discuss this item with their respective leagues. This proposal is an action item at the November 13, 2024 athletic council meeting.

~~The new policies in relation to seeding/point system/tie-breakers worked very well. However, we still believe strongly that the **# of league WINS AND LOSSES IS not best practice** Between Buffalo, ECIC, Niagara-Orleans, NFL, and CCAA, **WE ALL PLAY DIFFERING AMOUNTS OF LEAGUE GAMES**. We are trying to avoid ANY coin flips if possible. So here is a "NEW" proposal concerning seeding points tiebreakers. Four steps as follows:~~

~~1. League winning percentage (already in place)~~
~~2. Head to head in league (already in place)~~
~~3. Overall winning % WITHIN YOUR CLASS (new) - so if team A played 11 games is Class A, and team B played 14, the team with the higher winning % would be the higher seeds. This would allow teams to play difficult schedules against larger schools without being "punished"~~
~~4. Overall winning % of ALL 20 GAMES (new)~~

Re-Classification - Health Sciences is the only Charter school that we are recommending for reclassification. Last season they played in Class AA. We are recommending that they remain in that same class.

Budget 2024-25: Submitted by the Treasurer

Respectfully submitted, 8/12/24
Section VI Boys Basketball Chairman - Larry Jones

PRE-SEASON REPORT

Girls Basketball 2024-25
Chairperson: Chris Durr

Committee members (voting*)

Chairperson/Assigner Chris Durr,		Williamsville East HS
HS Buffalo	* Sara Torres	McKinley HS
CCAA	* Inga Welty	Portville HS
ECIC	* Gary Janas	Orchard Park
NFL	* Jeff Martin	Kenmore West
NO	* Brian Baker	Wilson
	John Gryzmala	RoyHart
HS Charter Schools	Marc LaMorticella	Tapestry
ECIC II	Mike Chatelle	Amherst
ECIC III	Tim Klimtzak	Maryvale
ECIC IV	OPEN	
CCAA	Kay Sirianni	Southwestern
CCAA	Emily Eckwahl	Sherman

Committee meeting date(s):

August 26, 2024

Post Season Information: Calendar is attached

Number of Schools Participating/ Sectional Alignments:

AAA – 3 teams
AA - 17 teams
A – 23 teams
B – 26 teams
C – 16 teams
D – 9 teams

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:

The committee will be presenting the 6th annual Frank Martin “Coach/Person of the Year” award to be given out at Sectional Finals. A page in the program will be devoted to Frank and the award winners each year.

New Proposals:

Current Pilot Programs:

1 Split classifications after opt-out pilot for 2 years, 23-24 and 24-25, in the sports of Boys Basketball (approved at 6/12/24 AC to be removed from pilot after 23-24 season), Girls Basketball, Baseball and Softball (Approved 11/15/23 AC)

2. Two-year pilot (approved AC May 2023), implementing a 4,5,6 Point System across all six sports (Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Softball, and Baseball) for the 23-24 and 24-25 school years.
*Note Boys and Girls Basketball began this pilot with the 22-23 school year, and was extended a year through 24-25 (approved AC May 2023).

Rule Changes for 2024-2025: To be updated after the October state meeting.

Other Pertinent Data

Link to meeting minutes:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I423TC_uA0Y_FvKmzT5NQRzy1fNZDhkPp22pIHosSy0/edit?usp=sharing

Link to Calendar

GBB Sectional Calandar 2024-25

Calendar needs to be updated when Boys calendar is finished

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Budget 2023-24: N/A

Respectfully submitted 8-28-24
Chris Durr, Section VI Girls Basketball Sports Chair

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT

Winter Competitive Cheer 2024-2025

Chairperson: Justina Grudzinski

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Committee meeting date(s): May 2024, June 2024
Coaches Meeting: Week of Sports open in November 2024
Pre-Season Information: Game Day will be Fall Season Competitive will be Winter. Training will be available.

Competitive Cheer: Mark DiFilippo			
Sectionals:	3/1/25	Starpoint HS	
States:	3/8/2025	Section VI	Binghamton NY

Number of Schools Participating/ Sectional Alignments:
ABCD and CO ED
Sending only winner of each division

Current Proposals:

- ~~Proposal: Section VI will use Leagues as qualifiers to advance to Sectionals. If the division is under 6 teams, then all teams would qualify through their league to attend Sectionals.~~ *This proposal is tabled and excluded from the action item to approve winter 23-24 post season reports at the June 12, 2024 athletic council meeting (per the 5/30/24 Sectional Intersectional Committee meeting). This proposal was tabled again at the 9/12/24 S/I Committee meeting.

NYSPHSAA Proposals

- The Section Cheerleading Committee is presenting a proposal about teams that start early and do choreography before the season start date.

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:
Discussion items:
I have expressed my concerns with teams starting their seasons and choreography in June. These teams are then competing against everyone else that does not start until August, giving them a 2 month head start. Over the last couple years, these teams have also been the state champions. Hard not to consider a correlation.
Coaches and AD's in Section 6 would like this looked at. ** proposal is being put in by Jen Simmons this

month.

Rule Changes for 2024-2025:
Clarifications based on recommendations from the Cheer Committee. NFHS added new legalities and progressions will be updated accordingly.

Other Pertinent Data:
- All schools competing in the NYSPHSAA State Championship have legally purchased the music they will use during their routine. NYSPHSAA expects all schools to follow copyright laws and puts the responsibility on the school to ensure they are following the copyright laws.

Section 6
Boys Wrestling
Pre-Season Report 2024 - 2025

Important Dates for 2024-25:

First Practice – Nov. 18 th
Initial Weight Certifications: Nov 21-25 (Falconer, Olean, Cheektowaga, Niagara Falls) Final Details TBA from Mike Pilato in the near future

Current Pilots:
2-year pause (24-25 and 25-26) on class meets and institute an open sectional tournaments in their place (approved Nov. 2023 AC)

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented: The first season of using the 1.5% descent plan for weight loss seemed to be a general success. Other than a few data entry errors on the coaches' part; with the help of the admins from TrackWrestling, we were able to rectify those situations that arose. Coaches and wrestlers seemed to learn quickly how to manage the descent plans as they pertained to lineups for their contests.

Problems encountered/concerns: Coaches were not happy with the Ad-hoc committee decision to give out Section patches at only one postseason event for individual sports. I reiterated to them that the decision was made for all individual sports and not just for wrestling. Coaches were informed at the beginning of the season about the new policy at our preseason meeting. Nevertheless, several still voiced their displeasure. From the feedback that I received from wrestlers and parents; it seemed apparent that some coaches did not inform their teams/parents that patches would not be given at the Class Tournaments until the weekend of the tournament.

2024 Post Season Calendar (Sites)

Wrestling Co-Chairs Mike DeBarbieri (c 378-1190 & Israel Martinez (c 628-0664			
	Date	**Site**	**Time**
Weight Certification	Nov. 21- 25	Falconer 11/22; Cheektowaga 11/23(a.m.) Niagara Falls 11/23 (pm) Olean 11/25	As per Mike Pilato - TBA
Section 6 Duals	Jan. 4	TBA	10:00 start
Class Tournaments	On Pause		
State Qualifier:	Feb 15-16	Div 1 – Fredonia State Div 2 – Fredonia	Day 1 - est. 2:00 Day 2 - 10:00 a.m.
Dual States:	Feb. 1st	Onondaga Comm College – SRC Arena	9:30 a.m.
Ind. States	Feb 28 - March 1st	Albany Times Union Arena	9:30 a.m.

Chairmen's recommendations / notes for 2024-25

1. NYSPHSAA Wrestling committee would like to implement an "early weight certification" around 1 month prior to the regularly scheduled centralized weight certification. This will serve those athletes who would like to have an early start on getting down to their minimum wrestling weight earlier in the season. The committee anticipates that only the most experienced of wrestlers may take advantage of this if implemented by NYSPHSAA. Final vote will take place this summer.

~~**Proposed new individual qualifying procedures for Section 6 Wrestling:**~~ The new Individual qualifying procedures for Section 6 Wrestling is excluded from approval within this report at the September 18, 2024 Athletic Council meeting. The Sectional Intersectional Committee directed its representatives to discuss this item with their respective leagues. This proposal is an action item at the November 13, 2024 athletic council meeting.

~~2 weeks prior to the NYSPHSAA Individual State Wrestling tournament, Section 6 will hold its Individual Wrestling Championships (2 tournaments – D1 and D2). Schools may enter up to 15 wrestlers total with a maximum of 2 per weight class. If there are 2 entries in any weight class, **both** entries must have a minimum of 6 varsity contests (on 6 separate dates) with at least a .500 win-loss record. All matches (Public, Private, Catholic, Federation) will count towards a wrestler's record. The tournament will be standard double elimination. If there are more than 32 wrestlers entered in a weight class, the school whose "second entry" has the worst win-loss percentage" will be forced to move to another weight class or withdraw from the tournament. Additional tiebreaking criteria will be established in the event that there is more than one second entry with identical records (to resolve which wrestler has to leave the weight class with more than 32 entries).~~

~~The tournaments will be held over 2 days. In most cases, they will be Friday-Saturday events. Saturday-Sunday will also be considered based on the availability of the host sites. An ideal site would have the space for putting down 5 mats (8-9 mats if we hold D1 and D2 at the same site. A typical schedule will resemble the following:~~

Saturday

2pm-3pm Weigh-ins

4:00pm Wrestling begins (32-man bracket)

A tentative schedule would be to wrestle 2 rounds forward in the championship bracket and 3 rounds back in the consolation bracket. This will allow for an early Friday departure. Wrestlers should not be competing in the later hours of the evening.

Sunday

7:30 – 8:30 am Weigh ins

9:30 Wrestling starts with the Quarterfinal round of 8

11:00 - Semi finals

2:00 – Consolation Finals (5^{th} – 6^{th} place matches)

3:00 p.m. Finals (1st/2nd; 3rd/4th bouts run at the same time)

Followed by any "true second" bouts as needed to determine our state qualifiers.

Respectfully submitted.

Israel Martinez and Mike Debarbieri, Section VI Co-Chairmen

Female Wrestling
Pre-Season Report
2024-2025

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Important Dates for 2024-2025:

August 25th - Girls Wrestling Clinic St Mary's High School (officials, coaches, wrestlers) Rules & Technique clinic for new freestyle officials - We had over 100 athletes, coaches and officials. We had (12) officials in attendance.

Next Chair Committee Meeting Date: September 18th 2024 10am

Girls Freestyle Preseason Tournament - October 27th (for wrestling officials evaluation)

NYSPHSAA Central Committee: meeting date for approval for remaining amendment items October 24, 2024

Considerations for Amendments

1. Blood Time - NFHS
2. Injury Time - NFHS
3. Concussion Protocol - NFHS
4. Belly to Belly Straight Over the Back
    a. ACTION:
    Motion to eliminate Belly to Belly AND Belly to Back, Straight Over the Back Throws. Belly to Belly and Belly to Back throws must go over the shoulder, NOT over the head. Penalties for the execution of this sort of movement, to completion, are consistent with brutality guidelines.
    Officials may stop the motion prior to the execution of the move, at their discretion. This will be deemed potentially dangerous without a penalty point being awarded.
5. Belly to Back Straight Over the Back
6. Uniform - NFHS
7. Uniform Colors - NFHS
8. Mat Layout/Size - NFHS
9. Headgear - NFHS
10. Weight Classes - Currently Exists in NYSPHSAA Handbook
11. Weight Allowances - Currently Exists in NYSPHSAA Handbook
12. Christmas Weights - Currently Exists in NYSPHSAA Handbook
13. Dual meet scoring -
    a. See "See classification points"
    b. Tie-Breaker - Appendix C - Rule 9

    c. Add Sportsmanship “After the Match” component to NYSPHSAA Rules
14. Misconduct - NFHS

15. Tournament scoring - NFHS
    a. Is TrackWrestling capable of running a “Freestyle” tournament while using NFHS team scoring
16. Competition Points - Currently Exists in NYSPHSAA Handbook
17. Weigh-In Location/Attire - Currently Exists in NYSPHSAA Handbook
18. Periods & Length (Modified) - 2 Periods, 2-Minutes Each - MODIFIED COMMITTEE
19. Special Equipment (Sleeves, Mouth Guards, Knee Pads, Etc) - NFHS
20. Video/Protest Usage - Currently Exists in NYSPHSAA Handbook

TBD Mandatory preseason Coaches Meeting: Run in conjunction with Section 6 Boys (with break-off room)

November 18th: First Practice Run in conjunction with Section 6 Boys
Weight Certifications: Run in conjunction with Section 6 Boys

December 7th - Salamanca Tournament

December 13th - North Tonawanda Tournament

December 21st - NCCC Tournament

December 27th - Eden Tournament

January 4th - Sectional “Unofficial” Girls Dual Meet Championships: Location: TBD, Run in conjunction with Section 6 Boys Dual Championship

January 4th - Chautauqua Lake Tournament

January 11th - OPEN (Eastern States)

January 17th - Lockport Tournament

January 20th - Williamsville North Tournament

January 26th - OPEN

February 1st - OPEN (boys state duals)

February 8th - OPEN

February 15th - Section 6 Girls Individual Championship (unofficial date)

February 27th - NYSPHSAA State Tournament Location: Albany, NY

Participating Schools: Chautauqua Lake,Westfield, Panama, Clymer, Ripley, Fredonia, Brocton, Westfield, Forestville, Silver Creek, Dunkirk, Sweet Home, Lockport, Clarence, Niagara Falls, Niagara Wheatfield, Lew-Port, North Tonawanda, Grand Island, Ken West, CSAT, Orchard Park,

The following are the weight classes set by the NYSPHSAA Committee for the 24-25 season: 94, 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185, 235 (Same as 23-24)

Qualifiers for States - Section 6 automatic 24-25 season (22)
Automatic Qualifiers were approved at the July Central Committee meeting.
2024-25 Automatic Qualifiers for NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Championship
The championship will be a 16 bracket tournament. The Federation will not be part of the 2024-25 tournament, there will be 5 additional qualifiers after the 11 Sectional Champions are determined. To be eligible to participate in the NYS tournament, the wrestler must have competed and placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their Sectional tournament for the current season.
Each weight class has been ranked from most power points to least. This is the order that 2nd qualifiers from each section will be selected from each weight class.
If a sectional champion, or 2nd automatic qualifier is unable to participate, a section may replace the wrestler with the wrestler who earned 2nd or 3rd in that weight class at their sectional qualifier, but not 4th. If the 2nd or 3rd qualifier is not available, the spot will be offered to the next section on the power point list. (*The Boys Committee has a deadline before the seeding meeting when qualifiers can be replaced, after the deadline the spot remains empty and becomes a bye in the tournament unless a Section only had 1 qualifier and then she can be replaced.)

All Sectional Champions Automatically Qualify.

2nd Automatic Qualifier by weight.
Section 1 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 152, 165
Section 2 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185, 235
Section 3 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 100, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185
Section 4 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 107, 114, 120, 132, 185, 235
Section 5 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 107, 138, 145, 185, 235
Section 6 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 100, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185
Section 7 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at
Section 8 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 235
Section 9 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 145, 152, 235
Section 10 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 132, 138
Section 11 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 165

If a Section cannot fill their automatic qualifier with a top 3 Sectional finisher, 1st Alternate by weight.
Section 1 will have the 1st Alternate at 145, 185
Section 2 will have the 1st Alternate at
Section 3 will have the 1st Alternate at 235
Section 4 will have the 1st Alternate at 126, 165
Section 5 will have the 1st Alternate at 100, 114, 120, 152
Section 6 will have the 1st Alternate at 107

Section 7 will have the 1st Alternate at
Section 8 will have the 1st Alternate at 132
Section 9 will have the 1st Alternate at 138
Section 10 will have the 1st Alternate at
Section 11 will have the 1st Alternate at 94

If a Section cannot fill their automatic qualifier with a top 3 Sectional finisher, 2nd Alternate by weight.
Section 1 will have the 2nd Alternate at 100, 126
Section 2 will have the 2nd Alternate at 107
Section 3 will have the 2nd Alternate at 114
Section 4 will have the 2nd Alternate at 152
Section 5 will have the 2nd Alternate at 165
Section 6 will have the 2nd Alternate at 120, 235
Section 7 will have the 2nd Alternate at
Section 8 will have the 2nd Alternate at 94, 138
Section 9 will have the 2nd Alternate at 132
Section 10 will have the 2nd Alternate at 145
Section 11 will have the 2nd Alternate at 185

Freestyle Officials Update: We had 12 officials at the initial certification training August 25th. Some officials were not able to make that day work so we will have them participate in the October 27th preseason tournament for training and evaluation.

Starting September 1st anyone interested should be signing up on the USA wrestling website to become an M3 USA official. Those membership fees will be reimbursed by the state once they officiate at a tournament and have been evaluated.

At this time I believe we will have about 20 officials certified for the start of the girls freestyle season. With current girls participation numbers we would only need 5-7 to cover this season's scheduled events.

I am also recommending a 5-10 minute freestyle education session before all scheduled duals and tournaments. The education is for the parents, wrestlers and coaches. This should be arranged by each host school and run by the coach and assisted by his or her wrestlers.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Shifflet, Chair
Date: August 30, 2024

Unified Bowling
2024-2025 Pre-Season Report
Chairperson: Doug Ames

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Committee meeting date(s)

General Unified Sport Meeting: Post / Monday, June 16, 2025
Unified Bowling Coaches Pre Season Meeting: Winter League Meeting (TBD)

Pre - Season Information

Unified Bowling		
Practice begins	12/02/2024 / 1/06/2025	
Training	12/02/24-3/08/25	
Matches begin	12/09/24 or 1/13/25	Home Team: 4:45 PM
Break	1/20/25– 1/24/25	
Culmination Tournament Event	3/03/25 & 3/04/25	Airport Lanes 9:45 - 1:30 PM
Opt Out	2/18/25	
Unified Champion Summit	Fall of 2024 (TBD)	One Location Silver Creek
Snow Date	3/10/25 & 3/11/25	Airport Lanes

Number of Schools Participating (as of 6/24)

ECIC: 22
Niagara Orleans: 3
Catt: 9
Buffalo: 6
NFL: 8
Guest: 1 (Pembroke Sec V)

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

Enforce all NYSPHSAA guidelines & regulations with regards to bowling format - warrant violations
Play dates are flexible based on host lanes schedule - Saturday's as an option
Easier access for athletes with wheelchairs - Ramps

Other Pertinent Data

1. Schools on break have the option to compete or reschedule matches / NO FORFEIT
2. More matches played or teams are encouraged to schedule with other divisions **(Min: six 6)**
3. Site format for split of teams to compete in final culminating tournament was well received
4. Schools increase at culmination tournament - general “open” practice lanes available
5. Review scoring system with coaches / Team A (1A-1P) Team B (1a-1P) Team C (2A-2P)
6. Review scoring system for reporting results on google doc / Game day rosters
7. Awards ceremony needs a few more volunteers to speed up process

Respectfully submitted 6/12/24
Douglas Ames, Section VI Unified Sports Chair

Boys Ice Hockey 2024-2025 Pre-Season Report

Committee members

Section VI Chairman/President:	Rick Brooks	Clarence HS
Section VI Asst. Chair	Kyle Pray	Kenmore East HS
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Financial Coordinator:	TBD	Lockport SD
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MMAA Representative**:**	Pete Schneider	Monsignor Martin
ECIC I Coach Rep:	John Burns	Williamsville North HS
ECIC II Coach Rep:	John McFall	Hamburg HS
NFL Coach Rep.	Rob Roszak	Kenmore West HS
MMAA Coach Rep:	Sam Belsito	Canisius HS

Committee meeting date(s)

Executive Committee Meeting Dates
October 10, December 12, February 13
General Membership Meeting Dates
November 6, February 18

*NOTE: These times are subject to change because the ice contracts are not completed.

