EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 14, 2025

HIGHLIGHTS

3.1 **CARRIED:** March 24, 2025 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Attendance: (* Indicates Present)
*D. Lilleck, President
B. Banker, President-Elect
*M. Donahue, Past President
J. Sortisio, Superintendents' Representative
*C. Alvarez, Principals' Representative
*M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative
*J. Roth, Male Representative
*M. DiFilippo, Executive Director
*K. Schon, Asst. Executive Director

**Agenda item numbers mirror to Athletic Council agenda item numbers*

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

Commenced: 9:34am

3.0 **MINUTES** (D. Lilleck)

3.1 ***Motion to approve of the March 24, 2025 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes***
CARRIED
Alvarez/Donahue

At the following athletic council meeting, D. Lilleck will request a motion to add coaches CPR/First Aide certifications under new business.

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

4.1 through 4.3 are informational
4.1 Fall Start Date - August 18, 2025
4.2 Fall Mandatory AD Workshop – August 19, 2025 at Erie 1 BOCES
4.3 Fall Mandatory Coaches Meetings - August 13, 2025

4.4 25-26 Indoor Track Commitment Forms Due June 5, 2025
These forms were emailed to school districts. Invoices will be emailed July 2025.

4.5 May 12th Participation Survey Due
The deadline has past, but Section 6 has several schools did not submit. M. DiFilippo will reach out to those schools once a confirmed list is received from the state office.

4.6 Spring 7-Day Rule Waived
Informational. A reminder will be given at the following athletic council meeting.

4.7 Track Representation Rule
Track athletes will only need to participate in 4 regular season events to be eligible for class meet participation.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS** (M. DiFilippo)

Informational – 3 Girls Soccer for BPS which were approved as V & JV at JAN AC will be JV only with new program in BPS with City Honors hosting all Girls Soccer Varsity teams a) I-Prep, with Culinary Arts, Emerson, b) Lafayette with Performing Arts & c) L DaVinci with McKinley
Football **Chautauqua Lake**, Westfield, Brocton add JV level to program approved at 1/15/25 AC

5.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Combining of Schools Applications

FALL:

1. Football, New, **Allegany-Limestone,** Hinsdale, V, 7/8/9, 269, D
2. Football, New, **Southwestern,** Frewsburg, V, JV, 349, C
3. Cross Country BG, New, **Silver Creek,** Forestville & Dunkirk, V, 612 B
4. Cross Country BG, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 7/8, 1427, A
5. Cheer GameDay, **Franklinville,** Ellicottville - Waiting for new paperwork, V, 7/8/9, 180, C
6. Cheer GameDay, New, **Frewsburg,** Southwestern, v, 349, C
7. Cheer GameDay, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, 7/8 ONLY, 1133, A
8. Field Hockey, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, V. JV, 1196, A
9. Field Hockey, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 7/8/9, 1133, A
10. Field Hockey, **Wilson,** Royalton-Hartland MODIFIED ONLY, 7/8/9 ONLY
11. Golf B, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 1427,
12. Gym G, **Williamsville East**, Sweet Home, V, 1505
13. Gym G, New, **Williamsville North**, Starpoint, V, 1556
14. Gym G, **Williamsville South**, Amherst, V, 1286
15. Soccer B, **Cassadaga Valley,** Falconer, V, 7/8/9, 314, B
16. Soccer B, **Silver Creek,** Forestville , V, 789, 246, C
17. Soccer B, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, JV & 7/8, 1427, AAA
18. Soccer G, New, **City Honors,** All BPS , V, JV, 7615, AAA
19. Soccer B, **Silver Creek,** Forestville , V, 789, 246, B
20. Soccer G, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, JV, 1427, AAA
21. Swim G, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, V, 1522, tba
22. Swim G, **Southwestern,** Jamestown, V, 1398
23. Swim G, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 1427, tba
24. Tennis G, New, **Frewsburg,** Southwestern, v, 364, Team-Small
25. Tennis G, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 1133, Team-Large
26. Volleyball B, New, **City Honors,** Leonardo DaVinci, V, JV, 618, D2
27. Volleyball G, **West Valley,** Franklinville, V, JV, 78, 137, D

WINTER:

28. Basketball G, **Tapestry ,** WNY Maritime, JV ONLY, 368, A
29. Bowl BG, **Clymer,** Sherman, V, 148, D2
30. Bowl BG, **Hinsdale,** Cuba-Rush, Friendship, V, 232, D2
31. Bowl BG, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, V, JV, 1522, D2
32. Bowl BG, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 1133, D1
33. Hockey B, **Lockport,** Niagara Falls, V, 2674, D1
34. Hockey G, **Amherst (CASH),** Clarence & Sweet Home, V, 2390, one division
35. Hockey G, **Frontier,** Orchard Park, Lake Shore & Franklinville, V, 2534, one division
36. Hockey G, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, Grand Island, Lockport, V, 3234, one division
37. Indoor Track B/G, **Dunkirk,** Silver Creek, Forestville, V, 790, tba
38. Indoor Track B/G, **Fredonia,** Westfield, V, 532, tba
39. Indoor Track B/G, **Holland,** East Aurora, V, 573,
40. Rifle, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, V, 1522
41. Swim B, **Fredonia,** Dunkirk, Forestville (same program different host), V, pending application
42. Swim B, **Frewsburg**, Jamestown, Falconer, Southwestern V, 1791
43. Swim B, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, V, JV, 1522
44. Swim B, **Panama,** Clymer, Sherman, V, 274,
45. Swim B, New, **Olean,** Allegany-Limestone, Franklinville, Portville, V, 999, TBA
46. Swim B, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 1427, TBA
47. Swim BG, **Roy-Hart,** Barker, V, 438, TBA
48. Wrestling B, New, **Akron,** Alden, pending application,
49. Wrestling B, **Chautauqua Lake,** Panama, Clymer, Westfield, V, 789, 546, D2
50. Wrestling B, **Fredonia,** Forestville, Silver Creek, V, 560, D1
51. Wrestling B, **Franklinville,** Hinsdale, West Valley, V, JV, 78, 175, D2
52. Wrestling B, **Gowanda,** Pine Valley, V, 789, 260, D2
53. Wrestling B, **Olean,** Allegany-Limestone, V, 78, 553, D2
54. Wrestling B/G, **Eden,** North Collins, V, &7/8, 350, D2
55. Wrestling B/G, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, V, JV, 1522, D1 Boys
56. Wrestling B/G, **Roy-Hart,** Barker, V, 362, D2
57. Wrestling G, **Chautauqua Lake,** Panama, Clymer, Sherman, Brocton, Westfield, V, 779, 1 class
58. Wrestling G, **Fredonia,** Forestville, Silver Creek, V, 667, One Division

5.2 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Senior All Star Applications
a) Softball, Senior ALL-Star Game, 5/23/25, D'Youville College, Buffalo Public Schools
b) Baseball, Senior ALL-Star Game, 6/2/05, Sahlans' Field, Buffalo Public Schools
c) Lacrosse Girls & Boys, Exceptional Sr Lacrosse Game, 6/18/25 at Eden HS
Girls 5pm & Boys 7 pm, USA Lacrosse & Boys- Coach Assc. Girls - Clarence Coach
d) Softball & Baseball Sr All Star SB 6/16 & BB 6/17 at Hamburg HS co-hosted by WNY Athletics pending application

5.3 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Outside Agency Applications
a) Boys JV Volleyball Grand Finale, 10/25/25 at The Rock, hosted by West Seneca West.

5.4 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of independent status for the following teams for the 25-26 school year
- Lafayette Wrestling (combined team)
- City Honors Girls Soccer (combined team)
- City Honors Girls Volleyball
- City Honors Softball
- Global Concepts Varsity Girls Basketball
- Cheektowaga Varsity Girls Basketball
- West Seneca West JV/V Boys Basketball
- West Seneca West Modified Girls Volleyball #2 team
- Chautauqua Lake Girls Volleyball
- Silver Creek Girls Basketball

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.1.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval to move Chautauqua Lake/Panama/Clymer/Westfield Boys Wrestling to Division 1 <u>for the team duals ONLY.</u>

This team won the dual meet the past 3 consecutive years. They also won Class B last year. The Committee's recommendation allows for the athletes to compete at their level individually, but move up as a team at Division 1. The Policy Manual only reflects language specific to teams, not individual participants with regards to dominance.

6.1.2 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval to move EA/Holland Boys and Girls Indoor Track to medium school classification.

It was noted that, historically, dominance has been multiple years of success. The current committee reads and reflects on what the policy language is and applies it uniformly.

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.2.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval to move Health Sciences Boys Basketball from AA to AAA for the 25-26 school year.

6.3 Finance Committee (S. Penhollow)

6.3.1 AC ACTION ITEM**:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report (Appendix A)

6.3.2 Girls Ice Hockey Participation 25-26 Fee: Increase from $5500 to $6250

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

6.4.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval to extend the Split Classifications after opt out pilot for 1 additional year, 25-26, in the sports of Girls Basketball, Baseball, and Softball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Volleyball.

The rationale for requesting additional year of the pilot is because there isn't a consensus yet about moving to sport specific or universal. The S/I Committee will present a final recommendation to the Athletic Council by the January 2026 AC meeting.

6.4.2 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Girls Wrestling, Alpine Skiing, Girls Gymnastics, Rifle, and Girls Ice Hockey to hold competition for a sectional championship

Per Policy 220.1, in order to have competition for a Sectional Championship, there must be a minimum of 15 member schools competing in that sport. All exceptions to the minimum number must be approved by the Athletic Council.

6.4.3 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval to make the 4, 5, 6 Point System pilot permanent policy in the Section VI Policy Manual for all league based sports

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 action items for the June 18, 2025 athletic council zoom meeting to provide direction for M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative at the July 2025 NYSPSHAA Central Committee meeting (Appendix C)*:*

6.7c1 Increase High Cost Venue Ticket Prices Beginning in Fall 2025

6.7c2 Increase Ticket Prices Beginning in Fall 2025

6.7c3 Budget/Audit – NYSPHSAA Budget

6.7c4 Championship Advisory Committee – Girls Wrestling Fees and Policies

6.7c5 Handbook Committee: Appeal – Prescribed Penalty

6.7c6 Handbook Committee: Practice Session – Minimum Practices

6.7c7 Handbook Committee: Max Number of Contests Penalty – No Attendance at Games

6.7c8 Modified – Junior High Principal Rep

6.7c9 Modified – Field Hockey Coordinator

6.7c10 Modified – Boys Basketball Coordinator

6.7c11 Modified – Revises Sports Standard Chart and Time Interval in the NYSPHSAA Handbook

6.7c12 Boys & Girls Tennis – Revise Lineup Rule for Team Competition (Stacking)

6.7c13 Boys Volleyball – Revise NCAA Two Libero Rule

6.7c14 Girls Volleyball – Waiver of Administrative Red Card (Uniform)

6.7c15 Girls Volleyball – Amend current 15 point tiebreaker in deciding set at state tournament (to Advance to finals only)

6.7c16 Gymnastics – Revise Scoring Changes to Technical Handbook

6.7c17 Boys Wrestling – Increase to 14 Weight Classes

6.7c18 Boys Ice Hockey – Game Protocol

6.7c19 Boys Ice Hockey – Goal Differential – Mercy Rule

6.7c20 Boys Ice Hockey – Players in Uniform

6.7c21 Boys Ice Hockey – Regular Season OT Procedure

6.7c22 Girls/Boys Bowling – Establish At-large rotation for Division 1 from 2026-2034

6.7c23 Indoor Track & Field – Expand State Tournament to Two Days

6.7c24 Indoor Track & Field – Reduce Relays from 8 to 6 Athletes for the State Meet

6.7c25 Indoor Track & Field – Request Revised Qualifying Standards for Division 2 Relays

Updates resulting from the May 7, 2025 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting are as follows:

- Cheerleading Proposal, Carried
- Fall & Spring Start Dates, Carried
- Baseball Scrimmage after the 6th Practice, Carried
- Three Nights Rest Rule, Defeated
- 3-Region Concept, Tabled

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

6.14 Nominations (B. Banker)

6.14.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Jeff Roth as Male Representative Position, term July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029

6.14.2 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Jeff Helmbrecht as Baseball Chairperson (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028 term)

6.14.3 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Spring sport chair position renewals for the July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028 term: Walt McLaughlin (Girls Outdoor Track & Field, Justin Craddock (Boys Outdoor Track & Field), Ed Greenway (Boys Lacrosse), Jacob Reimer (Boys Golf), Joe Biondo (Girls Golf), Marissa Dauria (Flag Football), Terry McMahon (Boys Tennis), Alex Chambers (Boys Tennis), Doug Ames (Unified Basketball), Jay Hall (Softball), Rick Schmitt (Girls Lacrosse)

6.15 Corporate Partners (K. Schon)

Nothing to report

6.17 Policy Committee (K. Schon)

6.17.1 Proposed changes to the Policy Manual (Appendix D)
The proposed changes will be an action item for approval at the June 18th, 2025 athletic council meeting.

6.17.2 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval to Change Chemical Awareness Committee to Student Leadership Committee in the Section VI ByLaws

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)

7.2 Schools Without Boundaries Ad Hoc Committee (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty)

7.2.1 April 28, 2025 Committee Report (Appendix E)

A proposal for a NYSPHSAA oversight committee regarding placement of catholic schools is anticipated soon.

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 AC ACTION ITEM: To approve the following winter 24-25 post season reports: Cheerleading, Unified Bowling, Bowling, Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Ice Hockey, Rifle, Boys Swimming, Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling Indoor Track, and Alpine Skiing (Appendix H)

*Boys and Girls Basketball 24-25 post season reports are not included at this time.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.1 Section VI Statement of Concern (Exec ONLY)
*To be presented at the July 2025 NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

13.1 June 18th Athletic Council Meeting
The Athletic Council will convene Wednesday, June 18 at 11:30am via Zoom. The Executive Committee will meet in-person at the Orchard Park District office at 11am.

13.2 ***Motion to adjourn***
CARRIED
Sortisio/Marisa

APPENDIX A

Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

As of May 7, 2025

May 7, 25

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1040.1 · Bank of America CD	26,811.11
1043.1 · Northwest CD	321,509.99
1050 · Arbiter Pay	8,709.54
1030 · Bank of America Checking	372,593.76
1040 · Bank of America Money Market	1.69
1043 · Northwest Savings Bank	123,427.44
Total Checking/Savings	853,053.53
Total Current Assets	853,053.53
TOTAL ASSETS	**853,053.53**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

Dedicated Funds

	Budgeted	Expenses	Current Assets
State Championships	$ 212,000.00	$ 113,149.00	$ 98,851.00

FUND BALANCE $ 754,202.53

APPENDIX B

Safety Committee Committee Meeting Report

Date: April 8, 2025 at 10am

Attendees: Mauren Myers (1), Rick Knizek (2), Nicole Halloran (3), Cathy Haight (4), John Lonbardi (5), Matt McKenna (6), Jen Drucker (7), Jen Keene (8), Janet Carey (9), Erica Backus (10), Tim Mullins (11), Dr. Obrien, Elyse Laughlin, Jarett Rhoads, Janet Fitzpatrick, Dr. Donatelli, Michael Silva, Oliver Hughes

Status Updates/Items Discussion/Action Taken:

1. Concussion Management Update:
   a. BIANYS is continuing to work with legislators to update the NYS Concussion Management Law. These updates include the list of providers that can clear a student back to participation. BIANYS is also providing COPE training to school nurses, school medical directors, coaches, athletic directors, and parents. Please use this link: https://bianys.org/cope-concussion-outreach-prevention-education/

2. Modified Committee Proposal – The Safety Committee discussed the Modified Proposal recommending aligning the sport standard chart in terms of nights rest and the time interval. The only concern was the importance of having time to practice and develop the skills of the modified athletes might be affected. The benefits of giving athletic directors flexibility to schedule considering transportation and lack of officials was also noted. Safety Committee fully supports this proposal.

3. Representatives were encouraged to remind schools of the Any Can Save a Life Program. This program could be added to your schools Safety Plan which is required to be adopted every year by the Board of Education. Many Safety Plans do not address after school or interscholastic activities.

4. Section Concerns:
   a. Section 11 noted that some lacrosse teams were using the Guardian Cap on their helmets. Todd noted that NFHS rules do not prohibit them from being worn but that schools should make sure they are using caps designed specifically for lacrosse.
   b. Section 8 continues to have concerns about WeatherBug and heat index. Todd stated that NYSPHSAA does have Wet Bulb Temperature Indicators in the office if schools would like one. These devices are the gold standard.
   c. Section 7 – Use of smelling salts has been a concern in Section 7. Janet Fitzpatrick has provided an update on the stance form SED.

      From SED - ***NYSED would advise that the use of such items to enhance performance or revive someone be used with medical director approval in order to protect the district from liability.***
      If a school district does not want students to be using smelling salts, they can create a policy that states that.

Here is a recent study on their use: Ammonia Inhalants: Use, Misuse, and Role in Sports Performance, from the Journal of Sports Health, December 26, 2023.

d. Section 5 – concern regarding the Law that takes effect September 2025 regarding temperature in a classroom and gym and how that effects Interscholastic practices and contests. Pools may also be negatively impacted.
e. Section 2 – has a desire to bring forward to allow pitchers and catchers to come in a week early to help with developing and strengthening pitchers' arms. The baseball committee has discussed this but have not gotten enough support. Section 2 is looking for support from the Safety Committee. This item will be on the agenda at the Fall meeting.
f. SED – Board of Regents is proposing only recognizing National organizations that provide First Aid and CPR/AED training. This proposal would eliminate the SED First Aid and CPR/AED course.
g. Dr. Donatelli – He would like the Girls Wrestling Committee to discuss the rest time between bouts for girls wrestling. Currently the girls have 15 minutes between bouts and the boys have 30 minutes between bouts.

Future Items/Meeting:

1. Baseball Pitchers and Catchers
2. Next Meeting: September 30, 2025 at 10am

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – May 7, 2025

Increase High-Cost Venue Ticket Prices Beginning in Fall 2025

July Vote

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Adam Stoltman, Vice President/Chair

Proposal:
Consider approval for an increase in ticket prices for Football Finals and Boys & Girls Wrestling by $3.50 from $10.50 to $14.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2025

Rationale:
The JMA Wireless Dome and MVP Arena are excellent venues with premium amenities, but they come with very high costs. The 2024 Football Championships ended with a net loss of over $11,600 (8-man expenses were excluded from this figure), and the 2025 Boys Wrestling Championships ended with a net loss of over $12,100. Both events will begin new bids in 2026, bringing even higher rent and other costs. The NYSPHSAA staff has explored ways to reduce expenses, but given the average paid attendance it is not possible to conduct profitable events at these venues with the current ticket prices.

Using a 3-year average for attendance and expected expenses, a $14 ticket will net approximately $2.30 per ticket at each event. If referencing the lowest attendance since COVID, a $14 would have represented a near breakeven with a net $0.02 for Football and $0.44 for Wrestling.

Proposal Originated:
Budget/Audit Committee, January meeting

Budgetary Impact:
Increase of approximately $75,000 to help offset high rent and event management costs.

Notes:
Both events are currently held at Ticketmaster venues with a per-ticket building fee, which is passed along to the spectator. Final purchase price at each event would be $16.

The 2025 Girls Wrestling Championships were conducted as an 'add-on' to an existing Boys Wrestling venue agreement, making expenses an anomaly and therefore they were excluded from

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – May 7, 2025

Increase Ticket Prices Beginning in Fall 2025

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:
Adam Stoltman, Vice President/Chair

Proposal:
Consider approval for an increase in ticket prices for all events by $1.50 from $10.50 to $12 in order to keep pace with rising expenses.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2025

Rationale:
Costs continue to rise, and with flat attendance figures we are not able to generate enough revenue to offset the increases in expenses. In Fall 2024, only 5 of the 11 ticketed championship events were profitable. When adding in Girls Tennis and Girls Team Tennis as unticked events, the Fall 2025 season had a net loss of nearly $20,000. In addition, NYSPHSAA has struggled to find staffing at events due to a standard pay rate of $15 per hr/$30 per game, which is lower than every section currently pays. Going forward, NYSPHSAA will use rates in the host section as a basis for determining pay for that event. In some cases pay rates may double. Overall, we expect see an increase in staffing costs of approximately $18,000. To offset these expected increases, in conjunction with other rising costs across the board, we are looking for a modest increase to ticket prices.

Proposal Originated:
Budget/Audit Committee, March meeting

Budgetary Impact:
Increase of approximately $122,000 to help offset an increase in staffing and event management costs.

Notes:
Fees at events are passed along to the spectator. For example, a $12 ticket on GoFan would be a final cost of $13.60. Spectators currently pay $12 for NYSPHSAA to net $10.50.

Attachments:
None

DATE REVISED: March 31, 2025

Budget/Audit - NYSPHSAA Budget

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:
Adam Stoltman, NYSPHSAA Vice President/Budget/Audit Chair

Proposal:
Consider approval of the NYSPHSAA Budget for 2025-2026.

Effective Start Date:
September 1, 2025

Rationale:
The NYSPHSAA budget is approved yearly by the NYSPHSAA Executive/Central Committee.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Budget/Audit Committee

Budgetary Impact:
See attached

Notes:
Budget includes the increase of the base fee of NYSPHSAA membership dues by $50 annually to address NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan Priority. It also includes the increased ticket prices based on proposals.

