ATHLETIC COUNCIL
MINUTES

June 18, 2025

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

1.1 11:38am

3.0 **MINUTES** (D. Lilleck)

3.1 ***Motion to approval the May 14, 2025 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes***
CARRIED
Penhollow/Taylor

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

No report

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS** (M. DiFilippo)

5.1 ***Motion to approve Combining of Schools Applications, numbers (1) through (22)***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Fallacaro-Dougherty

Fall 2025

1. Cheer GameDay, New, **Hutch Tech**, All BPS Schools, V, 7615, A

S. Croft questioned the combination of all BPS schools into one team as it gives the impression of creating a super team.

In the past, all BPS schools were a part of one combined team in the sports of wrestling and girls lacrosse.

A. Lloyd shared the following data:

- BPS has yet to participate in Game Day Cheer
- A total of 80 BPS students are interested in Game Day Cheer for fall 2025
- A very small percentage of BPS students have the means to participate in competitive cheer
- BPS anticipates this to be a beginner program,

It was noted the Combining of Schools Committee will address any concerns that present.

Winter 2025-26

2. Basketball B, Existing, **Culinary Arts,** Emerson, V, JV, 679, AA
3. Basketball B, Existing, **I-Prep,** Lafayette, V, JV, 864, AA
4. Basketball B, Existing, **Performing Arts,** Leo DaVinci, V, JV, 586, A

5. Basketball G, Existing, **Culinary Arts,** Emerson, V, JV, 679, AA
6. Basketball G, Existing, **I-Prep,** Lafayette, V, JV, 864, AA
7. Bowl BG, Existing, **Culinary Arts,** Emerson, V, 514, D2
8. Hockey B, Existing, **Iroquois,** Alden, V, 655, D2
9. Hockey G, Existing, **Lancaster,** Alden, Depew & Iroquois, V, 2487,
10. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **Falconer,** Randolph, Frewsburg, Maple Grove, V, JV, 746
11. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **F LOlmsted,** City Honors,Burgard, MST, East./ Perf Arts, V, 2049
12. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **Hutch Tech,** South Park, Emerson, Cul Arts, V, 2169
13. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **McKinley,** LJBennett, MEC, Research Lab, V, 1442
14. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **Riverside,** I-Prep, Lafayette, LDVinci, V, 1498
15. Swim B, Existing, **Hutch Tech,** Cul Arts, Emerson, IPrep, V, 2071
16. Swim B, Existing, **LJ Bennett,** MEC, Research Lab, V, , 729
17. Swim B, Existing, **McKinley,** East, V, , 1013
18. Swim B, Existing, **Perform Arts,** LD Vinci, V, , 586
19. Wrestling B, Existing, **Falconer,** Cassadaga Valley, V, JV, 78, 315, D2
20. Wrestling B, Existing, **Lafayette,** All other BPS Schools, V, JV, 600+ , D1
21. Wrestling G, Existing, **Falconer,** Cassadaga Valley, V, JV, 78, 395, One Division
22. Wrestling G, Existing, **Niagara-Wheatfield,** Niagara Falls, Varsity only, 2359, One Division

5.2 ***Motion to approve independent status for the following teams for the 25-26 school year***
CARRIED
MacSwan/Zirkle

- Girls Soccer CSAT
- Boys basketball - Niagara Falls
- Girls Basketball - North Tonawanda
- Baseball - CSAT
- Softball – CSAT
- Boys Soccer- Frewsburg

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

c) Female Rep./Male Rep. (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty/J. Roth)

The following are action items to provide direction for M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative at the July 2025 NYSPSHAA Central Committee meeting (Appendix A)*:*

6.7c1 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Increase High Cost Venue Ticket Prices Beginning in Fall 2025***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Almeida

6.7c2 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Increase Ticket Prices Beginning in Fall 2025***
CARRIED
Croft/Penhollow

6.7c3 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Budget/Audit – NYSPHSAA Budget***
CARRIED
Penhollow/Roth

6.7c4 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Championship Advisory Committee – Girls Wrestling Fees and Policies.***
CARRIED
Taylor/Zirkle

6.7c5 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Handbook Committee: Appeal – Prescribed Penalty***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Penhollow

6.7c6 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Handbook Committee: Practice Session – Minimum Practices***
DEFEATED
Zirkle/Penhollow

6.7c7 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Handbook Committee: Max Number of Contests Penalty – No Attendance at Games***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Croft

6.7c8 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Modified – Junior High Principal Rep***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Penhollow

6.7c9 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Modified – Field Hockey Coordinator***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Salisbury

6.7c10 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Modified – Boys Basketball Coordinator***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Salisbury