2024-2025 Post Season Calendar				
Pre-Quarters:	Small	Feb. 19	Northtown Center	TBA
	Small	Feb. 19	Harbor Center	TBA
	Small	Feb. 20	Northtown Center	TBA
	Small	Feb. 20	Harbor Center	TBA
Quarterfinals:	Private	Feb. 21	Harbor Center	TBA
	Small	Feb. 22	Northtown Center	TBA
Semi-finals:	Private	Feb. 24	Harbor Center	TBA
	Large	Feb. 25	Harbor Center	TBA
	Small	Feb. 26	Harbor Center	TBA
Finals:		Feb.28-Mar.3 TBD	Key Bank Center (former-First Niagara & HSBC)	TBA
Regionals:	Large	Mar. 8	@Section 3 Harbor Center	12:00pm
	Small	Mar. 8	@Section 5 Harbor Center	3:00pm
States:	Finals	Mar. 15-16	Harbor Center	TBA
	Private	TBA		

Number of Schools Participating/ Sectional Alignments

1. There will be 25 teams in the league.

2. The divisional alignment has been approved indefinitely by the executive committee. It is based on the existing leagues in the Section and on the BEDS numbers with respect to placement in

the ECIC division. A motion to play as many games as possible within the division for a balance schedule with the remainder of the league games to come from cross over divisional games was passed. Cross overs are determined by matching teams with traditional rivalries and then across divisions based on the previous year's standings.

3. Sectional seeding in Monsignor Martin Division will be based by the points earned in the qualifying games played within the division. DI schools will be seeding based on the games played against each other with in the ECIC I division with Lockport/Niagara Falls earning the final seeding position. DII schools will be seeding based on the hybrid system developed using MyHockeyRankings and division position.

   *NOTE: Clarence petitioned to play at the DI level as has been accepted policy int eh league for 30 years. This petition was not approved.

4. Section VI Boys Hockey Divisions for the 2024-2025 Season

Private	***NFL***	***ECIC I***	***ECIC II***
Canisius	Grand Island	Lancaster	Will. East
St. Joes	Lew-Port	Clarence	Hamburg
St. Francis	Niagara-Wheatfield	Will. North	Will. South
Timon	Ken-East	Orchard Park	Amherst
St. Mary's	Ken-West	Frontier	Iroquois/Ald.
	Lockport/NF	Sweet Home/Dp/NT	W. Seneca E.
		W. Seneca W.	Starpoint

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

The league will continue to use live electronic scoring. A coaches' rep was added to reflect even representation between all divisions. Teams will play as much as possible within their respective divisions. The number of league games has been dropped from 15 to 14. This allows for a balanced and even game schedule thus facilitating the scheduling of non-league games and tournaments.

Rule Changes for 2024-25

Any NFHS rule changes will be sent to the Section office to be published in the 24-25 handbook. There are no additional rule changes at this time.

Other Pertinent Data

Section VI will again host the NYS Championship Tournament at Harbor Center and host the regional games. The Section VI Annual Senior All-Star game will be at Harbor Center March 10th or 11th depending on the Buffalo Sabres' Schedule.

Budget 2024-25:

The dues for 24-25 will be $5,000 per school as was independently set by the Section VI Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted 7/1/2024,
Rick Brooks, Section VI Boys Ice Hockey Chairman

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
Girls Ice Hockey 2024-25
Chairperson: Rick Hopkins

Committee Members (voting*):

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Committee meeting date(s):
Planned meeting dates: Pre-Season - Weds. Nov. 6, 2024 Williamsville South HS 7pm
Post-Season – Mon. Feb. 10, 2025 Williamsville South HS 7pm

Post Season :

Ice Hockey (Girls) Rick Hopkins 626-8608, 631-2906			
Section VI Quarterfinals	Tues. Feb.11	Buffalo State Arena	4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm
Section VI Semifinals	Thurs Feb. 13	Buffalo State Arena	4:30pm, 6pm,
Private Championship	Mon Feb.17	Buffalo State Arena	6pm
Section VI Championship	Mon Feb. 17	Buffalo State Arena	8pm
NYSPHSAA Quarterfinal	Weds. Feb 19	Webster Ice Arena	6pm
NYSPHSAA Semifinals	Fri Feb. 21	Utica	4pm, 6pm
NYSPHSAA Championship	Sat Feb. 22	Utica	12pm

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignments:
Amherst/Sweet Home/Clarence
Frontier/Orchard Park/Lake Shore/Franklinville
Kenmore (East & West)/ Grand Island/Lockport
Lancaster/Iroquois/Depew/Alden
Monsignor Martin
Lew-Port, Niagara Wheatfield, Starpoint, (Niagara County)
St. Mary's of Lancaster
West Seneca (East & West)/Hamburg/Eden
Williamsville (East, North & South)

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season: The Section VI, Private School, and NYSPHSAA Championships and will be played during the Feb. 17-21 Winter Recess. Webster from Section V will host the NYSPHSAA Far West Regional (Quarterfinal)

Rule Changes for 2024-25:

Other Pertinent Data:

Respectfully submitted June 14, 2024
Rick Hopkins, Section VI Girls Ice Hockey Sportschair

2024 - 2025 SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Committee Members

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Central:	Tom Wood	Iroquois
South:	Sean Ode	Falconer/CV/Frew/Rand
Charter:	Dan Tryon	Tapestry
At-Large:	Walt McLaughlin	Holland/East Aurora

Committee Meeting dates

There will be one in-person preseason meeting in October and another in-person postseason meeting in March, after the State Championships. We will also schedule virtual meetings as needed throughout the season to discuss any time sensitive issues during the season.

Postseason Information 2024

Section VI Championships / NYSPHSAA Qualifier: Saturday, March 1, 2025 at Houghton University

NYSPHSAA / Federation Championships: Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Ocean Breeze in Staten Island

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:

1. NYSPHSAA has approved the commencement of having two relay qualifiers from each of the Sections for each of the 3 relay events at the NYSPHSAA Championships, one relay representing the Large School/Division 1 and the other representing the Small School/Division 2. Previously, there was only one division contested at the NYSPHSAA Championships with one automatic relay qualifier per Section with a potential 2nd relay who finished 2nd place overall at their State Qualifier Meet and additionally having met the established minimum qualifying standard during the season.

2. With the addition of 2 Divisions for the relay events at the NYSPHSAA Championships, we will require purchasing 32 additional Section 6 Shields to be distributed at the Section 6 State Qualifier

Championships. The 32 Shields (4 each of blue, red, white and green) are for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place boys and girls relay teams for the newly established second relay team division at the NYSPHSAA Championships.

3. All of the Section 6 athletes and coaches who qualified for the NYSPHSAA Championships contested at Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex in Staten Island have traditionally departed 2 days before the meet date. This upcoming season, Section 6 will be departing the day before the meet. The necessary travel itinerary items, such as hotel room and transportation arrangements, have been or will be adjusted as needed prior to the meet.

4. Once again, the number of Section 6 schools/teams electing to participate in the Indoor Track and Field season has risen. This will further stress the already challenging task of meeting the required and desired educational and competitive goals for all of our Student-Athletes in terms of fairness, equity and safety. We will continue to generate and attempt sound competition procedures to best meet these goals as the needs arise in relation to our limited facility and space availability.

Rule Changes for 2024-25:

Track and Field Rules Changes - 2025

By NFHS on July 10, 2024

5-7-6: Adjusts the recall distance to within the first 50 meters.

Rationale: Starters oversee recalling races in track and field events. 50 meters is sufficient in calling a fair start. Athletes are accelerating and are up to racing speed well before the 100-meter mark. In addition, the current recall distance is problematic depending on the number of officials on the track and location of field events that may obstruct the view of the 100-meter distance around the entire curve.

5-10 and 11: Reorganizes Sections 10 and 11 for ease of use.

Rationale: Reorganization of Sections 10 and 11 concerning relay races and infractions. The change moves all infractions into Section 11 (Relay Infractions) for ease of use by officials.

5-13-3: Clarifies how to determine if an infraction occurred when an athlete leaves the track on a straightaway.

Rationale: Provides guidance to the meet referee as to when an athlete leaves the track on a straightaway and whether or not a competitor should be disqualified.

6-2-2f (NEW): Offers officials guidance when warning competitors their time limit is about to expire.

Rationale: This change gives athletes notification that their time limit is about to expire. Additionally, the change brings officiating practices in line with other rules codes while still giving the games committee options for using flags, signal clock or verbal signals.

6-2-2 CHART: Defines field event time limits for all competitors.

Rationale: The change to the table and additions of the notes helps clarify the time limits of all competitors throughout the entire competition in field events.

6-3-2 NOTES 1: Clarifies the starting height in a jump-off with athletes at varying heights.

Rationale: Aligns language in rules book with current situations and interpretations. Gives directions to officials and event judges for the starting height in a jump-off when athletes exit the event at varying heights due to passes. The jump-off will begin at the next height in the progression after the tying height.

6-8-2: Further defines an active flight and continuing flight.

Rationale: The change clarifies the definition of an active flight (five-alive) and continuing flight (straight through) for vertical jump competitions.

6-9-22: Establishes a standard placement of the high jump crossbar and standards.

Rationale: The change creates a standard distance for the placement of the high jump crossbar and standards.

2024-2025 Indoor Track and Field Schedule

Date	Competition	Location	Times
Sat. Dec. 7th, 2024	Limited SELECT Invitational #1	Houghton University's	10:00 AM-~3:00 PM

Sat. Dec. 14th, 2024	Limited SELECT Invitational #2	Kerr-Pegula Field House	
Fri. Dec. 20th, 2024	C-D Inter-Divisional		5:30 PM-~10:30 PM
Sat. Dec. 21st, 2024	A-B Inter-Divisional		10:00 AM-~3:00 PM
Fri. Jan. 3rd, 2025	Limited EVENTS Invitational #1	Buffalo State University's Sports Arena	5:30 PM-~10:00 PM
Sat. Jan. 4th, 2025	Limited EVENTS Invitational #2		10:00 AM-~3:00 PM
Sat. Jan. 11th, 2025	A-D Inter-Divisional	Houghton University's Kerr-Pegula Field House	9:00 AM-~2:00 PM
	B-C Inter-Divisional		3:00 PM-~8:00 PM
Fri. Jan. 17th, 2025	Pentathlon/Open Events Invitational	Buffalo State University's Sports Arena	5:30 PM-~10:30 PM
Sat. Jan. 18th, 2025	Varsity Select #1	Houghton University's Kerr-Pegula Field House	9:30 AM-~4:00 PM
Fri. Jan. 24th, 2025	Varsity Select #2		5:30 PM-~10:30 PM
Sat. Feb. 1st, 2025	Freshman-Sophomore Championships		9:30 AM-~4:00 PM
Sat. Feb. 8th, 2025	Team Championships		
Sat. Feb. 15th, 2025	Varsity Select #3		
Sat. Mar. 1st, 2025	NYSPHSAA/Federation Championships Qualifier		
Sun. Mar. 2nd, 2025	NYSPHSAA/Federation Championships Qualifier-alternate date		
Sat. Mar. 8th, 2025	NYSPHSAA/Federation Championships	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	TBD/A

2024-2025 Indoor Track and Field Divisional Assignments

Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D
Hutchinson Central Tech/South Park/Emer/BC	Frederick Law Olmsted/Burgard/CH/East/MST/PA	Niagara Falls	McKinley Vocational/LJ Bennett/MEC/RL
Lockport	Jamestown	Lancaster	Riverside/I-Prep/Lafayette/DaVinci
Orchard Park	Frontier	Williamsville North	Allegany-Limestone/Olean/Portville
Kenmore West	Niagara-Wheatfield	West Seneca West	Clarence
Dunkirk/Forestville/Silver Creek	Sweet Home	Falconer/Frewsburg/Maple Grove/Randolph	North Tonawanda
Amherst	Williamsville East	Hamburg	Starpoint
Kenmore East	Grand Island	Williamsville South	West Seneca East
Lake Shore	Cheektowaga	CS Applied Technologies	Holland/East Aurora
Iroquois	Pioneer	Lackawanna	Springville G.I./West Valley?
John F. Kennedy	Health Sciences Charter	Fredonia/Westfield	Depew
Salamanca	Tapestry Charter	Franklinville	Bishop Timon-SJ
St. Joseph's Institute	St. Francis	Cardinal O'Hara	St. Mary's of Lancaster
Mt. St. Mary's	Nardin Academy/Buffalo Seminary		

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
Bowling (2024-25)
Co-Chairpersons: Dan Kaplan (Boys) and Joe Biondo (Girls)

Committee members (voting*)

	BOYS	GIRLS
Buffalo:		
CCAA:		
1	Peggy Harris* – Jamestown	Peggy Harris
2	Joseph Jagoda* - Frewsburg	Joseph Jagoda
3	Nicole Nellist* - Gowanda	Nicole Nellist*
ECIC:		
Girls:	John Seeley*	
Boys:	Joe Biondo* - Orchard Park & Bill Morrissey	
NFL:	Bob Howard*- Kenmore	Bob Howard

Committee meeting date(s): Communication via email in April/May; Fall Meeting TBD – October

Pre-Season Information

1. Section III will host the 2025 State Tournament at AMF Strike N Spare Lanes in Syracuse, NY.

2. The oil pattern for the Sectional Tournament will be the one used at the State Tournament. This includes using the pattern on the practice dates before the Sectional Tournament. All leagues are encouraged to lay out the pattern at their practices during the time leading up to the Sectional Tournament.

Bowling B- Dan Kaplan (c) 868-5051 G- Joe Biondo (c) 479-2736 Bowling Website State Website				
Sectionals:	Girls			
	Boys			
Snow/Cold Make-up Date:				
States:	Large Schools	Date TBD	Section III – Strike N Spare	Start Time TBA
	All-Section	Date TBD	Section III – Strike N Spare	2 Sessions (Girls/Boys))
	Small Schools	Date TBD	Section III – Strike N Spare	Start Time TBA

*** Sectional Tournament format will depend upon the approval of the state championship format for teams and individual composite participation and the end of July.

State Competition:
Pending the approval of the NYSPHSAA there will be changes with regards to the number of composite bowlers competing. If approved, Each section will have two composite teams. This will allow top bowlers from teams that won their respective championships to qualify to bowl on the composite teams. This is so NYSPHSAA can crown a true state champion. Also pending approval for the team competition to go to a 6 person format like the composite division. This will not chage the dates of the state tournament, however, will effect theprocess of state qualifying for the sectional tournament.

Schools Participating / Sectional Alignments:
Schools will continue to be split into four “classes” (A, B, C, D) based on school size provided by the Section VI office. Due to the State Championship format, Classes A and B will now contain all of the “Large Schools” (BEDS 600+) and Classes C and D will contain all of the “Small Schools” (BEDS under 600). Based on BEDS numbers, we will rank all schools from largest to smallest. The top half of the large schools will comprise Class A, the bottom half of the large schools will make-up Class B. After ranking the small schools by size, this same procedure will be used to create Classes C and D.

Respectfully submitted August 11 , 2023

Section VI Chairpersons:
Dan Kaplan (Boys), Joe Biondo (Girls)



PRE-SEASON REPORT
Alpine Skiing 2024-2025
Chairperson: Jason Lehmbeck

Committee members (voting*): None

Committee meeting date(s): TBA

Pre-Season Information

Alpine Skiing: Jason Lehmbeck 585.7385082			
Sectionals:	TBA		
States:	2/25-2/26		Gore Mountain/NorthCreek

Number of Schools Participating/ Sectional Alignments:
Williamsville, Ellicottville, Clarence and Gow

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season: None

Rule Changes for 2024-25 None

Other Pertinent Data:
Looking forward to a great season with Williamsville, Gow and Ellicottville.

Respectfully submitted

Section VI Alpine Skiing Chairperson: Jason Lehmbeck

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
Rifle 2024-25
Chairperson: Kristina Brown

Committee members (voting*)

ECIC	* Leif Johnson	Orchard Park
NFL	* Kristina Brown	Kenmore

Committee meeting date(s)

Planned meetings: November 13, 2024-4:30 pm, location TBD
February 2025.

Post Season Information

Rifle – Chairperson			
Sectionals:	Feb. 08	Orchard Park Middle School	10:00am
Invitational:	March 08	Orchard Park Middle School	9:00am

Number of Schools Participating/ Sectional Alignments

ECIC- 6 schools: Alden, Clarence, Iroquois, Lancaster, Orchard Park, Pioneer,

NFL- 1 school: Kenmore

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

None

Rule Changes for 2024-25

None

Other Pertinent Data

- Notify the Sectional Chair by **FEB.04**, **2025 of individuals who qualify.**
- All matches will be fired using the **2020 NRA Precision Air Rifle Rules**. https://competitions.nra.org/media/7570/nra-precision-air-rifle-position-rules.pdf

Scores to be fired in shoulder to shoulder match during the regular season.

- Electronic scoring via the **Orion Scoring System** will be utilized at sectionals with the Orion 10m Air Rifle Targets

Respectfully submitted June 24, 2024
Kristina Brown

APPENDIX E

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 30-31, 2024

Representation Rule – Mixed Competition

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Vote Out

Presenter:
Pat Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:
Consider approval to add the following language (**BOLD**) to the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule:

> *(D) Representation Rule: "NOTE: For individual, individual/ team sports, when a school district does not have a team designated for each singular gender, the Section Executive Director may grant a waiver of the Representation Standard for Sectional Competition when a student has met the qualification for participation in the current school year's NYSPHSAA Championship event. The waiver request must be submitted to the Section Executive Director before the start of Sectional Competition* ***(team and individual events are treated as separate post-season competitions for the purpose of this aspect of the Representation Rule)****. The athlete must meet all eligibility standards, to receive the waiver."*

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2024

Rationale:
Currently, when girls participate via mixed competition they are required to decide if they will participate in the boys post season or the girls post season. When the sport offers a "team" and an "individual" championship, the girls often miss the team event to participate in the individual event. This revision will afford the girls the opportunity to participate as a member of the boys team they have played with during the regular season as well as the individual girls championship.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Appeal

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

DATE REVISED: July 11, 2024

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HANDBOOK - Oversight Committee

Vote Oct

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Pat Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:
Consider approval to revise the following language (**BOLD**) for the NYSPHSAA Oversight Committee:

> *NYSPHSAA President will appoint ~~five~~ **six** representatives from the ~~five~~ **six** classifications at the beginning of the two-year term of the presidency, along with a ~~sixth~~ **seventh** member from a nonpublic/ charter school.*

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2024

Rationale:
Since adding a sixth classification, the Oversight Committee structure needs to be revised.