Attachments:
NYSPHSAA Budget

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

			% of	Current Year	% of	Year 2	% of
	Fiscal Year ending:	8/31/2024	*tot. rev*	8/31/2025	*tot. rev*	8/31/2026	*tot. rev*
REVENUE AND SUPPORT							
Revenue	Membership	1,282,051	52%	1,334,000	53%	1,373,701	49%
	Souvenir contract	240,000	10%	220,000	9%	240,000	9%
	Spalding ball adoption	370,000	15%	401,000	16%	401,000	14%
	TPG contract	375,000	15%	375,000	15%	380,000	13%
	NFHS Network contract	130,000	5%	130,000	5%	253,759	9%
	GoFan revenue share	30,000	1%	30,000	1%	30,000	1%
	Rulebook sales (net)	30,000	1%	20,000	1%	20,000	1%
	Cortland Clinic	8,000	0%	6,000	0%	6,000	0%
	Championship revenues	1,065,500		1,067,000		1,418,259	
	Less: Championship expenses	(1,055,500)		(1,087,000)		(1,313,684)	
	Net championship revenues	10,000	0%	(20,000)	-1%	104,576	4%
	All other	6,000	0%	12,000	0%	13,500	0%
	TOTAL INCOME	**2,481,051**	*100%*	**2,508,000**	*100%*	**2,822,535**	*100%*
EXPENSES	Payroll	841,752	34%	877,179	35%	949,258	34%
	Payroll Taxes	64,696	3%	66,611	3%	70,435	2%
	Health Benefits	45,661	2%	58,797	2%	63,807	2%
	Pension Benefit	118,002	5%	122,805	5%	132,896	5%
	Post-retirement benefits	75,000	3%	70,000	3%	70,000	2%
Subtotal Personnel		**1,145,111**	46%	**1,195,392**	48%	**1,286,396**	46%
	Occupancy	97,000	4%	107,000	4%	121,980	4%
	Depreciation	54,000	2%	54,000	2%	52,000	2%
	Capital purchases	35,000	1%	5,000	0%	30,000	1%
	Meetings and travel	75,000	3%	75,000	3%	75,000	3%
	Office expense	55,000	2%	55,000	2%	60,000	2%
	Investment fees	40,000	2%	40,000	2%	36,482	1%
	Insurance: Business/Liability	32,000	1%	33,000	1%	40,000	1%
	Accounting/Legal/Legislative	170,766	7%	177,845	7%	181,990	6%
	Consultants	21,000	1%	17,270	1%	20,000	1%
	Marketing and promotion	25,000	1%	20,000	1%	22,000	1%
Subtotal Administrative		**604,766**	24%	**584,115**	23%	**639,452**	23%

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ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET
5 Years

			% of	Current Year	% of	Year 2	% of
	Fiscal Year ending:	8/31/2024	tot. rev	8/31/2025	tot. rev	8/31/2026	tot. rev
	Ad hoc committee	1,000	0%	0	0%	2,000	0%
	Central committee/HOF	100,000	4%	90,000	4%	100,000	4%
	Executive committee	40,000	2%	40,000	2%	43,000	2%
	OCF	30,000	1%	30,000	1%	15,000	1%
	AD workshops	3,000	0%	3,500	0%	3,500	0%
	General championship expenses	8,000	0%	10,000	0%	9,000	0%
	Wrestling weight management	16,500	1%	20,000	1%	25,000	1%
	Championship transportation	250,000	10%	265,000	11%	275,000	10%
	Leadership	70,000	3%	70,000	3%	80,000	3%
	NFHS	17,000	1%	15,000	1%	25,000	1%
	NYS Federation	15,000	1%	10,500	0%	11,000	0%
	Professional development	5,000	0%	1,500	0%	5,000	0%
	Scholar Athlete/SOD/SOE	40,000	2%	45,000	2%	40,000	1%
	Section revenue share	310,000	12%	333,250	13%	335,229	12%
	Sport coordinator stipend	26,250	1%	24,750	1%	27,000	1%
	Sportsmanship promotion	6,000	0%	6,000	0%	10,000	0%
	Unified sports	15,000	1%	15,000	1%	10,000	0%
Subtotal Program		952,750	38%	979,500	39%	1,015,729	36%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	2,702,627	109%	2,759,007	110%	2,941,578	104%
	NET OPERATING PROFIT(LOSS)	(221,576)		(251,007)		(119,042)	
OTHER INCOME							
	Investment Income	100,000		120,000		129,600	
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		(121,576)	-5%	(131,007)	-5%	10,558	0%

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New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – May 7, 2025

Championship Advisory Committee: Girls Wrestling Fees and Policies

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

VOTE July

Presenter:
Greg Ransom, Chair of the Championship Advisory Committee

Proposal:
The Championship Advisory Committee is recommending adding Girls Wrestling to the NYSPHSAA Officials Fees and Policies.

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026 school year

Rationale:
NYSPHSAA conducted the first ever NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Championship in 2024-2025 school year. The CAC needs to add a page to the document to include Girls Wrestling. The number of officials is based on the number of mats being used and the USA Wrestling rulebook. The fee was determined to be half of the fee the boys' officials receive since the girl's tournament is one day and the boy's tournament is two days.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
Proposed Fees Page

DATE REVISED: April 16, 2025

GIRLS WRESTLING

EFFECTIVE DATES:	9/1/23 - 8/31/26
CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL (Based on a 11-hour total tournament schedule)	$300.00
ALTERNATE OFFICIALS FEE @ 50%	$150.00 (1 alternates)
NUMBER OF OFFICIALS (Ind):	24
NUMBER OF OFFICIALS (Dual):	N/A
CONTEST FEE PER MATCH (DUAL):	N/A

SELECTION PROCESS (Ind and Dual):

Each chapter and Section can nominate an official to go through a screening process. Each Section can eliminate any official from going through the screening process. Following the screening process by the State Wrestling Officials a final recommendation is made to the Wrestling Committee. The Wrestling Committee has final say in the Section representative. Each Section is given a minimum of one qualified (M2 or higher) representative at the Tournament.

ADDITIONAL FEES:

The policies for standby officials in team sports apply to the alternate official.

The certified official's chapter of the host section will furnish a minimum of 30 secondary officials for which the treasurer of the chapter will be paid (no expenses): $250.00.

All officials who are assigned a finals bout (Championship match) will receive an additional $10.00 above the tournament fee.

THE OFFICIAL IS TO PAY ALL HIS OWN EXPENSES. (see lodging exception) SEE FEE REIMBURSEMENT POLICIES FOR ALLOWABLE CLAIMS. VOUCHERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONTEST.

Handbook Committee: Appeal – Prescribed Penalty

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:
Pat Pizzarelli, Chair of the Handbook Committee

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee is recommending the following note be added to the 3. Appeal Procedure letter c in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

Note: There is no appeal to the NYSPHSAA Appeal Committee for a prescribed penalty.

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026 season

Rationale:
NYSPHSAA receives a few inquiries from member schools regarding appealing a prescribed penalty. Adding this language would save schools and NYSPHSAA time and money for an appeal that is not able to be overturned.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

Budgetary Impact:
Save schools money paying for an appeal.

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

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New York State Public High School Athletic Association

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Handbook Committee: Practice Session – Minimum Practices

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

VOTE July

Presenter:
Pat Pizzarelli, Chair of the Handbook Committee

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee is recommending the following language be added to the Practice Regulation, minimum number of practices, of the NYSPHSAA Handbook under letter b.

> ***The student must be fully cleared for participation in order for the practice to be counted toward the minimum number of practices required.***

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026 season

Rationale:
This language clarifies that interpretation the NYSPHSAA staff has on the requirement for the minimum number of practices. A student has to be cleared to have vigorous activity that is specific to the sport.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

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Handbook Committee: Max number of Contests Penalty – No attendance at Games

Vote July

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Pat Pizzarelli, Chair of the Handbook Committee

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee is recommending the following language be added to the Penalty Regulation of the NYSPHSAA Handbook under letter c.

Any member school that exceeds the maximum number of contests ..... suspend the head coach ..... activities (including but not limited to practice, scrimmage, conditioning/weight training, film session and attendance at a game) from the date of violation ....

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026 season

Rationale:
This language clarifies that the coach cannot attend any game that the team they have been suspended from for the rest of the year.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

DATE REVISED: 4/14/2025

Modified – Junior High Principal Rep

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:
Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending Josh Walker from Section 5 as the Junior High Principal Rep to the Modified Committee.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2025 season

Rationale:
Josh will be replacing Scott Reinhardt who has retired.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

Modified – Field Hockey Coordinator

Vote July

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending Katie Mitchell from Section XI to be the Modified Field Hockey Coordinator.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2025 season

Rationale:
Katie will be filling the open spot we had on the modified committee for field hockey.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

Modified – Boys Basketball Coordinator

Vote July

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending Todd Gulluscio from Section 11 to be the Modified Boys Basketball Coordinator.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2025 season

Rationale:
Todd will be filling the open spot we had on the modified committee for Boys Basketball.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

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Modified – Revise Sports Standard Chart and Time Interval in the NYSPHSAA Handbook

Vote July

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending revising the Sports Standard Chart and the Time Interval Regulation in the NYSPHSAA Handbook in the following manner.

> ***Sport Standard Chart*** – To align the time between contests with the High School Sports Standard Chart.
> ***Time interval*** – Remove: Unless extenuating circumstances arise, it is recommended that no more than two contests should be scheduled per week. Except in football and cross country, contests may be played with only one night of rest three times per season for rescheduling purposes only. A team may never play three days in a row. There shall not be more than three four contests (4 for baseball/ softball) played per calendar week. Baseball and softball shall be permitted to play two games a day twice during the season.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2025 season

Rationale:
NYSPHSAA currently allows teams to play back-to-back three times during the season for rescheduling purposes. Allowing schools to schedule games with 1 night rest will give schools more flexibility in scheduling due to facilities constraints. Schools are still restricted from playing 3 days in a row and can never play more than 4 contests in one calendar week.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee had no concerns with this recommendations.

Attachments: None

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

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BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS – Revise Lineup Rule for Team Competition (Stacking)

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

VOTE July

Presenters
Quan Huynh NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Coordinator
Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis State Committees are seeking approval to revise the Stacking and Lineup Rule for competition at the *Sub-Regional*, *Regional* and *Final Four Rounds* of the NYSPHSAA Tennis Team Championships. The NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis State Team Championship Stacking and Lineup Rule shall treat singles and doubles as separate entities. NOTE: this rule was initially approved in July 2021 and the committees are seeking to clarify structure and use of challenge matches in determining a team lineup.

Rationale:
To offer fair conditions of competition for the NYSPHSAA Tennis Team State Championships, a more uniform rule that governs the structure of the team lineup for the team state championship contests must be established. The current rule does not provide clarity on use of challenge matches as the main determinant in creating a lineup in addition to clarifying protocols for submissions and protests.

Components of this revised stacking and lineup rule proposed are already implemented in some sections and will continue to allow all coaches to allocate their team talent in a manner that can create a competitive option for their teams.

While the proposed team lineup rule may require Sectional Team Champions to adapt to the *Sub-Regional*, *Regional* and *Final Four* State Team Tournament lineup guidelines, the structure proposed provides fair opportunity for NYSPHSAA teams statewide, with disparity of UTR ratings and ability, the best opportunity to compete with competitive balance. Bylaws and rules governed at each sectional level will not supersede the rule established for the NYSPHSAA state team tournament.

The proposed lineup rule provides equal recognition to singles and doubles events which commensurate with the team scoring system. This awards one point to a team that wins a position match whether it's a singles or doubles match. Division I teams must win four of seven matches to win the contest, while Division II teams will require winning three of five matches to win the contest.

Stacking

While the term "stacking" is not defined in the USTA Rules and Regulations "Friend at Court", it is considered a fundamental ethical standard in tennis which requires coaches to have their players compete in the proper order of ability from top to bottom at the singles and doubles positions for team matches. Stacking occurs when a coach violates this principle.

Stacking is prohibited. The definition of stacking is:

* Positioning players out of ability order
* Positioning greater skilled singles players below lesser skilled singles players and/or positioning greater skilled doubles teams below lesser skilled doubles teams;
* Stacking is not allowable for any reason and any team that stacks its line-up faces forfeiture of the match. Penalty for stacking is forfeiture from a Sub-Regional or Regional or State Tournament match.

Should any participant refuse to compete for any reason other than injury, illness or extenuating personal circumstances, then the participant(s) shall become ineligible to participate in a later round.

Submission of Lineups

Coaches are required to submit the singles and doubles lineup to the Section Coordinator 24 hours prior to the start of the *Sub-Regional Round* and/or *Regional Round*. The Section Coordinator will complete the NYSPHSAA Google Spreadsheet and will share the singles and doubles lineup with the opposing coaches.

The completion of the *Regional Round* must be completed 48 hours prior to the scheduled *Final Four Round*. Upon completion of the *Regional Round*, coaches are required to submit the singles and doubles lineup to the Section Coordinator prior to the start of the *Final Four Round*. The Section Coordinator will complete the NYSPHSAA Google Spreadsheet 48 hours prior to the start of the *Final Four Round*. The Section Coordinator will share the singles and doubles lineup to the opposing coaches.

Lineups are created as follows:

The best singles player on a team is required to play first singles in the team lineup. The second-best singles player on the team is required to play second singles. Challenge match results will be the basis of ranking players on a team and used to place players appropriately into the lineup. Likewise, all doubles teams placements in the team lineup should be based on challenge match results with the top team playing first doubles, the second-best team at second doubles, and the third best team at third doubles, and the fourth best team at fourth doubles. Doubles lineup must be in order of higher skilled doubles team to lesser skilled doubles teams. All players must be playing in their proper order of ability from top to bottom in both the singles and doubles lineup.

A challenge match used to determine varsity lineup positions should consist of a minimum of an 8-game pro-set with ad scoring with the 7-point tiebreaker played at 8-8. Challenge matches may be played throughout the season. All challenge match results should be recorded and available for review by the appropriate officials upon request. All challenge matches must be reported to

UTR (or a platform designated by NYSPHSAA) within 24 hours.

In the event that several challenge matches have been played between singles players and doubles teams, the player/team with the highest total of wins will retain the higher ranking.

Lineup Changes
At the conclusion of the *Sub-Regional Round*, coaches are permitted to make changes to their lineups. Any changes to a submitted lineup for the *Regional Round* must be approved by the Section Coordinators involved.

At the conclusion of the *Regional* and *State Semi-Final Round*, coaches are permitted to make changes to their lineups. Changes to the lineup after the *State Semi-Final Round* must be submitted to the NYSPHSAA State Coordinator at least one hour before the start of the scheduled *Final*. Any changes to a submitted lineup for the *State Semi-Final Round* and *Final Round* must be approved by the NYSPHSAA State Coordinator.

Filing Protests
Should any *Sub-Regional* or *Regional* lineup protest be presented after lineups have been submitted, a written protest must be filed to the NYSPHSAA State Coordinator at least 24 hours before the next scheduled contest for any consideration. A written protest may be filed by an opposing coach and/or any Section Coordinator.

Should any *Final Four Semifinal* lineup protest be presented after lineups have been submitted, a written protest must be filed to the NYSPHSAA State Coordinator at least 24 hours before the next scheduled contest for any consideration.

Should any *Finals* lineup protest be presented after lineups have been submitted, a written protest must be filed to the NYSPHSAA State Coordinator one hour prior to the next scheduled contest for any consideration.

A written protest may be filed by an opposing coach and/or any Section Coordinator. Upon receiving such a protest, the NYSPHSAA State Coordinator will convene a meeting of members of the State Committee as well as members of the NYSPHSAA office to review the protest.

At any time, coaches may be required to provide the team's roster, singles ranking ladder, doubles ranking ladder, season challenge matches, participant USTA/UTR rankings and team/individual records of season contests, to a Section Coordinator and/or State Coordinator/Tournament Director.

Ruling on Protests
The NYSPHSAA State Coordinator will review all protests for the *Sub-Regional* and *Regional Rounds* and make a decision on the protest after speaking to both Section Coordinators involved. A decision will be made at least 2 hours prior to the start of the match.

The NYSPHSAA Tennis State Tournament Committee, consisting of Section Coordinators and NYSPHSAA staff will review and decide on all lineup protests for the *Final Four rounds*. All Section

Coordinators and NYSPHSAA staff will take part in the discussion of the protest. Upon each party providing their view of the protest and a discussion taking place, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director will render a decision immediately following. All decisions made by the State Tournament Committee are final.

Proposal Originated:
During the NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis Joint Committee meeting on December 14, 2020.

Other:
The Boys Tennis Committee voted 6-0 favor of this proposal at its December 2024 Zoom meeting
The Girls Tennis Committee voted 6-0 in favor of this proposal at its December 2024 Zoom meeting.

Budgetary Impact:
None

Attachments: None

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL – REVISE NCAA TWO LIBERO RULE

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:
John Coletta, NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball State Committee is seeking approval to remove the current two libero rule modifications to fall in line with the current NCAA Rule.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2025

Rationale:
The current modification has major differences with how the two libero's must be designated at the beginning of the match and employed in continuing sets played throughout the match. The current NCAA rule, which went into effect in 2024, allows free designation at any point during the match from use of one libero, two libero's or not using any in any/all of the sets played. The current modification restricts coaches at the beginning of a match to have to designate whether they are using two or one Libero for the entirety of the match.

Rules regarding libero service will remain the same.

Proposal Originated:
Boys Volleyball Committee on March 26, 2025

Budgetary Impact:
None.

Notes:
The Boys Volleyball Committee unanimously agreed to this proposal at their March 26, 2025 meeting.

Attachments:
None.

Girls Volleyball: Waiver of Administrative Red Card (uniform)

Vote July

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball Coordinator

Proposal:
The Girls Volleyball Committee is recommending waiving the NCAA penalty, administrative red card, for having a non-compliant uniform. This would be a one-year pilot.

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026 school year

Rationale:
If a team has a non-compliant uniform the NCAA penalty is an administrative red card which means the team starts the match losing one point. There is no further penalty assessed for the team and the match proceeds. NYSPHSAA does provide a waiver to schools that cannot purchase new uniforms to become compliant. If a school has a waiver, then an administrative red card is not issued. NYSPHSAA directs the school that when they purchase new uniforms, they must buy ones that are compliant with the rules.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
This is rule 6.5.1 and 6.5.1.2 referencing rule 7.1.1.1 and 7.1.2.

The Girls Volleyball Committee was in favor of this proposal 10-1 at their March 25, 2025 meeting.

DATE REVISED: March 25, 2025

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – May 7, 2025

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Amend Current 15-Point Tiebreaker in Deciding Set at State Tournament (to Advance to Finals Only)

Vote July

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Peggy Seese, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Committee is seeking an amendment to its current tie-breaker rule when teams split 1 set to 1 in their match up in the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Semifinals. The amendment would be if the last match does not factor into determining a team advancing to the finals, the 15-point tiebreaker will not be played. This is not optional for teams to choose.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2025

Rationale:
All teams are guaranteed six pool play games. Teams that finish third and fourth in their pool will receive awards that state "finalists". Awards do not state the place finish. Furthermore, the top two teams advance , so there is no need determining who placed first and who placed second. Allowing teams to forego the final 15 point tie breaker, since it has no implication in advancing to the next round would allow teams to get on the road sooner and save on officials fees as well as additional facility hours.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee on April 24, 2024. An amendment was proposed March 25, 2025.

Budgetary Impact:
With the addition of a tiebreaker game there could potentially be one for every single match totaling 36, despite there being only a few tiebreakers over the years. If there were tiebreakers 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. This amendment allows a possible savings in official fees, staffing costs and facility time.

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee voted to approve this amendment 11-0 on March 25, 2025.

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

DATE REVISED: April 17, 2025

GYMNASTICS – Revise Scoring Changes to Technical Handbook

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:
Marbry Gansle, NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Coordinator
Kim Rhatigan, NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Assistant Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Committee is seeking approval of scoring and safety changes in its Technical Handbook:

A. **Handspring Vault – Raise the Start Value of a Handspring Vault to an 8.6 from an 8.5.**
B. **Floor Exercise Mats – Allow Coaches to place acceptable mats on the Floor Exercise Mat up to 8".**
C. **Landing Mats – Already accepted in USAG – to adopt up to 20" of matting for Vault, Bars, and Beam Dismounts.**

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2025

Rationale:

A. The proposed changes for Part A above are already approved by USAG, the governing body of rules our Technical Handbook is based on. Our committee would like to change the Start Value of the Handspring vault back to the original value of 8.6 to benefit the high school gymnast. We did a one year pilot program at 8.5.
B. Allow a coach to have the option to go onto the floor exercise mat to move matting as needed and add any matting up to 8" for safety reasons.
C. These changes for landing dismount mats are not required, but allows schools the capability to add up to 20" of matting for dismounts only for safety reasons.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Committee on March 27, 2025

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Gymnastics State Committee was unanimously (10-0) in favor of this proposal at its March 2025 meeting. The committee and staff consulted with Maria DeCristoforo, longtime gymnastics rules interpreter and current editor of the Gymnastics Technical Handbook.

CAC Feedback:
Not applicable

DATE REVISED: April 11, 2025

Boys Wrestling – Increase to 14 Weight Classes

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

VOTE JULY

Presenter:
Marty Sherman, Boys Wrestling State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending using the following 14 weight classes:

103, 110, 118, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215, 285

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026 Season

Rationale:
The NFHS allows state associations to use 12, 13, or 14 recommended weight classes. Currently NYSPHSAA uses 12 NFHS weight classes plus the 101lb weight class. After researching what other states from around the country, the committee determined 41 states were using the NFHS 14 weight classes. This recommendation would modify the bottom three weight classes to match what Montana has done in their state. This recommendation addresses three areas that the committee wanted to address. First it preserved a lower weight class that has traditional been in place for many years in NYS. Second, it added a weight class in the middle to allow more students to participate. Third, it addresses the wide gap between the 170lb weight class and the 190lb weight class. The committee has discussed the weight classes for several years and they feel this recommendation will meet all the expectations for our student athletes.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee on April 3, 2025

Budgetary Impact:
This will increase the number of weight classes by one for each Section and at the State Tournament. This increase will increase the time of the tournament by 30-40 minutes.

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee voted 8-2-1 in favor of this proposal at its April 3rd meeting.

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

DATE REVISED: April 7, 2025

Boys Ice Hockey: Game Protocol

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:
Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey Coordinator

Proposal:
The Boys Ice Hockey Committee is recommending revising the current Game Protocol under 14.08 #11 letter b in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *"In At-Large, regionals, semi-finals, and finals, each team will have a 12-minute warmup, ...12-15 minute intermission between each period during ice cut".*

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026 season

Rationale:
The current game day protocol does not address the warm-up time. This recommendation would provide consistency through out the state.

Proposal Originated:
Boys Ice Hockey Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

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Boys Ice Hockey: Goal Differential – Mercy Rule

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:
Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey Coordinator

Proposal:
The Boys Ice Hockey Committee is recommending adding the following language under 14.08 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *"With Section approval, a running clock can be used if there is an 8-goal differential in the third period. If the score differential drops below 8 goals the clock will be stopped".*

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026 season

Rationale:
The Boys Ice Hockey Committee believes this rule will help eliminate issues that arise toward the end of games when the score gets out of hand. The rule also helps teams stay within the time frame that they are renting ice rinks.

Proposal Originated:
Boys Ice Hockey Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

DATE REVISED: 4/14/2025

Boys Ice Hockey: Players in Uniform

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:
Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey Coordinator

Proposal:
The Boys Ice Hockey Committee is recommending adding the following language to rule 14.08 number 4 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *"If a team drops below the minimum number of players, 9 and 1 goalie, during a game then the contest will be stopped and the offending team will forfeit".*

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026 season

Rationale:
The current rule states that a team must have 9 players and 1 goalie to start a game. The rule does not state what happens if a team falls below the minimum number of players. This rule falls in line with many NFHS rules that address the minimum number of players during a game.

Proposal Originated:
Boys Ice Hockey Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

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Boys Ice Hockey: Regular Season OT Procedure

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:
Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey Coordinator

Proposal:
The Boys Ice Hockey Committee is recommending revising the current regular season OT procedure under 14.08 #10 letter b in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *"During the regular season tournament where a winner is necessary, play shall be continued not to exceed 10 minutes of sudden victory. If after this overtime period, there is no goal scored, the game will be considered a tie, and the shootout procedure will decide tournament advancement".*

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026 season

Rationale:
The current regular season rule is the same as the post season overtime rule, but this causes teams to extend their rental time. This revised rule allows teams to advance a team in the tournament will minimally affect on ice time.