6.7c11 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Modified – Revises Sports Standard Chart and Time Interval in the NYSPHSAA Handbook***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Roth

6.7c12 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys & Girls Tennis – Revise Lineup Rule for Team Competition (Stacking)***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Taylor

6.7c13 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys Volleyball – Revise NCAA Two Libero Rule***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Fallacaro-Dougherty

6.7c14 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Volleyball – Waiver of Administrative Red Card (Uniform)***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Fallacaro-Dougherty

6.7c15 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Volleyball – Amend current 15 point tiebreaker in deciding set at state tournament (to Advance to finals only)***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Fallacaro-Dougherty

6.7c16 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Gymnastics – Revise Scoring Changes to Technical Handbook***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Roth

6.7c17 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys Wrestling – Increase to 14 Weight Classes***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Penhollow

6.7c18 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys Ice Hockey – Game Protocol***
CARRIED
Croft/Penhollow

6.7c19 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys Ice Hockey – Goal Differential – Mercy Rule***
CARRIED
Almeida/Fallacaro-Dougherty

6.7c20 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys Ice Hockey – Players in Uniform***
CARRIED
Roth/Zirkle

6.7c21 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys Ice Hockey – Regular Season OT Procedure***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Penhollow

6.7c22 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls/Boys Bowling – Establish At-large rotation for Division 1 from 2026-2034***
CARRIED
Penhollow/Zirkle

6.7c23 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Indoor Track & Field – Expand State Tournament to Two Days***
CARRIED
Penhollow/Roth

6.7c24 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Indoor Track & Field – Reduce Relays from 8 to 6 Athletes for the State Meet***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Croft

6.7c25 **Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Indoor Track & Field – Request Revised Qualifying Standards for Division 2 Relays**
CARRIED
Zirkle/Penhollow

6.7c26 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Competitive Cheer choreography to be permitted during the Fall season, in accordance with the NYSPHSAA Practice Rule #22." (Appendix B)***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Roth

6.17 Policy Committee (K. Schon)

6.17.1 ***Motion to approve the proposed changes to the Policy Manual*** (Appendix C)
CARRIED
Zirkle/Taylor

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 ***Motion to approve the Boys and Girls Basketball 24-25 post-season reports***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Penhollow

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

13.1 ***Motion to adjourn***
CARRIED
Salisbury/Roth

ATTENDANCE (Voting Members - *) Absent

Executive Committee	
President*	
President-Elect*	Brett Banker
Superintendents' Rep.*	Jeff Sortisio
Principals' Rep.*	Carlos Alvarez
Male Rep.*	Jeff Roth
Female Rep.*	Marisa F.-Dougherty
Past President	Maureen Donahue
Executive Director	Mark DiFilippo
Asst Exec Director	Kim Schon
Office Staff	
Treasurer	Beth Fadeley
Admin Asst.	Pauline Turski

League		Representative		Alternate
BUFFALO				
Superintendents Rep./AD*		Aubrey Lloyd		Dr. Ramona Reynolds, Patrick Ricci
Principals' Rep.*		Michael Morris, South Park		Eric Johnson, Burgard
Female Rep.*		Dr. Ramona Reynolds		Paula Williams, TOSA
Male Rep.*		Steve McDuffie		Patrick Ricci
CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)				
Superintendents' Rep.*		Steve Penhollow, Falconer		TBA
Principals' Rep.*		Kourtney Almeida, Pine Valley		Corey Markum, Westfield
Female Rep.*		Carol Zirkle, Fredonia		Steve Anastasia, Olean
Male Rep.*		Kevin Salisbury, Southwestern		Ben Drake, Jamestown
ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)				
Superintendents' Rep.*		Sean Croft, Starpoint		Dr. Jeff Rabey, Depew
Principals' Rep.*		Tim Wiles, Cleveland Hill		Steve Smith, Alden
Female Rep.*		Carrie Vetter, Iroquois		Daryl Besant, Lake Shore
Male Rep.*		Dave Hack, Orchard Park		Jason Iwankow, Eden Vince Dell'Oso, Starpoint
NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)				
Superintendents' Rep.*		Dan Ljiljanich, Niagara Wheatfield		Dr. Brian Graham, Grand Island
Principals' Rep.*		Trevor Brown, Kenmore		Andrew Auer, Lew-Port
Female Rep.*		Lindsay Bergman, Kenmore		Matt McKenna, Niagara Wheatfield
Male Rep.*		Joe Contento, Niagara Falls		Matt McKenna, Niagara Wheatfield
NIAGARA ORLEANS LEAGUE (NO)				
Superintendents' Rep.*		Jacob Reimer, Barker		Jill Heck, Royalton-Hartland
Principals' Rep.*		Steve Dimitroff, Akron John Morello		Dan Bedette, Newfane
Female Rep.*		Jill Heck, Royalton-Hartland		Rob Mucha, Barker
Male Rep.*		John Grzymala, Roy-Hart		Eric Valley, Medina
SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (BOCES)				
Erie 1 BOCES*		Jon MacSwan, Cleveland Hill		TBA
Erie 2 BOCES*		Scott Taylor, North Collins		TBA
ON BOCES*		Mark Kruzynski, Medina		TBA
CA BOCES*		Kaine Kelly, Randolph		TBA