The NYSPHSAA Handbook states:

> *"An Oversight committee shall review the classification placement of non-public and charter schools and have the ability to remand the item back to the Section for rationale and further review. The Oversight Committee shall not have the ability to place non-public and charter schools in a classification."*

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA staff

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

DATE REVISED: July 11, 2024

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Football: Classification Cut-Off Numbers

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote Out

Presenter:
Gary VanDerzee, NYSPHSAA Football Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is recommending the following change to the classification cut-off numbers.

Class AA	1025 and Up	58 schools
Class A	1024 – 651	87 schools
Class B	650 – 402	87 schools
Class C	401 - 273	86 schools
Class D	272 – down	59 schools

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2025

Rationale:
This proposal keeps the Class AA and Class D consistent with the philosophy of not getting too wide of a margin in the top and bottom classifications and equally dividing the middle classifications. There is a relative small increase in the class D number to ensure that the Class D stays larger then the number of 8 man football teams.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Football Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:
None

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

DATE REVISED: July 9, 2024

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Implement 15-Point Tie-Breaker in Deciding Set at State Tournament

____ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote Oct

Presenter:
Peggy Seese, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator
Karla Prince, Section Girls Volleyball Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Committee is seeking approval to implement a 15-point deciding set tie-breaker when teams split 1-1 in the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Championship pool play and semifinals. This tie-breaker would determine the winner of that match up. Win/loss records would now be determined by overall match ups instead of overall win/loss or individual sets.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2024

Rationale:
This proposal aims to reasonably align the pool play format with the current NCAA practices established in the regular season and postseason leading up to the NYSPHSAA State Championship Semifinals. The tie-procedures have not been updated since the inception in 1996. The committee feels this is a good compromise between bracket play and pool play, and better reflects how tournaments are run in 2024.

Current System and Issues:
The current pool-play structure utilizes a single set to 25 points tiebreaker among teams with the same win/loss record upon completion of pool play. This raises concerns:

- **Incomplete Matches:** A single set may not accurately represent a team's overall performance.
- **Disruption of Flow:** By implementing a deciding set in pool play, we can ensure each matchup concludes with a clear winner, mirroring the best-of-three format that fosters a truly competitive and definitive outcome, just like every match in the regular season.
- **NYSPHSAA Handbook:** The existing handbook supports tie-breaker deciding sets. Page 93 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook reads, "A tournament is 4 or more teams that participate in a pool play and bracket format is not a match. A bracket can consist of best 2 out of 3 or single set rounds. Scoring options are starting at 0-0 or 4-4 going until 25 points or a cap. The total number of tournament games played in one day shall not exceed
fifteen (15) games. An additional 15-point game is permitted only to break ties in pool play to advance to finals as per tie breaking procedures."

Proposed Solution:
This proposal recommends adopting a 15-point deciding set as a tiebreaker for split matches (1-1) in pool play. You will then have a winner of that match up. This aligns with the following justifications:

- **Consistency with Regular Season:** Volleyball matches throughout the regular season follow a best-of-five format, ensuring a definitive winner. This proposal extends a similar and reasonable structure to the NYSPHSAA Championship Weekend.
- **Preserving Flow and Momentum:** A 15-point set maintains the competitive intensity and momentum present in a standard set while offering a clear path to determine a winner within a reasonable timeframe.
- **Fairness and Representation:** A best-of-three format provides a more comprehensive picture of a team's abilities, minimizing the impact of chance occurrences in a single set.

Potential Concerns:

- **Extension of Time:** The committee has approved a 3-day tournament format, so the pool-play waves will no longer take place on the same day, allowing for the occasional 3 set match to align with the integrity of our current NCAA practices throughout the regular season and postseason.
- **Number of Sets:** The maximum number of sets allowed in 1 day established in the NYSPHSAA Handbook is 15. This proposal will not exceed a maximum of 9 sets per team.

Adopting a 15-point deciding set for tiebreakers in pool play fosters a more consistent, fair, and representative competition that reasonably aligns with the current practices of NCAA, our governing body. This change will elevate the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Championship experience for players, coaches, and spectators alike by ensuring the top two teams compete in the championship match.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee on April 24, 2024.

Budgetary Impact:
With the addition of a tie-breaker game there could potentially be one for every single match which is 36 total. There have been very few tie-breakers over the years. If there were tie-breakers for every single game, then it would result in 2 hours of additional facility rental costs ($500) and officials game fees totaling approximately $2,628.

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

Attachments:
None

CAC Feedback:
Voted 9-0 to support this proposal.

DATE REVISED: July 10, 2024

HANDBOOK – Game Day Cheerleading

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

VOTE 0A.

Presenter:
Jennifer Simmons, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading State Coordinator

Proposal:
Consider approval to include Game Day Cheerleading Rules and Regulations in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2025

Rationale:
NFHS does not have a rules book for Game Day Cheerleading. The rules and guidelines NYSPHSAA has been following are from UCs Organization. UCA changes its rules throughout the year and it is difficult to maintain, nor change rules mid-stream. Additionally, all of the changes do not fit within the spirit of what NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee is looking to do. As a new Competition, the Committee and NYSPHSAA Staff thought it best to produce our own.

Proposal Originated:
June Cheerleading Committee meeting

Budgetary Impact:
Budgetary Impact

Notes:
Committee will finalize the handbook and submit it to the Executive Committee for approval.

Attachments:
Sample documents to be included

DATE REVISED: June 18, 2024

EW YORK STATE CHEERLEADING
AME DAY/ CROWD LEADING SCORE SHEET

EAM NAME: _____
IVISION: _____ **JUDGE 1 &**
_____

TUATIONAL SIDELINE (20)	POINTS	SCORE
ame Day Situation *oper use of material and skills relative to a Game Day environment*	5	
rowd Effectiveness *ice, Pace, Flow, Maximum Crowd Coverage* *ility to elicit a crowd response*	5	
otion Technique & Crowd Leading Tools *chnique, Sharpness and placement of motions* *oper use of signs, poms, megaphones and flags*	5	
xecution of Stunt/Tumbling relevant to a Game Day environment *lean and crowd effective stunts/tumbling* *chnique, stability, synchronization and spacing*	5	
ROWD LEADING (20)	**POINTS**	**SCORE**
ame Day Material *roper use of material and skills relative to a Game Day environment*	5	
rowd Effectiveness *oice, Pace, Flow, Maximum Crowd Coverage* *bility to elicit a crowd response*	5	
otion Technique & Crowd Leading Tools *echnique, Sharpness and placement of motions* *roper use of signs, poms, megaphones and flags*	5	
xecution of Stunt/Tumbling relevant to a Game Day environment *lean and crowd effective stunts/tumbling* *echnique, stability, synchronization and spacing*	5	
VERALL IMPRESSION (10)		
eadership to engage and connect with the crowd *enuine School Spirit and Energy* *ransitions between Game Day Components (minimal and clean)*	10	
OTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	**50**	

NEW YORK STATE CHEERLEADING
GAME DAY/ BAND CHANT/ FIGHT SONG SCORE SHEET

TEAM NAME: _____
DIVISION: _____ **JUDGE 3 & 4** _____

BAND CHANT (20)	POINTS	SCORE
Game Day Visual Appeal *Crowd Coverage, formation, synchronization and spacing*	5	
Material Relevant to Game Day Environment *Was crowd encouraged to participate?*	5	
Motion Technique *Technique, Sharpness and placement of motions*	5	
Crowd Leading Tools *Proper use of signs, poms, megaphones and flags*	5	
FIGHT SONG (20)	**POINTS**	**SCORE**
Game Day Visual Appeal *Crowd Coverage, formation, synchronization and spacing*	5	
Effectiveness of Incorporation (Stunts/Tumbling) *Stunts and tumbling relevant to a game day environment* *Clean and crowd effective stunts and tumbling*	5	
Motion Technique & Crowd Leading Tools *Technique, Sharpness and placement of motions* *Proper use of signs, poms, megaphones and flags*	5	
Execution of Skills Relevant of Game Day Environment *Technique, Stability, Synchronization and Spacing*	5	
OVERALL IMPRESSION (10)		
Leadership to engage and connect with the crowd *Genuine School Spirit and Energy* *Transitions between Game Day Components (minimal and clean)*	10	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	50	

NYSPHSAA Game Day - Safety Deductions & Violations Score Sheet

Team: _____ **Division:** _____ **Judge:** _____

Violations

Performance Errors (2.0) *Non-Choreographed NFHS violations (PE) – cited per occurrence*

Apparel, Jewelry, and Prop Violations (0.5) *NFHS violations involving apparel, jewelry, or props – cited per occurrence (AV, JV, PV)*

Choreographed Violations (3.0) *Violations that were intended to be performed in the routine – Cited once per rule (CV)*

Format Violations (1.0) *Game Day Format Violations – Cited once per occurrence (FV)*

Rule Citation	Category	# Of Violations	Deduction Value	Violations Total

Comments:

NYS Deductions

Overall Time	Time Deductions	Deduction Assessed	Time Deduction Total
	Overall 4-5 Sec Over (-1.0)		
	Overall 6+ Sec Over (-2.0)		

	Out of Bounds	Athlete Bobble	Building Bobble	Athlete Fall	Minor Building Fall	Major Building Fall	Pyramid Collapse
# Of Infractions							
Value	*x 0.5*	*x 0.25*	*x 0.25*	*x 0.5*	*x 1.0*	*x 2.0*	*x 3.0*
Sub-Total							

Grand Total	

Proposed NYS Deductions 2023 - 2025

Both Competitive and Game Day

Timing - Timing will begin with the first movement, voice or note of the music, whichever comes first. Teams may start in a load position or choreographed position before timing begins. The timing will end when the music ends or the team is done chanting. If teams end in stunts, the timing stops but can still receive applicable deductions. Judges will not issue a deduction until 2:34 for the full routine and less than 29 seconds for the cheer.

- Cheer Minimum (-5.0)
- Overall Routine 4 - 5 seconds over (-1.0)
- Overall Routine 6 seconds or more over (-2.0)
- Game Day timing will not include the team spiriting, rallying, jumping, kicking, or tumbling prior to the start of the routine. Game Day Routine timing will end with the last synchronized voice or note of music. This would include call backs after the music has ended.

Performance Error (2.0) – NFHS rules violations that were not choreographed into the routine. Performance error skills are still counted toward difficulty and execution scoring. Cited per occurrence.

Apparel/Jewelry & Prop Violations (0.5) - Cited per occurrence

Choreographed Violations (3.0) – Any NFHS rule violation that was choreographed into the routine. Choreographed Violation skills do NOT count towards difficulty and execution scoring.

**If it is not clear whether it is a choreographed Violation or Performance error (such as when there is a single stunt group) then the official will err on the side of the athlete and give a performance error.*

Out of Bounds (0.5) – One entire hand, foot or body part is completely outside of the performance Surface. Assessed per occurrence.

Athlete Bobble (0.25)

- Landing on hands during tumbling or jumps.
- Tumbling in/out of a stunt transition

Building Bobble (0.25)

- Stunts, tosses, or pyramids that almost drop or fall.
- Excessive movement of the bases.
- Dropping from below prep level skill.
- Dropping from an extended or prep level skill where at least one foot of support is at/above prep level.
- Dropping from an extended/prep level to a level where at least one foot of support is below prep level.
- Top person incorrectly becomes weight bearing on the bracer(s) of a pyramid/middle layer or base(s) of a stunt.

- Foot/feet/hand/hands coming in contact with performance surface during a cradle/prone.
- Dropping of a body position.

Athlete Fall (0.5)
- Landing on head, shoulders, back or other compromising positions during tumbling or jumps
- Drops from airborne tumbling skills to knees

Pyramid Collapse (3.0)
- Building bobbles and falls will be used until a single pyramid has received 3.0 in deductions. Once the pyramid has received 3.0 or more points in deductions, the Pyramid Fall deduction will be used.
- When multiple pyramids are built at the same time, each pyramid will be treated separately.
- If additional deductions are a result of the initial fall/falls, only 1 Pyramid Fall will be issued for that pyramid.
- Once a pyramid is rebuilt and shows stability, additional deductions can be given.

Minor Building Fall (1.0)
Stunt/Pyramid skills that almost fall or drop but are saved include:
- Lowering/Dropping from prep, extended or level in between to a load in, cradle, prone or flat back position.
- Top person incorrectly becomes weight bearing on a spotter.
- Base or spot landing on the performance surface anytime during a stunt, transition, or dismount.
- Dismounts - Incomplete twisting that lands in a prone (on stomach) position.

Major Building Fall (2.0)
Drops to the performance surface from a stunt, pyramid or toss by the top person a base or spotter or more than 1 base and/or spotter. Uncontrolled lowering or drops to a compromising position not listed under building fall. Major Building Fall will include:

Stunts
- Lowering of a falling top person to the performance surface.
- Dropping from a skill and support is below prep level (both feet in a 2-feet stunt or the foot of support in a 1-foot stunt)
- Initiating a skill but never establishing contact.
- Dropping to a load in, cradle, prone/flatback position or compromising positions with the top's head going toward the performing surface.
- Multiple bases/spotters or a base/spot and top landing on the performance surface.

Dismounts/Tosses
- Dismounts that land in upright (feet down) or inverted (head down) position.
- Tosses that land in prone (on stomach), upright (feet down) or inverted (head down) position.

Pyramid
- Lowering of a falling top person back to the performance surface.
- Middle layer falling prior to loading the top person.

Game Day Format Violations (1.0 per occurrence)

- Skills that do not meet the additional skill restrictions for a Game Day Performance:
  - Tosses (basket, sponge or elevator) are NOT allowed.
  - Inversions are NOT allowed.
  - Twisting Released Dismounts are NOT allowed.
  - Single leg stunts are limited to liberties and liberty hitches.
  - Running Tumbling is NOT allowed.
  - Standing Tumbling is allowed. Connected tumbling skills are NOT allowed and a back tuck is the most elite tumbling skill allowed. Examples: Standing full is not allowed. Rippled Single Back Handsprings would be allowed. Jump tumble (single skill) would be allowed.
  - Tumbling during the Band Chant.
- The performance will follow this order: Band Chant, Situational Sideline, Cheer, followed by the Fight Song.
- Exceeding 3 consecutive 8-counts of incorporation during the fight song (High School and Below)
  - Building Skills that are stationary prior to the end of the 3rd 8-count may remain stationary until the end of the routine.
  - Dismounts following the completion of the routine will not be included for timing purposes.
- Stunting outside the allotted restrictions (before a routine begins and in between sections)
- Incorrect Situational Sideline response including calling a general sideline.

GAME DAY GUIDELINES

1. The Game Day Championship showcases what traditional cheerleading is all about – leading the crowd! Teams will be evaluated on their ability to lead the crowd, proper game day skill incorporations / performance, motion/dance and overall routine.

2. The performance will follow this order: Band Dance, situational sideline into Cheer, Fight Song. Collectively the sideline and cheer section will be defined as the Crowd Leading portion of the routine.

3. The use of crowd leading tools such as signs, poms, flags and/or megaphones is encouraged.

4. The incorporation of skills (Stunts and tumbling are allowed in the fight song, sideline and cheer) Stunts and Tumbling are not allowed in the band dance.

5. The Band Dance should have an emphasis on crowd appeal and practicality – No stunts or tumbling permitted however jumps and kicks will be allowed.

6. Following completion of the band dance, the announcer with give squads a game scenario indicating an offense or defense situation. Teams should show their definitive understanding of the situation with an offense of defense crowd-leading response, which transitions the squad into the crowd leading portion.

7. Each section should have a beginning and end. Note: Spirited crowd leading interaction between each section is encouraged to continue the game day feel.

8. Traditional game day uniform is required.

9. Total Time is limited to 3 minutes.

10. Additional Skill Restrictions • No Tosses (basket, sponge or elevator) are allowed. • No Inversions are allowed. • No Twisting Dismounts are allowed. • Single leg stunts are limited to liberties and liberty hitches. • No Running Tumbling is allowed. • Standing Tumbling is limited to one tumbling skill and a back tuck is the most elite tumbling skill allowed.

Game Day Rules & Regulations 2023-2024

https://www.varsity.com/uca/school/competitions/game-day/

The format for GAME DAY Cheer (as adopted from UCA/Varsity) is inspired by what teams do at home and is similar to camp with the addition of Fight Song as a fourth element. Teams are permitted, but not required, to use camp material to demonstrate the game day environment at their school. With all four elements combined, the Game Day performance cannot exceed a 3 minute time limit. All skill restrictions below will be enforced. Check out the Game Day Competition – Video Tips https://www.varsity.com/uca/school/competitions/game-day/ for more information.

BAND CHANT: The Band Chant will be consistent with the summer camp format. Teams should demonstrate spirit and enthusiasm while entering the performance floor and before the music begins. A cue will **not** be given to start the Band Chant. Once the music begins, the teams cannot incorporate any skills other than kicks and jumps, just like summer camp. Squads should utilize spirit raising props and focus on creative movements such as level changes or ripples, execution of the material and encouraging the crowd to participate.

SITUATIONAL SIDELINE: Following the Band Chant, the announcer will provide a cue for offense or defense. Teams should wait until the announcer finishes the cue and show the proper response to the game day situation. **Starting this year, teams will not pick which situational sideline they will perform. An offense or defense cue will be given at random. Each competition will use the same cues throughout the season.** Squads should focus on crowd effectiveness, motion technique and skills relevant to a game day environment. NOTE: It is a **requirement** to incorporate skills into the Sideline (stunts and/or tumbling, if the division allows). Please review skill restrictions below.

CROWD LEADING: Following the Sideline, teams must return to the performance surface and show a clear separation between elements. Teams can show spirited interaction as a clear transition into the Crowd Leading material but are not allowed to stunt. Crowd Leading can include a cheer reflective of a timeout, general sideline / spell-out or other cheer material with minimal words, inciting a response and encouraging a crowd to yell along. Teams are required to incorporate spirit props and practical skills (stunts and/or tumbling, if the division allows).

FIGHT SONG: The final element should reflect your school's traditional Fight Song. Teams should incorporate crowd effective skills (stunts and/or tumbling, if the division allows) and can include spirit raising props to enhance the overall effect. Fight Song incorporation is limited to three (3) consecutive 8-counts of stunts and/or tumbling. Counting will begin with the initiation of a skill and continue until either the incorporation is complete or the end of the 3rd 8-count. (If the Fight Song repeats, the incorporation will only be permitted both times if the skills are repeated exactly the same.) For teams that do not have an official Fight Song, it is recommended to use a second selection of band chant music. Music guidelines are available at varsity.com/music.

Cheerleading - Rule Implementation on Choreography

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

VOTE Oct.