Proposal Originated:
Boys Ice Hockey Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

DATE REVISED: 4/14/2025

BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING – Establish At-Large Rotation for Division 1 from 2026-2034

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:
Mike O'Connell, NYSPHSAA Boys Bowling State Coordinator
Eileen Shultis, NYSPHSAA Girls Bowling State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Bowling State Committee is seeking approval the following Division 1 At-Large Rotation to fill the pacer teams from 2026-34:

YEAR	D-1 BOYS COMP	D-1 GIRLS COMP	D-1 BOYS	D-1 GIRLS	YEAR
2026	4	6	9	1	2026
2027	5	8	11	2	2027
2028	6	9	1	3	2028
2029	8	11	2	4	2029
2030	9	1	3	5	2030
2031	11	2	4	6	2031
2032	1	3	5	8	2032
2033	2	4	6	9	2033
2034	3	5	8	11	2034

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2026

Rationale:
The at-large replaces the pacer teams at the tournament and the state committee felt it was the most cost effective for Section III to provide the at-larges in 2025 since there would be no travel/cost with a local team and the committee can see how the new tournament format plays out. Division 2 currently has an even # of teams.

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

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

Notes:
The Bowling State Committees supported this proposal with a 18-0 vote at their March 15th meeting.

Attachments:
None.

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD – EXPAND STATE TOURNAMENT TO TWO DAYS

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

VOTE July

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

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Indoor Track State Committees are seeking approval to expand the state tournament to a two-day meet.

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2025-26

Rationale:
While being in line with NYSPHSAA's State Championship Philosophy, we exceeded our participation numbers and ultimately the venue's capacity in 2025 for a one-day event. The NYSPHSAA Staff suggested a two-day schedule to address overall athlete and fan capacity and our committee agreed so that we can maintain the integrity and equity of this event, while also being cognizant of safety and capacity issues. In addition, we want to be respectful of the potential for a cost increase for sections so we have set up a schedule that allows sections to travel home following completion of the Friday portion of the meet.

Proposal Originated:
Boys and Girls Indoor Track State Committee Meeting at their April 1, 2025 meeting

Budgetary Impact:
NYSPHSAA will endure additional personnel expenses associated with an extra day of competition however they will not be charged additional facility costs as the venue was already reserved for a practice day and now there will not be a practice. Even though there is an added day on the schedule, many sections will be able to send a bus home after competition Friday since those athletes will be done competing. This will help minimize cost increases for a two-day meet.

Notes:
The Girls and Boys State Committee voted 19-2 in favor of this proposal at its April 2025 meeting.

Attachments:
The tournament would now start at 1:00 Friday (warmups) followed by competition at 2:15 pm and the final event finishing at 6:30 pm. On Saturday, the event would start at 10 am and finish at 3 pm.
2026 NYSPHSAA Schedule-PROPOSED.xlsx

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – May 7, 2025

INDOOR TRACK – REDUCE RELAYS FROM 8 TO 6 ATHLETES FOR THE STATE MEET

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote July

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 reduce relays from 8 to 6 athletes at the State Championship. Note, the NFHS rule (Page 38, Section 10, Article 2) allows up to 8 athletes for relays but the track committee is seeking to be more restrictive.

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2025-26

Rationale:
While being in line with NYSPHSAA's State Championship Philosophy, we exceeded our participation numbers and ultimately the venue's capacity in 2025 for a one-day event.

Our committee wants to be respectful of sections/schools that transport and house athletes for the Indoor Track and Field State Championships and therefore has made this proposal to reduce the # of non-participating athletes. The committee felt strongly that in order to help lessen the financial burden on sections and allow for better safety and meet management, we would reduce from 8 to 6 athletes for relays. Allowing 2 alternates to be listed on a relay card is sufficient for a team's needs.

Proposal Originated:
Boys and Girls Indoor Track State Committees at their April 1, 2025 meeting

Budgetary Impact:
If this is approved, there will be fewer athletes to transport to the state meet which will save sections travel expenses. In 2024, 243 athletes held the #7 and #8 spots on relay teams. There is a potential of 36 athletes per section that could hold those spots but it is anticipated to fall between 200-250 athletes again this year if this proposal does not get approved.

Notes:
The Girls and Boys Committee voted in favor of this proposal at its April 1, 2025 meeting with a 20-0 vote with 1 abstention.

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

DATE REVISED: April 17, 2025

INDOOR TRACK – REQUEST REVISED QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR DIVISION 2 RELAYS

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote July

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 revise automatic qualifying standards for the Division 2 relays at the State Championship meet in 2026 (number of teams/athletes that would not have competed had these been the standards in 2025).

Girls 4X200 Relay -	*1:50.34(3/24)*	*Boys 4X200 Relay -*	*1:34.18 (6/48)*
Girls 4X400 Relay -	*4:15.25(4/32)*	*Boys 4X400 Relay -*	*3:37.42 (7/56)*
Girls 4X800 Relay -	*10:09.01 (7/56)*	*Boys 4X800 Relay -*	*8:36.26 (6/48)*

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2025-26

Rationale:
While being in line with NYSPHSAA's State Championship Philosophy, we exceeded our participation numbers and ultimately the venue's capacity in 2025 for a one-day event. 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. We were able to utilize data from the 2025 State Meet results for the 4th place finishing team from NYSPHSAA. We then averaged the current standard with the 4th place finisher (to stay consistent with our procedures for our standards). When we proposed the standards last year, we reserved the right to make adjustments immediately based on data collected at this year's championship event. This proposal reduces the number of athletes participating in the 2026 state meet.

Proposal Originated:
Boys and Girls Indoor Track Committees at their April 1, 2025 meeting

Budgetary Impact:
Compared to 2025, sections will have fewer athletes to transport to the state meet (264 athletes).

Notes:
The Girls and Boys State Committee voted 21-0 in favor of this proposal at its April 2025 meeting.

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

DATE REVISED: April 17, 2025

APPENDIX D

SECTION VI POLICY MANUAL PROPOSED CHANGES

120.4 Schools will combine teams for a period of one year. Classifications are determined by the approved NYSPHSAA criteria and graduated structure (below). An annual application and approval will be required at various levels. (see 120.3)

120.4a 100% of the BEDS is taken into account from the school with the largest BEDS number. The combined team determines the host school. A percentage of the BEDS of the remaining school(s) is dependent upon the association's "Sport Specific Formula"."

~~2019-2022 Formula~~ ~~**2019-2020 & 2021-2022 Formula Sport Specific**~~

~~Class AA = 100%~~ ~~Five Classes (100% 100%, 100%, 40%, 30%)~~
~~Class A = 100%~~ ~~Four Classes (100%, 100%, 40%, 30%)~~
~~Class B = 100%~~ ~~Three Classes (100%, 40%, 30%)~~
~~Class C = 40%~~ ~~Two Division (100%, 40%~~
~~Class D = 30%~~

~~*Team Sports – The sport specific formula is to be used for up to 3 team mergers. 100% of all schools in a combination is used for 4 or more teams.~~

2025-2026 Sport Specific # State # https://nysphsaa.org/sports/2021/6/8/classifications.aspx
Six Classes (AAA, AA, A, B-100%, C-50%, D-40%)
Five Classes (AA, A, B-100%,C-50%, D-40%)
Four Classes (A, B-100%, C-50%, D-40%)
Three Classes (A-100%, B-50%, C-40%)
Two Division (100%, 50%)

Classification Variations

The graduated scale to be used for up to 3 "team" mergers., **mergers with 4 or more 'teams' will take 100%** of their BEDS; this would only be for team sports. Baseball, Basketball, Cheer, Football, Field Hockey, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer & Volleyball

Sport	AAA	AA	A	B	C	D
Basketball Boys	1085+	657-1084	364-656	221-363	120-220	0-119
Basketball Girls	1093+	655-1092	364-654	224-363	127-223	0-126
Baseball	1072+	675-1071	382-674	241-381	138-240	0-137
Softball	1065+	670-1064	379-669	235-378	133-234	0-132
Soccer Boys	1096+	691-1095	407-690	247-406	144-246	0-143
Soccer Girls	1065+	681-1064	382-680	237-381	129-236	0-128
Volleyball Girls	1041+	733-1040	453-732	283-452	174-282	0-173

Sport	AA	A	B	C	D
Football appr10/24	1025+	651-1024	402-650	273-401	0-272
Cross Country appr 5/21	---	815+	450-814	255-449	0-254
Field Hockey	---	915+	450-914	0-449	---
Game Day Cheerleading 7/23	---	849+	479-848	0-478	---
Competitive Cheer 7/23	---	1025+	555-1024	250-554	0-249 Coed 1 Div
Flag Football appr 10/24	---	1018+	601-1017	0-600	---
Lacrosse Boys appr 5/24	---	1035+	728-1035	450-727	0-449
Lacrosse Girls appr 10/24	---	1035+	728-1035	450-727	0-449
Outdoor Track & Field appr 7/24	---	800+	400-799	0-399	---

2 Division Team Sports	Division 1	Division 2
Volleyball Boys appr 5/19	901+	0-900
Ice Hockey Boys	1000+	0-999

2 Division Individual Sports	600+	0-599
Bowl, Tennis, Boys Wrestling	100% + 50%	
unless 4 or more teams = 100%		

Other Individual Sports, For Golf, Gymnastics, Girls Ice Hockey, Indoor Track Rifle, Skiing, Swimming & Diving, Girls Wrestling 100% for all schools

https://nysphsaa.org/sports/2021/6/8/classifications.aspx

The chart contained on back of application will always reflect the current state sport classification

120.6 Combining of Schools Committee

~~The Combining of Schools Committee is charged with the responsibility of meeting at the end of each season, in order to review data pertaining to the combining of teams across the Section and make any necessary recommendations to the Athletic Council, in order to improve the process.~~

The Combining of Schools Committee will meet a minimum of three times per year at the conclusion of the fall, winter and spring seasons. The Committee will annually review combined teams to determine if dominance has been established. Combined teams who are sectional semi-finalists, sectional finalists, and sectional champions will automatically be reviewed. Recommendations from leagues, sports chairs and the Executive Director will also begin the review process. The Committee will make any necessary recommendations to the Athletic Council in regards to combined teams placement with the goal of ensuring fair competition.

120.6a It is mandatory that the Section receive a copy of each combined team's end of season report (online form, Section VI website, "*Forms & information*"). This data is imperative in determining ~~future performance and will influence future~~ approval/denial and/or placement. Reports are due after the season according to the following schedule:

- Fall Season: November 30
- Winter Season: March 20
- Spring Season: June 20

120.6b It is mandatory that the sports chair review the end of season report for each combined team and submit, to the Section office, any recommendations and whether they endorse the continuation of the combined team for the subsequent season. The Executive Director will provide his recommendations for the combined teams (per the May 2018 Executive Committee meeting)

120.6c Completed end of season reports will be submitted to the Combining of Schools Committee.

The Combining of Schools Committee will review combined teams:

- ~~Utilize the following factors when making decisions on combined teams and determining the level of "Dominance":~~
  - Won one or more sectional championships
  - Sectionals finalist or semifinalist during consecutive seasons
  - Upon Request by ~~schools~~/leagues/sportchair/Executive Director

The Committee will utilize the following factors when making decisions on combined teams and determining the level of "Dominance":

- Sectional champions in consecutive seasons
- Sectional champions combined with sectional finalists or semifinalists in consecutive seasons

- Program history of success at the sectional level
- Regular season record
- Returning players
- Non-league record
- Transfers
- Determine where teams are appropriately competitive
- ~~Returning players~~
- Schedule
- ~~Program history~~

- ~~Ensure that the annual application process is understood by all of the athletic directors.~~
- ~~Consider having a maximum number of schools combining for a sport, perhaps **four (4)**, however also provide for an appeal process under unusual circumstances, in order to go above four (4) schools.~~

130 Section VI Statement on Mixed Competition

The member schools of Section VI have supported mixed competition since it's inception by the SED in 1992. ~~Qualified girls are given the same opportunity as boys to progress to the highest level of competition as a member of a boys team.~~

Once a girl has qualified and committed to participation on a boys team, she is committed for the entire season and relinquishes the right to compete against girls during that season. The Section does not support any opportunity for a girl who has qualified for and consequently selected mixed competition, to return to the girls program at any level of competition during that sport season. Exceptions to this rule are, girls wrestling and girls golf.

~~Section VI strongly supports maintaining the current standards for mixed competition as written by SED.~~

Section VI will ensure compliance with standards for mixed competition as written by SED. Rationale, removes opinion and focuses on compliance.

Federated Sport - Definition and Requirements

150.1 Section VI Federated Sports include:

- Football
- Flag Football
- Girls Gymnastics
- Boys Ice Hockey
- Girls Ice Hockey
- Indoor Track
- Boys Lacrosse
- Girls Lacrosse
- Alpine Ski
- Girls Wrestling

170 Independent Status

~~A school must request approval of a team's independent status from the Athletic Council on an annual basis.~~ Independent team status must be approved on an annual basis, first at the league level and then by the Athletic Council. Federated teams only require Athletic Council approval. It is the involved school's responsibility to request approval.

212.3 Total **League/Division** points are determined by applying the point chart. Teams receive points for **League/Division** victories. Points are earned for ties in Boys and Girls Soccer and Field Hockey.

POINT CHART
Winning Points

	AAA	AA	A	B	C	D
AAA	+5.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0
AA	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0
A	+6.0	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0
B	+6.0	+6.0	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0	+4.0
C	+6.0	+6.0	+6.0	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0
D	+6.0	+6.0	+6.0	+6.0	+6.0	+5.0

212.7 Changes to the seeding are not allowed after the conclusion of the seeding meeting. Within 24 hours adjustments can be made to rectify reporting errors.

221.1 ~~The Section expects that sportchairs will charge admission to recoup the costs of the venue.~~ Section VI will charge admission. If charging admission is not possible, it is expected that costs will be reduced.

310 Travel to State Competition, Including Supervision

~~The following was approved by the Section VI Athletic Council (Jan 2013) Budget Line item ($120,000) Encumbered for State Championships to cover the following costs for state competition. (Renewed until the Finance and Sectional Intersectional Committees recommend otherwise)~~ The amount of funds dedicated for state championships are determined from the review of previous year's actuals and forecast estimates during the annual budgeting process with the finance committee.

310.3 **Lodging**:

Team Sports: The sports chair will advise participating schools if accommodations

are to be arranged by the state or by the schools. The school will be responsible for all lodging costs.

Individual Sports:

Sports in Group 1 (see 310.2) - The sportchair will be responsible for reserving a block of rooms for all athletes (4 per room). ~~The block will include rooms for~~ coaches (2 per room), and sport chair(s). ~~for individual sports in Group 1 (see 310.2).~~

Sports in Group 2 (see 310.2) - ~~For individual sports in Group 2~~ The sportchair will be responsible for reserving a block of rooms for all athletes (4 per room), coaches (2 per room), and sport chair(s). The block will be increased by 50% to allow for coaches. (e.g.: If XC needs a block of 40 rooms for athletes and supervisors, they will now reserve a block of 60 rooms) When the qualifiers have been determined, the sportchair will register all athletes and coaches who are using Section transportation from the block of reserved rooms. The sport chair will also account for and reserve rooms needed by bus drivers for individual sports in Group 2 (see 310.2).

Schools that opt-out of Section transportation are responsible for registering their own athletes and coaches. They may register for the remaining rooms in the reserved block until the rooms are exhausted or choose their own lodging. Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition with the exceptions indicated in item 1, 2, 3.

Schools are required to reimburse lodging fees to Section VI for coaches who request single rooms as well as coaches and athletes who cancel after the deadline provided by the sport chair.

Safety Section

Section VI will comply with all safety standards set forth by NYSPHSAA.

https://nysphsaa.org/sports/2021/6/8/safety.aspx

~~**410 Emergency Preparedness and Crowd -**~~

~~Implementation of the following procedures is the responsibility of the site chairperson:~~

~~410.1 Review site emergency plan and incorporate relevant sections into an emergency preparedness and crowd control plan. In absence of a pre-existing plan, a plan must be developed.~~

~~410.2 Become familiar through consultation with local police and fire departments and school personnel (if a school site is used) of the protocol to be followed in the event of activated fire alarms, bomb threats, and other disturbances.~~

~~410.3 Assure that the game site is secure prior to the scheduled opening time and arrival of teams and spectators.~~

~~410.4 Work with police or appropriate personnel to provide efficient and safe auto and pedestrian routes to and from the game site. Prepare or obtain maps/charts illustrating evacuation routes.~~

~~410.5 Arrange for supervision until all spectators and student-athletes have left the game site. Prepare a supervision chart and inform the assigned personnel of their duties before, during and after the game. Supervisory personnel on duty should have some type of distinctive marking that can be recognized by spectators and participants, e.g., distinctive colored jackets, arm bands, or badges.~~

~~410.6 Arrange for adequate police supervision before, during and after the contest, when not otherwise provided.~~

~~410.7 Inform participating schools of the following:~~

~~a) If metal detectors and/or searches will be utilized.~~

~~b) Supervision responsibilities (ratio of chaperones to students), parking facilities, seating arrangements for spectators, cheerleading guidelines and location of squad area and directions to the site.~~

~~c) Post game activities and protocol, e.g., sportsmanship handshake, award presentations and sportsmanship code of conduct.~~

~~d) Noise maker policy, if any.~~

~~410.8 Meet with the principal or representative of each competing school/section upon their arrival to discuss final details including:~~

~~a) Location of each school's supervisory personnel.~~

~~b) Location and directions to dressing/locker rooms.~~

~~c) Security procedures to protect players' clothing and valuables.~~

~~410.9 Provide parking for officials and emergency medical personnel.~~

~~410.10 Secure an announcer who will be familiar and have possession of scripted materials to broadcast in case of emergency.~~

~~410.11 Use the Section VI Emergency Preparedness and Crowd Control Checklist. (Posted on the Section VI website Under General Info/ Forms and Information)~~

A blanket paragraph on site selection including safety protocols will be included on venue contracts.

610 Fingerprinting of Sports Officials

All sports officials must be fingerprinted cleared ~~and clearance pending~~ with NYSED before working any Section VI hosted sport contest.

631.1 The assignment of officials at the Varsity, JV, and modified levels for Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Volleyball, Field Hockey, Boys and Girls Basketball and Softball, and will be conducted via the auto-assign

component of ArbiterOne at a central location under the auspices of Section VI. Participating Leagues will have input regarding the assignment process. Exceptions are noted in the chart below.

631.3 Sports will be assigned as outlined in the chart below. Variations may occur upon agreement of the Leagues involved. The central location for computer assigning will be the ECIC office with exceptions noted.

Season	Sport(s)	Level	Central assigning location
Fall	Boys & Girls Soccer	All levels	ECIC office
	Boys & Girls Volleyball	All levels	ECIC office
	Girls Field Hockey	All levels	ECIC office
	Girls Swim	All levels	League Assigned*
	Cross Country	All levels	ECIC office
Winter	Boys & Girls Basketball	All levels	ECIC office
	Boys Swim	All levels	League Assigned*
	Wrestling	All levels	ECIC office
Spring	Track	All levels	League Assigned*
	Girls Lacrosse	All levels	Federation Assigner
	Baseball & ~~Softball~~	All levels	ECIC Office (Gr. 05),
	~~Baseball~~ & Softball	All levels	League Assigned (Grps. 24, 03, 04)

631.6 **Roster of officials**

The roster in ArbiterOne for each affiliated sports officials organization is the master roster for Section VI. The sub-assigner for each organization is responsible for submitting roster updates to the Section office each season. Only those who have fulfilled the Prospective Official Requirements (Section website, under “Officials”) including receiving NYSED clearance ~~or clearance pending status~~ are given ArbiterOne accounts.

631.8 **The assigning process:**

a) All league, non-league, and tournament contests on each school’s final schedules will be computer assigned using the following criteria:

- The “best official available” will be assigned to each game
- ~~Each League will determine the maximum number of non-preferred officials per sport and notify their member schools of the deadline to submit this information before each season begins.~~
- Each official shall register on ArbiterOne and enter their availability by the deadline posted in the Timeline.

765 Whistle-Blower Protection

Approved 1/20/2021 Athletic Council Meeting

Prohibition of Retaliatory Behavior (Commonly Known as "Whistle-Blower" Protection)

Section VI prohibits any retaliatory behavior directed against complainants, victims, witnesses, and/or any other individuals who participated in the investigation of a complaint of discrimination and/or harassment. Complaints of retaliation may be directed to the Executive Director. In the event the Executive Director is the alleged offender, the report will be directed to the acting Section VI President.

Where appropriate, follow-up inquiries will be made to ensure that discrimination and/or harassment has not resumed and that those involved in the investigation have not suffered retaliation.

770 Transgender Guidelines-
https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21//NYSPHSAA_Handbook_004.pdf

820 Protest Procedure for Game, Match or Meet

Add -Per NYSPHSAA, in any case, video may not be used to overturn an official's decision."

900 Finance Committee

900.1 Duties:

The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet 5 times per school year. Four (4) of these meetings are held virtually and are scheduled in the months of September, January, February, and April. A fifth, in-person, meeting is scheduled in October to coincide with the annual audit presentation and to generate the proposed budget for the following fiscal year. Additional meetings are scheduled as needed. ~~will meet five times per year to review current status of the budget and conduct an analysis of expenditures at each meeting.~~

The general purpose of a meeting may include, but is not limited to:

- Review the status of the budget/fund balance
- Review seasonal sport profit/loss statement
- Review the annual audit and generate the proposed budget for the following fiscal year
- Review of proposals involving a financial impact and generate recommendation to the Athletic Council
- Propose changes to financial policies (as needed) to the Policy Committee

~~Standard~~ Static agenda items and numbers for each Finance Committee meeting ~~will~~ include:

1.0 ~~Review the current status of the Fund Balance~~ Treasurer's Report
2.0 ~~Sectional issues~~ New Business
~~2.1 Purchases being considered~~
~~2.2 Development of policies~~

3.0 ~~Standard agenda items~~: Old Business
~~September (teleconference): Post-season review of spring sports budgets and venues~~
~~October (Section office): Develop budget for the following school year~~
~~January (teleconference): Post-season review of fall sports budgets and venues.~~

~~February (teleconference): Regular meeting~~
~~April (teleconference): Post-season review of winter sports budgets and venues, review of sectional admission prices for approval at the May meeting.~~

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910 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year is July 1 through June 30 to coincide with Erie 1 BOCES.

911 Delinquent Payments

Delinquent payments of Section issued invoices will be recouped by adjusting the involved member school's annual dues statement. Delinquent payments of Section issued invoices involving non-member schools will be handled at the discretion of the Executive Director and Executive Committee.