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

DATE REVISED: 4/14/2025

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – May 7, 2025

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

DATE REVISED: 4/14/2025

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

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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

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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

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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

DATE REVISED: 4/14/2025

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.

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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.

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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 C

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.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

MEMO

To: Section Executive Directors

Fr: Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director RZ 3-

Re: Clarification of Cheerleading Regulations and Upcoming Proposal for Consideration

Date: June 8, 2025

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide NYSPHSAA membership with a clear and comprehensive understanding of recent developments and existing policies related to the sport of cheerleading.

In October 2024, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved a regulation prohibiting any cheerleading choreography until the NYSPHSAA official start date.

In May 2025, the Executive Committee formally designated Competitive Cheer exclusively as a winter sport, while Game Day Cheer continues to be recognized during both the fall and winter seasons.

NYSPHSAA has recently received inquiries questioning the implications of the prohibition on out-of-season cheer choreography. According to NYSPHSAA Practice Rule #22, school-sponsored activities conducted outside the sport season—such as conditioning, weight training, intramurals, and camps—are permitted as long as they are not required by coaches or school personnel and are open to all students. Although this rule applies consistently across all sports, the current restriction on cheerleading choreography is more restrictive than the out-of-season guidelines applied to other sports.

In response to membership concerns, the NYSPHSAA Cheer Committee has supported a proposal (*see attached*) to permit cheer choreography during the fall season, provided it complies with Practice Rule #22. The NYSPHSAA Officers have agreed to include this proposal for "ACTION" on the 2025 NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting agenda scheduled for July 29-30.

All Sections should be prepared to review and vote on the following proposal:

> *"Consider approval for Competitive Cheer choreography to be permitted during the Fall season, in accordance with the NYSPHSAA Practice Rule #22."*

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your attention.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 29-30, 2025

Cheerleading: Choreography Restriction

__X__ Action Item
___ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Jen Simmons, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Coordinator

Proposal:
Consider approval for Competitive Cheer choreography to be permitted during the Fall season, in accordance with the NYSPHSAA Practice Rule #22.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2025

Rationale:
In October 2024, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved a regulation restricting choreography for both Competitive and Game Day Cheerleading to the official start dates of the NYSPHSAA Fall and Winter seasons, respectively. Under this policy, while teams were permitted to practice individual skills prior to these dates, they were required to comply with NYSPHSAA Practice Regulation #22, sections (c) and (d). These regulations stipulate that such activities must be open to all students and may not be mandated by coaches.

In May 2025, the Executive Committee further amended its position by officially recognizing Competitive Cheerleading as a Winter sport only. This decision had the effect of limiting Competitive Cheerleading teams from initiating any choreography until the Winter season's official start date.

Since that change, numerous member schools have raised concerns, asserting that Competitive Cheerleading teams are being placed at a disadvantage compared to other sports, which are afforded greater flexibility and preparation time. The current restrictions, they argue, hinder adequate routine development and pre-season readiness.

In response to these concerns, the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee is recommending an amendment that would allow Competitive Cheerleading programs to resume choreography and routine practice beginning at the start of the NYSPHSAA Fall season. This change would restore the opportunity originally available prior to the May 2025 decision, aligning Competitive Cheerleading with the seasonal preparation timelines granted to other interscholastic sports.

DATE REVISED: (06/05/25)

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Proposal Originated:
Cheerleading Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
Member schools would not be permitted to formally select their Winter Competitive Cheerleading teams during the Fall season and must continue to comply with NYSPHSAA Practice Regulation #22, sections (c) and (d), which require that any off-season activities be open to all students and that attendance not be mandated by coaches. Additionally, Game Day Cheerleading teams would not be allowed to practice choreographed routines intended for the Competitive Cheerleading season, as these teams typically involve a closed roster and mandatory participation, thereby not meeting the openness and voluntary participation criteria set forth in the regulation.

Attachments:
None

DATE REVISED: (06/05/25)