Presenter:
Jennifer Simmons, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading State Coordinator

Proposal:
Consider approval to regulate and impose a rule that bans choreography development of a routine to be used for Competitions prior to the beginning of the season's official start date.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2025

Rationale:
Schools are paying and starting team routines well prior to the official start date; as early as May for the Following year, and designating who is on the team (or how many based on established routines).Currently there are 17 schools registered to have their Choreography done prior to the fall start date, and most of it will be used for the Winter Season. 69 schools are registered to date for Choreography. 17 from May 30-8/25. 13 more are scheduled the first three days of the season, and the rest are through 9/30.
The Committee believes allowing this to continue will continue to give teams a distinct advantage for Competitions as well as encourage other schools to also do this. The Committee is firm that this is a violation of the out of season rule as this type of activity is very specific to the team and the upcoming competitions.

Proposal Originated:
Numerous committee meetings over the past several years, most recently June 2024

Budgetary Impact:
Budgetary Impact

Notes:
Notes

Attachments:
Sample registration form for Choreography

DATE REVISED: June 18, 2024

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 30-31, 2024

INDOOR TRACK – QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR DIVISION 2 RELAYS

____ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

VOTE OUT

Presenter:
Kristin Frazer, NYSPHSAA Boys Indoor Track Coordinator
Bob Wallen, NYSPHSAA Girls Indoor Track Coordinator

Proposal:
The Boys and Girls Indoor Committees are seeking approval to create automatic qualifying standards for the Division 2 relays which will be added to the State Championship meet in 2025 (approval for that has already occurred).

Girls 4X200 Relay -	1:52.84	Boys 4X200 Relay -	1:36.65
Girls 4X400 Relay -	4:22.46	Boys 4X400 Relay -	3:41.46
Girls 4X800 Relay -	10:30.52	Boys 4X800 Relay -	8:54.50

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2024-25

Rationale:
While creating a second Division for Relays, the state committee did not have historical State Meet data to rely on for a standard. We used a combination of the 6th place performance statewide for Division 2 relays and the rankings over the past 5 years to develop an average that would be utilized for the automatic standard. Moving forward we will be able to utilize data from State Meet results.

Proposal Originated:
Boys and Girls Indoor Track Committees at their June 13, 2024 meeting

Budgetary Impact:
Budgetary impact will not be felt by NYSPHSAA as the 2 divisions were previously approved. Implementing the automatic standard may or may not get extra teams into the meet but no additional awards are needed as our original proposal to move to 2 divisions included the awards.

Notes:
The Girls and Boys State Committee voted 21-0 in favor of this proposal at its June 2024 meeting.

CAC Feedback:
Voted 9-0 in support of this proposal.

DATE REVISED: July 10, 2024

BOYS BASKETBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 Using Guiding Principles

VOTE OUT

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Bob Mayo, NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2024-25

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. NOTE: This rotation follows the same template as Girls Soccer 2024-28.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA State Committee June 2024

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 8-1 (Section 2, 7 absent) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:
See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 9-1 in support of this proposal.

BOYS BASKETBALL 2025-29 (using guiding principles)

	2025		2026		2027		2028		2029	
	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final
Class AAA	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9	11 @8	11/8 @ 1	6 @ 5	5/6 @ 3	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4	4 @ 9	4/9 @ 1
		2 @ 3		9 @ 4		4 @ 9		9 @ 1		6 @ 5
		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		1 @ 2		5 @ 6		8 @ 11
		8 @ 11		3 @ 2		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		2 @ 3
Class AA	8 @ 11	11/8 @ 1	1 @ 4	1/4 @ 9	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 1
		4 @ 9		3 @ 2		9 @ 1		4 @ 9		6 @ 5
		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		1 @ 2		8 @ 11
		2 @ 3		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		3 @ 2
Class A	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4		4 @9	9 @4	9/4 @ 2	4 @1	4/1 @9	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 9
		8 @ 11	11 @ 8	11/8 @1	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1		11 @ 8		1 @ 4
		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	6 @ 5	6/5 @3		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	10 @3						3 @ 7		7 @10	
	7 @2	10/3 @ 2/7	10 @7	10/7 @2		7 @10	2 @10	3/7 @2/10	2 @3	2/3 @ 7/10
Class B	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4		4 @9	9 @4	9/4 @ 2	4 @1	4/1 @9	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 9
		8 @ 11	11 @ 8	11/8 @1	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1		11 @ 8		1 @ 4
		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	6 @ 5	6/5 @3		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	10 @3						3 @ 7		7 @10	
	7 @2	10/3 @ 2/7	10 @7	10/7 @2		7 @10	2 @10	3/7 @ 2/10	2 @3	2/3 @ 7/10
Class C	1 @ 9	1/9 @ 11	11 @ 8**	9/1 @11/8**	8** @ 11	8/11** @ 1/9	11 @ 8**	9/1 @11/8**	8** @ 11	8/11** @ 1/9
			9 @1		1 @9		9 @1		1 @9	
	7 @10	2 @7/10		10 @7		7 @10	10 @7	7/10 @2		7 @10
		3 @4		3 @ 2	2 @3	2/3 @4		4 @3	4 @2	2/4 @ 3
		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 4		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	S8 will not have a C team in 2025		**If 8 does not have a team, 1/9/11 will rotate sub-regional games 2026-29							
Class D	1 @ 9	1/9 @ 11		10 @ 7	10 @ 7	10/7 @ 2		7 @ 10	3 @ 2	3/2 @ 10/7
	7 @ 10	7/10 @ 2		9 @ 1	11 @ 1	11/1 @ 9		9 @ 11	10 @ 7	1 @ 11
		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	2 @ 11		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3		6 @ 5
		3 @ 4	4 @ 3	5/6 @ 4/3		3 @ 4	2 @ 4	2/4 @ 1		9 @ 4

COMMITTEE VOTE:

8-1 (Section 2, 7 absent)

as of June 24, 2024

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 Using Guiding Principles

____ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote Oct

Presenter:
Tim Lincoln, NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2024-25

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. NOTE: This rotation follows the same template as Girls Soccer 2024-28.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA State Committee June 2024

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 10-0 (Section 1 absent/no vote) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:
See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 9-1 in support of this proposal.

DATE REVISED: July 9, 2024

GIRLS BASKETBALL 2025-29 (using guiding principles)

	2025		2026		2027		2028		2029	
	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final
Class AAA	4 @ 1	1/4 @ 9	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4	4 @ 9	4/9 @ 1
		2 @ 3		9 @ 4		4 @ 9		9 @ 1		5 @ 6
		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		1 @ 2		6 @ 5		11 @ 8
		11 @ 8		3 @ 2		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		2 @ 3
Class AA	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	1 @ 4	1/4 @ 9	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 1
		4 @ 9		3 @ 2		9 @ 1		4 @ 9		5 @ 6
		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		1 @ 2		11 @ 8
		2 @ 3		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		3 @ 2
Class A	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4		4 @9	9 @4	9/4 @ 2	4 @1	4/1 @9	11 @8	11/8 @ 9
		11 @ 8	8 @11	8/11 @1	11 @8	11/8 @ 1		8 @11		1 @ 4
		5 @ 6	6 @5	6/5 @ 3	5 @6	5/6 @3		6 @5		5 @6
	10 @3						3 @ 7		7 @10	
	7 @2	10/3 @ 2/7	10 @7	10/7 @2		7 @10	2 @10	3/7 @2/10	2 @3	2/3 @ 7/10
Class B	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4		4 @9	9 @4	9/4 @ 2	4 @1	4/1 @9	11 @8	11/8 @ 9
		11 @ 8	8 @11	8/11 @1	11 @8	11/8 @ 1		8 @11		1 @ 4
		5 @ 6	6 @5	6/5 @ 3	5 @6	5/6 @3		6 @5		5 @6
	10 @3						3 @ 7		7 @10	
	7 @2	10/3 @ 2/7	10 @7	10/7 @2		7 @10	2 @10	3/7 @ 2/10	2 @3	2/3 @ 7/10
Class C	11 @8**	11/8** @ 1/9	8 @11	9/1 @8/11**	11 @8**	11/8** @ 1/9	8 @11	9/1 @8/11**	11 @8**	11/8** @ 1/9
	1 @9		9 @1		1 @9		9 @1		1 @9	
	7 @10	2 @7/10		10 @7		7 @10	10 @7	7/10 @2		7 @10
		3 @4	4 @3	4/3 @2	2 @3	2/3 @4		4 @3	4 @2	2/4 @ 3
		5 @6		6 @5		5 @6		6 @5		5 @6
									8 @ 11 (only if both)	
Class D	11 @ 2**	11/2 @9	11 @ 9**	11/9 @ 2	2 @11**	2/11 @ 9	9 @ 11**	9/11 @ 2	11 @ 2**	11/2 @ 9
		10 @7		7 @10		10 @7		7 @10		10 @7
		3 @4		4 @3		3 @4		4 @3		3 @4
		5 @6		6 @5		5 @6		6 @5		5 @6

as of June 17, 2024

COMMITTEE VOTE:

10-0 (Section 1 did not vote)

GBB ONLY:

***This is a placeholder in case there is a Class C & D team from Section 1, 8, 11

Girls Lacrosse: Classification Cut-Off Numbers

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

VOTED OUT

Presenter:
Liz Parry, NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee is recommending the following change to the Classification Cut-Off numbers.

Class A	1036 and Up	79 schools
Class B	1035 – 728	80 schools
Class C	727 – 450	84 schools
Class D	449 and Down	83 schools

Effective Start Date:
Spring 2025

Rationale:
This proposal evens the number of teams in each class and is the same classification cut-off numbers as Boys Lacrosse.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:
None

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

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DATE REVISED: July 9, 2024

GIRLS LACROSSE: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 Using Guiding Principles

VOTE OCT

____ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Liz Parry, NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-29 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 State Committee June 2024; this proposal was brought forward by Section 1 for consideration. Additionally, the proposed boys lacrosse regional rotation was brought forward for consideration at the committee's June meeting.

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 5-4 (Section 4 absent) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:
See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted to DEFEAT this proposal 6-3.

Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotation Proposal 2025-2034 (Guiding Principles Applied)

2025 Sub Regional	2025 Regional	2026 Sub Regional	2026 Regional	2027 Sub Regional	2027 Regional	2028 Sub Regional	2028 Regional	2029 Sub Regional	2029 Regional	2030-2034
8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1	1 @ 2	1/2 @ 8	9 @ 8	9/8 @ 2	11 @ 2	11/2 @ 9	9 @ 1	1/9 @ 11	* Begin back at 2025
	2 @ 9		11 @ 9		1 @ 11		8 @ 1		2 @ 8	*Flip Home/Away for Sub-Reg
5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	3 @ 4	3/4 @ 5	10 @ 5	10/5 @ 4	6 @ 4	6/4 @ 10	10 @ 3	10/3 @ 6	
	4 @ 10		6 @ 10		3 @ 6		5 @ 3		4 @ 5	

Number of Byes to Regional Final = 3/Section

Number of Times a Section Hosts = 3/Section

Committee Vote:

5-4 (S4 absent)

NOTE: This proposal was brought forward by Section 1

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 30-31, 2024

Flag Football: Additional Classification and Classification Cut-Off Numbers

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

V. TK OCT

Presenter:
Jen Lapinski, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Coordinator
Marissa Dauria, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee is recommending a third classification be established using the following classification cut-off numbers.

Class A	1018 – Up	75 schools
Class B	1017 - 601	75 schools
Class C	600 - Down	75 schools

Effective Start Date:
Spring 2025

Rationale:
Flag Football has seen a tremendous amount of growth across the state over the past 3 years. This past school year we had 185 teams competing across 10 sections. In the 2025 season 225 teams have committed to compete in 10 sections. The 225 exceeds the criteria of a team sport needing 201 teams to compete in 3 classes for a NYSPHSAA State Championship.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:
An additional class will increase the number of games needed at the NYSPHSAA semifinal and finals. NYSPHSAA anticipated the growth and requested a second location for the NYSPHSAA semifinals to hold 2 semifinal games. Homer was part of the bid submitted by Cortland and would host the additional class semifinal games. All 3 finals would be played at Cortland High School. The total cost to NYSPHSAA for facilities on the Cortland/Homer bid is $2900. There would be an increase in officials for the additional semifinal and final games. Sections would also see an increase with 3 additional games and an additional regional game.

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 10-0 in support of 3 classes but asked the state committee to meet and discuss re-considering using a more balanced distribution.

DATE REVISED: July 9, 2024

FLAG FOOTBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-30 Using Guiding Principles

V 5TH OCT.

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Marissa Dauria, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator
Jen Lapinski, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Flag Football 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 State Committee May 2024

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 9-1 (Section 1 opposed) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:
See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 8-1 in support of this proposal.

DATE REVISED: July 10, 2024

FLAG FOOTBALL 2025 - 30 (Guiding Principles applied)

2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030	
Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final
2 @ 7	2/7 @ 3	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9	7 @ 2	7/2 @ 3	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 9	3 @ 7	7/3 @ 2
4 @ 9	4/9 @ 1	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 4	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 7	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	4 @ 9	4/9 @ 1
	5 @ 6		9 @ 3		6 @ 5		6 @ 5		2 @ 7		5 @ 6
	8 @ 11		7 @ 2		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		1 @ 4		8 @ 11

9-1 vote in support of this

as of May 15, 2024

Section	# Sub Regs	# Home
1	2	4
2	3	3
3	2	4
4	3	3
5	2	3
6	2	3
7	2	4
8	2	3
9	3	3
10	NA	NA
11	2	3

BASEBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 Using Guiding Principles

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

1 OTL OUT

Presenter:
Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-29 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 State Committee May 2024

Budgetary Impact:
None

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

Attachments:
See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 8-1 in support of this proposal.

DATE REVISED: July 9, 2024

BASEBALL 2025-29 (GUIDING PRINCIPLES APPLIED)

	2025		2026		2027		2028		2029	
	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final
Class AAA	1 @ 4	9 @ 1 or 4	8 @ 11	1 @ 8 or 11	6 @ 5	3 @ 6/5	3 @ 2	4 @ 3 or 2	4 @ 9	2 @ 4 or 9
		2 @ 3		9 @ 4		4 @ 9		9 @ 1		6 @ 5
		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		1 @ 2		5 @ 6		11 @ 8
		11 @ 8		3 @ 2		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		3 @ 1
Class AA	11 @ 8	1 @ 11 or 8	1 @ 4	9 @ 1 or 4	3 @ 2	4 @ 3 or 2	5 @ 6	3 @ 5 or 6	9 @ 4	2 @ 9 or 4
		9 @ 4		2 @ 3		9 @ 1		4 @ 9		6 @ 5
		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		2 @ 1		11 @ 8
		3 @ 2		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		3 @ 1
Class A	8 @ 11	9 @ 8 or 11	5 @ 6	4 @ 5 or 6	8 @ 11	4/1 @ 8 or 11		10 @ 7	1 @ 3	3/1 @ 4 or 9
			2 @ 9	1 @ 2 or 9	4 @ 1		5 @ 6	3 @ 5 or 6	9 @ 4	
	10 @ 7	4 @ 7 or 10	7 @ 10	3 @ 7 or 10	10 @ 3	7 @ 10 or 3	11 @ 8	9 @ 8 or 11	7 @ 10	2 @ 7 or 10
		6 @ 5		11 @ 8		6 @ 5	2 @ 1	4 @ 2 or 1		6 @ 5
	2 @ 3	1 @ 2 or 3				9 @ 2				8 @ 11
Class B	6 @ 5	4 @ 6 or 5	1 @ 2	9 @ 1 or 2	6 @ 5	3/4 @ 6 or 5	8 @ 11	11/8 @ 9 or 1	11 @ 8	1 @ 8 or 11
	3 @ 9	1 @ 3 or 9	8 @ 11	4 @ 8 or 11	4 @ 3		1 @ 9			10 @ 7
	2 @ 7	10 @ 2 or 7	3 @ 10	7 @ 3 or 10	10 @ 7	2 @ 10 or 7	7 @ 10	3 @ 7 or 10	6 @ 5	3 @ 6 or 5
		11 @ 8		5 @ 6		9 @ 1		5 @ 6	9 @ 4	2 @ 9 or 4
						11 @ 8		4 @ 2		
Class C	11 @ 9	1 @ 11 or 9	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 4 or 3	1 @ 4	11 @ 1 or 4	7 @ 10	3 @ 7 or 10	9 @ 11	1 @ 9 or 11
			4 @ 3				5 @ 6	4 @ 5 or 6		4 @ 3
	10 @ 2	7 @ 2 or 10	2 @ 10	7 @ 2 or 10	3 @ 7	10 @ 3 or 7		11 @ 9	7 @ 2	10 @ 2 or 7
		6 @ 5	9 @ 1	11 @ 9 or 1		6 @ 5		2 @ 1		6 @ 5
		3 @ 4				9 @ 2				
Class D		11 @ 9		2 @ 4		2 @ 3		9 @11	7 @ 10	4 @ 7 or 10
	2 @ 7	10 @ 2 or 7		5 @ 6		7 @ 10	3 @ 10	4 @ 3 or 10		11 @ 9
		6 @ 5	10 @ 7	3 @ 7 or 10	6 @ 5	4 @ 6 or 5		5 @ 6		2 @ 3
		3 @ 4		9 @ 11		9 @ 11		7 @ 2		6 @ 5
	If no Section 11 then 2 @ 9		**If no Sec 11 then 9 @ 2, 3 @ 4**		**If no Sec 11 then 4 @ 9**		**If no Sec 11 then 9 @ 4**		**If no Sec 11 then 4 @ 9**	
as of May 9, 2024			**& 10 @ 7 Saturday**						**and 7 @ 10 Saturday**	
1:18 PM										
	8-0 in support of this rotation									

NOTES:

-Class C NO Section 8 teams / Class D NO Section 1 OR 8 and possibly NO Section 11 teams

-The bye team will travel. The baseball committee believes it is not fair to have a school potentially travel twice, the cost to the school for travel and their fans is an additional financial burden. Section coordinators always have had the site ready for the bye team

-The Baseball committee believes being the home team is very important. The bye school should not have the advantage of being home resting & having their #1 available

SOFTBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 Using Guiding Principles

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Voted Out

Presenter:
Jim Wright, NYSPHSAA Softball State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Softball Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-29 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 State Committee May 2024

Budgetary Impact:
None

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

Attachments:
See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 8-2 in support of this proposal.