912 Section VI Credit Card

Section VI, NYSPHSAA, Inc. will issue ~~a~~ credit cards in its name to the Executive Director, Associate Executive Director, and Treasurer for use as needed. ~~by~~ Sport chairpersons ~~and designated employees~~ can be permitted to use the corporate cards for authorized expenses only ~~Any other reason for credit cards use must be approved~~ by either the Executive Director, Associate Executive Director ~~and/~~or Treasurer. ~~The credit card will only be used for purchases of goods and services that require a credit card and do not accept other methods of payment.~~ Expenses incurred on each credit card shall be paid in a way to avoid interest charges. Payment shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer. Any individual who makes an unauthorized purchase with a Section VI credit card shall reimburse Section VI for the cost.

921 Proposals

All proposals with a financial impact must be submitted with a statement of rationale ~~the pros and cons of the proposal~~ and all cost implications. The Finance Committee will review and make recommendation to the Athletic Council. All proposals must be presented for discussion at an athletic council meeting prior to being slated for action at a following athletic council meeting. ~~This will enable informed decisions by Athletic Council members. These Statement Papers must be presented at one meeting and sit on the table until the next meeting before a vote is conducted.~~

931 Mileage Reimbursement

The Section will reimburse for mileage at the current IRS rate. An Expense Form for reimbursement and supporting documentation (via Google Maps, MapQuest, etc.) must be submitted and approved by the Executive Director/Treasurer.

933 Uncleared Checks

With oversight by the accountants, the Section will adhere to New York's Abandoned Property Law.

940 Section Dues

940.1 Section VI member dues will be used to fund the Section office ~~using a five sport~~. The dues formula is built upon the 6-sport classification fee and the Boys Basketball classification numbers as approved by the NYSPHSAA as well as a per sport fee and federated sport fee (see 970.4) as applicable.

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960 Venue Policies

960.1 The type of venue selected for sectional competition will be determined by the Executive Director, Associate Executive Director and the Sectional/Intersectional Committee.

960.2 A written contract ~~detailing~~ itemizing expenses will be obtained from the host facility. ~~member schools hosting sectional events.~~

960.4 Venue Selection Guidelines

g) Notes regarding the use of high school venues for sectional events:

970 Sectional Personnel Fees and Stipends

970.1 Fees and stipends are approved by the Athletic Council and posted on the Section VI website ~~(link)~~

~~970.2~~ 970.1.1 Administrative fees for working 1, 2 or 3 sectional contests are as follows:

Site Chairperson: ~~$58, $78 and $98~~ $60, $85, $105

Other Administration: ~~$45, $58 and $70~~ $50, $75, $95

* Full days, Individual Sports (i.e. Wrestling, Swimming): ~~$116~~ Adjusted to sessions or contest equivalent

~~970.3~~ 970.1.2 Stipends ~~for media, sportsmanship, and sports chairpersons~~ are reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee.

~~970.4~~ 970.1.3 Federated Sports - Assigner fees

Federated sports assigners are contracted by Section VI and paid a stipend. To cover this expense, participating member schools will be charged an additional fee included in their annual dues.

Schools Without Boundaries Committee Meeting Report
Date: April 28, 2025 at 1:00pm

Attendees: Joe Sigillo (I), Mike Robbins (2), Dr. Scott Sugar (III), Jeff Ferrara (IV), Dr. Patrick Irving (V), Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty, Michael Graney (VII), Patrick Pizzarelli (VIII), Greg Ransom (IX), Mark Wilson (X), Todd Gulluscio (XI), Alphonse Lambert (Non-Public, East), Buddy Wleklinski (Non-Public, West), Stephen France (Charter, East), Mark LaMorticella (Charter, West) NYSPHSAA – Adam Stoltman (Chair), Tim Mullins, Debra Ferry, Renee James, Dr. Robert Zayas, Kristen Jadin, Todd Nelson, Joe Altieri , Lexi Swatt. Greg Joly

Status Updates/Items Discussion/Action Taken:

1. **Welcome:** Adam welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time.

2. **Recap from 2/4/25:** Adam recapped the February 4th meeting and highlighted the survey sent to member schools regarding tuition-paying students. Kristen Jadin confirmed that 786 high schools were surveyed, with about a 15% response rate. Of those respondents, approximately 50% indicated accepting tuition-paying students.

3. **Legal Considerations:** Renee stated that in order to be successful in anticipated legal challenges, any actions taken must specifically target the schools or sports involved rather than applying a blanket policy across all sports and private/ charter schools. She referenced a previous unsuccessful attempt by Section IV to move all teams up one classification, which was overturned in court due to lack of a rational basis. Renee emphasized that any reclassification needs to be narrowly focused and justifiable, such as based on a pattern of repeated championships by private schools in a specific sport like football. She further noted that if a legal challenge were to occur, the NYSPHSAA would face a $100,000 deductible under its Directors and Officers insurance policy, and under certain federal statutes, plaintiffs could potentially recover their attorneys' fees if successful. Renee advised that a combination of proposals may be necessary to precisely address the specific problem areas and sports to strengthen the association's legal standing.

4. **Insurance Considerations:** Greg explained that the association's Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance policy would be triggered if regulations were challenged through litigation. He reiterated that the policy carries a $100,000 retention (deductible) per claim. If there were multiple lawsuits—for example, if 10 private schools each filed a separate claim—each would individually carry a $100,000 deductible. However, if multiple schools were part of a single collective lawsuit, only one deductible would apply. Greg further cautioned that, given the current tightening of the insurance market, a high volume of claims would make it extremely difficult for the association to renew or replace D&O coverage in the future. He advised the committee to consider this risk seriously when evaluating proposals.

5. **Section Feedback**:
   I – Joe S. reported strong support for the ***Section I proposal***. He conveyed that there is significant frustration among Section I superintendents regarding the process. Superintendents on the Executive Committee expressed that the survey distributed to member schools appeared to be one-sided and potentially misleading, which they believed could have contributed to the low 15% response rate. Many superintendents viewed the

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survey as a tactic to divert attention from the core issues that have been under discussion for over 35 years. Joe also shared that there is little confidence in the Oversight Committee proposal, citing that past experiences with such committees did not result in meaningful action. Additionally, Section I members expressed distrust in the state's handling of the matter overall. Joe noted that many felt the inclusion of tuition-paying student discussions was a strategic move by non-public schools to divert momentum away from the Section I Proposal. Todd G. clarified that Section XI was the section who brought public schools accepting tuition paying students to the table, not the nonpublic/charter school representatives.

2 – Michael shared that 77.2% of survey respondents favored ***Section I's proposal***. Additionally, 74% supported the concept of an Oversight Committee, although concerns were raised about its enforcement power and consistency across sections. Regarding the NYSPHSAA Office Proposal, responses were mixed: 40% supported it, 39% were neutral, and 20% opposed. The majority (55.7%) expressed disagreement with maintaining the current structure. Michael clarified that the survey was intended to gauge sentiment rather than serve as a binding vote, and members could express support for multiple proposals.

III – Scott stated that Section III, after discussion with league presidents, generally supported the ***Oversight Committee proposal***. He clarified this proposal was viewed as the most feasible option with the greatest chance of success and the lowest risk of litigation.

IV – Jeff shared Section IV formed a small committee with representatives from all five leagues. They concluded that the ***Oversight Committee proposal*** was the preferred option, largely because it presented the least risk of litigation. Jeff emphasized that Section IV would support the Oversight Committee only if it operated under consistent, statewide guidance, rules, and policies.

V – Patrick I. reported that while Section V held broad discussions, the ***Oversight Committee proposal*** received the strongest general support. Section V currently has a functional reclassification committee, which made the Oversight model familiar. However, much of the discussion focused on the unclear definition of a "school without boundaries," particularly regarding tuition-paying public schools. No formal vote was taken.

VI – Marisa indicated support for ***Section I's proposal***, however they understood this could lead to significant litigation. Section VI sees the feasibility of the Oversight Committee but flagged concerns about potential biases if oversight members are not carefully selected. Section VI has no private schools but recognizes implications at the championship level.

VII – Mike reported preference in Section VII leaning toward refining the ***NYSPHSAA Proposal (3A/4A model)***. He expressed Section VII's reservations about fully endorsing any one solution.

VIII – Pat P. reported that Section VIII values its local autonomy in classifying charter and private schools and would oppose losing that authority to a state oversight committee. He expressed concern that Section I's proposal would lead to litigation and high costs. Section VIII is ***open to exploring the NYSPHSAA Office Proposal (3A & 4A)***, particularly if it creates a new highest classification for nonpublic and charter schools, but acknowledged that further details would need to be worked out.

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IX – Greg reported that ***Section IX remains split, with no majority support for any of the three proposals***. While some athletic directors favor the Section I Proposal, it is not a majority view. Concerns were raised about the feasibility of the Oversight Committee and the specifics of the 3A/4A classification proposal. Greg noted the long-standing nature of this debate and stressed the importance of balancing action with caution to avoid potential litigation risks.

X – Mark confirmed support for the ***Oversight Committee*** as the most viable path forward. Acknowledged that any of the three proposals would be acceptable if it removes schools without boundaries from postseason play as there are no nonpublic/charter schools in Section X.

XI – Todd G. conveyed Section XI prefers maintaining local autonomy and expressed no strong support for either the Section I Proposal or the Oversight Committee. There was limited interest in the NYSPHSAA Office Proposal, though concerns were raised about re-entering losing teams into playoffs and the associated costs. Todd noted that Section XI would favor the state's proposal if the number of classes in certain sports returned to five, but ***overall, the section is not in favor of moving forward with any proposal at this time.***

Nonpublic/Charter Schools – Buddy clarified that private schools did not use the tuition-paying student discussion as a "smoke screen," but rather presented factual information. He stated that non-public schools oppose the Section I Proposal. Regarding the Oversight Committee, John noted that while some loss of sectional autonomy would be a concern, an effective oversight body would need meaningful authority. He also raised concerns about the NYSPHSAA Office Proposal, questioning whether there would be sufficient competition under a new classification structure. Alphonse added that while private schools in Section 2 oppose the Section I Proposal, they are generally satisfied with the current system, particularly regarding transfer regulations. He noted that Section 2 has effectively enforced transfer rules and turned down more transfer requests this year than in the past. While open to considering the state's proposal, he emphasized it would need stronger enforcement mechanisms. Most private schools in Section 2 prefer maintaining the status quo.

Discussion ensued regarding the above feedback. Adam initiated discussion around the concept of an oversight mechanism at both sectional and state levels. He questioned if there could be a structure that preserved sectional autonomy while providing a state-level appeals process.

Greg supported the idea of sections maintaining authority but proposed that a state oversight committee should have the power to intervene if a section's placement decision is challenged by another section. He noted this would provide consistency and needed "teeth" for oversight, a power currently missing.

Patrick I. suggested creating statewide guidelines or a rubric for school placements. This would bring uniformity to sectional practices while keeping local committees intact. He proposed that the oversight committee could function primarily as an appeals body.

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Mike G. agreed with Patrick, emphasizing the need for consistent criteria to help ensure fairness, especially for smaller public schools that might otherwise face disproportionate competition.

Michael and Alphonse raised concerns regarding merger teams. They noted that in Section 2, combined teams are becoming a significant issue, sometimes leading to competitive imbalances.

Joe S. shared that Section I has already taken steps by limiting merger teams from winning league titles in individual sports. He proposed allowing schools or mergers that are rebuilding to opt into a non-state playoff bracket ahead of postseason play, potentially reducing competitive mismatches.

Marisa introduced the idea of adjusting the classification structure to five classes instead of six, using the extra classification to accommodate combined schools and upwardly moved private/charter schools.

Dr. Zayas highlighted historical context by referencing the association's 1950 handbook, showing that public /non-public school discussions have a long history.

Renee advised that creating statewide guidelines across sections would strengthen the association's legal standing if challenged, encouraging best practices modeled from successful past litigation defenses.

6. **Proposal:**
Patrick I. made a motion to establish criteria for the placement of nonpublic and charter schools and associated procedures for review and appeals for impacted schools and opposing sections, with the Oversight Committee decision being final. Scott seconded the motion.

Discussion:
Adam recommended an addition: if an appeal is resolved successfully at the sectional level, it would not escalate to the state level, maintaining efficiency.

Greg supported the oversight idea but emphasized that sections should also have the ability to challenge other sections' placement decisions if they feel a school was misclassified. He stressed the need for final authority to rest with the state committee for credibility.

Mike G. agreed with the idea that appeals must be structured through sections, not initiated by individual schools, to ensure a unified and formal process.

Buddy supported Greg's suggestion, emphasizing that appeals should come with section support, not just from individual schools.

Joe S. voiced concern that the motion did not address Section I's core issues with competition equity between public and non-public schools, warning that the root frustration remained unresolved.

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Scott questioned how Section 1 superintendents would manage litigation risk. Joe S. replied that some public schools are willing to litigate if necessary.

Renee supported the idea, noting that establishing statewide, consistent criteria would strengthen NYSPHSAA's legal defense in any future challenges.

The motion was approved, nine (9) sections in favor, two (2) sections opposed (Section I and Section XI).

7. **Next Steps:** Adam Stoltman will present the committee's report to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee for discussion on May 7, 2025. In the interim, NYSPHSAA staff will develop draft criteria and proposal details. Another meeting will be scheduled to gather additional feedback from this committee in preparation for the Central Committee discussion in July 2025.

Future Items/Meeting:

1. Next meeting: TBD following feedback from NYSPHSAA Executive/Central Committee

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APPENDIX F

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee Meeting Report

Date: March 25, 2025 @ 1:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Kim Saxton (I), Dr. Carlos Cotto (2 & Chair), Alton Hicks (III), Jeff Ferrara (proxy for Samantha Little) (IV), Camaron Johnson (V), Justin Gardner (VII), Kru Patel (VIII), Reginald McDonald (X), Joe Mercado (XI), NYSPHSAA – Dr. Robert Zayas, Kristen Jadin, Adam Stoltman, Renee James, Joe Altieri, Tim Mullins, Debra Ferry, Todd Nelson, SAAC – Sarah Domin (III), Catherine Jennings (VIII), Olivia McHugh (IX)

Not present: Aubrey Lloyd (VI), Dr. Jackelyn Manning Campbell (IX), Jennifer Pyle, Conference of Big 5 School Districts, Consultant

Status Updates/Items Discussion/ Action Taken:

1. **Welcome & Opening Remarks** – Dr. Carlos Cotto, Chair of the DEI Committee welcomed the group and introduced the NYSPHSAA SAAC Students in attendance.

2. **Review of Proposed Definitions for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion –** Definitions were presented to the Executive Committee in February. At that time, no questions or concerns were raised. If approved in May, the definitions will be included in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

3. **Proposal: Strategies to Enhance Diversity on NYSPHSAA Committees –** Dr. Zayas informed the committee that following a great deal of discussions and review there have been concerns expressed from the membership surrounding this proposal regarding its potential for unintended consequences. Renee, NYSPHSAA Legal Counsel shared concerns with the proposal fundamentally altering how the association is set up and structured. There may be interest from other special interest groups such as the Rural School Association, private schools, catholic schools, charter schools, etc. to have the same representation within NYSPHSAA's governance structure. If we allow the Big Five to become voting members, legally, we would need to allow any other interest group a seat at the table as well. Renee also shared the Big Five schools do have representation in their respective sections. There are other things that the association can do, such as allowing the DEI Committee to review proposals/policies through the lens of DEI and working on strategies to get more Big Five representation within the sections. Legally, Renee suggests this is the best route of action.

   Dr. Zayas shared another concern voiced by the membership as to where the Big Five school would express their concerns and seek assistance, the Big Five or their Section? In addition, there are membership concerns pertaining to double representation, the Big 5 gets a vote at their section and in the Big Five; this representation would not be afforded to any other NYSPHSAA member school.

   Another concern from the membership Dr. Zayas referred to was regarding other urban center schools that exist within the structure of our association that are not members of the Big Five, such as Schenectady (2), Brentwood (XI), and Elmont (VIII).

   Consequently, due to the concerns expressed by the membership, Dr. Zayas asked if there as interest from this committee to modify the proposal to include Big Five as Ex-Officio members, similar to that of the New York State Council of Administrators (COA), the New York State

Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA), and the New York State Council of School Superintendents (NYSCOSS). Dr. Zayas said based upon legal counsel's recommendation and membership concerns, it appears to be most appropriate to remove the current proposal and submit a new proposal for Big Five Ex-Officio status which would ensure the Big Five would have a voice at all NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee meetings. He also reminded the committee that The Big Five currently does have the opportunity to serve on the NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee, and that's evidenced by principal Carlos Alvarez from Buffalo, currently serving as the Principal Rep for Section VI. Section V's immediate Past President, Chris Corey is also a Rochester City Schools employee. In Section III, Alton Hicks chairs the Sectional DEI committee. This is evidence of the continued work that Sections are doing. Adam asked if there is a constitutional change to add Ex-Officio members. Dr. Zayas indicated no constitutional change needs to be made. Cam asked if all Sections have DEI Committees. Dr. Zayas said most of them do. Adam questioned who the Big Five Ex-Officio Rep would be. Dr. Zayas indicated he would like it to be Jennifer Pyle, Executive Director of the Big Five. Dr. Cotto reflected on his experience as a non-voting ex-officio member of a committee, emphasizing the importance of having a voice at the table but acknowledging the added weight that comes with voting rights. He discussed challenges in getting individuals into leadership roles—sometimes due to lack of interest, and other times because nominated individuals aren't selected. Dr. Cotto shared examples from his experience in Rochester, noting gradual progress in representation and engagement. He expressed a desire to better understand how often nominees are not selected and stress the need to build a process that ensures voices are heard across the state. Renee acknowledged all of Dr. Cotto's concerns and noted that this DEI committee would have a greater role in terms of approving proposals.

Future Role of the DEI Committee in Reviewing Proposals
Dr. Zayas proposed that the DEI committee begin meeting before each Executive and Central Committee meeting, rather than just in the fall and spring. The goal is for the DEI committee to review upcoming agendas and identify any concerns or support from a DEI perspective. He acknowledges that a recent proposal has resulted in a great deal of discussion and previously mentioned membership concerns, suggests a more incremental approach—starting with giving the Big Five districts ex-officio representation to boost their voice and involvement. Overall, the aim is to ensure DEI input is part of the decision-making process and to increase participation from underrepresented districts.

Reggie made a motion to remove the proposal "Consider approval for NYSPHSAA Constitutional revisions to address representation on the Central and Executive Committees, as well as NYSPHSAA Sport Committees, Standing Committees, and Ad Hoc Committees," from the Executive Committee Agenda. Kru seconded.

Discussion:
Camaron expressed concern that removing Big Five representation from ad hoc and sports committees would be a step backward, especially given the ongoing struggle to establish a DEI committee in Section V. She feels progress has been stalled for a long time despite DEI being a strategic goal, and she is frustrated by the lack of movement and clarity. She emphasized the need to see real traction and forward progress. Dr. Zayas said we could certainly consider ex-officio status for the Big Five on all sport committees, ad hoc

committees and standing committees as well. He also said it might be best to start with the Executive and Central Committees and progress to other committees.

Dr. Zayas suggested another meeting be scheduled in the next week or two in order to give the committee time to discuss within their Section and review a revised proposal

Reggie rescinded the motion. Kru seconded.

A doodle poll will be distributed to schedule a meeting to discuss the potential for a new proposal.

Future Items/Meeting:

1. Next Meeting: April 2025, Fall 2025

APPENDIX G

NYSPHSAA
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Committee
Tuesday, March 25, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Chris Joyce, Kristen Jadin, Lexi Swatt
COMMITTEE: Peggy Seese (State Coordinator), Diane Swertfager (1), Alicia Collier (2), Karla Prince (3), Des Ford (4), Matt Glover (5), Deborah Schruefer (6), Vicki McMillian (7), Cathleen Dnyprowsky (8), Stephen Boucher (9), Sue McLean (10), Dan Butler (11)

GUESTS: Sally Wise (officials)

1. Attendance & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am by State Coordinator Peggy Seese.

2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

a. Thanked Section 2, Peggy and especially Alicia for another outstanding, successful tournament in the fall. The 2025 year starts a new three-year bid term.
b. Reported on the status of the Schools Without Boundaries Committee, which met on October 16th due to a membership concern from Section 1, then again on February 4th. No recommendations were brought forward at the meeting and the committee meets again in May.
c. Reported on the status of the 3-region rotation concept. It was discussed at the November volleyball committee meeting. Then, at the February 5th Executive Committee meeting, membership passed a motion to explore implementing this concept in the Fall of 2025. A sub-committee to discuss this was formed and met in March and will meet again before April CAC. Joe stated NYSPHSAA is seeking sport committee feedback on this immediately. A discussion and questions followed. Karla voiced concerns to the committee and her Section III office stating she was against the at-large formula. Chris Joyce stated it is being addressed. Cathleen, Karla and Steve were against implementing it in the fall. Deborah and Alicia agreed that Fall 2025 is too soon.
d. Reported on the Sports Seasons Start Date Ad Hoc Committee. On Weds, February 5th the Executive Committee voted to approve all fall sports to start week #7 (August 18th), effective for the 2025 season only. Future fall season start dates will be voted on at the May Executive Committee meeting.
e. Reported Championship Philosophy Committee has made a recommendation to the Executive Committee to eliminate the regional finalist plaque effective 2025-26 school year. Kristen stated no sport committee and SAAC supported this proposal. Joe asked the committee for their position on this. A discussion ensued about this.

MOTION by Steve to support this recommendation to eliminate the finalist plaque. SECOND by Dan. Defeated 0-11.
The committee feedback being against the proposal will be shared.

f. Reported the Championship Advisory Committee (CAC) has presented a recommendation to the Executive Committee for a three-nights rest rule in regional play. If approved in May, host sections must give three nights rest between sectional finals, sub-regional games and regional finals. It would be effective Fall of 2025. Several committee members brought up concerns about the tight schedule, gym time, Veterans Day and other factors.
g. NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame deadline is January 29th annually. A year ago the Executive Committee passed a motion to recommend sport committees submit one nomination every three years.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

a. Reported the 2025-26 school enrollment #'s and the 2025-26 classification cut-off numbers for six class sports were approved in October and posted on our website.
b. He added representatives on the Schools Without Boundaries Committee discussed several different proposals at its February meeting, which he briefly shared, but nothing was recommended for a vote.

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

a. Reported we are in our first year of a five-year extension with Spalding. Coordinators can provide feedback on the ball to Kristen which will be passed along to Spalding.

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing & Foundation

a. Reported we had a great year of fundraising in 2023-24 for the foundation. We raised over $12,000 from our inaugural golf tournament this past summer. Grants of up to $1,000 per school are now available on our website. They can apply on the NYSPHSAA website. GRANT APPLICATIONS: https://form.jotform.com/NYSPHSAA/SchoolGrantApplication

Lexi Swatt, Director of Sports Information

a. Thanked the committee for submitting missing stats/records for the website. She stated the minimum #'s for girls volleyball for kills, digs and blocks.

3. Officials Report, Sally Wise

Sally requested the committee's help getting the NYSCVOA scoring handbook out to all coaches.

4. Uniform Waivers

Non-Compliance Uniform Rule: A **motion** was made by Section 9, **second** by Section 3, to waive rule 6.5.1 and 6.5.1.2 Non Compliance Uniform rule referencing rule 7.1.1.1. and 7.1.2 . This would eliminate the administrative red card for a uniform that was out of compliance. This would be a pilot for one year.

Discussion: Officials would still inform the school that the uniform is not in compliance, and the school would still need to contact the state office for a waiver. But the team would not be penalized a red card loss of point at the beginning of the match. There was a concern that if there was no penalty assessed then teams would abuse the uniform guidelines when ordering new uniforms.Contrasting numbers and the ability of officials to easily read the numbers on the jersey is a valid concern. All teams should be following the uniform guidelines that are in the NCAA handbook.

Vote: 10-1 in favor of this proposal

Logo on Uniform Rule: There was a lengthy discussion on the logo rule on uniforms. The officials organization is going to address this rule at their meeting and provide us clarification . The rule is interpreted that you may have one logo on each sleeve, one on the back and one on the front of the jersey but not more than one (total of 4 logos). Schools also need to adhere to the sizing guidelines. The shorts also may have a logo. If the officials organization does not adopt this interpretation, the volleyball committee will meet and ask for a waiver.

5. State Tournament

- Sport Court Flooring Update: the floors will be delivered on Wednesday, 3-4 pm. Set up will be Thursday late afternoon/ evening. Depending on when the floors are done, we would open up the option for teams coming in to buy merchandise on Thursday and take photos on the courts. State Committee meeting will be Friday at 9:00 am in Heritage Hall so it is not rushed with play starting at 2:00 PM.

- Adjustment to the officials work schedule: No official will be scheduled to work back to back matchups on different courts. This should address delays we saw last year- waiting on an official.
- Adjustment: Include the following language in the COP and Coaches meeting. At the end of each session, if a court becomes available, at the committee's discretion the last matchup of another court may be moved to the available court.
- Addition to the SOP: In regards to pool play, the first time a team plays they will get the full 23 minute warm up. All other matchups will be 6 minutes per team. All final matches will adhere to the 23 minute warm up. By using the last matchup, no teams would be playing back to back and we avoid them not getting the appropriate amount of rest. This would not only speed up the event but also provide a small savings in cost.
- Adjustment to the tiebreaker procedure. The proposal would state: If the last matchup does not factor into determining the competitors for the finals , the 15 point tiebreaker would not be played. Rationale: The tiebreaker would not be necessary to determine the finals. **ALL TEAMS ARE STILL GUARANTEED 6 POOL PLAY GAMES.** Teams that finish third and fourth in the pool will receive awards that say “finalists”. They do not state the place finish. This would provide some cost saving in the terms of officials and number of hours in the facility, as well as getting teams out sooner after a long day of volleyball. The committee was in favor of this 11-0

5. Sectional Concerns:

Section 1: The matrix submitted to the ad hoc committee is not the one the committee presented. Chris stated that the ad hoc committee is addressing those concerns.

Section 2: No concerns

Section 3: The AA Team at States was upset about the uniform issue; Team’s Athletic Director would like this to be addressed and waived.

Modified rules for service line. Sections and leagues have the ability to look at the state modified rules and adopt what they want to use.

Draft At Large rotations

Number of sets for modified. Again the section can determine the number of sets.

Section 4: Can a section use a tally sheet for scoring at the modified level. Schools need to follow NCAA scoring but a league or section can waive that rule.

Section 5: No concerns

Section 6: 1 instead of 2 officials for high school tournaments Rules say the school needs to try to obtain 2 certified officials .

Section 7: No concerns. Heads up Section 7 may not have a class D school for 2025 which needs to be considered while looking at regional rotations.

Section 8: Concern with the lateness of the 3 region rotation approval, and 3 nights rest, while teams are already working on schedules . Coordinators are strongly encouraged to voice their concerns with their sections before the May vote.

Section 9: No concerns

Section 10 : No concerns

Section 11: There was a concern over the lateness of Friday final, by only using 2 courts. The decision to use two courts for the finals was two fold. First Safety. The netting system is shorter than the past and the tournament committee was trying to eliminate balls going onto the center court and interrupting play on a final. Secondly the middle court, though regulation , does not have as much room for teams, as the two outside courts. By using the outside courts only for a final it allows for the area to be less congested increasing safety.

There were a few factors that caused the lateness of the finals last year. 1. Not utilizing an available court. 2. Having to wait on an official to start a match. 3. Tie breakers being played on courts. With the amendments to the COP and the new wording of the tie breaker hopefully the issue of the lateness of the finals will be addressed. If not, we will revisit it next year.

6. 2026 Meeting Date – Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Meeting was Adjourned at 12:03 pm

NYSPHSAA
BOYS VOLLEYBALL Committee
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Chris Joyce, Kristen Jadin, Lexi Swatt
COMMITTEE: John Coletta (State Coordinator), 1: Lindsay Zekus, 2: (Fall) James Lemire, 2: (Winter) **Sean Connors, 3:** Winter (Michael Dziedzic, 3: (Fall) Mike Lucia, 5: Kyle Salisbury, 6: Walt Stefani, 8: Brett Kornblum, 11: Kathy Masterson,

GUESTS: Sally Wise (officials)

1. Attendance & Call to Order

Attendance was taken and the meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by State Coordinator John Coletta.

2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

a. Thanked Section 2, John and Jim Lemire for another great tournament in the fall. The 2025 year starts a new three-year bid term at Roberts Wesleyan & Finger Lakes CC. Had a site visit on December 18th with both colleges. Joe, Kristen and Kyle attended on our behalf. Report later in the meeting.
b. Reported on the status of the Schools Without Boundaries Committee, which met on October 16th due to a membership concern from Section 1, then again on February 4th. No recommendations were brought forward at the February meeting and the committee meets again in May. Link here for committee report/proposals: https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2025/2/12//2_4_25_Schools_Without_Boundaries_Report.pdf
c. Reported on the Sports Seasons Start Date Ad Hoc Committee. On February 5th the Executive Committee voted to approve all fall sports to start week #7 (August 18th), effective for the 2025 season only. Future fall season start dates (2026 and beyond) will be voted on at the May Executive Committee meeting. He noted start dates may not be week #7 every year starting in 2026 due to Labor Day.
d. NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame deadline is January 29th annually. A year ago the Executive Committee passed a motion to recommend sport committees submit one nomination every three years.
e. On behalf of Lexi Swatt, Director of Sports Information, he stated the importance of records and asked the committee to go to our website to check records and send Lexi an email if there are necessary changes. The Records Form is also available on our website for validation/submission to her as well.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

a. Reported the 2025-26 school enrollment #'s and the 2025-26 classification cut-off numbers for six class sports were approved in October and posted on our website.
b. He added representatives on the Schools Without Boundaries Committee discussed several different proposals at its February meeting, which he briefly shared, but nothing was recommended for a vote.
c. He added that the concept with fall start dates starting in 2026 would be starting fall sports two weeks before Labor Day which may not be week #7

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3. Officials Report

Sally Wise

a. Reported the growth of officials in the Hudson Valley area.
b. Scoring Module update was sent out but many coaches never received it.
c. Asked if the boys committee was going to discuss uniform waivers. John brought up the two libero rule and that we should be using the NCAA rule.
d. Committee decided not to address any modifications to the uniform rule and to keep what is currently in place for Boys Volleyball and uniforms. Teams may still request waivers but at this point teams/coaches/schools should be adhering to the uniform policy.
e. NCAA 2 Libero rule modification. The removal of the modification that we currently have would fall in line with current NCAA rules and would bring about better and smoother process for players, coaches and officials.
f. Coaches will be allowed to use two libero's, one libero or no libero's each set and can still have the flexibility each set to add or remove libero on the line up sheet. Serving rules and player swap rules are still in effect with the addition of being able to swap a libero in a non scoring point game stoppage. (ex. game stopped by official for injury or other reason Libero may swap on the floor). Both libero's will still have opportunity to serve in same rotation once service designation takes place.
g. MOTION made to remove current Boys Volleyball modification and adopt NCAA rule by Section 5 Kyle Salisbury. SECOND by Section 1 Lindsay Zekus. Committee unanimously in favor. (Section, 1, 2-not present, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11). Motion passes to remove modification and adopt NCAA 2 Libero Rules.

4. Winter Volleyball Report

Mike Dziedzic

a. Reported on the winter regional championship
b. Section 3 won both titles in regional play over Section 2.
c. Section 3 will be hosting the 2025-2026 Regional competition game.
d. Concern expressed with drop in coverage of the NFHS network at the conclusion of the regional contest.

5. 2025 Fall Season

a. The fall season start date for 2025 is August 18th. Some sections have decided to start at a later date over the concern of the two week time gap that will naturally occur at the completion of sectionals and the state tournament date of 11/22/25. Each section should look at their current schedule and decide what works best for their section needs for their leagues.

6. 2025 State Tournament

a. John reported on a proposed rotation for each pool at the state tournament. He noted the concern about a team not going. Todd Nelson- If teams are committed to going they need to go. If they pass on their rotating bid opportunity it will be passed to the next section in the rotation. This may create out of sync bid rotations between the sections but it will be fair and equitable across the state. If a team passes on their turn to attend they must wait until their next turn arrives in the state cycle. The current

cycle starts with section 1 and travels numerically to 2,3,5,6,8,11. This will ensure that there will always be two pools of four teams in Division 1 and Division 2 for the State Tournament format.

b. John shared the proposed tournament schedule and asked for feedback. The committee liked it as is and it will be what we use going forward. Joe will send to RW and FLCC to inform them.
c. Joe explained the hotel situation and that it would be ideal to use one hotel, equidistant to both colleges, for all teams, officials, committee and staff. He asked for the committee's feedback and if there were any objections to it. None. He will go forward and set up a contract with the Woodcliff Resort which is a high-quality hotel with a restaurant and numerous eateries nearby.
d. Kyle is meeting with both colleges to discuss the layout of courts and other details. He reported on several other items including multiple scoreboards at each venue.
e. Meeting notes from the December 18th site visit were shared with all section coordinators on specific logistics at each site.
f. Concern was raised on having enough officials to cover the two sites for NYSPHSAA tournament pool play. Todd Nelson/Sally Wise stated the officials board will be providing officials beyond the NYSPHSAA contracted officials to fill in the gaps where they will be needed. The contracted section representatives will still serve as R1/R2 as official game referees. Game duties such as line judges and table workers will be relied upon with contracted officials as well as the officials board provided to fill in the gaps where needed.
g. Volunteer Helpers- Kyle Salisbury with the help of many coaches and the players involved with Finger Lakes CC and Roberts Weselyan will have a good amount of volunteer helpers to accommodate each site for the tournament.

7. Section VI Proposal

a. Proposal made by Section VI seeking to balance the BEDS numbers to 875 for Divisions 1 & 2.
b. Walt indicated with the imbalance of teams in each division in Section VI, he wanted to address it. Jim stated Section 2 is opposite but said the change in cut-off numbers may not impact his section. Kathy stated a change would throw off her section balance. Mike noted he was not in favor of a change since his section is balanced at this time.
c. In summary, while moving the BEDS numbers to 875 would balance the numbers for one section it would create an off balance for other participating sections. The ultimate goal would be to have more schools participate from creation of more boys programs and possibly the addition of our Winter Season counterparts to create the possibility for a third division and growth of the sport in NYS. **MOTION made by Section VI: Walt Stefani. SECOND by Section V Kyle Salisbury. Section Vote (Section- Yes, Section 2- No, Section 3-No, Section 5-Yes, Section 6-Yes, Section 8-No, Section 11- No. Motion was defeated 4-3.**

8. Sectional Concerns:

a. More boys teams are being added into each of the divisions this coming school year by the following sections- 1, 3, & 8.

9**. 2026 Meeting Date –** Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Meeting was Adjourned at 12:03 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by John Coletta and Joe Altieri on 3/26/25

NYSPHSAA
GYMNASTICS Committee
Thursday, March 27, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Chris Joyce, Kristen Jadin, Lexi Swatt
COMMITTEE: Marbry Gansle (State Coordinator), Vin Collins (1), Deb Smarro (2), Danielle Cerminaro (3), Carol Mancari (5), Joe Buscaglia (6), Janice Trudeau (7 & Modified)), Kim Rhatigan (8), Nicole Calderone (9), Joe Mercado (11), Renee Breines (PSAL), Pat Acker (Scoring, Secretary)

1. Attendance & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 2:03 pm by State Coordinator Marbry Gansle

2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

a. Explained the bid process and timeline. Cold Spring Harbor (Section VIII) was the lone bid submitted for the 2027-29 state tournament. He explained several clarifications including final facility costs, concessions and hotels. Even though just one bid was submitted, he stated we should discuss the bid in case there are concerns. The committee and staff had none at this time.

MOTION to recommend the Cold Spring Harbor bid by Joe M. SECOND by Janice. Carried 10-0. Joe indicated the staff also supports the bid for recommendation.

The recommendations will now go to CAC and Executive Committee for review and approval. Bidders will be notified of the recommendations, bids placed on website and a bid comparison document will be created.

b. Thanked Section 6, Clarence HS, Joe B and everyone who helped make it another successful state tournament. The 2026 tournament was scheduled to be at Whitesboro High School however Joe spoke with Andrew Massoud (Athletic Director) and he requested Valley Gymnastics (run by Danielle Cerminaro of Section III) be considered to host it instead. Discussion on this continued during *2026 State Tournament* section of the meeting.

c. Reported on the status of the Schools Without Boundaries Committee, which met on October 16th due to a membership concern from Section 1, then again on February 4th. No recommendations were brought forward at the meeting and the committee meets again in May. He stated private schools draw attention when they win state championships even though they are NYSPHSAA members in good standing.

d. NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame deadline is January 29th annually. A year ago, the Executive Committee passed a motion to recommend sport committees submit one nomination every three years.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

a. He added representatives on the Schools Without Boundaries Committee discussed several different proposals at its February meeting, which he briefly shared, but nothing was recommended for a vote.

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

a. No report. She thanked Section VI, Joe B, Pat, Marbry for a great state meet at Clarence.

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing & Foundation

a. Reported we had a great year of fundraising in 2023-24 for the foundation. We raised over $12,000 from our inaugural golf tournament this past summer. Grants of up to $1,000 per school are now available on our website. They can apply on the NYSPHSAA website. GRANT APPLICATIONS: https://form.jotform.com/NYSPHSAA/SchoolGrantApplication

Lexi Swatt, Director of Sports Information

a. Reported the gymnastics record book could use some attention and asked the committee to go on the NYSPHSAA.org website and review records. Marbry did some work on records and offered to submit to Lexi.

3. Rule Changes to 2025-26 Technical Handbook

Marbry stated there were several proposals brought forward by committee members to consider adjusting.

a. Handspring – Kim explained her reasoning to consider changing the start value of this movement. **MOTION** by VIN to change start value to 8.6, **SECOND** by KIM, Carried 10-0.
b. Vault – Renee explained her reasoning to consider changing this rule. **MOTION** by Renee to make ¼ , ¼ to an 8.6 value and the ¼ , ¾ to an 8.8 value. **SECOND** by DANIELLE. Carried 10-0.
c. Mats – A discussion began on mats and what would be allowed for coaches to move. **MOTION** by Danielle to allow a coach to have the option to go on the floor to move matting as needed and add any matting up to 8" for safety reasons. **SECOND** by Joe B. Carried 10-0.
d. Mats - Marbry explained new mat information and beam, bar, and vault provided by Maria DiCristoforo at a recent Zoom webinar as a suggestion to adopt in high school. **MOTION** by Kim to adopt up to 20" of matting for bars, beam and vault for dismounts for safety reasons. **SECOND** by Danielle. Carried 9-0.

4. 2026 State Tournament

a. Danielle reported Whitesboro High School was set to host states in 2026 however she had discussed with Andrew Massoud (AD at Whitesboro) the possibility of Valley Gymnastics (a nearby gym run by Danielle) to host. Joe stated this is possible but the RFP/bid was approved for Whitesboro HS therefore there needs to be approval for a change in location. He also stated the staff would need to visit the location to ensure it had the amenities necessary to run a state meet (the last time the state meet was held at a club in Old Bethpage was in 1991). Todd Nelson and Marbry will visit Valley Gymnastics at 1:30 on Friday, March 28th. If the venue is suitable, Danielle will be required to complete the RFP with her club information. Joe will bring the change to CAC and Executive Committee for their approval.

b. Joe reported on the hotel situation. There are no hotels in the Utica area that can host all sections together so sections will be assigned to 2-3 smaller hotels like the Courtyard, Hampton, etc. Joe will begin working on contracts with hotels.
c. Marbry asked the committee if they wanted to continue not holding a committee meeting so they can be with their teams. The consensus was no meeting.

5. Awards at State Tournament
Marbry explained the proposal being voted on in May to change awards starting in Fall 2025. If it passes, there will no longer be section champions however individual sports may present Top 10 or Top 20 finalist medals. Gymnastics qualifies for Top 10 and is discussing if they want to go from Top 6 to Top 10 in 2026. The committee asked if it will be permitted to announce section champions and take photos on the podium. Section champions can get photos and be announced after the conclusion of the formal awards presentation.

6. Election of Secretary
Marbry explained the committee needs to nominate and vote on a secretary annually. **MOTION** by Kim to nominate Pat Acker for Secretary. **SECOND** by Vin. Carried 9-0

7. 2026 Meeting Date – Thursday, March 26, 2026

Meeting was Adjourned at 3:14 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marbry Gansle & Joe Altieri on 3/31/2025

NYSPHSAA BOYS GOLF State Committee

April 10, 2025 at 10:00 am

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

NYSPHSAA Staff: Kristen Jadin, Todd Nelson, Chris Joyce

COMMITTEE: Tom Gladd (State Coordinator), Ben Smith (Section 2), Erik Saroney (Section III), Matt Loveless (Section IV), William McDermott and Charlie Webster (Section V), Jacob Reimer (Section VI), John Glinski (Section VII), Anthony Brancato (Section VIII), Jorma Tompuri (Section IX), Randy Todd (Section X), Kevin Finnerty (Section XI)

1. Attendance & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 10:02am by Coordinator Tom Gladd.
Tom introduced Erik Saroney (Section III) and Jacob Reimer (Section VI) as new coordinators, and thanked Ben Smith (Section 2) for his service.

2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports

Chris Joyce (on behalf of) Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

a. Thanked Section IV, Tom Gladd and all the volunteers/committee members who helped run a great 2024 tournament. It was a great three years in Elmira.
b. He complimented the coordinators for all reaching out to the hotel already. All sections will be able to lodge in the same hotel this spring. Hotel contact is below.
The Rochester Marriott Airport, Tricia Kolb, Tricia.Kolb@hospitalitymgt.com, 585-250-6398
c. We had a great site visit on Aug 19th with Tom, Bill McDermott, and staff at the club. One thing that is to be determined is the $2,000 donation from Rochester Sports Commission toward a lunch for the sections. We will figure out a system and report back to the committee.
d. The annual NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame deadline is January 29th. We are appreciative that Tom put together a nomination on behalf of boys golf and submitted it for Class of 2025 consideration. Additionally, there was a brief discussion on nominating a past player for the Hall of Fame, with at least one former Section V player entered into consideration.
e. Finally, Chris reminded everyone that for the Fall of 2025, the season will begin in Week 7, (a change from the previously released calendar showing Week 8,) with the yearly start date going forward to be two weeks before Labor Day each year.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

a. No report.

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing & Foundation

a. Reported we had a great year of fundraising in 2023-24 for the foundation. We raised over $12,000 from our inaugural golf tournament this past summer. Grants of up to $1,000 per school are now available on our website. They can apply on the NYSPHSAA website. GRANT APPLICATIONS: https://form.jotform.com/NYSPHSAA/SchoolGrantApplication
b. Reported that once again this year there will be a fundraiser golf tournament, played at the Mohawk River Country Club on July 28, 2025.

Kristin Jadin, Assistant Director

a. State tournament awards and certificates
b. Stated the importance of the Championship Operations Packet and section coordinators must get this to their schools when they qualify.

Kristin Jadin, (on behalf of) Lexi Swatt, Director of Sports Information

a. Requested the committee check our website for Boys Golf records and reach out to her if there needs to be changes.

3. Committee Business

a. Tom began his comments by reviewing the duties of the coordinators for the next three years in Rochester, and reminding everyone that even though we are getting considerable assistance, it is our tournament to run.
b. Tom let everyone know that for the next three years coaches will have limited duties, relative to past practice. This noted, for now, since it is the first year, the committee decided to not say anything to the coaches, in case circumstances change before June.
c. Chris thanked everyone for already having booked with the hotel. Tom reminded everyone that we will continue our usual meeting schedule for Saturday and Sunday nights, time TBD.
d. Tom noted that he is working with the Mill Creek GC pro on Saturday practice round tee times. No major changes are anticipated. Additionally, Friday practice rounds are an option, at the expense of the individual Sections or players.
    - Tee times for Sections are still being finalized, and will be distributed after the April break.
    - Cart use by student athletes during practice round is NOT permissible
e. Tom reminded everyone that cell phones are allowed as distance measuring devices
f. Tom simply reminded the committee of the need to choose a new Section coordinator as quickly as possible if, and when, the need arises.

4. Section Concerns:

Section 1 – none shared
Section 2 – none shared
Section 3 – none shared
Section 4 – none shared
Section 5 – none shared
Section 6 – none shared
Section 7 – none shared
Section 8 – none shared
Section 9 – none shared
Section 10 – none shared
Section 11 – none shared

5. For the Good of the Order:

Todd requested that the committee take a vote on the proposed changes to awards given at State Championship tournaments for single classification sports, including Boys golf. Specifically, the committee voted on their position related to dropping the Section team championship awards, but expanding individual awards from 10 to 20 spots, as allowed by the new proposed rules. A motion to support these changes was made by Anthony Brancato, (Section VIII), and seconded by Kevin Finnerty (Section XI). After a brief discussion, the committee voted 10-0 to NOT support these changes, based on the consensus that the team portion of the event was integral to overall experience, and integrity, of the tournament.

6. Annual Committee Meeting for 2025-26

- Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

--minutes respectfully submitted by Tom Gladd and Joe Altieri

CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2025

CAC Members Attending: Greg Ransom (Chair), Mike Andrew (Team Sports), Jen Keane (At-Large), Josh Harrica (At-Large), Eileen Troy (At-Large), Kathy Hoyt (Executive Director), Susan Reid (At-Large), Jamie Harter (Individual Sports), Dave Lilleck (Superintendent). ABSENT with notice: Mark Ward (At-Large), Carlos Cotto (At-Large).

Staff/Officers Attending: Joe Altieri (CAC Liaison/Assistant Director), Todd Nelson (Assistant Director), Kristen Jadin (Assistant Director), Lexi Swatt (Director of Sports Information); Chris Joyce (Director of Marketing), Tim Mullins (President), Deb Ferry (2nd Vice President). **Guest**: Jamie Pereira (SAAC member)

Coordinators Attending: Kristin Fazer/Bob Wallen (Indoor Track), Dan Doherty/Tom Wells (Outdoor Track), Peggy Seese (Girls Volleyball), Eileen Shultis (Bowling), Quan Huynh/Chris Horgan (Tennis)

Call to Order by Chair Greg Ransom at 10:03 am. Joe introduced Jamie Pereira, a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). President Mullins thanked Greg and the CAC for their continued service. Greg announced to everyone it is the CAC members' responsibility to represent the association and not schools or sections individually.