DATE REVISED: July 9, 2024

SOFTBALL 2025-29 (GUIDING PRINCIPLES APPLIED)

	2025		2026		2027		2028		2029	
	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final
Class AAA	5 @ 6	3 @ 5/6	8 @ 11	1 @ 8/11	1 @ 4	9 @ 1/4	3 @ 2	4 @ 3/2	4 @ 9	2 @ 4/9
		4 @ 9		9 @ 4		2 @ 3		9 @ 1		5 @ 6
		2 @ 1		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		11 @ 8
		11 @ 8		3 @ 2		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		3 @ 1
Class AA	11 @ 8	1 @ 11/8	1 @ 4	9 @ 1/4	3 @ 2	4 @ 3/2	6 @ 5	3 @ 5/6	9 @ 4	2 @ 9/4
		9 @ 4		2 @ 3		9 @ 1		4 @ 9		5 @ 6
		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		2 @ 1		11 @ 8
		3 @ 2		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		3 @ 1
Class A	8 @ 11	9 @ 8/11	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 4	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1/4	10 @ 7	3 @ 7/10	1 @ 3	3/1 @ 4/9
			2 @ 9	1 @ 2/9	4 @ 1		6 @ 5	4 @ 5/6	9 @ 4	
	10 @ 7	4 @ 7/10	7 @ 10	3 @ 7/10	10 @ 3	7 @ 10/3	11 @ 8	9 @ 8/11	7 @ 10	2 @ 7/10
		5 @ 6		11 @ 8		5 @ 6		2 @ 1		5 @ 6
	2 @ 3	1 @ 2/3				9 @ 2				8 @ 11
Class B	5 @ 6	4 @ 6/5	1 @ 2	9 @ 1/2	5 @ 6	3/4 @ 6/5	8 @ 11	11/8 @ 9/1	11 @ 8	1 @ 8/11
	3 @ 9	1 @ 3/9	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 4	4 @ 3		1 @ 9		10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7
	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7	7 @ 10	3 @ 7/10	10 @ 7	2 @ 10 or 7	7 @ 10	3 @ 7/10	5 @ 6	3 @ 6/5
		11 @ 8		6 @ 5		9 @ 1		6 @ 5		9 @ 4
						11 @ 8		4 @ 2		
Class C	11 @ 9	1 @ 11/9	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 4 or 3		11 @ 1 or 4	7 @ 10	3 @ 7/10	9 @ 11	1 @ 9/11
			4 @ 3		1 @ 4		6 @ 5	4 @ 6 or 5		4 @ 3
	10 @ 2	7 @ 2/10	7 @ 10	2 @ 7/10	10 @ 7	3 @ 10/7		11 @ 9	7 @ 2	10 @ 2/7
		5 @ 6	9 @ 1	11 @ 9 or 1		5 @ 6		2 @ 1		5 @ 6
		3 @ 4				9 @ 2				
Class D		11 @ 9		2 @ 4		2 @ 3		9 @11	7 @ 10	4 @ 7/10
	2 @ 10	7 @ 2/10		6 @ 5		7 @ 10	3 @ 10	4 @ 3/10		11 @ 9
		5 @ 6	10 @ 7	3 @ 7/10	5 @ 6	4 @ 5/6		6 @ 5		2 @ 3
		3 @ 4		9 @ 11		9 @ 11		7 @ 2		5 @ 6
	If no Section 11 then 2 @ 9		if no Sec 11 then 9 @ 2, 3 @ 4		if no Sec 11 then 4 @ 9		if no Sec 11 then 9 @ 4		if no Sec 11 then 4 @ 9	
			& 10 @ 7 Saturday						and 7 @ 10 Saturday	

9-0 Supported by Committee on April 30th

NOTES:

-Class C NO Section 8 teams / -Class D NO Section 1 OR 8 and possibly NO Section 11 teams

-Sections 7 & 10 play sub-regional every year in Classes A, B & C due to the number of schools in those classifications

-The bye team will travel. The softball & baseball committee believes it is not fair to have a school potentially travel twice, the cost to the school for travel and their fans is an additional financial burden

-More importantly to the baseball committee being the home team is very important. The bye school should not have the advantage of being home

-In 2026, Class A and B are highlighted to reflcted the bye team hosting. This is necessary to balance home/away games for Section 4

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 30-31, 2024

SOFTBALL– WAIVERS OF NFHS RULES FOR PLAY

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

VOTE OUT.

Presenter:
Dr. Jim Wright, NYSPHSAA Softball State Coordinator

Proposal:
Due to NYSPHSAA Softball adopting NFHS rules, the state committee is seeking approval of the following waivers of the NFHS rules for the start of the spring 2025 season:

1. **Adding Player/Sub to Line Up Card**
   a. Drop NFHS (3-1-3): If a player/sub is added to the lineup card after being submitted, the umpire shall issue a team warning to the head coach. Any further changes made to a player/sub name or number result in the head coach being restricted to the dugout/bench area for the remainder of the game.
   b. Keep USA (1 4.1): No penalty or restriction

2. **Extra Player**
   a. **NFHS: NO such rule**
   b. **USA (4.1C.1): Has the option of using an Extra Player-(EP)-**

3. **Shorthanded**
   a. **Drop NFHS (4-3-1f): Must have nine (9) players to start the game.**
   b. **USA (4.1D 1-2): Teams can play shorthanded to start or continue a game. The game can start or finish with one less player than required to start (8)**

4. **Fitness of the Grounds**
   a. **Drop NFHS (4-1-1): The home coach shall decide whether the grounds and other conditions are suitable for starting the game.**
   b. **USA (5.2): Fitness of the grounds for a game shall be decided solely by the plate umpire.**

5. **Tie Games**
   a. **Drop NFHS: If a regulation game has a tie score, as in 4-2-2, it is a tie game.**
   b. **USA (5.3F): Regulation tie game-games that are regulation tie games shall be resumed at the exact point where they were stopped.**

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6. **Tie-Breaker Procedure**
    a. Drop NFHS (4-2-5....4-2-6): A regulation-called game has a tie score when ended as in 4-2-2 it is tie game unless the State Association has a tie-breaker procedure.
    b. USA (5.11 A/B): Starts at the top of the 10th(state wavier from the 8th inning). Place the person who is scheduled to bat last in the inning on second base.

7. **American Disability Act Rule**
    a. NFHS: No Rule
    b. USA: ADA Rule 4-2

8. **Double First Base**
    a. NFHS: By state association adoption, a double first base is permitted.
    b. USA (2-3 H): The base is required to be 15 x 30.

Effective Start Date:
Spring 2025

Rationale:
NYSPHSAA adopted the NFHS Rules in May 2024 (after using USA Softball Rules), and the state committee would like to utilize some of the current USA Softball Rules.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Softball Committee in June 2024

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

CAC Feedback:
Provided after October meeting.

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

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote Oct.

Presenter:
Jim Amen, NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse 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 State Committee May 2024

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted **5-3** in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:
See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 8-1 in support of this proposal.

DATE REVISED: July 10, 2024

BOYS LACROSSE - 2025-30

9 Sections in Class A/B and 10 Sections in Class C/D

	2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030	
	Sub Regional	**Regional Final**	**Sub Regional**	**Regional Final**	**Sub Regional**	**Regional Final**	**Sub Regional**	**Regional Final**	**Sub Regional**	**Regional Final**	**Sub Regional**	**Regional Final**
Class A	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	1 @ 4	1/4 @ 9	3 @ 2	3/2 @ 4	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 2	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1
		9 @ 4		2 @ 3		1 @ 9		4 @ 9		6 @ 5		9 @ 4
		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		2 @ 1		11 @ 8		5 @ 6
		3 @ 2		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		1 @ 3		3 @ 2
Class B	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	1 @ 4	1/4 @ 9	3 @ 2	3/2 @ 4	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	9 @ 2	9/2 @ 4	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3
		9 @ 4		2 @ 3		1 @ 9		4 @ 9		6 @ 5		4 @ 9
		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		2 @ 1		11 @ 8		2 @ 1
		3 @ 2		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		3 @ 1		8 @ 11
Class C	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1	3 @ 10	3/10 @ 2	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 9	10 @ 2	10/2 @ 1	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 3
	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3	1 @ 9	1/9 @ 4	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 4	4 @ 3	4/3 @ 9	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3	9 @ 2	9/2 @ 10
		9 @ 4		11 @ 8		3 @ 10		8 @ 11		2 @ 10		11 @ 8
		10 @ 2		5 @ 6		2 @ 1		5 @ 6		9 @ 4		5 @ 6
Class D	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1	3 @ 10	3/10 @ 2	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 9	10 @ 2	10/2 @ 1	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 3
	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3	1 @ 9	1/9 @ 4	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 4	4 @ 3	4/3 @ 9	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3	9 @ 2	9/2 @ 10
		9 @ 4		11 @ 8		3 @ 10		8 @ 11		2 @ 10		11 @ 8
		10 @ 2		5 @ 6		2 @ 1		5 @ 6		9 @ 4		5 @ 6

5-3 Supported by Committee

as of May 13, 2024
10:10 PM

APPENDIX F

CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 18, 2024

CAC Members Attending: Greg Ransom (Chair), Mike Andrew (Team Sports), Jamie Harter (Ind. Sports), Deb Ferry (At-Large), Josh Harrica (At-Large), Eileen Troy (At-Large), Mark Ward (At-Large), Susan Reid (At-Large), Kathy Hoyt (Executive Director), Adam Stoltman (Superintendent), ABSENT with notice: Carlos Cotto (At-Large).

Staff/Officers Attending: Joe Altieri (CAC Liaison/Assistant Director), Todd Nelson (Assistant Director), Kristen Jadin (Assistant Director), Chris Joyce (Director of Marketing/Foundation), Lexi Swatt (Director of Sports Information); Tim Mullins (Vice President), Adam Stoltman (2nd Vice President), Julie Bergman (Immediate Vice President). Laura Levitus (Intern). Absent with notice: Russell Bartlett (President).

Coordinators Attending: Peggy Seese (Girls Volleyball), Ryan Palmer (Girls Wrestling), Frank Fronhofer (Girls Wrestling), Kristin Frazer (Indoor Track), Bob Wallen (Indoor Track), Jim Amen (Boys Lacrosse), Liz Parry (Girls Lacrosse), Al Roy (Baseball), Jim Wright (Softball), Jen Lapinski (Flag Football).

Call to Order by Chair Greg Ransom at 10:04 am. Dr. Robert Zayas welcomed and thanked the committee for their work. Greg also thanked everyone and reminded the committee that our task is to vet proposals and represent the association and not our section individually. Sport Coordinator, Superintendent and Executive Director representatives of the committee should also vote on items pertaining to those groups and keep them informed. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024 meeting. **MOTION by Josh. SECOND by Mike. CARRIED 10-0.**

PROPOSALS

(*These items will be presented as discussion or action at the next Executive Committee Mtg)*

Following proposal presentations by Sport Coordinators, Greg announced Sport Coordinators may depart the call so the CAC can discuss and vote on proposals.

REGIONAL ROTATION with Guiding Principles - BASEBALL– Coordinator Al Roy explained the proposal. No questions/concerns were raised.

DURING CAC-ONLY DISCUSSION: Deb asked Tim Mullins (as chair of the Ad Hoc Committee) about the bye team traveling as part of the guiding principles. Tim stated it came up but not in the same manner as baseball and softball discussed.

MOTION by Kathy to support the proposal. SECOND by Mike. CARRIED 8-1.

REGIONAL ROTATION with Guiding Principles – SOFTBALL– Coordinator Jim Wright explained the proposal. No questions/concerns were raised.

DURING CAC-ONLY DISCUSSION: Eileen indicated there were three differences in softball compared to baseball, perhaps typos, but they are not the same. Joe confirmed via text with Jim Wright that the differences were intentional. Section 5/6 and 8/11 wanted to have all their home/away games in one year.

MOTION by Josh to support the proposal. SECOND by Jamie. CARRIED 7-2

REGIONAL ROTATION with Guiding Principles – FLAG FOOTBALL – Coordinator Jen Lapinski explained the

proposal. No questions/concerns were raised.
MOTION by Kathy to support the proposal. SECOND by Deb. CARRIED 8-1.

REGIONAL ROTATION with Guiding Principles – BOYS LACROSSE – Coordinator Jim Amen explained the proposal. Josh asked about the close 5-3 vote. Jim explained the "no" votes: Section I was not in favor of the VIII/XI matchups. Section III and IX were concerned about where the semifinals would be. There was some concern about travel by these sections but it was mostly on a Saturday. Susan inquired about the East/West issues and teams from the East going to the West and teams from the West going to the East. Joe stated the committee will annually review the regional matchups and plan for sections crossing over to East/West.
MOTION by Josh to support the proposal. SECOND by Jamie. CARRIED 8-1.

REGIONAL ROTATION with Guiding Principles – GIRLS LACROSSE – Coordinator Liz Parry explained the proposal. Mike expressed a concern about Section IV playing in X and said it was unacceptable. Susan brought up a concern of neighboring sections not being a guiding principle and should be looked at. Deb stated the girls lacrosse rotation is a significant change from the other rotations.
MOTION by Mike to support the proposal. SECOND by Josh. DEFEATED 6-3.

REGIONAL ROTATION with Guiding Principles – GIRLS BASKETBALL – Joe explained the proposal on behalf of the coordinator. Eileen brought up some sections do not compete in Class C or D. Joe indicated there's a place holder for those in the document just in case, otherwise teams will advance to a regional final.
MOTION by Josh to support the proposal. SECOND by Mike. CARRIED 8-1.

STATUS UPDATES – Boys Soccer, Boys Basketball, Boys Tennis – Joe explained the status of each of these. Boys Basketball has not yet met and has needed clarification on the task and timeline of new regional rotations. They are meeting later this week and intend to use the soccer rotation as its foundation for theirs.

Boys Tennis discussed but did not recommend a proposal offered to them similar to Girls Tennis, and plans to meet again to discuss an alternate regional rotation.

Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer Coordinator, explained the situation with boys soccer and that they are planning to meet to discuss an alternate regional rotation due to the initial one not being recommended by the committee.

INDOOR TRACK – Qualifying times for Division 2 Relays – Coordinators Kristin Frazer and Bob Wallen explained the proposal. Greg inquired if only electronic timing could be used. Kristin confirmed at least five teams must be present at the meet and FAT timing is required for these times. Kathy asked how many athletes can the relay list. Bob Wallen responded you can list up to eight athletes.

DURING CAC-ONLY DISCUSSION: Kathy was concerned about the number of athletes added to the meet. Deb noted she was a part of the committee meeting and that was discussed and they had to figure out reasonable numbers. Mike was concerned about the added expense for some sections adding athletes. Todd said the difference between outdoor and indoor is that outdoor is anyone who meets the standards qualifies.
MOTION by Deb to support the proposal. SECOND by Jamie. CARRIED 9-0.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – Tie-Breaker #1 – Coordinator Peggy Seese explained the proposal. No questions/

concerns were raised.
MOTION by Susan to support the proposal. SECOND by Josh. CARRIED 9-0.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – Tie-Breaker Alternate – Coordinator Peggy Seese explained the proposal. No questions/ concerns were raised. This was not necessary to vote on since the above tie-breaker was recommended.

REVISED PROPOSAL - GIRLS WRESTLING – Qualifier Format – Coordinator Ryan Palmer and state committee member Frank Fronhofer explained the proposal. They noted it was a sectional qualifier system, not a state qualifier system. Sections would have 1-2 wrestlers per weight class based on Sectional allocations by weight class. Mark asked if this format would be revised every year. Ryan indicated yes, data would be reviewed immediately after the state tournament. Todd indicated the importance of sections having the chart and allocations prior to the season so sections know how many qualifiers they would get. Greg asked the status of freestyle vs folkstyle. Ryan noted qualifying tournaments and states would be freestyle. Greg also asked if officials were prepared for freestyle. Ryan responded five sections were ready to go with freestyle but stated there is a belief that the numbers will grow now that we have established freestyle. The committee is working with USA Wrestling to waive the certification process for officials to learn freestyle. Greg asked about sections who competed folkstyle all season then went to freestyle in the postseason. Ryan said many neighboring sections have freestyle tournaments that schools can participate in and officiating should not be an issue. The state committee voted 7-3 in favor of freestyle but the three against were OK to go with it if it ended up being the way to go. Greg said he didn't think we were ready for freestyle since only six sections were ready and five weren't. Todd noted this was approved in October but it's a valid concern. He said what happens with the Board of Regents amendments may determine a change. The Committee believes we can move forward with Freestyle. Robert feels that if we are going to move forward with Freestyle, there may not be a "perfect" time; we will get through the struggle with officials begin certified. Todd and the coordinator will give an update at the July meeting.
MOTION by Susan to support the proposal. SECOND by Deb. CARRIED 9-0.

STATUS UPDATE: FOOTBALL – Regional Championship Game Week #22 at Dome – Joe explained CAC defeated this proposal in April but Central Committee is voting on this in July. If it does not pass in July, the football committee will have alternatives.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT/CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:

Setting Regional Dates (Section I Concern from May 2024 Executive Committee Meeting) – Robert explained the request from Section I to have consistent dates for regional games without having significant restrictions. Susan, who also served on the softball state committee, stated there were significant concerns with basketball being mishandled with inconsistent dates of regional games. Mike indicated boys and girls soccer have a good system with set dates. Girls on Tuesday and boys on Thursday with finals on Friday or Saturday. Todd suggested looking at guidance of a certain # of nights rest. Greg said we are not going to solve this today but maybe we develop a sub-committee to discuss. President Bartlett sent this to CAC and it was agreed CAC look at it. Robert suggested 2-3 nights rest minimum between regional games.
Greg recommended a sub-committee gather prior to the October meeting to discuss a plan to present. Interested CAC members should send Greg an email so he can start planning the committee.

Boys Volleyball 2025-27 – Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the joint re-bid by Finger Lakes Community College and Roberts Wesleyan. He indicated both staff and state committee agreed on Finger Lakes/Roberts Wesleyan as the recommendations. **CAC expressed no concerns with the recommendations.**

Girls Swimming 2025-27 – Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the two bids submitted by Ithaca College and Webster High School. He indicated both staff and state committee agreed on Webster as the recommendations. **CAC expressed no concerns with the recommendations.**

Boys Golf 2025-27 – Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the three bids submitted from Mark Twain Golf Club, Mill Creek Golf Club and Oliver Appleton Golf Course. He indicated both staff and state committee agreed on Mill Creek as the recommendations. **CAC expressed no concerns with the recommendations.**

INFORMATIONAL:

Status of CAC Member Terms – Joe explained there are no terms expiring this August however if anyone was unable to serve their full term, please notify him at this time. This is the time to appoint new members. He also indicated terms are four years and may or may not be renewed when terms expire. Josh asked for the start/expiration dates of CAC members to be sent to committee. Joe will follow up with an email.

2023-28 Championship Dates & Sites – Joe noted the updated championship documents in the packet noting the championship recommendations above.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Josh SECOND by Eileen. CARRIED 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by NYSPHSAA liaison Joe Altieri; reviewed/approved on 6/21/2024 by CAC Chair, CAC members and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director prior to distribution.