Greg asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2025 CAC meeting.
MOTION by Jamie. SECOND by Dave. CARRIED 9-0.

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.

BOYS/GIRLS TENNIS – Revision of Lineup Rule – Boys Coordinator Quan Huynh and Girls Coordinator Chris Horgan explained the proposal. No questions/concerns raised at this time.
DURING ONLY CAC MEMBERS DISCUSSION: Greg asked Joe/Todd to explain the management of this. Joe noted the concerns came about two years ago when a stacking incident occurred and NYSPHSAA had to step in. The rule didn't have enough clarity in it at the time about the protest/ruling procedures so the revision helps. Adding the Challenge Matches guidelines are also important and will be a lot for coaches/coordinators to manage but they recognize that. Kathy stated there were concerns with stacking in her sectionals and regionals as well so revising this rule helps.
MOTION by Jamie. to support the proposal. SECOND by Dave. CARRIED 9-0

BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING – At Large Rotation 2026-31 – Girls Coordinator Eileen Shultis explained the proposal. No questions/concerns were raised.
MOTION by Kathy to support the proposal. SECOND by Eileen. CARRIED 9-0.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – Amendment of Tie-Breaker Rule – Coordinator Peggy Seese explained the proposal. No questions/concerns were raised.
MOTION by Josh to support the proposal. SECOND by Mike. CARRIED 9-0.

INDOOR TRACK – Revision of D2 Qualifying Standards – Boys Coordinator Kristin Frazer and Girls Coordinator Bob Wallen explained the proposal. Kathy asked if the standards will be the same or changed next year. Kristin stated the intentions are to keep them for the next three years but they will review standards each year.
MOTION by Dave to support the proposal. SECOND by Mike. CARRIED 9-0.

INDOOR TRACK – Reduce Relays from 8 to 6 – Boys Coordinator Kristin Frazer and Girls Coordinator Bob Wallen explained the proposal. No questions/concerns were raised.
MOTION by Josh to support the proposal. SECOND by Jamie. CARRIED 9-0.

INDOOR TRACK – Expand State Meet to 2 Days – Boys Coordinator Kristin Frazer and Girls Coordinator Bob Wallen explained the proposal. Joe A. added the two-day tournament was a suggestion of the NYSPHSAA staff for better management and safety, and the state coordinators and state committee agreed. Kathy noted a major concern about added logistics for a two-day meet but recognizes the importance of having it for safety. Mike asked to ensure the schedule provides for the least # of hotel room nights possible. DURING ONLY CAC MEMBERS DISCUSSION: Jamie asked if it hinders us with future bids. Joe stated it will not. The venue is available and there's another downstate venue that is interested in bidding a 1 or 2 day event.
MOTION by Josh to support the proposal. SECOND by Jen. CARRIED 9-0.

OUTDOOR TRACK – Reduce Relays from 8 to 6 – Boys Coordinator Dan Doherty and Girls Coordinator Tom Wells explained the proposal. No questions/concerns were raised.
MOTION by Josh to support the proposal. SECOND by Mike. CARRIED 9-0.

BOYS WRESTLING – Increase to 14 Weight Classes – Assistant Coordinator Todd Nelson explained the proposal. Greg confirmed the state committee's vote. Todd reported a correction in the proposal in which was a vote of 8-2-1 in favor of 14 weight classes however the committee was split on having a 101 weight class (lowest) vs something higher. Greg asked how much this will impact meet management. Todd stated it may add 30 minutes but because we utilize 10 mats, it could be similar end time both days.
MOTION by Mike to support the proposal. SECOND by Sue. CARRIED 9-0.

OFFICIALS FEES & POLICIES – Establish Fees for Girls Wrestling – Assistant Director Todd Nelson explained the proposal. Greg asked why the fee is half of boys wrestling knowing they are not the same sport. Todd explained boys fee is based on a two-day tournament and the girls fee is just one day, thus half the fee.
MOTION by Mike to support the proposal. SECOND by Jamie. CARRIED 9-0.

3-REGION CONCEPT for REGIONAL ROTATIONS – Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the proposal. He noted the concept was something Dr. Zayas developed when sections had a concern about the last round of regional rotations using guiding principles. He stated it was a templated concept for 9 or more sections participating in postseason with set regions. A sub-committee met on March 3rd and 18th to discuss implementation of this in the fall of 2025.

The concept has a packet of guidelines (in CAC packet) to explain specific situations including any uncertainty, matchups or other issues being ultimately resolved by Dr. Zayas. The guidelines will also state declaration dates of a section's annual participation in each class in each sport. They cannot change their participation after that date. If a team/section drops out of competition after the dates, it will be up to NYSPHSAA to determine how to fill that opening. Classification cut-off numbers also have an approval date in the guidelines.

Joe explained there are at-larges in this concept and they will rotate among sections with 4 or more teams in a specific sport and classification. The at-large rotation will follow a numerical order and at-larges will never be eligible to host a sub-regional game. A section who is up for the at-large in a given year may determine how they place their champion or runner up in postseason competition. Jen and Eileen had concerns about the equity of allowing a section to decide this as well as the late declaration of what their teams are doing. They outlined the path to the state championship could be made much easier for a team who should be enduring a more difficult set of games. Jamie agreed and thought politics may play a role in sections deciding where they send their champion/at-large. Joe stated it's a rotation each year so each section will get the opportunity to decide that for whatever reason they want. Chris Joyce indicated this is not a common occurrence and may even be determined in advance of sectional tournaments. It may come down to a section figuring out which team should play an extra game. Mike reminded everyone that it rotates so everyone will get a chance to experience this. Greg felt all the team sports do something different with regional rotations and this concept allows us a consistent rotation and easier for sections to schedule and plan. Eileen disagreed and felt the systems with sport committees that we have in place have worked for many years. A long discussion ensued about this topic.

Joe finished highlighting the proposal stating sections may also mutually agree to swap home/away but cannot change matchups. He added this proposal will also now have a set rotation of all State Final Four matchups. They will rotate the same in all sports and be managed by NYSPHSAA (no longer committees) 1v2/3v4, 1v3/2v4, 1v4/2v3.
MOTION by Mike to support the proposal. SECOND by Kathy. CARRIED 8-1.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT/CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:
Gymnastics Site Change 2026 – Joe A. explained Whitesboro High School (new athletic director) was unable to host the state tournament and nearby Valley Gymnastics (run by Section III Coordinator Daniele McQueary) offered to host. Robert, Todd, Marbry Gansle made a site visit to the center to determine it had the necessary amenities to run a quality state tournament. He indicated both staff and state committee agreed on the change in site.
CAC expressed no concerns with the recommendation.

Gymnastics Site Selection 2027-29 – Joe A. explained the lone bid submitted by Cold Spring Harbor (Section VIII), a previous host of the event. He indicated both staff and state committee agreed on the bid as the recommendation. **CAC expressed no concerns with the recommendation.**

INFORMATIONAL:
Boys & Girls Swimming/Diving Standards for 2025-26 – Greg explained due to both sports staying within 5-8% participation rate, per Championship Philosophy Committee, the standards will remain the same.

Status of Outdoor Track 2026 – Joe A. explained we are going on six months now without having a 2026 state championship site to get approved but we are hopefully close. He's spoken to 12-13 different venues who haven't been able to host however he recently had numerous conversations with Webster Schroeder HS (Section V) about hosting and says they may be able to. He is expected to hear their availability to host or not by May 1st.

Status of Girls Ice Hockey & 8-Man Football – Joe explained these two sports are borderline Emerging Sports right now with each sport having just three sections with at least four programs each (and several others with 1-2 programs). Emerging Sports must have four sections with at least four programs each or they are no longer considered "emerging" per our Championship Philosophy and will no longer be recognized by NYSPHSAA. At the next meeting he will have a final report on if they will add programs or not which will determine their status for 2025-26.

2025-30 Championship Dates & Sites – Greg noted the updated championship documents in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Eileen. SECOND by Dave. CARRIED 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 @ 10:00 am

Minutes respectfully submitted by NYSPHSAA liaison Joe Altieri; reviewed/approved on 4/18/2025 by CAC Chair, CAC members and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director prior to distribution.

APPENDIX H

Boys Ice Hockey
Post Season Report
2025-2026

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

		School	**Athlete**
Ice Hockey	Division NFL	Lew-Port	TBD
	Division ECIC I	Orchard Park	TBD
	Division ECIC II	Starpoint	Nick Prezesio

Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented:

- A new mandatory training session was implemented for all off ice officials that keep time. No official was allowed to be assigned that had not completed the training. In addition, if an official made mistakes in multiple games that official was directed to retake the certification training. The training on iPad use and scoring is also available to all coaches and school personnel.
- This was the fourth year for the divisional alignment. Four divisions were established that followed the pattern of the existing leagues schools presently complete in. The ECIC group was 14 schools and therefore it was broken into two divisions based on the BEDS numbers. The Executive Committee voted to continue this alignment indefinitely.
- The stats adjustment form was used for the third year for coaches to request that the league approve and correct any stats for players that were reported incorrectly. In total 15 requests were made from 6 different schools out of 230 league and non-league games.
- The running clock rule in the 3rd period when the score reached an 8 goal differential was continued as a league policy and worked as intended.
- The league hosted a senior all-star game for the third time. 52 senior athletes participated. It was very successful.
- NYSPHSAA allows the OT in a regular season game to be 4 on 4 or 3 on 3. The membership rejected this proposal for our section, we continue to run a 5 on 5 OT.

Problems encountered/concerns:

- The iPads are beginning to show wear and tear. Many do not hold a charge. We are looking into upgrading the devices for next season.
- A few teams cancelled games due to scheduling conflictsThis was a result of poor planning by these schools and should not have happened.

Recommendations for next season including proposed calendar:

- We will continue to fine tune the electronic scoring procedure games. The distribution, maintenance and collection of equipment also needs to be addressed. A better system must be implemented to make this process more manageable.
- The start date for the season is November 17, 2025. Section VI will host the regional games on Saturday March 7th and the NYS Championships on March 14 & 15, 2026.
- The Monsignor Martin teams elected to separate from the league and play and independent schedule. The league will consist of 3 divisions for the 25-26 season.
- The three official systems will again be used for the sectionals and finals. This is in line with the NYSPHAA decision to use three officials for regionals and the state tournament. A proposal to institute the three-official system for all league games has been received. Staffing needs and costs are being studied.

Section VI Boys Hockey Divisions for the 2025-2026 Season

NFL	*ECIC I*	*ECIC II*
Grand Island	Lancaster	Will. East
Lew-Port	Clarence	Hamburg
Niagara-Wheatfield	Will. North	Will. South
Ken-East	Orchard Park	Amherst
Ken-West	Frontier	Iroquois/Ald.
Lockport/NF	Sweet Home/Depew/NT	W. Seneca E.
	W. Seneca W.	Starpoint

Divisional Champions and Post Season Results:

Division	*Champion*
ECIC I	Orchard Park
ECIC II	Williamsville East
NFL	Kenmore East
Monsignor Martin	Bishop Timon

Sectional Results:

D I Champion – Orchard Park
D II Champion – Williamsville East
Monsignor Martin Champion- St. Joseph Collegiate Institute



Winter 2025 Post-Season Report
Sport: : Girls Varsity Ice Hockey

Sport Chair: **Rick Hopkins**

2025- Sectional Results :

Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championships
7-Williamsville-1	4-HHEWS-5	4-HHEWS-1
2-FFLOP-9	1-KENGIPORT-2	2-FFLOP-4
6-NIagara County-1	3-LIDA-1	Monsignor Martin-0
3-LIDA-4	2-FLOP-5	St. Mary's-3
5-CASH-0		
4-HHEWS-1		

2025- Regional Results:

Far West	NYSPHSAA Semifinals
FFLOP-4	FFLOP-1
Webster-1	Skaneateles-3

Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:

Eric Cooper-HHEWS

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:

Hamburg/Holland/Eden/West Seneca

Report on Active Pilots:

Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season: Ice time is still a concern with some start times being too early, 4pm, or too late, 9pm. Ice managers insist it's the only ice available due to girls varsity being the smallest regular ice user.

2026- Post Season Calendar

Event	Details	Date/Time
First Practice		Mon. Nov. 17
First Scrimmage/Contest	After 6 individual practices	Tues. Nov. 25
Pre-Season Coaches Meeting	Williamsville South HS	Weds. Nov. 5 7pm
Rosters deadline	sectionalsports.com	Tues. Nov. 25
Referee Rating deadline		
Last League Game		Thurs. Feb. 5
Power PointRating form Deadline	email chair	
Seeding Meeting	Williamsville South HS	Mon. Feb. 9 7pm
End of year records deadline		
All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	On-Line Form Only	
Play-off Dates		
Quarters	Buffalo State Ice Arena	Tues. Feb. 10 4pm, 6pm, 8pm
Semifinals	Buffalo State Ice Arena	Thurs. Feb. 12 6pm, 8pm
Section VI Championship	Buffalo State Ice Arena	Mon. Feb. 16 6pm Private, 8pm Sec. VI
Far West Regional	Buffalo State Ice Arena	Weds, Feb. 18 6pm
NYSPHSAA Semifinals	Utica Nexus Center	Fri. Feb. 20 4pm & 6pm
NYSPHSAA Championship	Utica Nexus Center	Sat. Feb. 21 12pm

Other Important Dates:

Section 6 Wrestling Post Season Report 2024-25

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners: (D1) AJ Didas, Clarence High School; (D2) Caden Inkley (Randolph)

Important Dates for 2024-2025:

First Practice – Nov. 17th
Centralized weight certification: 11/20 – 11/25.

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented:

1. There were several instances in which coaches used wrestlers in a weight class in which they were not eligible. This is primarily due to the coaches not being aware of the general rules of how the 1.5% descent plan works. Coaches must do a better job of reading the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Program Booklet to better understand how the system is to be implemented.
2. The first year of the "Open Sectional" was seen as a general success. Entry numbers for both Divisions were down from last year. Limiting the second entry to 6 varsity contests achieved the goal of having only qualified athletes participate in the Sectional Tournament.

Problems encountered/concerns:

1. Many coaches complained about the recruiting of Section 6 athletes by the St. Francis wrestling program. I expressed to them that St. Francis was not doing anything illegal. I recommended to them that they NOT compete against St. Francis nor support their yearly tournament if they are unhappy with their recruitment practices. The recommendation was not taken.
2. Most coaches believe that NYSPHSAA is hurting our sport by NOT fighting the litigation that is brought against it; whenever rules violations are reported, enforced then reversed due to litigation. This practice weakens the rules system that is in place.
3. ADs support is desired for our postseason events by stressing to their coaches about the need to follow through on team responsibilities. Including but not limited to filling out seeding sheets in a timely fashion, attending seeding meetings, bringing table help to the state qualifier tournament etc.
4. There was a points "typo" at the Team Duals Seeding Meeting that was not discovered until the night before the Dual tournament. Frontier HS was given more points than they had earned (given 5, instead of 3 points). This caused an initial ranking error. The error was rectified, and the teams were reseeded prior to the event. This was the "right" thing to do as we have never encountered a points error in any prior dual seeding event. The tournament was completed with no further issues.

New policies for 2025-26

1. NYSPHSAA wrestling committee will look at the penalties associated with teams who violate the 20 point scheduling rule as it pertains to competing in more than 6 tournaments.

Concerns heading into 2025-26

1. For any Section 6 Sponsored postseason tournament: It is recommended that a limit be put on the number of coaches who are allowed to be in the competition areas. Too many programs have too many coaches (and athletes) present around the mats. This is creating an unsafe environment at our Sectional events. Several announcements were made at our sectionals asking teams to clear people out of the corners and edges of the mat during competition. Those announcements were largely ignored by the teams involved. A limit of 3 coaching passes at Sectionals would help. This has been an ongoing issue in wrestling for many years. This problem seems to have roots in the fact that several of our teams have more than 5 board approved coaches on their rosters. Every coach wants a pass at Sectional time. With so many approved coaches, one would think that those individuals would help with controlling their teams at our events. The opposite holds true. For a sport that has only 13 weight classes, the need for so many coaches is hard to comprehend. Crowd control barriers of some type would perhaps help. These would keep non-competitors out of the wrestling area and diminish the potential for problems associated with overcrowding the competition area.

2025-26 Post Season Calendar

Wrestling Co-Chairs Mike DeBarbieri (c 378-1190) & Israel Martinez (c 628-0664)			
	Date	**Site**	**Time**
Weight Certification	Nov. 20-25	As per Mike Pilato - TBA	As per Mike Pilato - TBA
Section 6 Duals	Jan. 3rd	TBA	10:00 start
Class Tournaments	On pause for 25-26 season		
Qualifier: Div 1 &2	Feb 13-14 or 14-15	Fredonia State University	Day 1 – 12:00 p.m. start (ideal) Day 2 – 10:00 a.m. start
Dual States:	January 31	Onondaga Comm College	9:30 a.m.
Ind. States	February 27-28	Albany MVP Arena	9:30 a.m.

Section 6 Champions (NYS Place finish):

	DIVISION 1		NYS place
101	CAMERON CRUMPLER	NIAGARA FALLS	8th
101	PARKER BRENON	WILLIAMSVILLE NORTH	
108	SEAN MCDONALD	STARPOINT	
108	COLE RANDLE	GRAND ISLAND	
116	AIDEN RODRIGUEZ	ORCHARD PARK	
116	REVERIEN NSHIMIRIMANA	BUFFALO	
124	EIAN PETERSON	NIAGARA WHEATFIELD	
124	JAKE GIANNANTONIO	KEN TON	
131	BRAYDEN KELLISON	WILLIAMSVILLE NORTH	
131	TYLER ZWALD	JAMESTOWN	
138	QUINLAN LYLE	AMHERST	
138	KAYDEN FEAGIN	NIAGARA FALLS	
145	AJ DIDAS	CLARENCE	3rd
145	GARRETT CHASE	NIAGARA WHEATFIELD	
152	CHASE RICHARDS	NIAGARA WHEATFIELD	8th
152	TREVOR MUELLER	CLARENCE	

160	DYLAN PRINGLE	NIAGARA WHEATFIELD	
160	SAWYER DICKINSON	KEN TON	
170	EVAN BRAUNSCHEIDEL	HAMBURG	
170	BEN GOMBOS	FRONTIER	
190	NOAH LEAVELL	HAMBURG	
190	JONATHAN LANDEN	NORTH TONAWANDA	
215	NATHANIEL TIRADO	WEST SENECA WEST	
215	TRISTEN WEBB	HAMBURG	
285	MIKE WELSH	FRONTIER	3rd
285	MAX SMITH	WILLIAMSVILLE EAST	

DIVISION 2

101	ADRIAN TORRES	SOUTHWESTERN	2nd
101	MASON DELLAPENTA	EDEN	3rd
108	MILES TORRES	SOUTHWESTERN	4th
108	STYKER SANDERS	ALBION	
116	JARON BARRIENTOS	LEW PORT	3rd
116	REECE SENSKE	MEDINA	6th
124	CARMINE CALIMERI	SOUTHWESTERN	8th
124	DYLAN NEWMAN	FALCONER	6th
131	THANDON BENSINK	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE	
131	TREVOR DELLAPENTA	EDEN	4th
138	DOMANIK CLARK	RANDOLPH	6th
138	ABDULHAMID ALBANEH	LACKAWANNA	
145	AYDEN BUTTERY	NEWFANE	4th
145	AIDAN GILLINGS	NEWFANE	3rd
152	CADEN INKLEY	RANDOLPH	3rd
152	BRYCE DELLAPENTA	EDEN	
160	JACOB STEPHENSON	WILSON	2nd
160	JAKE MORELLO	NEWFANE	
170	RONAN KLUG	ROY HART	
170	JAKE ZEIGLER	PORTVILLE	
190	PATRICK BRALEY	FALCONER	8th
190	BRODY FRY	MEDINA	
215	CHRIS HOWATT	PIONEER	2nd
215	TAKOTA SMITH	PIONEER	6th
285	MASON MARING	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE	3rd
285	HAMZA MERRICK	WILSON	1st

Team Dual Championships:

D1 Team Champion – Niagara Wheatfield

D2 Team Champion - Chautauqua Lake

Class Tournament Champions (Determined by scoring at the Open Sectional)

Class AA – Frontier

Class A – Niagara Wheatfield

Class B – Chautauqua Lake

Class C/D - Falconer

Winter 2025 Post-Season Report
Sport: : Girls Wrestling

Sport Chair: Tom Shifflet

2025- Sectional Results :

2023-2024 section 6 participation 207
2024-2025 section 6 participation 251
Increase of 21.26%

On Friday February 14th 2025, Sweet Home high school hosted the first section 6 girls wrestling championship. Sweet Home did a great job hosting the tournament which crowned 13 champions. We had an average of twelve girls in each of the thirteen weight classes brackets.
Team Finish

1		Niagara Wheatfield, NY	Niagara Wheatfield Sr HS, NY (GET)	NW	13	190.0
2		Chautauqua Lake, NY	Chautauqua Lake-Westfield-Panama, NY (GET)	C-L	13	146.0
3		Lockport, NY	Lockport Sr HS, NY (GET)	LKPT	11	137.5
4		Fredonia, NY	Fredonia HS, NY (GET)	FRED	11	101.5
5		Dunkirk, NY	Dunkirk HS, NY (GET)	DUNK	10	91.5

Section 6 Individual Champions:
1st Place - Anastazia Hale of Falconer
1st Place - Gabriella Gelnett of Lockport
1st Place - Emma Greene of Niagara Wheatfield
1st Place - Gabriella Barone of Niagara Wheatfield
1st Place - Olivia Phillips of Orchard Park

1st Place - Nevaeh Senik of Niagara Wheatfield
1st Place - Noli Paddock of Chautauqua Lake
1st Place - Emma Beckles of Niagara Wheatfield
1st Place - Avery White of Frontier
1st Place - Lilly Hyde of Chautauqua Lake
1st Place - Michaela Thomas of Iroquois
1st Place - Kimberly Bauer of Fredonia
1st Place - Khamya`J Maxwell of Lockport

2025- State Championship Results:

Michaela Thomas of Iroquois became the 1st section VI girls wrestling state champion!
Section VI finished 3rd overall with 214.5 points at the 2025 NYSPHSAA girls state championship.
Our top team was Niagara Wheatfield who finished 10th with 38.5 team points
Section VI qualified 25 athletes and finished with ten state placers representing eight schools
State Placers:
JR Gabriella Gelnett Lockport 6th
SR Emma Greene Niagara Wheatfield 6th
FR Gabriella Barone Niagara Wheatfield 4th
FR Noli Paddock Chautauqua Lake 3rd
JR Sofia Guadagna Sweet Home 5th
SR Avery White Frontier 4th
JR Michaela Thomas Iroquois CHAMPION
JR Lauren Winfield Springville 6th
JR Khamya'J Maxwell Lockport 5th
JR Jaslieen Salgado Dunkirk 6th

Other Awards/Acknowledgements (sportsmanship Award, Sport Specific Awards, etc.)
NYSPHSAA Section VI Sportsmanship award winner - Senior 145 lb Avery White Frontier high school
NWCA girls head and assistant state coach of the year - Chautauqua Lake Pete & Emily Dorman

Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:

Report on Active Pilots:
This is where you would report any active pilots, for example:

In the interest of growing girls wrestling and encouraging the start of more high school wrestling programs, I would highly recommend that a section 6 dual meet championship be budgeted for

and put in place for the 2025-2026 season. People want to get behind a program / team so a dual championship is critical to sustainable growth. The past two seasons Dunkirk has hosted the team invitational and had a two contact point requirement. The girls invitational has been extremely successful and well run.

Since the boys have a dual meet championship in place, the girls should have the same. With Section 6 leading the way, we will set the standard for the state to hold the women's dual meet State Championship in the near future. This event should be held in conjunction with one of the boys dual meet championships.

C-Lake, Fredonia, NW, Lockport, Dunkirk, (8 Teams would be a good number of teams) even if you have 10 of 13 weight classes filled on a team)....

Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season:

1. Schools hosting a wrestling tournament must abide by and enforce all section rules and policies. Schools attending an away tournament are responsible for their wrestlers, parents and coaches following all section rules and policies. I would like to recommend some modifications to the current standards for hosting or participating at a wrestling tournament to improve the safety and sportsmanship at these competitions. Tournaments are the backbone of our season so a focus on improving the expectations at these events would help our sport in many ways. Example- tighten up current policies that are in place. One major concern is who is around mats and inadequate seating for spectators.
2. Concern around the number of certified freestyle officials I would like to recommend changes to the existing standards for becoming a section 6 official. A better pathway would allow more officials to become certified. Submitting a waiver to allow M3 officials to work the post season at the section level.
3. Track Wrestling platform and collecting season data is an issue for many reasons. Time consuming, and many coaches have challenges managing it.
4. We would like to look at changing the Section VI individual State Tournament Format. Decisions are made in a room instead of on that mat. With the increased growth of participants we would like to move to a two day section event. Having the first round on Friday, and having one day off, girls would weigh in at Fredonia on Sunday for medal rounds and beyond on Sunday.

Winter 2025:

Sport Committee:

Proposals:
Increase the minimum amount of freestyle dates the athlete must participate in from 2 to 3 for eligibility to participate in the 2026 individual wrestling postseason. This will help with participation and the safety of the athletes. Currently girls can practice with and compete against the boys. Results against boys do not count for girls postseason.

Sport Committee Meeting Dates:

2026- Post Season Calendar

Event	Details	Date/Time
Pre-season Coaches Meeting	Zoom	Monday, November 3
First Official Practice		November 17th 2025
Weight Certifications		Thursday, November 20-25
Section VI Dual Meet Championship	TBD- Pending Proposal	Saturday, January 3rd
Girls Individual State Prelims	Sweet Home HS	Saturday, February 7th/ or Friday the 13th
Girls Individual State Qualifier	Fredonia State College	Sunday, February 15th
Girls State Championship	Albany, MVP Arena	Thursday, February 26-27th



Winter 2025 Post-Season Report
Sport: : Boys and Girls Varsity Bowling

Sport Chair:
Dan Kaplan - Boys
Joe Biondo - Girls

2025- Sectional Results : BOYS
D-1 Kenmore 6379
D-2 Depew 6418
Class A-Kenmore
Class B-Grand Island
Class C-Depew
Class D Falconer

GIRLS
D-1 Frontier 5635
D-2 Depew 5765
Class A-Frontier
Class B-North Tonawanda
Class C-Depew
Class D-Frewsburg

D-1 Composite Team
Nick Grabowski (11) Lockport
Alex Scapillato (11) Lancaster
John Coram (11) Grand Island
Jaedyn Calleja (10) Orchard Park
Jonathan Kramer (11) Amherst
Hunter Twoguns (12) McKInley

D-2 Composite Team
Ryan Sobierajski (10) Depew
Ryan McIntyre (12) Maryvale
Ryan Przepiora (11) JFK
Ryan Kelly (11) Fredonia

Anthony Pratt (12) Southwestern
Elijah Shute (11) Depew
D-1 Girls Composite Team
Addison Cappalino (11)Jamestown
Cailyn Willard (11)Kenmore
Madison Ciminelli (10)Frontier
Wynter Winkfield (10)Amherst
Danica Horbett (8)Lancaster
Sarah Zulick (12) Clarence

D-2 Girls Composite Team
Madison Rondeau (11) Hinsdale
Emma Felton (10) Depew
Emily Schwanekamp (11) Springville
Olivia Rhoat (12) JFK
Madison Dunbar (11) DaVinci
Kelsey Fischer (10) Frewsburg

2025- Regional Results: BOYS
NYSPHSAA Championships
Kenmore-9th
Depew 5th
D-1 Composite-7th
D-2 Composite-1st–NYS CHAMPIONS

2025-Regional Results:GIRLS
NYSPHSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS
Frontier-3rd
Depew-2nd
D-1 Composite-3rd
D-2 Composite-2nd
Emma Felton (Depew)1st overall in D-2
Amelia Slowinski (Depew)-2nd overall in D-2

Other Awards/Acknowledgements (sportsmanship Award, Sport Specific Awards, etc.)
John Coram -Sportsmanship
Anthony Pratt-Sportsmanship
Sarah Zulick-Sportsmanship
Olivia Rhoat-Sportsmanship

Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:

Report on Active Pilots:
This is where you would report any active pilots, for example:

Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season:
Problems encountered during the season really had to do with the website. The Bowling website was migrated over to the new format. It was way more cumbersome to use. The ability to gain access to teams, took too long and was not intuitive. Joe Biondo is working with Matt Todaro to improve its ease of use.

Winter 2025:

Sport Committee:
Dan Kaplan & Joe Biondo Section VI Chairpersons
Ray Farrell - BPS Coordinator
John Seeley - Girls ECIC Coordinator
Joe Biondo (OP) - ECIC Boys Co-coordinator
Bill Morrissey - ECIC Boys Co-coordinator
Bob Howard (Ken)- NFL Coordinator
Peggy Harris (JT)- CCAA 1 & 2 Coordinator
Nicole Nellist (Gow) - CCAA 3 Coordinator

Sport Committee Meeting Dates: October/Nov 2025
TBA

Sport Committee Proposals: None
2026- Post Season Calendar
TBA- This will depend on the State Championship format. We are looking into conducting the Section 6 championships after the week of February Break. The new 4 day format worked out very well for the 2024-2025 season.



Winter 2025 Post-Season Report
Sport: : List your sport here

Sport Chair: **Jason Lehmbeck**

2025- Sectional Results :
BOYS

Carls Coleman	Ellicottville	1
Sivic Jake	Williamsville	2
Rung Cooper	Williamsville	3
Held Thatcher	Williamsville	4
Coleman Declan	Williamsville	5
Seeley Aston	Ellicottville	6

Girls

Bush Bianca	Ellicottville	1
Conroy Cait	Ellicottville	1
Held Claire	Williamsville	3
Klein Harper	Ellicottville	4
Lester Addison	Williamsville	5
Rung Blakely	Williamsville	6

2025- Regional Results:
N/A

Other Awards/Acknowledgements (sportsmanship Award, Sport Specific Awards, etc.)
N/A

Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:

N/A

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:

Jacob Sivic - Clarence

Bianca Bush - Ellicotteville

Report on Active Pilots:

N/A

Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season:

Winter 2025:

Sport Committee:

Jason Lehmbeck

Kevin Lester Jr.

Kent Joessel

Sport Committee Meeting Dates:

Sport Committee Proposals:

N/A

2026- Post Season Calendar

Event	Details	Date/Time
State Championship	Bristol Mountain	February 23-24, 2026

Other Important Dates:

Winter 2025 Post-Season Report
Sport: Boys Swimming & Diving

Sport Chair: **Nathan Bourke & Timothy Menges**

2025- Sectional Results :

Section VI State Qualifier Meet;

52 athletes earned qualifying times for the NYS Championship from this meet.
**Team scores were not tabulated*

2025- Class Championship Results:

Class A: Orchard Park
Class B: Hamburg
Class C: Tonawanda

Other Awards/Acknowledgements (sportsmanship Award, Sport Specific Awards, etc.)

State Championship: Section VI Good Sport Award Winner: Connor Dean, Frewsburg (Jamestown CSD)

State Qualifier Swimmer of the Meet: Hamza Attuwaybi, Williamsville North
Class A Swimmer of the Meet: Connor Dean, Frewsburg (Jamestown CSD)
Class B Swimmer of the Meet: Carter Kobielski, Williamsville South
Class C Swimmer of the Meet: Liam Farrel, Alden

Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:

Timothy Menges, Starpoint, nominated by N. Bourke (*unbeknownst to him*)
*Tim has been the section co-chair for 10 years and has given so much of his time and energy for the betterment of the sport and the hundreds and hundreds of athletes throughout the section. While Tim anticipates coaching the Starpoint team another season, he is stepping down as co-chair at the end of this season as he nears retirement. He is leaving the sport in a much better place than when we took over as chairpersons a decade ago, and I hope to continue to carry on the legacy that we have created.

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners: N/A

Report on Active Pilots: Currently the sport is not conducting any active pilots.

Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season: None

Recommendations for next season, including the proposed calendar:

- Continue to support funding for Championship meets at collegiate Natatorium
- The tentative calendar below reflects the 2025-2026 championship format which may change as a result of the May 2025 State Section Coordinator's meeting.
- Qualifying times will be studied and adjusted as appropriate to better meet the needs and talents of our Section VI athletes
- **Classification Breakdown** The Committee will continue to assign schools to divisions for the Class Championship based upon their BEDs. 100% of the BEDS numbers will continue to be used for the 25.26 school year for combined teams since swimming is technically a one-classification sport.

- **Sectional 6 Class Championship Meets and Sectional/State Qualifier Meet/s:**
  After researching the other 10 sections across the state's postseason format, both the boys and girls committees continue to evaluate this format, based on data reports available through swimcloud to determine if this format continues to give our athletes the best opportunity to represent the section at the State Championship.

Current Format: 3 Day: Swimming Prelims, Diving, and Swimming Finals
Recognizing both the Team Champion and runner up, as well as the top 4 in each event with patches
1 Day: State Qualifier Meet, Swimming & Diving
Recognizing top finishes, state qualifiers, but no tangible awards

- The committee will re-evaluate, based upon a google forms survey to coaches and senior student athletes who qualified for the state meet:

A. Keep the same format
B. 2 Day Format (Dive day 1, Swim Day 2)- Swim Timed Finals, Team Championship and Runner Up plaques
   2 Day Format- Prelims/Finals, awarding patches to Top 4 places
C. Another similar option with minimal to no financial impact on the section- ensuring we are still doing what we think is best for kids.

Additionally, with the State Championship three weeks after our traditional Championship meet again in 2026 (2016-2019, and 2021-2024 it was two weeks,) the committee will discuss **possibly** moving the Championship meet to the week of February 16, which would in turn allow for additional flexibility with league schedules. This schedule would of course be driven by facility availability to host, and would be determined at our May 2025 committee meeting.

Winter 2024-2025 Committee:

Buffalo	Cindy Cranston*	South Park	ccranston@buffaloschools.org
CCAA	Dan Brown* Todd Conklin+	Olean Southwestern	dbrown@oleanschools.org
ECIC	Doug Newman* Nancy Bennett+ Paul Cary+ Chris Miller+	Cleveland Hill Alden Clarence Williamsville East	dnewman@clevehill.org
NFL	Mike Corsaro* John Sullivan+	Niagara Wheatfield Lockport	mcorsaro@nfschools.net
N-O	Anthony Buono* Chad Gretz+	Newfane Newfane	abuono@newfanecentralschools.org cgretz@newfanecentralschools.org

**League Voting Member, +At Large (Non-Voting) Member*

For the 2025-2026 school year, we are hoping to add another At-large member from both BPS and the NO Leagues.

Sport Committee Meeting Dates:

Virtual Committee Meeting:	Week of May 5, 2025
Virtual Committee Meeting:	Week of October 6, 2025
In-Person Committee Meeting:	Prior to the Final Championship Meet of the Season at the venue where that meet is held.
Virtual Committee Meeting:	Week of March 16, 2026

2025-26 *Tentative* Post Season Calendar

Event	Details	Date/Time/Notes
First Practice	11/17/2025	
First Scrimmage/Contest	After 6 individual practices	
Pre-Season Coaches Meeting	11/12/25	
Rosters deadline into Swim Cloud	Prior to 1st Meet	
Referee Rating deadline	Not applicable for Sport	
Deadline to opt out of Sectionals	Not applicable for Sport	
Last League Contest	January 31 or February 7, 2026	Pending
Power PointRating form Deadline	Not applicable for Sport	
Seeding Meeting	Not applicable for Sport	
End of year records deadline	Not applicable for Sport	
All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	March 16, 2026	
Post Season Competition		
League Championships	Last week of January, 2026 or First week of February, 2026	
Class Championship	Circa February 5-14, 2026	Venue TBA
Sectional or State Qualifier Meet/s	Circa February 11-19, 2026	Venue TBA
State Championship	March 6 & 7, 2026	Ithaca College

Other Information: **2025 Media Guide Link**

	2025 State Meet Highlights		
Event	***Winner***	***Notes on Winner***	***Other Finalists from Section VI***
200 Medley Relay	**Frewsburg*, 1st** Connor Dean, Miles Moore, Grady Moore Landon Frederes	NYSPHSAA Champions All American time earned Set new NYSPHSAA record Set new Section VI record	Orchard Park 11th Place Kenmore 12th place Niagara Falls 26th place
200 Freestyle	*Williamsville South* Carter Kobielski, 3rd	All American Consideration	Max Carter, Will East, 4th
200 IM	***Frewsburg, 1st*** Conner Dean	NYSPHSAA Champions All American time earned New Section Record	Alex Schuler, Kenmore 23 Hamza Attuwaybi, Will North, 24
50 Freestyle	*Frewsburg* Miles Moore, 2nd *Will East* Nick Lemmo, 3rd	All American times earned	Inno Song, Will North, 15th
100 Freestyle	**Will South, 1st** **Carter Kobielski**	NYSPHSAA Champion All American time earned	Nick Lemmo, Lancaster, 4th Inno Song, Will North, 17th
500 Free			Max Anderson, W East, 5th Brady Garcia, Kenmore, 20th
200 Free Relay	**Frewsburg*, 1st** Connor Dean, Miles Moore, Grady Moore Daniel Peterson	NYSPHSAA Champions All American time earned Set new NYSPHSAA record Set new Section VI record	Will East, 3rd Will North, 15th Orchard Park 16th Clarence, 18th Will South, 22nd
100 Backstroke			Alex Schuler, Kenmore, 16th Cooper Zugelder, Lockport 22nd Nick D'Anna, LewPort, 23rd
400 Freestyle Relay	**Frewsburg*, 1st** Connor Dean, Miles Moore, Grady Moore Landon Frederes	NYSPHSAA Champions All American time earned Set new NYSPHSAA record Set new Section VI record	Will East, 2nd Will North, 17th Orchard Park, 23rd

2025 Section VI State Championship Team

SECTION VI



Liam Farrell	Alden	SR	Ian Rodgers	Niagara Falls	JR
Luca Alessi	Clarence	8	Ellis Smith	Niagara Falls	SR
Tyler Avalos	Clarence	SO	Landon Johnson	Olean	SO
Carter Leach	Clarence	JR	Michael Barone	Orchard Park	SO
Josh Putnam	Clarence	FR	Lucas Berdysiak	Orchard Park	SO
Conner Dean	Frewsburg	SR	Jayden Bruzgul	Orchard Park	SR
Landon Frederes	Frewsburg	SO	Austin Carducci	Orchard Park	SR
Logan Johnson	Frewsburg	JR	Aiden Carr	Orchard Park	JR
Grady Moore	Frewsburg	JR	Tommy Zerkle	Orchard Park	SR
Miles Moore	Frewsburg	JR	Matthew Spence	Sweet Home	SR
Daniel Peterson	Frewsburg	SR	Jackson Amenta	Williamsville East	SR
Liam Coen	Hamburg	SR	Max Anderson	Williamsville East	JR
Mitchell Coen	Hamburg	JR	Eyobel Hagos	Williamsville East	JR
Seth Stucke	Iroquois	JR	Henry Jacobi	Williamsville East	SR
Dom Engel	Kenmore	SR	Nick Lemmo	Williamsville East	SR
Dom Fabrizi	Kenmore	JR	Mateo Medellin Olvera	Williamsville East	FR
Brady Garcia	Kenmore	SR	Hamza Attuwaybi	Williamsville North	SR
Rowan Riley	Kenmore	JR	Aidan Keil	Williamsville North	SR
Alex Schuler	Kenmore	SR	Owen Keil	Williamsville North	FR
Nick D'Anna	Lewiston Porter	JR	Alexey Simakov	Williamsville North	SO
Aiden Moran	Lockport	JR	Inno Song	Williamsville North	SO
Cooper Zugelder	Lockport	SO	Aaron French	Williamsville South	SO
Jackson Barg	Niagara Falls	SR	Carter Kobielski	Williamsville South	JR
Ethan Copelin	Niagara Falls	SR	Bobby Miller	Williamsville South	SO
Adam McNab	Niagara Falls	JR	Matt Secor	Williamsville South	SO
Trevor Meidenbauer	Niagara Falls	SR	Brandon Wu	Williamsville South	SO

Section VI Records				
Event	**Name**	**Time**	**School**	**Year**
200 Medley Relay	**Connor Dean Miles Moore Grady Moore Landon Frederes**	**1:31.28**	**Frewsburg**	**2025**
200 Freestyle	John Hodge	1:39.77	Williamsville North	1985
200 Individual Medley	**Connor Dean**	**1:48.79**	**Frewsburg**	**2025**
50 Freestyle	Charlie Rommel	:20.46	Clarence	2011
One Meter Dive (6)	Terry Butler	375.70	Kenmore East	1987
One Meter Dive (11)	Shawn Hoffman	606.35	North Tonawanda	2008
100 Butterfly	Aaron Gasiewicz	:48.85	Lancaster	2023
100 Freestyle	**Carter Kobielski**	**:45.15**	**Will. South**	**2025**
500 Freestyle	Jamie Miller	4:35.75	Frontier	2002
200 Freestyle Relay	**Connor Dean, Miles Moore Grady Moore Daniel Peterson**	**1:23.85**	**Frewsburg**	**2025**
100 Backstroke	Phil Aronica	:49.52	Orchard Park	2010
100 Breaststroke	Jacob Lauzonis	:56.66	Lewiston-Porter	2022
400 Freestyle Relay	**Connor Dean Miles Moore Grady Moore Landon Frederes**	**3:04.73**	**Frewsburg**	**2025**

2024-2025 Combining of Schools Report Review:

HOST	*Participating Schools*	*BEDS # 24-25*	*League*	*Division/Class*	*Applied for 25-26?*
Bennett	MEC, Res Lab, Alt Academy	701	BPS	B	Yes, without Alt Academy
Dunkirk	Forestville & Fredonia	888	CCAA	A	Yes
East Aurora	Holland	560	ECIC	B	Yes
Frewsburg	Falconer, Jamestown, Southwestern	1828	CCAA	A	Yes
Hutch Tech	Emerson, Buff. Culinary	2071	BPS	A	Yes with IPrep added
Kenmore East	Kenmore West	1442	NFL	A	Yes
McKinley	East	1103	BPS	A	Yes
Olean	Allegany-Limestone, Franklinville, Portville	1035	CCAA	A	Yes
Panama	Clymer & Sherman	280	CCAA	C	Yes
Performing Arts	DiVinci	567	BPS	B	Yes
West Seneca West	West Seneca East	1429	ECIC	A	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Menges & Nate Bourke
Boys Swimming/Diving Co-Chairpersons

Winter 2025 Post-Season Report
Sport: : Cheerleading

Sport Chair: **Justina Grudzinski**

2025- Sectional Results :
A: Lockport
B: Frontier
C: Lockport
D: Randolph
Co ED: Starpoint

2025- Regional Results:
A: Lockport 7th
B: Frontier 2nd
C: Lake Shore 4th
D: Randolph 4th
Co ED: Starpoint 2nd

Other Awards/Acknowledgements (sportsmanship Award, Sport Specific Awards, etc.)
NONE

Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:
NONE

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:
NONE

Report on Active Pilots: **None**

Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season:

Teams not officially participating in the Fall season get ahead to prepare for winter.
Judging concerns (accuracy and consistency, bias)
Coaches inquired about making leagues a requirement/qualifier for sectionals so divisions aren't as big and the comparison scoring accuracy can be better for the Sectional tournament.

NYSPHSAA ITEMS:

1. Choreography vote-out of season
2. Changes in score sheet
3. Game day ONLY in Fall.

Winter 2025:

Sport Committee: Jill Manka/Jackie

Sport Committee Meeting Dates: Prior to the section meeting

Sport Committee Proposals:
Once again the committee and coaches inquired about making leagues a requirement/qualifier for sectionals. This would pair down divisions so they aren't as big and the comparison scoring accuracy can be better for the Sectional tournament.This was tabled last year but we would like to have it reconsidered.

In the event that is not an accurate solution, we would like to be able to put together a two part event (most likely back to back days) in which all teams wanting to enter into sectionals would compete on day one, and then have advancement criteria for the Sectional Final Round. We believe that a fair and consistent format can be created to do this.

2026- Post Season Calendar /Important Dates

Sectionals F25: Weekend of November 1 or 2. Waiting on Bills Schedule
States F25: November 9
Sectionals S26: February 28
States S26: March 7

Winter 2025 Post-Season Report
Unified Bowling

Sport Chair: **Douglas Ames**

2025- Divisional Results :
A - Medina, B - Silver Creek & Forestville, C - Hamburg, D - Holland, E - Cheektowaga, F - Ellicottville, G - Kenmore East, H - OTC, I - Lancaster, J - City Honors, K - Williamsville North Blue, L - Olmsted, M - Cassadaga Valley & Falconer

2025 Fallen Pin Totals Tournament:

Medina 3036	Salamanca 2432	Ken East 2253	West Seneca 2124
Silver Creek 2872	OTC 2418	Amherst 2238	Jamestown 2113
Albion 2725	Alden 2405	WN Blue 2232	Orchard Park 2112
Pine Valley 2696	Hamburg 2393	Olmsted 2230	Lew Port 2090
Ken West 2680	Dunkirk 2383	East Aurora 2220	Lake Shore 2049
Holland 2574	Akron 2345	Frewsburg 2205	Springville 2046
WN Red 2521	Starpoint 2345	Lackawanna 2189	Clarence 2025
Cheek 2562	Iroquois 2343	Gr Island 2172	Maryvale 2020
Depew 2549	Fredonia 2333	North Tona 2161	Eden 1938
Lancaster 2503	Lockport 2333	City Honor 2160	Cass Valley 1772
Ellicottville 2492	Catt / LV 2328	SWestern 2157	Falconer 1772
Pioneer 2458	Newfane 2312	Frontier 2143	Research Lab 1728
Nia Wheat 2442	Pembroke 2254	Sw Home 2126	Hutch Tech 1428

Opting out of tournament: Emerson / Niagara Falls / Wilson

2025 - Conference League Champions
BPS - Olmsted / ECIC - Cheektowaga / CCAA - Dunkirk / NFL-NO - Kenmore West

2025- Regional Results:
None

Awards/Acknowledgements (sportsmanship Award, Sport Specific Awards, etc.)