2024-25 Meetings (Tentative)	Thursday, October 10, 2024 @ 10:00 am Thursday, January 16, 2025 @ 10:00 am Wednesday, April 16, 2025 @ 10:00 am Wednesday, June 18, 2025 @ 10:00 am

Championship Philosophy Committee Report

Date: July 10, 2024 at 10am

Attendees: Tom Baker (I), Doug Gejay (2), Scott Sugar (III), Mike Andrew (IV), Jen Lapinski (V), Mark DiFilippo (VI), Mike Graney (VII), John Mankowich (VIII), Greg Ransom (IX), Mark Wilson (X), Joe Mercado (XI), Tim Lincoln (Team Sports), Dan Doherty (Individual Sports), NYSPHSAA – Dr. Robert Zayas, Kristen Jadin, Todd Nelson, Joe Altieri, Chris Joyce, Lexi Swatt, Renee James, Debra Ferry

Status Updates/Items Discussion/Action Taken:

1. Welcome – Dr. Zayas welcomed the committee and thanked them for joining.
2. Championship Awards - An award audit sheet was presented to the committee for review.
    a. Award Criteria – Robert shared the inconsistency with the number of awards provided at state championship events. In Cross Country, the top 20 receive medals. In Boys Wrestling, the top 8 are awarded. In Swimming/Diving, the top 20 are awarded. In Golf, the top 10 are awarded. Dr. Zayas posed the question, if the committee was in favor of the staff creating a proposal to provide consistency. Discussion ensued regarding this topic. The consensus was for the NYSPHSAA staff to develop a strategy and provide a proposal to the Championship Philosophy Committee.
    b. Section Champions –Dr. Zayas shared that in some sports, Section Champions are recognized. Some sports provide medals, others provide boards and shirts. Is this necessary? Todd N. – It seems like the same kids that are successful are being recognized as individuals, school, and section. Kids are leaving with multiple shirts and multiple medals. What is the purpose of recognizing a Section team? Dan D. – Many kids in Cross Country who receive the board for Section Team Champion have no idea what it is for. The committee believes Section Champions do not need to be awarded. The NYSPHSAA staff will create that proposal and bring it back for consideration and review.
3. Regional Rotations – Dr. Zayas explained the concepts presented are just that, concepts. This is simply a starting point.
    a. Regional Rotation Guidelines (current) – Joe Altieri reviewed the current Regional Rotation Guidelines that were approved by the Executive Committee on February 26, 2024. Sport Committees revised the regional rotations using the Guidelines.
    b. 3 Region Concept – Dr. Zayas presented the 3 Region Concept provided in the meeting packet. The goal of this was to afford sections to have consistent geographic partners. At-Large seems to be the major concern with different concepts. For this concept, At-Large would rotate and only Sections with 4 or more teams would be considered. Sport Examples were provided. After thorough discussion, the committee is interested in examining this concept and providing it to the membership to discuss.
    c. 16-Team Bracket (Regional Weekends) – Todd presented the Regional Championship Weekend concept that was provided in the meeting packet. He asked if the number of teams is needed? Every section is sending their champion. Level playing field starting state championship series from regionals on. Further discussion ensued regarding the concept.

    These concepts will be distributed to Sections via the Section Executive Directors. The goal is for the committee to gather feedback and come back at the next meeting with all questions/concerns/ideas. Which concept is each Section in favor of? This will be discussed at the next meeting

Future Items/Meeting:

1. Next Meeting: Fall 2024

NYSPHSAA Guiding Principles for Regional Rotations

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

Process:

1) NYSPHSAA Sport Committee meets to develop regional rotation using established guiding principles.

→ **2)** NYSPHSAA Staff examines regional rotation for equity and fairness.

→ **3)** NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee examines regional rotation and votes to recommend to NYSPHSAA Executive Committee.

→ **4)** NYSPHSAA Executive Committee examines regional rotation provides approval or denial

Note:

The current NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy states:

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

DATE REVISED:
12/20/23

Regional Championship Weekend

Selection of At-Large Teams

1. Only 2nd place Sectional teams will be considered for at-large bids.
2. At-large teams will remain on the same side of the state as the Sectional Champion.
3. At-Large teams will compete in the opposite side of the regional bracket then their Sectional Champion.
4. If an At-Large team needs to be selected between multiple Sections the point system below will be used to select the best 2nd place team from those Sections.
    a. Only Section Champions will be used.
    b. Points will be based on results over the previous 3-year period.
    c. The following point system will be used:
        i. 1 point for sub-regional/semifinal win
        ii. 3 points for regional final win
        iii. 5 points for a semifinal win
        iv. 7 points for a state championship
5. Sectional Champions will play at-large teams in the semifinals unless there are more than two Section Champions in a bracket, or all competing Sections agree to have Section Champions play each other in the semifinals.

Breakdown of Responsibilities

NYSPHSAA

1. NYSPHSAA will collect all gate receipts through the GoFan platform.
2. NYSPHSAA will pay all expenses using the current voucher system at the current NYSPHSAA Championship pay rates. (PA announcers, officials, site supervisors, clock operators, athletic trainers, etc)
3. Will provide minimum NYSPHSAA Championship signage.

Sections

1. Secure sites to host the Regional Championship Weekend. Sites must be willing to host a minimum of 4 games on day 1 and 2 games on day 2. Participating teams can be the host. Games can be played on Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday.
2. Work with local host site to ensure the event is properly staffed.
3. Set up the GoFan Ticketing system for the Regional Championships
4. Select a Field Supervisor to work with the host Site Supervisor and communicate with the participating teams.
5. Assign or officials for all regional semi and final games.

Site Host

1. Secure a Site Supervisor to work with the Field Supervisor and handle operations outside of the field.
2. Secure staff to work the event (ticket takers, PA announcer, scoreboard operators, security)
3. Provide necessary equipment (locker rooms, tables, scoreboard, field equipment, water)
4. Site Supervisors and Field Supervisors will collect and mail all vouchers to NYSPHSAA.

Financial Breakdown

After collecting all revenue and paying all expenses NYSPHSAA will distribute profits to the host Sections and host NYSPHSAA schools based on the following percentages.

NYSPHSAA – _____ of profits

Host Sections – _____ of profits

Host NYSPHSAA School – ____ of profits

Pros and Cons of Regional Championship Weekend

Pros

1. All teams are playing a semifinal regional game in all regional brackets.
2. Eliminates any weekday travel and games to other Sections.
3. Makes the games part of a Championship event.
4. Provides more teams and communities the opportunity to participate in a NYSPHSAA Championship event through the at-large bids.
5. Provides TPG more opportunities to offer sponsors exposure
6. Keeps traditional and geographic rivalries.
7. More consistent format from year to year.
8. Removes financial responsibilities from the Sections

Cons

1. Teams may choose to stay overnight between the semifinal and finals
2. At-large teams may increase costs to Sections.
3. Increase workload on NYSPHSAA Staff

6-Class Sports

Class	East Region 1	Host	East Region 2	Host	West Region 1	Host	West Region 2	Host
AAA 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9 AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 4AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-3	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL	4-5-6
AA 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9 AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	3 v 4 2 v 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 2AL or 3AL or 4AL	5-6
A 11 Sections	8 v 11 1AL or 9AL or 2AL	8 - 11	1 v 9 2 v 8AL or 11AL	1-2-9	3 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL 7 v 10	3-7-10	5 v 6 4 v 3AL or 7AL or 10AL	4-5-6
B 11 Sections	8 v 11 1AL or 9AL or 2AL	8-11	1 v 9 2 v 8AL or 11AL	1-2-9	3 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL 7 v 10	3-7-10	5 v 6 4 v 3AL or 7AL or 10AL	4-5-6
C 10 Sections	1 v 9 11 v 2AL or 7AL or 10 AL	1-9-11	2 v 1AL or 9AL or 10AL 7 v 10	2-7-10	3 v 4 5AL v 6AL	3-4	5 v 6 3AL v 4AL	5-6
D 8 Sections 9 Sections	2 v 9 9 v 11 2 v 7AL or 10AL	2-9 2-9-11	7 v 10 7 v 10 2AL or 9AL or 11AL	7-10 7-10	3 v 4 3 v 4 5AL v 6AL	3-4 3-4	5 v 6 5 v 6 3AL v 4AL	5-6 5-6

Girls Volleyball

Class	East Region 1	Host	East Region 2	Host	West Region 1	Host	West Region 2	Host
AAA 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 4AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-3	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL	4-5-6
AA 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	3 v 4 2 v 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 2AL or 3AL or 4AL	5-6
A 10 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8 - 11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 10 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-3-10	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL or 10AL	4-5-6
B 11 Sections	8 v 11 1AL or 2AL or 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 2 v 8AL or 11AL	1-2-9	3 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL 7 v 10	3-7-10	5 v 6 4 v 3AL or 7AL or 10AL	4-5-6
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Field Hockey

Class	East Region 1	Host	East Region 2	Host	West Region 1	Host	West Region 2	Host	Notes
A 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8 - 11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	3 v 4 2 v 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 2AL or 3AL or 4AL	5-6	
B 8 Sections	8 v 11	8-11	1 v 2	1-2	3 v 4	3-4	5 v 6	4-5-6	
9 Section	8 v 11 1AL v 2AL	8-11	1 v 2 8AL v 11AL		3 v 4 5AL v 6AL		5 v 6 3AL v 4AL		If Section 9 has a Class B school
C 8 Sections	8 v 11	8-11	1 v 9	1-9	2 v 4	2-4	3 v 6	3-6	
9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 4 3AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-4	3 v 5 6 v 2AL or 4AL	3-5-6	If Section 5 has a Class C school

Flag Football

Class	East Region 1	Host	East Region 2	Host	West Region 1	Host	West Region 2	Host	Notes
A 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8 - 11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	3 v 4 2 v 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 2AL or 3AL or 4AL	5-6	
B 8 Sections	8 v 11	8-11	1 v 9	1-9	2 v 4	2-4	5 v 6	5-6	
9 Section	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	3 v 4 2 v 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 2AL or 3AL or 4AL	5-6	If Section 3 has a Class B school
C 10 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 7 v 5AL or 6AL	2-4	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL or 7AL	3-6	

Girls Lacrosse

Class	East Region 1	Host	East Region 2	Host	West Region 1	Host	West Region 2	Host
A 10 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8 - 11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 10 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL or 10AL	5-6
B 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 4 v 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 2AL or 3AL or 4AL	5-6
C 10 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 10 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL or 10AL	5-6
D 10 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 10 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL or 10AL	5-6

3 Region Concept

At-Large Selection:
Only Sections with 4 or more participating teams during a season shall receive an at-large.
At-large would rotate through the Sections with 4 or more participating teams.
If At-Large wins sub-regional, the winner of the "other" Sub-Regional would host Regional Final.

Host:
Sections would follow current system for hosting (i.e., Section responsibility)

Pros:
Reduces overall travel costs and time.
Reduces mid-week travel.
Reduces school time missed during Regionals.
All Sections have a consistent geographic opponent on an annual basis.
At-large selection is minimized or eliminated.
Limits the number of At-Large teams needed to reduce travel costs & school time missed.
Simplicity & consistency!

Concerns:
Some Sections always host the At-Large.
Potential for At-Large to play their own Section Champion.
Extensive travel for At-Large is possible; mileage restriction could be implemented for these rare cases.

Soccer (Girls & Boys)

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	No Teams	NOTES
AAA	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	**AL (6) v. 4**	AL (8) v. 4	**AL (9) v. 4**	**AL (11) v. 4**	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	3 v. 2	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	7 & 10	
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
	Region 3		9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	1. v. 9	**9 v.1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		

AA	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	**AL (6) v. 4**	AL (8) v. 4	**AL (9) v. 4**	**AL (11) v. 4**	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	3 v. 2	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	7 & 10	
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
	Region 3		9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	1. v. 9	**9 v.1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		

A	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	**AL (8) v. 4**	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
12 Teams									
	Region 2	3 v. 10	**10 v. 3**	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	**3 v. 10**	10 v. 3		*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
		2 v. 7	**7 v. 2**	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	**2 v. 7**	7 v. 2		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		

B	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	**AL (8) v. 4**	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
12 Teams									
	Region 2	3 v. 10	**10 v. 3**	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	**3 v. 10**	10 v. 3		*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
		2 v. 7	**7 v. 2**	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	**2 v. 7**	7 v. 2		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		

C	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**3 v. 4**	**4 v. 3**	**3 v. 4**	**4 v. 3**	**3 v. 4**	4 v. 3		Denotes Regional Final Host
	Region 2		AL (4) v. 2	**AL (5) v. 2**	**AL (6) v. 2**	AL (7) v. 2	**AL (9) v. 2**		
		7 v. 10	10 v. 7	**7 v. 10**		7 v. 10	**10 v. 7**		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	8, 11	
		AL (3) v. 2			10 v. 7				

D	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
0 At-Large	**WEST**	**3 v. 4**	**4 v. 3**	**3 v. 4**	**4 v. 3**	**3 v. 4**	**4 v. 3**		
8 Teams									
	Region 2	**9 v. 2**	**2 v. 9**	**2 v. 9**	**9 v. 2**	**2 v. 9**	**9 v. 2**		
	EAST	**7 v. 10**	**10 v. 7**	**7 v. 10**	**10 v. 7**	**7 v. 10**	**10 v. 7**		
	Region 3							1, 8, 11	

Volleyball

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	No Teams	NOTES
AAA	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	**AL (6) v. 4**	AL (8) v. 4	**AL (9) v. 4**	**AL (11) v. 4**	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	3 v. 2	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	7 & 10	
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
	Region 3		9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	1. v. 9	**9 v.1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
AA	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	**AL (6) v. 4**	AL (8) v. 4	**AL (9) v. 4**	**AL (11) v. 4**	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	3 v. 2	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	7 & 10	
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
	Region 3		9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	1. v. 9	**9 v.1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
A	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	**AL (8) v. 4**	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
12 Teams									
	Region 2	3 v. 10	**10 v. 3**	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	**3 v. 10**	10 v. 3		*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
		2 v. 7	**7 v. 2**	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	**2 v. 7**	7 v. 2		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
B	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	**AL (8) v. 4**	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
12 Teams									
	Region 2	3 v. 10	**10 v. 3**	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	**3 v. 10**	10 v. 3		*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
		2 v. 7	**7 v. 2**	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	**2 v. 7**	7 v. 2		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
C	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**3 v. 4**	AL (6) v. 4	4 v. 3	**AL (8) v. 4**	3 v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
12 Teams									
	Region 2	AL (5) v. 2	**2 v. 3**	AL (7) v. 2	3 v. 2	**AL (9) v. 2**	2 v.3		
		7 v. 10	**10 v. 7**	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	**7 v. 10**	10 v. 7		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
D	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
2 At-Large		**3 v. 4**	AL (3) v. 4	4 v. 3	**AL (7) v. 4**	3 v. 4	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	AL (1) v. 2	**2 v. 3**	AL (5) v. 2	3 v. 2	**AL (11) v. 2**	2 v.3		
		7 v. 10	**10 v. 7**	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	**7 v. 10**	10 v. 7		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**	8	
		At (2) v. 11	At (4) v. 11	**At (6) v. 11**	At (9) v. 11	At (10) v. 11	**At (2) v. 11**		*Match up concern

Field Hockey

A — 1 At-Large — 10 Teams

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	No Teams	NOTES
Region 1	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
	AL (5) v. 4	**AL (6) v. 4**	AL (8) v. 4	**AL (9) v. 4**	**AL (11) v. 4**	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	3 v. 2	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	7 & 10	
	1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
Region 3		9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	1. v. 9	**9 v.1**		
	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		

B — 1 At-Large — 10 Teams

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Region 1	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	6 v. 5	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
	AL (1) v. 4	**AL (2) v. 4**	AL (3) v. 4	**AL (4) v. 3**	**AL (5) v. 3**	AL (6) v. 3		Denotes Regional Final Host
Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	4 v. 2	**2 v. 4**	**4 v. 2**	7 & 10	
	1 v. 9 or AL			11 v. 8				
Region 3		1 v. 9 or AL	**9 or AL v. 1**	**9 or AL v. 1**	1 v. 9 or AL	**1 v. 9 or AL**		* 9 does NOT always have a team
	8 v. 11	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		8 v. 11	**8 v. 11**		

C — 1 At-Large — 10 Teams

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Region 1	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
	AL (5) v. 4	**AL (6) v. 4**	AL (8) v. 4	**AL (9) v. 4**	**AL (11) v. 4**	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	3 v. 2	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	7 & 10	
	1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
Region 3		9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	1. v. 9	**9 v.1**		
	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		

NO Section 5 Representative (No At-Large needed)

C — 0 At-Large — 10 Teams

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Region 1	**4 v. 6**	**6 v. 4**	**4 v. 6**	**6 v. 4**	**4 v. 6**	**6 v. 4**		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
WEST	**2 v.3**	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**		
Region 2							5, 7 & 10	
Region 3	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	**1 v. 9**	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	**1 v. 9**		
EAST	**8 v. 11**	**11 v. 8**	**8 v. 11**	**11 v. 8**	**8 v. 11**	**11 v. 8**		

Football

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	No Teams	NOTES
AA	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final
1 At-Large	WEST	AL (1) v. 4	AL (2) v. 4	AL (3) v. 4	AL (4) v. 3	AL (5) v. 3	AL (6) v. 3		
8 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	4 v. 2	2 v. 4	4 v. 2	7 & 10	
	EAST	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1		
	Region 3								
								8 & 11	

A	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final
1 At-Large	WEST	AL (1) v. 4	AL (2) v. 4	AL (3) v. 4	AL (4) v. 3	AL (5) v. 3	AL (6) v. 3		
8 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	4 v. 2	2 v. 4	4 v. 2	7 & 10	
	EAST	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9		
	Region 3								
								8 & 11	

B	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final
0 At-Large	WEST	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	3 v. 4	4 v. 3		
8 Teams									
	Region 2	9 v. 2	2 v. 9	2 v. 9	9 v. 2	2 v. 9	9 v. 2		
	EAST	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7		
	Region 3							1, 8 & 11	

C	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final
0 At-Large	WEST	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	3 v. 4	4 v. 3		
8 Teams									
	Region 2	9 v. 2	2 v. 9	2 v. 9	9 v. 2	2 v. 9	9 v. 2		
	EAST	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7		
	Region 3							1, 8 & 11	

D	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final
0 At-Large	WEST	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	3 v. 4	4 v. 3		
8 Teams									
	Region 2	9 v. 2	2 v. 9	2 v. 9	9 v. 2	2 v. 9	9 v. 2		
	EAST	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7		
	Region 3							1, 8 & 11	

Baseball

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	No Teams	NOTES
AAA	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	**AL (6) v. 4**	AL (8) v. 4	**AL (9) v. 4**	**AL (11) v. 4**	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	3 v. 2	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	7 & 10	
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
	Region 3		9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	1. v. 9	**9 v.1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
AA	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	**AL (6) v. 4**	AL (8) v. 4	**AL (9) v. 4**	**AL (11) v. 4**	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	3 v. 2	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	7 & 10	
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
	Region 3		9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	1. v. 9	**9 v.1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
A	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	**AL (8) v. 4**	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
12 Teams									
	Region 2	3 v. 10	**10 v. 3**	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	**3 v. 10**	10 v. 3		*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
		2 v. 7	**7 v. 2**	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	**2 v. 7**	7 v. 2		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
B	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	**AL (8) v. 4**	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
12 Teams									
	Region 2	3 v. 10	**10 v. 3**	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	**3 v. 10**	10 v. 3		*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
		2 v. 7	**7 v. 2**	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	**2 v. 7**	7 v. 2		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
C	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
2 At-Large		**3 v. 4**	AL (3) v. 4	4 v. 3	**AL (7) v. 4**	3 v. 4	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
12 Teams									
	Region 2	AL (1) v. 2	**2 v. 3**	AL (5) v. 2	3 v. 2	**AL (11) v. 2**	2 v.3		
		7 v. 10	**10 v. 7**	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	**7 v. 10**	10 v. 7		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**	8	
		AL (2) v. 11	AL (4) v. 11	**AL (6) v. 11**	AL (9) v. 11	AL (10) v. 11	**AL (2) v. 11**		*Match up concern
D	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**3 v. 4**	**AL (6) v. 4**	4 v. 3	**AL (9) v. 4**	**3 v. 4**	AL (11) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2		2 v. 3	**AL (7) v. 2**	**3 v. 2**	AL (10) v. 2	**2 v.3**		
		7 v. 10	7 v. 10	**10 . 7**		7 v. 10	**7 v. 10**		
	Region 3	9 v. 11	**11 v. 9**	**9 v. 11**	11 v. 9	**9 v. 11**	**11 v. 9**	1, 8	
		AL (5) v. 2			10 v. 7				