52 Character Training Awards each team

Coaches Sportsmanship Award:
Pioneer - Tom Izydorczak

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:
52 Section VI winners one per team

Report on Active Pilots:
None at this time

Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season:

1. Highly recommend enforcing all rules of the game during play
2. Encourage more schools to utilize their full game day rosters for competition
3. Participating schools must follow the NYSPHSAA guidelines & regulations with regards to scoring system. (substitutions / equal mix of athletes & partners)
4. Practice sites not available or limited time slots for matches - House Leagues
5. Final tournament at Airport Lanes - “NO OUTSIDE FOOD VENDORS” call ahead
6. Final tournament event schools - bring your own gear along with proper RAMP
7. Scheduling issues - “House” bowling lanes sharing the same locations
8. Bowling teams placed in divisions of seven to ensure six (6) scheduled matches

Recommendations for 2025 Season

1. Culmination Event Tournament - Three (3) Day Event
2. Possible Roll off within the Leagues or Divisions for Champions
3. Bleachers at Airport Lanes / Two (2) Tables for Awards
4. Awards - Plaques from NYSPHSAA & NYSO / Discussion
5. Medals & T-shirts / Review

Winter 2025:

Unified Bowling Committee:
Cheektowaga: Brain Pane
Iroquois: Sean Lauber
Olmsted: Jim Bartram
West Seneca: Lauren Clark
Lockport: Danielle Hagen
Southwestern: Kevin Salisbury
WNY Special Olympics: Julia Posch

Unified Bowling Sport Committee Meeting Date:
Pre Season Coaches Mtg. - Wednesday, November 12th, 2025

Unified Bowling Committee Proposals:

None

2026- Post Season Calendar

Event	Details	Date/Time
First Practice		12/17/25
First Scrimmage/Contest	After 6 individual practices	
Pre-Season Coaches Meeting	5:00 League 6:00 Chair	11/12/25
Rosters deadline	Google Document	1/20/26
Referee Rating deadline	N/A	
Deadline to opt out of Sectionals	Email chair by 12pm	2/17/26
Last League Game		
Power PointRating form Deadline	N/A	
Seeding Meeting		None
End of year records deadline	N/A	
All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	On-Line Form Only	
Play-off Dates		Airport Lanes 3754 Genesee Street Buffalo NY 14225
End of Season Tournament	Teams #1 - #20	3/02/26 8:45 am - 1:00 PM
End of Season Tournament	Teams #21 - #35	3/03/26 8:45 am - 1:00 PM
End of Season Tournament	Teams #36 - #56	3/04/26 8:45 am - 1:00 PM
	Sectional Admittance form	

Unified Sports League / Division End of the Year Mtg: League Driven

A special thank you to the following individuals for making our eighth season of Unified Bowling a success:

Nathan Johnson; Director of Special Olympics of New York State
Todd Nelson; NYSPHSAA Assistant Director of Unified Sports
Mike Paglicci; WNY SO Coordinator with Section VI
Julia Posch; WNY SO Program Coordinator
Mike Masters; Character Training Coordinator
Respectfully submitted,
Doug Ames, Section VI Unified Sport Chairmen 3/31/2025

Winter 2025 Post-Season Report
Sport: : Rifle

Sport Chair: **Kristina Brown**

2025- Sectional Results

Section VI
Rifle Sectionals

February 08, 2025 Orchard Park MS

Results of the 2025 Section 6 Rifle Sectionals in which 7 schools, 5 high school teams, and 58 individuals participated in Three-Position (3P) Air Rifle and 30 Shot Standing Air Rifle.

Team Rankings

30 Shot Standing Air Rifle	Three-Position Air Rifle
Orchard Park 1161-66* (previous record was 2024 1146-58 OP) Clarence 1121- 40 Pioneer 1088- 32 Lancaster 1077- 25 Iroquois 1039 - 14	Orchard Park 1172-74* (previous record was 2022 1167-64 Lancaster) Clarence 1146-44 Pioneer 1117-48 Lancaster 1113-41

Section 6 High School Champions –
Orchard Park (Three-Position and 30-Shot Standing Air)

Individual Sectional Champions: **** denotes Section VI Record***

Prone:	Ivy Backes	Orchard Park	100-09
Offhand:	Ivy Backes	Orchard Park	98-7*
Kneeling:	Kathleen Moran	Orchard Park	99-7
3P Aggregate:	Kathleen Moran	Orchard Park	296-21*
30 Shot Standing:	Ivy Backes	Orchard Park	294-22*

Individual Winners - Shields are awarded to the following:

Prone	***Offhand***
1st - Ivy Backes, OP, 100-9 *tie broken by 7th shot, center	1st - Ivy Backes, OP, 98-7
2nd- Kathleen Moran, OP, 100-9	2nd - Ariana Kovacevic, OP, 98-4
3rd -Michael Oldman, OP, 100-8	3rd - Kathleen Moran, OP, 97-5 *tie broken by 10th shot,

4th - Ella Schupp, KE, 100-7	center 4th - Ryan Garver, CL, 97-5
Kneeling 1st - Kathleen Moran, OP, 99-7 (record 100-8, 2023) 2nd - Ivy Backes, OP, 98-7 3rd - Ariana Kovacevic, OP, 98-5 4th - Hayleigh Giambanco, CL, 98-4	***Three-Position Aggregate*** 1st - Kathleen Moran, OP, 296 - 21 (tie breaker kneeling target 99) 2nd - Ivy Backes, OP, 296-23 (tie breaker kneeling target 98) 3rd - Ariana Kovacevic, OP, 295-17 4th - Hayleigh Giambanco, CL, 290-10
30 Shot Standing Air 1st - Ivy Backes, OP, 294-22 2nd - Kathleen Moran, OP, 290-14 (tie breaker third target 97) 3rd - Ariana Kovacevic, OP, 290-16 4th - Michael Oldman, OP, 287-14	***Section All Stars*** **Standing:** Addison Washburn (Al), Ariana Vanderlip (Iro) **Three-position:** Hayleigh Giambanco (Cl), Abigail Chimera (Cl)

Scores have been ranked according to their appropriate order. Ties have been broken and standings are official. Thanks to all the coaches for their cooperation. Special thanks to Dave Hack, Leif Johnson, Orchard Park Staff, and Orchard Park Schools for their assistance and use of facilities. Section 6 Team, will compete in the NYS Rifle Invitational on March 08, 2025 at Orchard Park MS –
30 shot standing & 3P Air rifle: Orchard Park(Michael Oldman, Ariana Kovecevic, Ivy Backes, Kathleen Moran, Finn Johnson) and All Stars- Addison Washburn (Alden), Ariana Vanderlip (Iroquois),Hayleigh Giambanco (CL), Abigail Chimera (Cl).
Kristina Brown (Rifle Chairperson)

2025- Regional Results:

2025 NYS Regional Rifle Invitational

March 08, 2025 hosted by Orchard Park

Results of the 2025 NYS Regional Rifle Invitational in which 5 Sections, 12 high school teams, and 70 individuals participated in Three-Position (3P) Air Rifle and 30 Shot Standing Air Rifle.

Section Rankings

30 Shot Standing Air Rifle		Three-Position Air Rifle	
Section VI	1726-89	Section VI	1750-109
Section VII	1649-49	Section VII	1701-76
Section V	1567-24	Section V	1640-65
Section III	1545-22	Section III	1636-57
Section X	1482-20	Section X	1556-27

NY State Invitational Section Champions – ***Section VI (Standing Air and 3P Air)***

High School Team Rankings

30 Shot Standing Air Rifle		Three-Position Air Rifle	
Orchard Park	1158-64*	Orchard Park	1168-75*
Northeastern Clinton	1083-26	Northeastern Clinton	1127-49
Perry	1033-17	Perry	1086-44
South Lewis	1024-16	South Lewis	1070-31
Massena	1003-16	Massena	1050-25

NY State Invitational High School Champions –
Orchard Park HS (Standing Air and 3P Air)

All State Team:

1st Team	2nd Team
Kathleen Moran, Section 6	John Dodge, Section 3
Ivy Backes, Section 6	Logan Church, Section 5
Michael Oldman, Section 6	Levi Church, Section 5
Makayla Gadway, Section 7	Matiah Martineau, Sectional 7
Ariana Kovacevic, Section 6	Parker McGarvey, Section 5
Finn Johnson, Section 6	Emily Harwood, Section 5
Cassidy Derosia, Section 7	Abby Sweredoski, Section 3
Aidan Johnson, Section 7	Cameron Racine, Section 7

Individual Invitational Champions:

Prone:	Makayla Gadway	Beekmantown	100-6
Offhand:	Kathleen Moran	Orchard Park	98-6
Kneeling:	Kathleen Moran	Orchard Park	99-8
3P Aggregate:	Kathleen Moran	Orchard Park	296-22
30 Shot Standing:	Kathleen Moran	Orchard Park	293-20

Individual Winners - Medals are awarded to the following:

Prone 1st - Makayla Gadway, Beekmantown, 100-6 2nd - Michael Oldman, Orchard Park, 99-8 3rd - Kathleen Moran, Orchard Park, 99-8	***Kneeling*** 1st - Kathleen Moran, Orchard Park, 99-8 2nd - Ariana Kovacevic, Orchard Park, 99-5 3rd - Finn Johnson, Orchard Park, 98-7
Offhand 1st - Kathleen Moran, Orchard Park, 98-6 2nd - Abbigail Chimera, Clarence, 97-7 3rd - Ivy Backes, Orchard Park, 97-5	***Three-Position Aggregate*** 1st - Kathleen Moran, Orchard Park 296-22 2nd - Abbigail Chimera, Clarence 292-19 3rd - Ivy Backes, Orchard Park 291-18
30 Shot Standing Air 1st - Kathleen Moran, Orchard Park 293-20 2nd - Ivy Backes, 291-18 3rd - Michael Oldman, Orchard Park 287-14	

Scores have been ranked according to their appropriate order. Ties have been broken and standings are official. Thanks to all the coaches and section chairs for their cooperation. Special thanks to Orchard Park Athletics, Orchard Park Staff, and volunteers for their assistance and use of facilities. Special thanks includes Coach Leif Johnson for volunteering to run a successful event..

Other Awards/Acknowledgements (sportsmanship Award, Sport Specific Awards, etc.)

Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award: Mark Schlabach, Iroquois

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners: Finn Johnson, Orchard Park and Addison Washburn, Alden

Report on Active Pilots:
This is where you would report any active pilots, for example:
Orchard Park hosted successful sectionals and state invitational

Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season:
None

Winter 2025:

Sport Committee: Leif Johnson, ECIC Kristina Brown, NFL

Sport Committee Meeting Dates: 4/8/25 and 4/17/25

Sport Committee Proposals: none

2026- Post Season Calendar

Event	Site	Date/Time
League Meeting		
First Day of Practice		Mon., 11/17/25
practices to represent school		6 (individual)
Intention to participate by phone or email to Kristina Brown		before Mon, 2/2/26
Sectionals	Orchard Park Middle School	Sat- 2/7/26 10:00 am
ALL- WNY Scholar Athlete Forms	https://www.section6.e1b.org/SA	
NYS Invitational	Tentative: Orchard Park Middle School	Tentative: Sat, 3/07/26 9 am

Other Important Dates:
None



Winter 2025 Post-Season Report
Sport: : Indoor Track and Field

Sport Chairs: **Jason Bibler (Boys)** **Emilio Mancino (Girls)**

2025- Sectional Results: HISTORY Boys Indoor Track and Field Results
HISTORY Girls Indoor Track and Field Results

2025 Section VI Event Champions and NYS Championship Qualifiers					
Event	**Boys**	**Grade**	**School**	**Performance**	**Place**
55m	**DaMari Yancey**	**12**	**Sweet Home**	**6.50**	**1**
55m	Niear Patterson	12	Sweet Home	6.52	2
55m	Amaree West	12	Will South	6.59	3
300m	**Jarren Cotter**		**Jamestown**	**36.00**	**1**
300m	Felix Melendez	12	Frontier	36.05	2
300m	Steven Barlette	12	Orchard Park	36.21	3
300m ISMR	Ayden Henderson	12	Tapestry	36.83	4
600m	**Johnee Thomas**	**12**	**Dunkirk**	**1:23.70**	**1**
600m	Kenneth Wolcott	12	Frontier	1:24.34	2
600m	Ryan Burger	12	Clarence	1:24.69	3
600m ISMR	Andrew Gulde	12	Clarence	1:25.24	4
1000m	**Nicholas Morgan**	**12**	**Nia-Wheat**	**2:35.23**	**1**
1000m	Thomas Roty	12	Clarence	2:35.43	2
1000m ISMR	Jack Tharnish	12	Springville	2:37.25	3
1600m	**Henry Peterson**	**10**	**Olmsted**	**4:27.14**	**1**
1600m	Ethan Verbosky	11	Falconer	4:29.90	2
1600m ISMR	Timothy Lukasik	12	Starpoint	4:29.95	3
3200m	**Carson Zuba**	**11**	**Lancaster**	**9:24.66**	**1**
3200m	Ricky Curiel	12	Clarence	9:35.50	2
55m HH	**Thomas Cycon**	**12**	**WSW**	**7.81**	**1**
55m HH	Nick Puma	12	Ken East	7.84	2
Long Jump	**Brenton Baker**	**12**	**Sweet Home**	**23' 2.00"**	**1**
Long Jump	Maxim Bliemeister	12	Orchard Park	22' 0.50"	2
Long Jump	Mekhi Dennis	10	Cheektowaga	21' 8.00"	3
Triple Jump	**Zach Bridenbaker**	**10**	**Depew**	**44' 2.00"**	**1**
Triple Jump	Matthew Towns	12	Lockport	42' 11.50"	2
High Jump	**Brenton Baker**	**12**	**Sweet Home**	**6'5"**	**1**
High Jump	Trent Reifsteck	12	Pioneer	6'1"	2
Pole Vault	**Anthony Mancabelli**	**12**	**Orchard Park**	**13' 6"**	**1**

Pole Vault	Maximilian Mancabelli	10	Orchard Park	13' 0"	2
Pole Vault	Noah Snyder	12	Hamburg	12' 6"	3
Shot Put	**Cole Cammarata**	**12**	**Sweet Home**	**49' 10.00"**	**1**
Shot Put	Josh Newman	11	Will North	48' 4.00"	2
Weight Throw	**Charles Sundquist**	**12**	**Falconer**	**60' 8.50"**	**1**
Weight Throw	Ayden Cronin	12	Lancaster	60' 3.00"	2
Weight Throw	Andrew Parker	12	Hamburg	60' 2.75"	3
4x800m D1	**Lanaster**		**Lancaster**	**8:17.84**	**1**
	(Noah Okeke, Lincoln Counihan, Liam Dunning, Carson Zuba)				
4x800m D2	**Holland/East Aurora**		**HEAT**	**8:23.45**	**1**
	(Shane Fraser, Max Fraser, Gus Hoak, Ryan DeFries)				
4x800m D2	Iroquois		Iroquois	8:50.73	2
	(Tyler Stadolka, Lucas Kuehner, Thomas Gleason, Chase Stanczewski)				
4x400m D1	**Clarence**		**Clarence**	**3:31.97**	**1**
	(Andrew Gulde, Isaac Cannizzaro, Anthony Danielson, Ryan Burger)				
4x400m D2	**Logan Stanczewski**		**Iroquois**	**3:36.90**	**1**
	(Logan Stanczewski, Ethan Strong, Triston Dickson, Nicholas Skutnick)				
4x400m D2	Depew		Depew	3:40.53	2
	(Luke Triplet, Andrew Peszko, Landen Hibbs, Zack Bridenbaker)				
4x200m D1	**Sweet Home**		**Sweet Home**	**1:31.23**	**1**
	(Damari Yancey, Vega Carden, Brenton Baker, Niear Patterson)				
4x200m D1	Orchard Park		Orchard Park	1:33.28	2
	(Steven Barlette, Dakota Flynn, Anthony Mancabelli, Max Bliemeister)				
4x200m D2	**Pioneer**		**Pioneer**	**1:36.39**	**1**
	(Carson Matyjasik, Jacek Sawicki, Cole Schluerter, Trent Reifsteck)				
BOYS SECTION VI RECORD FILE			2025 SECTION VI STATE QUALIFIER RESULTS		
2024-25 Section VI and WNY Boys Leaderboard Performances					

Section VI Team Championships

Boys Large School Champion:	**Lancaster**	**Runner Up:**	**Clarence**
Boys Medium School Champion:	**Sweet Home**	**Runner Up:**	**Hamburg**
Boys Small School Champion:	**Holland/East Aurora**	**Runner Up:**	**Pioneer**
Girls Large School Champion:	**Williamsville North**	**Runner Up:**	**Lancaster**
Girls Medium School Champion:	**Hamburg**	**Runner Up:**	**Niagara-Wheatfield**
Girls Small School Champion:	**Holland/East Aurora**	**Runner Up:**	**Pioneer**

2025 Section VI NYSPHSAA Championships					
Event	**Boys**	**Grade**	**School**	**Performance**	**Place**
Div. 1 4x200m	Sweeet Home	-	-	1:30.42	4th
Long Jump	Brenton Baker	12	Sweet Home	22' 9.00"	5th
1600m Run	Henry Peterson	10	Olmsted (City Honors)	4:19.11	5th
Div. 2 4x400m	Iroquios	-	-	3:33.75	5th
Pole Vault	Anthony Mancabelli	12	Orchard Park	14' 3.00"	6th
Long Jump	Max Bliemeister	12	Orchard Park	22' 1.25"	6th
2025 NYSPHSAA / NYS Federation Results					
Boys Section VI NYSPHSAA Championships Sportsmanship Representative: Johnee Thomas, Grade 12, Dunkirk					

2025- Regional Results: Not applicable

Other Awards/Acknowledgements (sportsmanship Award, Sport Specific Awards, etc.)

2025 Section VI Team Championships Most Outstanding Performers				
Boys	Large School	Track	Carson Zuba	Lancaster
Boys	Large School	Field	Ayden Cronin	Lancaster
Boys	Medium Schools	Track	Ethan Verbosky	Falconer
Boys	Medium Schools	Field	Brenton Baker	Sweet Home
Boys	Small Schools	Track	Ryan DeFries	Holland/East Aurora
Boys	Small Schools	Field	Zachary Bridenbaker	Depew
Girls	Large School	Track	Melia Kupchanko	Williamsville North
Girls	Large School	Field	Aria Catrabone	Williamsville North
Girls	Medium Schools	Track	Shannon Zugelder	Starpoint
Girls	Medium Schools	Field	Brooke Christensen	Grand Island
Girls	Small Schools	Track	Emilia O'Leary	Holland/East Aurora
Girls	Small Schools	Field	Janee Long	Tapestry Charter

NYSPHSAA Championships Section VI Longevity Recognition

Emilia O'Leary, Grade 12, Holland/East Aurora - 5 NYS Championships appearances
Anthony Mancabelli, Grade 12, Orchard Park - 4 NYS Championship appearances

New Section VI Event Records

Girls 600m Run: Lilly Ascone, Williamsville East - 1:32.77
Girls 1500m Run: Melia Kupchanko, Williamsville North - 4:29.38

Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:

Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season:

Winter 2025:

Section VI Indoor Track and Field Sport Committee:

North	**Meghan Smith**	Niagara-Wheatfield	C: 425-0812
North	**Dan Tryon**	Tapestry	C: 316-5593
South	**Sean Ode**	Falconer/CV/Fres/Rand	C: 499-2995
South	**Tom Wood**	Iroquois	C: 989-7280
At Large	**Walt McLaughlin**	Holland/East Aurora	C: 829-9282
Officials	**John Montalbo**		H: 434-8034
Timing	**David Reinhardt**	TrackQua Timing	C: 450-2688

Sport Committee Meeting Dates:

1. NYSPHSAA Indoor Track PreSeason Zoom Committee Meeting: June 13, 2024
2. Pre-Season Section VI Indoor Track Committee Meeting: October 29, 2024
3. NYSPHSAA Indoor Track Championships PreMeet Committee Meeting: March 7, 2025
4. NYSPHSAA Indoor Track Postseason Zoom Committee Meeting: April 1, 2025
5. Postseason Section VI Indoor Track Committee Meeting: April, 2025

Sport Committee Proposals:

1. An emphatic proposal for the return of the traditional NYSPHSAA Championships Section VI departure to Staten Island to Thursday, 2 nights before Saturday's competition date. This year the Section departed on Friday, one night before the competition. This required a very early departure from West Seneca and a very streamlined travel itinerary to get to Ocean Breeze in time for a limited training session window. There were not any noticeable issues this year, but there was no room for any delays due to traffic or weather conditions. Additionally, the trip avoided a tragic delay after having the need to secure enough bus drivers with the needed approval status to allow the trip to commence. Also, a lethargic fatigue seemed to set in amongst many coaches and student-athletes representing Section VI with such a condensed travel schedule within a span of two days. Many believe this fatigue encourages the increased likelihood of sub-standard performances. These potential and perceived detrimental risk factors compared to the relative significance of the NYSPHSAA Championships for our Section VI student-athletes seems to justify the additional cost of returning to the Thursday departure.

Note: On April 1st, 2025, the NYSPHSAA Indoor Track Committee voted on the proposal to modify the NYSPHSAA and Federation Championships Meet Schedule from a one-day format to a two-day format. This proposal was passed and will now move onto the NYS Championship Advisory Committee (CAS) for consideration. If this proposal becomes the adopted format, Section VI would be required to travel to Staten Island on Thursday and require a two-night stay on Thursday and Friday.

2026- Post Season Calendar

Event	**Details**	**Date/Time**
First Practice		November 17th, 2025
First Scrimmage/Contest	After 6 individual practices	
Pre-Season Coaches Meeting	Entire League/Section VI	Determined by Section VI
Rosters deadline		Monday, December 1st, 2025
All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	On-Line Form Only	
Play-off Dates		
Section VI Team Championships	Houghton University (preferred)	TBD - Feb break dependant
Section VI State Qualifier	Houghton University (preferred)	TBD - Feb. 28th, 2025 (preferred)
State Championship	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	March 6th, 2026

Other Important Dates:

NYSPHSAA Indoor Track Postseason Zoom Committee Meeting: March 31, 2026