Lacrosse (Boys)

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	No Teams	NOTES
A	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	**AL (6) v. 4**	AL (8) v. 4	**AL (9) v. 4**	**AL (11) v. 4**	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	3 v. 2	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	7 & 10	
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
	Region 3		**9 v. 1**	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	1. v. 9	**9 v.1**		
		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**	**8 v. 11**		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		

B	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	**AL (6) v. 4**	AL (8) v. 4	**AL (9) v. 4**	**AL (11) v. 4**	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	3 v. 2	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	7 & 10	
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
	Region 3		9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	1. v. 9	**9 v.1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		

C	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
0 At-Large		**3 v. 4**	**3 v.4**	4 v. 3	**4 v. 3**	**3 v. 4**	3 v.4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 10	**10 v. 2**	**2 v. 10**	10 v. 2	**2 v. 10**	**10 v. 2**	7	
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
	Region 3		1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**	**9 v. 1**	1 v. 9	**1 v. 9**		
		8 v. 11	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		8 v. 11	**8 v. 11**		

D	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
0 At-Large		**3 v. 4**	**3 v.4**	4 v. 3	**4 v. 3**	**3 v. 4**	3 v.4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 10	**10 v. 2**	**2 v. 10**	10 v. 2	**2 v. 10**	**10 v. 2**	7	
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
	Region 3		1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**	**9 v. 1**	1 v. 9	**1 v. 9**		
		8 v. 11	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		8 v. 11	**8 v. 11**		

Basketball (Girls & Boys)

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	No Teams	NOTES
AAA	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	**AL (6) v. 4**	AL (8) v. 4	**AL (9) v. 4**	**AL (11) v. 4**	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	3 v. 2	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	7 & 10	
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
	Region 3		9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	1. v. 9	**9 v.1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
AA	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	**AL (6) v. 4**	AL (8) v. 4	**AL (9) v. 4**	**AL (11) v. 4**	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	3 v. 2	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	7 & 10	
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
	Region 3		9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	1. v. 9	**9 v.1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
A	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	**AL (8) v. 4**	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
12 Teams									
	Region 2	3 v. 10	**10 v. 3**	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	**3 v. 10**	10 v. 3		*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
		2 v. 7	**7 v. 2**	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	**2 v. 7**	7 v. 2		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
B	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**AL (5) v. 4**	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	**AL (8) v. 4**	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
12 Teams									
	Region 2	3 v. 10	**10 v. 3**	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	**3 v. 10**	10 v. 3		*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
		2 v. 7	**7 v. 2**	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	**2 v. 7**	7 v. 2		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
C	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
1 At-Large		**3 v. 4**	AL (6) v. 4	4 v. 3	**AL (8) v. 4**	3 v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
12 Teams									
	Region 2	AL (5) v. 2	**2 v. 3**	AL (7) v. 2	3 v. 2	**AL (9) v. 2**	2 v.3		
		7 v. 10	**10 v. 7**	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	**7 v. 10**	10 v. 7		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		
D	**Region 1**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		**Denotes Regional Final** ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
2 At-Large		**3 v. 4**	AL (3) v. 4	4 v. 3	**AL (7) v. 4**	3 v. 4	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
10 Teams									
	Region 2	AL (1) v. 2	**2 v. 3**	AL (5) v. 2	3 v. 2	**AL (10) v. 2**	2 v.3		
		7 v. 10	**10 v. 7**	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	**7 v. 10**	10 v. 7		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**		
		At (2) v. 11	At (4) v. 11	**At (6) v. 11**	At (9) v. 11	At (11) v. 11	**At (2) v. 11**	8	*Match up concern*

Ice Hockey (Boys)

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	No Teams	NOTES
Division I	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final *(No Mid Week Travel)*
1 At-Large	WEST	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	3 v. 4	4 v. 3		
8 Teams									
	Region 2	2 v. 10	10 v. 2	2. v 10	10 v. 2	2 v. 10	10 v. 2		
	EAST	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	7	
	Region 3								
								8 & 11	

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Division II									
1 At-Large	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final *(No Mid Week Travel)*
8 Teams	WEST	AL (1) v. 3	AL (2) v. 3	AL (3) v. 3	AL (4) v. 3	AL (5) v. 3	AL (6) v. 3	4	**Match up concern*
	Region 2	2 v. 1	1 v. 2	2 v. 1	1 v. 2	2 v. 1	1 v. 2		
	EAST	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7		
	Region 3							9	
								8 & 11	

3 Region Template Example

9 Sections
1 At-Large
No 7/10
10 Team Bracket
Ex. AAA & AA

		2 Straight			2 Straight			Automatic Path
	Region 1	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6	4
		AL (5) v. 4	**AL (6) v. 4**	AL (8) v. 4	**AL (9) v. 4**	**AL (11) v. 4**	AL (1) v. 4	4
			2 Straight (2 team region)			2 Straight (2 team region)		
	Region 2	2 v. 3	**3 v. 2**	**2 v. 3**	3 v. 2	**2 v. 3**	**3 v. 2**	4
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8			
				2 Straight				
	Region 3		9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	1. v. 9	**9 v.1**	3
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**		8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**	3

Denotes Regional Final ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
Denotes Regional Final Host

11 Sections
1 At-Large
12 Team Bracket
Ex. A & B

								Automatic Path
	Region 1	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	2
		AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	**AL (8) v. 4**	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4	2
	Region 2	3 v. 10	**10 v. 3**	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	**3 v. 10**	10 v. 3	2
		2 v. 7	**7 v. 2**	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	**2 v. 7**	7 v. 2	2
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**	2
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**	2

Denotes Regional Final ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
Denotes Regional Final Host
*Region 2 match ups non-traditional

9 Sections
No 8/11
10 Team Bracket
Ex. C & D

		2 Straight			2 Straight			
	Region 1	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	4
		3 v. 4	**4 v. 3**	**3 v. 4**	**4 v. 3**	**3 v. 4**	4 v. 3	4
				2 Straight				
	Region 2		AL (4) v. 2	**AL (5) v. 2**	**AL (6) v. 2**	AL (7) v. 2	**AL (9) v. 2**	3
		7 v. 10	10 v. 7	**7 v. 10**		7 v. 10	**10 v. 7**	3
			2 Straight (2 team region)			2 Straight (2 team region)		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	**9 v. 1**	4
		AL (3) v. 2			10 v. 7			

Denotes Regional Final ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
Denotes Regional Final Host

9 Sections
No 1/8
10 Team Bracket
Ex. D Baseball

	Region 1	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6	4
		3 v. 4	**AL (6) v. 4**	4 v. 3	**AL (9) v. 4**	**3 v. 4**	AL (11) v. 4	4
	Region 2		2 v. 3	**AL (7) v. 2**	**3 v. 2**	AL (10) v. 2	**2 v.3**	3
		7 v. 10	7 v. 10	**10 . 7**		7 v. 10	**7 v. 10**	3
	Region 3	9 v. 11	**11 v. 9**	**9 v. 11**	11 v. 9	**9 v. 11**	**11 v. 9**	4
		AL (5) v. 2			10 v. 7			

Denotes Regional Final ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
Denotes Regional Final Host

10 Sections
No 7
10 Team Bracket
Ex. C/D Boys LAX

	Region 1	**5 v. 6**	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	**5 v. 6**	5 v. 6	4
		3 v. 4	**3 v.4**	4 v. 3	**4 v. 3**	**3 v. 4**	3 v.4	4
	Region 2	2 v. 10	**10 v. 2**	**2 v. 10**	10 v. 2	**2 v. 10**	**10 v. 2**	4
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8			
	Region 3		1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**	**9 v. 1**	1 v. 9	**1 v. 9**	3
		8 v. 11	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**		8 v. 11	**8 v. 11**	3

Denotes Regional Final ***(No Mid Week Travel)***
Denotes Regional Final Host

11 Sections
1 At-Large
Ex. A/B Soc, VB, BB

	Region 1	**5 v. 6**	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	**6 v. 5**	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	
		AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	**AL (8) v. 4**	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4	
	Region 2	3 v. 10	**10 v. 3**	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	**3 v. 10**	10 v. 3	
		2 v. 7	**7 v. 2**	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	**2 v. 7**	7 v. 2	
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	**1 v. 9**	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	**9 v. 1**	
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	**8 v. 11**	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	**11 v. 8**	

Denotes Regional Final
Denotes Regional Final Host
*Region 2 match ups non-traditional

NYSPHSAA GIRLS WRESTLING Committee Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2024
10:00am

Minutes

1. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Ryan Palmer (State Coordinator)

Meeting Called to Order at:

Roll Call:

Section 1 – Jamie Block
Section 2 – Frank Fronhofer
Section 3 – Rick Spicer
Section 4 – Brandon MacWhinnie
Section 5 – Eric Mullen
Section 6 – Alex Conti, Brad Rowe, Tom Shifflet
Section 7 – Rob Witkiewicz
Section 8 – Carol Roseto, Sean Severin
Section 9 – Eric Hartmann
Section 10 – Randy Morrison
Section 11 – Dave Shanahan
NYSPHSAA – Todd Nelson, Joe Alteri, Chris Joyce
NYSWOA – Matt Smith, Frank Marotta, Gene Tracy, Nick Graziano
PSAL - Ken Bigley
Coordinator – Ryan Palmer

1. Freestyle:

Officials - please be prepared with your anticipated number of officials for each Section. Part of us being ready for Freestyle, means that we have enough Officials. The last email that you had sent sounded very encouraging, and we would like to be able to advise NYSPHSAA with some good data (numbers) in terms of anticipated officials for the 24-25 season.

Minutes - Currently 69 officials (NYSWOA Members) are certified for Freestyle, some are dual members in other associations; not all are "Varsity" caliber officials. 36 Non-NYSWOA Members are certified for Freestyle

Current Information (NYSWOA Members, Non-Members):
Section 1 – 4, 5
Section 2 – 4, 3
Section 3 – 19, 5
Section 4 – 2, 3
Section 5 – 3, 1
Section 6 – 1, 0
Section 7 – 0, 0
Section 8 – 2, 8
Section 9 – 0, 4
Section 10 – 0, 0

Section 11 – 3, 2

As is, the NYSWOA is not comfortable with the number of officials, and are concerned with how you might run tournaments.

In conversations across the State, a lot of officials are excited for Freestyle, but are waiting to become certified until "Freestyle" is 100% happening. Widespread hesitation surrounds, *is it happening or not*. Some sections can actively train officials during JV level matches, during the season. Section 2 has an estimated 15 interested officials, but will join once it's a go.

Some chapters are still hesitant, making it difficult for NYSWOA to be willing to say "yes" we are prepared.

Section officials may be willing to travel to fill voids in some areas.

Scheduling could be an issue. Communication may alleviate issues.

If there is a conflicting boys' event on the same weekend, the assignor may be boxed in to assign particular officials to particular events; could cause a moral issue.

Certification process for new officials.

Is there still time for existing NYSWOA Members to become Freestyle eligible? → Yes, attendance of meetings, completion of exams.

Each chapter may have differing regulations on travel pay for officials. If you bring in officials from other sections, you may have to pay mileage, when typically you may not.

Section Chairs - please be prepared to answer the question - *is your section prepared to move forward with Freestyle?* Being ready would imply that your section has enough athletes, coaches and officials. While we will be hearing from the State Officials Association prior to this portion of the meeting, I know that most of you have developed relationships with local officials as well. I know that a lot of sections have, or plan, to host clinics to get a better idea of preparation.
Minutes:

Section 1 – As of now we only have one certified official, who came from PSAL. Biggest question → what happens if you don't have any officials? Would those girls have to wrestle folkstyle tournaments? → those would not count towards the postseason → Correct. Section is hesitant to get into "travel" and "contract" issues. Currently, it does not appear as though Section 1 officials want to get involved in officiating freestyle. Section 1 struggles to get out of section officials, due to complexity of contracts. Officials are run through BOCES.

Section 2 – If you are a varsity official, you can still complete the training prior to October 1st, and still be able to officiate a Freestyle Varsity match. Current dilemma, with a lot of participation, comes with a lot of need. The survey done in Section 2, a majority of officials said that they did not want. 18 said that they would get certified, if Freestyle came to fruition. Once the change occurs, we anticipate more officials jumping on board. Officials association feels as though they have a plan in place to get people certified.

Section 3 – Our chapter has multiple officials willing to travel, until other chapters can stand alone on their feet. If you're a first time official, coming in as an M3, you would not be eligible to officiate Varsity matches right away.

Section 4 – Most sections might not be capable of running more than two tournaments on a weekend, due to participation numbers by section.

Section 5 – Do we have any sections that are ready for a formal "Dual Meet" schedule? Are most of the events going to be tournaments? If tournaments, realistically how many tournaments would occur on the same weekend. Communication during scheduling is key.

Section 6 – Recent events ran well with present officials. Once I receive the pathways document, I can certainly reach out to local officials to advocate. If a section feels that the stipulations set by the NYSWOA are not reasonable, can the individual sections provide a NYSPHSAA approved pathway for officials → no, this is strictly governed by the NYSWOA and local chapters.

Section 7 – We don't have any certified officials, and do not have anyone willing to go through it at this point. There are not enough girls to warrant the work. In total, we have three varsity refs for the boys. They do not want to put in the money, for the minimal participation that we have. We have roughly 15 total in the section, most of which do not match up - weightwise.

Section 8 – Have the first official team in Section 8. We have two split officials, between sections. The president of the officials association reached out to gain interest. Roughly 6-7 officials expressed interest. Three step approach to becoming a USA membership - with USA Wrestling willing to reimburse fully for expenses. If the official is already a member of the local chapter, there is no additional fee for insurance. Is there a way for committee members to receive the list of officials.

Section 9 – Spoke with the executive director. Their only hesitation was the officials. We will have up to 10 teams, but there are not enough officials to push forward this year. Anticipating that of the 10 teams 2 may have full lineups, 2 will be near full lineups, and the bottom six teams will have 3 to 8 per team. We used a lot of Multi-Meets this past year.

Section 10 –

Section 11 – Have 5 full dual meet teams. Looking to pair with some boys dual meet events, to raise awareness and to grow the sport. Spoke to a local officials chapter representative, who had a lower number of officials than presented by NYSWOA.

Are You Prepared with Officials?

Section 1 – Concerned
Section 2 – Ready
Section 3 – Ready, and willing to travel to other sections
Section 4 – Ready
Section 5 – Ready
Section 6 – Ready
Section 7 – Concerned
Section 8 – Concerned
Section 9 – Concerned
Section 10 – Abstain - Absent
Section 11 – Concerned

Health & Safety: From a Health & Safety perspective, is it okay for a girl to wrestle folkstyle all year, then compete in Freestyle in the postseason? We may be already doing this with mixed competition rules. Girls, in schools where Girls Wrestling is not offered, this may be the case.

By the end of this meeting we need to be able to advise "yes" or "no" with respect to being prepared to push forward with Freestyle for the 2025 State Championship

Minutes -

Concerns with Track Wrestling - is there an ability to run tournaments (freestyle) in Track? Is there a way for the HS Girls Portal to accept Freestyle tournaments/results?

2024-25 Transition Year

- **State Championship will be a Freestyle Event**
- **Qualifying Events will be a Freestyle Event**
- **Regular Season tournaments may be Freestyle, or Folkstyle, as chosen by the section**
- **Folkstyle Events will follow the Boys Folkstyle Rule book**

Motion to Approve 2024-25 Transition Year, as noted above:

Motion: Brandon MacWhinnie
Second: Frank Fronhofer

Discussion:

Section 1 – Yes
Section 2 – Yes
Section 3 – Yes
Section 4 – Yes
Section 5 – Yes
Section 6 – Yes
Section 7 – Yes
Section 8 – No
Section 9 – No
Section 10 – Abstain - Absent
Section 11 – No

Motion Passes: 7 Yes, 3 No

At the end of this section, Officials may leave the meeting

2. Qualifiers for States

Section Chairs - we need to solidify and finalize our proposal for qualifiers/allocations for the 2025 State Tournament. As of now, we should plan to fill all 16 bracket slots with NYSPHSAA Wrestlers. At this time, the Federation does not intend to participate. As such, we will need to provide a proposal on how the 16 wrestlers will be selected.
Minutes -

Without Federation being involved, most of the sections who may be concerned with having adequate representation, may be getting their two representatives.

Championship advisory committee wants to know precisely how each section's allotments are selected.

NCAA did away with historical content for slots. When you use historical data, a lot changes from year to year. Utilizing something other than historical data would be ideal.

The Regional concept brought the top competitors to the state tournament.

Can girls wrestling on the Boy's Teams (folkstyle) participate in the Girls State Championship (Freestyle) → Yes.

By the end of this meeting we need to able to provide a plan for myself and Frank to be able to propose to the Championship Advisory Committee on June 18 @ 10am

KEEP CURRENT VOTED PROPOSAL

6. Sectional Concerns

Section 1 – Transition year will be helpful

Section 2 – Two ideas I heard today that I would like to put on future agenda: Dual Meet Championship for 2026, Should we look into a grandfather idea as we look to end mixed competition.

Section 3 – None

Section 4 – None

Section 5 – From our last meeting with Dave Matthews, did Todd give permissions for Track Data?

Section 6 – None

Section 7 – If we don't have enough teams for the girls to get competition, and cannot wrestle with the boys…how will seeding work beyond this year?

Section 8 – Girls Fargo Camp at Nassau Community College. This might be an opportunity to get some officials trained.

Section 9 – If some sections would like to form a sub-committee on how to seed a Sectional Tournament (Qualifier) that may help keep some consistency.

Section 10 –

Section 11 – None

6. Other

Send Officials Pathway document to Tom Shifflet.
Matt Smith to email the finalized version of the chart.
Table automatic qualifier, until after the 2025 State Championship.
Todd will reach out to Dave Matthews with Track Data.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Eric Hartmann
Second: Eric Mullen

8. Next Meeting Date:

NYSPHSAA Cross Country Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 8, 2024
FINAL MINUTES
Queensbury High School

10:00 AM Walk/Evaluation of the course

11:00AM Agenda

1. Introductions: Matt introduced Bob Jones Trainer.

2. Election of Vice Chairperson and Secretary.
   Lee Schaeffer nominated Brian Keily and Lynn Auble to continue in their respective positions. All were in favor.

3. Chuck reviewed various handouts that included:
   A. Queensbury Order of Events
   B. Modified XC report
   C. Century Club record form and "Coach of the Year" nomination procedure. **Jack Bernard and Neal Levy were this year's winners**.
   D. Thunder and lightning policy
   E. Heat Index procedures
   F. Wind chill procedures
   G. Tornado Policy
   H. Hotel motel report
   I. Sport record reporting form and records update

4. Welcome by NYSPHSAA: Joe Altieri
   A. Reminder that we must complete the DEI Implicit Bias course again this year. He will send the link.

5. 2024 Update from Queensbury Coach/Tournament Coordinator, Matt Flint
   -Matt presented a side show of all the necessary data

Queensbury State Meet Preseason Meeting

a. Joe reminded us that there will no cash admission again, all online at GoFan
a. Race order/awards schedule. See handout.
b. 2024 Invitational 9/14/2

6. Rules update by Officials group: Marbry reported for Bob. No XC rule changes, Track update saying that additional mats needed for vertical events

7. Update on the 2025 meet. Letchworth State Park - Lynn and Mike presented a slide show with all their preparations.

Letchworth State Park Host to the 2025 NYSPHSAA XC Championships

Discussion followed about possible parking issues and the race schedule. Chuck and Marbry will provide possible race schedules taking into account the repeat loop on the course, coaches' concerns about award schedule and parking. The committee is going to think through the drawbacks and advantages of a 9 am or 10 am start in 2025 and bring their thoughts to the November meeting

An updated hotel list will be sent out shortly. Concern was raised about some hotels not willing to book blocks of rooms and distance to the park. Joe encouraged all sections to begin booking now and now wait until after 2024 meet.

8. Picture submissions Same as before in email 11/1/24 +/-
9. Entries Pat Leone Same as before in email 11/1/24 +/-

10. Federation procedures Changes in procedures Marbry and Jim Foster (Federation Exec. Director)
    Jim explained the merger of the NIKE meet and our Federation. All our federation procedures will remain the same with a slight change in race times TBD. Parking concerns are still being worked out. Fees for us remain the same. Concerns were raised about teams still skipping the state meet and hope to get an at large bid in our state meet

A. On the website. https://nysfederation.org/feature/XC . when updated

11. Section Concerns. NONE

12. Minutes distribution. You will be getting a DRAFT shortly. Please review and offer changes and additions.

13. Future meetings

11/15/24	10AM	Queensbury, Pre Fed ranking
	5PM	Dinner Meeting at the Tavern on Aviation Rd

11/16/24 3:30PM +/- Fed meeting. Same room and adjoining library as the August meeting.

8/14/25	10AM	Letchworth State Park	Meet near starting line.

11/15/25	9 AM	Letchworth State Park
	5PM	Dinner meeting

11/16/25 Fed meeting +/-

Attendance: Dan Doherty, Tom Greene, Ashley Gansle, Jack Bernard, Dan Reid, Michelle Rauber, Lee Shaeffer, Mike DeMay, Lynn Auble, Jason Long, Walt McLaughlin, Brian Kiely, Adam McKenzie, Neal Levy, Jim Glover, Shawn Cummings, Kris Boettcher, Chuck Wiltse, Marbry Gansle, Joe Altieri, Lexi Swatt-Sheerin, Matt Flint, Bob Jones

NYSPHSAA FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 @ 10:00am
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: NYSPHSAA Staff: Joe Altieri, Lexi Swatt; NYS Chairman-Gary Vanderzee, Asst. Chairman- Ken Stoldt; Section 1- Steve Luciana; Section 2- Sean Colfer; Section 3- Keith Kempney, Joe Corley; Section 4- Matt Hafele; Section 5- Scott Barker; Section 6-Ken Stoldt; Section 7- Pat Keleher; Section 8-Matt McLees; Section 9- Jason Semo; Section 10-Matt Tessmer; Section 11- absent; NYSHSFCA-Paul Sealy-absent; Officials- Ric Hamblin, Patrick English; Modified-Steve Nolan-absent

NYSPHSAA REPORT: Joe Altieri informed the committee that a committee to discuss starting dates is being formed. This committee will meet this fall to discuss starting dates for all sports since the topic has continued to be brough up the last several Executive Committee meeting. More information to follow.

2024 CHANGES: The committee was asked to share the following 2024 changes with the coaches in their sections:

1. Early start date for 2024 only (8/19/24)
2. Combined Practice Guideline change. Teams are now allowed 10 plays on offense and 10 plays on defense of 11 on 11.
3. The 6th official on the NYSPHSAA semi's and finals is now permanent.
4. The "Ejection" penalty shall now reflect the next two **FULL** halves instead of The next game. (Coaches are still ejected for the next full game)
5. Forfeits/Max Contests: A team which accepts a forfeit may include that forfeit in their record as a win for the purpose of standings, but does not not have to count in max contests played, therefore, they may play another game to replace the missed game. NOTE: ONLY the team accepting the forfeit, has this option. If your team forfeits, you must count the game and may not play another game.
6. NFHS: Home team shall wear dark uniforms. Visitors will wear white. Joe noted there is no prescribed penalty for a violation of the uniform rule.

REMINDERS: The committee was asked to remind their coaches that handheld bags may now be used during the first two days of practice. NOTE: Blocking sleds and any other mechanical devices may not be used until Day 3.

8-MAN FOOTBALL: Joe reported the proposal to allow the 8 MAN Regional Championship to be played inside at the NYSPHSAA 11 Man Championship site was defeated, 27-20. He stated the committee needs to make a recommendation today as a backup plan which will be approved by the NYSPHSAA Officers since its between Executive Committee meetings (July & October) and needs approval right away). After discussion, a motion was made by Keith Kempney (Section 3), seconded by Scott Barker (Section 5) to read **"The-8 Man Football Regional Championship shall be played at an outside venue on the Saturday afternoon at the same time as the 11-man championships."** Motion Carried by a vote of 9-yes, 1-absent, (Section 11) 1-abstain (Section 8)

CLASSIFICATIONS: The following classification numbers are being recommended for the 2025-26 seasons. This vote will take place in October of 2024.
AA- 1025-above, A-651-1024, B-402-650, C-273-401, D-0-272

OFFICIALS: Patrick English clarified the NFHS rule change that the home team shall wear dark jerseys and the visitors shall wear white jerseys. Questions regarding the color of a jersey should be forwarded to the NYSPHSAA office.
Ric Hamblin made a suggestion for sections to use 6 officials on regional games to help officials gain experience for semi final and final contests. Ric has asked for sections using 6 man crews to alert him through email so he is aware.

MODIFIED: No report

NYSHSFCA: No report

ROUNDTABLE:

Section 2 inquired as to how many sections use a college venue for their sectional finals.

Section 8 asked for clarification on the JV/Varsity Rule. It was clarified that a player may participate in both the JV and varsity contests in the same week only having to count as one contest toward their max contest limitations. NOTE: The player may only play a maximum of 10 plays in one of the two contests. In addition, there must be TWO nights rest between the contests.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football Chairman
Ken Stoldt, Asst. NYSPHSAA Football Chairman

Draft of minutes reviewed by NYSPHSAA on August 14, 2024

NYSPHSAA GIRLS WRESTLING Committee Meeting
Wednesday August 14, 2024
10:00am

Minutes

(Meeting Link)

1. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Ryan Palmer (State Coordinator)

Meeting Called to Order at:

Roll Call:

Section I – Jamie Block
Section 2 – Frank Fronhofer
Section III – Rick Spicer
Section IV – Brandon MacWhinnie
Section V – Eric Mullen
Section VI – Brad Rowe, Tom Shifflet
Section VII – Rob Witkiewicz
Section VIII – Sean Severin
Section IX – Eric Hartmann
Section X – Randy Morrison
Section XI – Dave Shanahan
NYSPHSAA – Todd Nelson, Joe Alteri
NYSWOA – Thomas Fauvell, Matt Smith, Frank Marotta, Gene Tracy
Coordinator – Ryan Palmer
USA Wrestling - Derrick Smith, Kevin Maxwell

2. Rule Book Amendments

a. Why was this tabled at the NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting in July?
   i. We had received a document from a committee member, who collaborated with USA Wrestling Officials, that outlined some of the rule variations between “USA Junior Freestyle” and what the committee felt was more suitable for interscholastic competition. It was the opinion of the NYSPHSAA Staff and the State Coordinator, that it would be best to table this adoption. To do this properly, we would need to adopt a rule book, and then adopt “waivers” or “amendments” to the adopted rulebook. The NYSPHSAA Staff and State Coordinator felt that full input from our NYS Girls Wrestling Committee was needed.
      1. Meeting date for approval October 24, 2024 meeting date
         a. Packet distributed on 10/12, inclusive of the proposals
         b. We are able to submit out proposals sooner

b. USA Rule Book - Women Junior Variation
   i. Considerations for Amendments
      1. Blood Time - NFHS
      2. Injury Time - NFHS

3. Concussion Protocol - NFHS
4. Belly to Belly Straight Over the Back
    a. ACTION:
    Motion to eliminate Belly to Belly AND Belly to Back, Straight Over the Back Throws. Belly to Belly and Belly to Back throws must go over the shoulder, NOT over the head. Penalties for the execution of this sort of movement, to completion, are consistent with brutality guidelines.
    Officials may stop the motion prior to the execution of the move, at their discretion. This will be deemed potentially dangerous without a penalty point being awarded.
        i. Motion: Eric Hartmann, Section 9
        ii. Second: Tom Shifflet, Section 6
        iii. Discussion: This was briefly discussed at the July Central Committee meeting. This could be deemed as a positive step moving forward.
        iv. Vote:
            1. YES Section I – Jamie Block
            2. YES Section 2 – Frank Fronhofer
            3. YES Section III – Rick Spicer
            4. YES Section IV – Brandon MacWhinnie
            5. Abstain Section V – Eric Mullen
            6. YES Section VI – Brad Rowe, Tom Shifflet
            7. YES Section VII – Rob Witkiewicz
            8. NO Section VIII – Sean Severin
            9. YES Section IX – Eric Hartmann
            10. YES Section X – Randy Morrison
            11. YES Section XI – Dave Shanahan

5. Belly to Back Straight Over the Back -
6. Uniform - NFHS
7. Uniform Colors - NFHS
8. Mat Layout/Size - NFHS
9. Headgear - NFHS
10. Weight Classes - Currently Exists in NYSPHSAA Handbook
11. Weight Allowances - Currently Exists in NYSPHSAA Handbook
12. Christmas Weights - Currently Exists in NYSPHSAA Handbook
13. Dual meet scoring -
    a. See “See classification points”
    b. Tie-Breaker - Appendix C - Rule 9
    c. Add Sportsmanship “After the Match” component to NYSPHSAA Rules
14. Misconduct - NFHS
15. Tournament scoring - NFHS
    a. Is TrackWrestling capable of running a “Freestyle” tournament while using NFHS team scoring
16. Competition Points - Currently Exists in NYSPHSAA Handbook
17. Weigh-In Location/Attire - Currently Exists in NYSPHSAA Handbook
18. Periods & Length (Modified) - 2 Periods, 2-Minutes Each - MODIFIED COMMITTEE
19. Special Equipment (Sleeves, Mouth Guards, Knee Pads, Etc) - NFHS
20. Video/Protest Usage - Currently Exists in NYSPHSAA Handbook

3. Qualifiers for States

Automatic Qualifiers were approved at the July Central Committee meeting.

2024-25 Automatic Qualifiers for NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Championship

The championship will be a 16 bracket tournament. The Federation will not be part of the 2024-25 tournament, there will be 5 additional qualifiers after the 11 Sectional Champions are determined. To be eligible to participate in the NYS tournament, the wrestler must have competed and placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their Sectional tournament for the current season.

Each weight class has been ranked from most power points to least. This is the order that 2nd qualifiers from each section will be selected from each weight class.

If a sectional champion, or 2nd automatic qualifier is unable to participate, a section may replace the wrestler with the wrestler who earned 2nd or 3rd in that weight class at their sectional qualifier, but not 4th. If the 2nd or 3rd qualifier is not available, the spot will be offered to the next section on the power point list. (*The Boys Committee has a deadline before the seeding meeting when qualifiers can be replaced, after the deadline the spot remains empty and becomes a bye in the tournament unless a Section only had 1 qualifier and then she can be replaced.)

2024-25 Order to fill each automatic qualifier by weight. The top five sections in each weight class, in green, will earn two automatic qualifiers. This list will also be used to fill any openings in a weight class.

94	100	107	114	120	126	132	138	145	152	165	185	235
3	6	11	8	8	11	2	2	3	3	3	2	4
9	3	9	11	11	2	6	3	2	2	2	4	5
2	8	8	9	9	6	11	10	5	6	6	5	2
6	11	5	2	2	9	10	6	6	1	1	3	8
1	9	4	4	4	8	4	5	9	9	11	6	9
11	5	6	5	5	4	8	9	1	5	4	1	3
8	1	2	3	6	1	9	8	10	4	5	11	6
5	2	3	6	1	5	3	4	8	11	9	8	11
4	4	1	1	3	10	1	1	4	8	8	9	1
10	10	10	10	10	3	5	11	11	10	10	10	10
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7

All Sectional Champions Automatically Qualify.

2nd Automatic Qualifier by weight.

Section 1 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 152, 165
Section 2 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185, 235
Section 3 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 100, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185
Section 4 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 107, 114, 120, 132, 185, 235

Section 5 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 107, 138, 145, 185, 235
Section 6 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 100, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185
Section 7 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at
Section 8 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 235
Section 9 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 145, 152, 235
Section 10 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 132, 138
Section 11 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 165

If a Section cannot fill their automatic qualifier with a top 3 Sectional finisher, 1st Alternate by weight.
Section 1 will have the 1st Alternate at 145, 185
Section 2 will have the 1st Alternate at
Section 3 will have the 1st Alternate at 235
Section 4 will have the 1st Alternate at 126, 165
Section 5 will have the 1st Alternate at 100, 114, 120, 152
Section 6 will have the 1st Alternate at 107
Section 7 will have the 1st Alternate at
Section 8 will have the 1st Alternate at 132
Section 9 will have the 1st Alternate at 138
Section 10 will have the 1st Alternate at
Section 11 will have the 1st Alternate at 94

If a Section cannot fill their automatic qualifier with a top 3 Sectional finisher, 2nd Alternate by weight.
Section 1 will have the 2nd Alternate at 100, 126
Section 2 will have the 2nd Alternate at 107
Section 3 will have the 2nd Alternate at 114
Section 4 will have the 2nd Alternate at 152
Section 5 will have the 2nd Alternate at 165
Section 6 will have the 2nd Alternate at 120, 235
Section 7 will have the 2nd Alternate at
Section 8 will have the 2nd Alternate at 94, 138
Section 9 will have the 2nd Alternate at 132
Section 10 will have the 2nd Alternate at 145
Section 11 will have the 2nd Alternate at 185

4. Officials Participation

The Central Committee meeting left many of the Sections concerned over the number of officials. While we have seen an increase in the number of USA Wrestling Officials, we have not seen that increase in our local NYSWOA Chapters. This is likely due to the local chapters not meeting and establishing their rosters.

a. Survey Draft - DO NOT SHARE out yet

Committee Task:
Connect with your local USA Wrestling Officials, and get an understanding of their intent to join their local chapters.

5. Sectional Concerns

Section 1 – Seeding States, Sectional Singlets/warm-ups, Girls Tourney spreadsheet (Jeff C.), States: Practice, officials/weigh-ins, tablehelp, etc., Guide Book something similar for girls. A great resource, with the understanding it is a guide book. If it's a rule it must also be in NYSPHSAA handbook. (Reality everything in guide book goes in handbook, just easier to read.

Section 2 – No new concerns.

Section 3 –

Section 4 –

Section 5 –

Section 6 –

Section 7 –

Section 8 –

Section 9 – refs for season, seeding sectional championship

Section 10 –

Section 11 –

6. Other

7. Meeting Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Frank Fronhofer
Second: Brandon MacWhinnie

8. Next Meeting Date:

September 18, 2024 @ 10am

2024 NYSPHSAA FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1:00PM
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Tatiana Quatrochi, Erica Lavigne-NYSPHSAA Staff; Gary Vanderzee-Chairman, Ken Stoldt-Asst. Chairman; Mike Cring, Steve Luciana-Section 1; Sean Colfer-Section 2; Keith Kempney, Joe Corley-Section 3; Jeff Paske, Matt Hafele-Section 4; Scott Barker-Section 5; Ken Stoldt-Section 6; Pat Keleher-Section 7; Matt McLees-Section 8; Jason Semo- Section 9; Section 10-absent; Tim Horan-Section 11; Steve Nolan-Modified, Paul Sealy-NYSHSFCA; Ric Hamblin, Pat English, Tim Arden-Officials

NYSPHSAA STAFF: No reports

2025 Start Date: Discussion took place on future start dates. Joe Altieri informed the committee that a committee is being formed specifically to explore starting dates for all sports. More information will be provided soon. The football committee, however, has concerns over the start date for the 2025 season. The following motion was made by Tim Horan Tim Horan (Section 11) and seconded by Scott Barker (Section 5). " The NYSPHSAA Football Committee would recommend allowing NYSPHSAA Football programs to begin practice on Monday of Week 7 for 2025 which would be August 18th". Motion carried 9- yes, 0-no, 2-absent. Sections 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, and 11 voted in favor. Sections 9 &10 were not present.

Guardian Caps: There was discussion on the use of guardian caps for games and practices. Patrick English provided clarification that guardian caps are legal per the NFHS regulations and added that they do not have to be the same color as the helmet.

8 MAN FOOTBALL: There is a meeting of the NYPHSAA Officers on 9/11 to discuss the 8 Man Regional Championship. The NYSPHSAA Football Committee will discuss options in October after we have the findings from the 9/11 meeting.

Officials: Tim Arden led discussion on the issue of players not wearing pants that are too short and do not allow for knee pads to cover the knees as specified by the NFHS. This seems to be a problem in many, if not, all Sections of the state. Todd Nelson recommended the following course of action. If officials see athletes wearing pants that do not meet the required specs, they should contact the Executive Director of that Section. The director should then notify the state office. Tim will also

look into the possibility of creating a form for tracking.

MODIFIED: No report.

NYSHSFCA: Paul Sealy noted that the NYSHSFCA Football Clinic will be the first weekend in March.

ROUND TABLE: Section 8 brought up a concern over coaches using headsets in the endzones. It was noted that Sections can be more stringent with this rule than what is stated in the NFHS rules. NYSPHSAA football schools may require all coaches to be in the designated coaching areas which refers to the coaching area on the field or the designated coaches box (area) in the stands.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY OCTOBER 7TH. 1:00PM

Respectfully submitted by,
Gary Vanderzee
NYSPHSAA Football Chairman

Ken Stoldt
NYSPHSAA Asst. Football Chairman

9/10/2024