ATHLETIC COUNCIL
MINUTES

September 17, 2025

HIGHLIGHTS

3.1 **CARRIED:** June 18, 2025 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes

4.11 **CARRIED:** Independent teams for the 25-26 school year

- West Valley Varsity Basketball
- Niagara Falls Varsity Boys Basketball
- CSAT Girls Soccer
- North Tonawanda Girls Basketball
- CSAT Baseball
- CSAT Softball

5.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of schools applications, numbers (1) through (38)

5.2 **DEFEATED:** Combining of schools application WNY Maritime with Tapestry in the sport of Boys Volleyball (V) for the fall 2025 season

6.3.1 **CARRIED**: Treasurer's report (Appendix B)

6.4.1 **CARRIED:** Spring 2025 post season reports: Softball, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Lacrosse, Track & Field, Boys Tennis, Girls Flag Football, Girls Golf, Unified (Appendix E)

*Baseball, Boys Golf, and Unified Basketball reports will be acted on at a later meeting.

6.4.2 **CARRIED:** Winter 25-26 pre-season reports: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Bowling, Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Ice Hockey, Rifle, Boys Swimming, Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling, Indoor Track and Unified Bowling, and Alpine Skiing. (Appendix F)

6.14.2 **CARRIED:** Brett Widman as Section VI Boys Volleyball Chairperson (remaining term, present through June 30, 2027)

6.14.3 **CARRIED:** Justin Craddock as Section VI Girls Indoor Track Chairperson (remaining term, present through June 30, 2026)

6.14.4 **CARRIED:** Gavin Chris Miller as Section VI Boys Swim Co-Chairperson (remaining term, present through June 30, 2026)

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

Commenced: 11:33am

1.1 Pledge of allegiance

1.2 ***Motion to add to the agenda an action item, approval of combining teams WNY Maritime with Tapestry in the sport of Boys Volleyball (V) for the 2025 fall season.***
CARRIED
Kelly/Dimitroff

1.3 M. DiFilippo announced new additions to the athletic council: Scott Zipp, Cleveland Hill, Erie 1 BOCES Superintendent Representative, and Michael Lobuzzetta, Cleveland Hill, Principals' Representative.

2.0 **PRESENTATION & AWARDS**

2.1 Spring 2025 State Champions
a) Lancaster Softball, Class AAA
b) Orchard Park Softball, Class AA
c) Pioneer Flag Football, Class C
d) Boys & Girls Class C 4x800 East Aurora
e) Boys Class C 1600 And 800 Ethan Verbosky-Maple Grove
f) Girls Class B Pentathlon Natalie Farrell Hamburg
g) Girls Class A Steeplechase Lillie Bogdan-Frontier
h) Girls Class C High Jump Jada Cole-Chautauqua Lake
i) Boys Class B 4x1 Sweet Home
j) Boys Class B Long Jump Brenton Baker-Sweet Home
k) Girls Class C Discus Throw Nyla Wilson Epps-Tapestry
l) Girls Class C Triple Jump Janee Long-Tapestry

3.0 **MINUTES** (D. Lilleck)

3.1 ***Motion to approve the June 18, 2025 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes***
CARRIED
Penhollow/Ljiljanich

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

4.1 Conflict of Interest

The conflict of interest form is a mandatory, annual acknowledgement. It will be sent out from the Section VI office to council members via email. Prompt reply is kindly requested.

4.2 26-27 North & South Proposed Timelines for Schedules and Assignment of Officials (Appendix A)

The timelines are established annually and reviewed with the league heads. They will be an action item at the November 19, 2025 athletic council meeting.

4.3 August 2025 AD Workshop Update

Positive feedback was received regarding the workshop and all member schools completed the requirement.

4.4 Mandatory AD Workshop – January 22, 2026 at Erie 1 BOCES

The mid-year mandatory athletic director workshop is scheduled for January 22, 2026 at Erie 1 BOCES. Details will be distributed as the date approaches.

4.5 Pre-season Coaches Meetings

Pre-season coaches meetings are scheduled the Wednesday prior to the start of the season. League heads are in favor of continuing this process.

4.6 Officials Negotiations – identification of lead negotiators due 2/1/26, remaining team members due 3/1/26

2026-2027 is the last year of the current WNYSO/Section VI contract. Current contract details successor agreements wherein both negotiating teams are permitted up to two (2) lead negotiators, four (4) additional members, and one (1) alternate. Western NY Sports Officials (WNYSO) and Section VI will, using formal correspondence, identify their respective Lead Negotiators (2 individuals from each side) no later than February 1st of the year prior to the expiration of the Agreement (contract). WNYSO and Section VI will, using formal correspondence, identify the remaining members of their respective negotiation teams (up to four (4) additional members and one (1) alternate each) no later than March 1st of the year prior to expiration of the Agreement.

At the November 19 athletic council meeting, the Executive Committee will announce the makeup of individuals sought for the Section VI negotiating team and provide the deadline for volunteers.

4.7 Boys Lacrosse State Championship

Resulting from conflicts with regents exams, the state association changed the semifinals from 6/10/26 to 6/11/26 and the finals from 6/13/26 to 6/14/26.

4.8 Baseball Double First Base

Next spring (2027), a double first base will be used in the sport of baseball, which will require installation of another post. This is informational and for preparation and budgeting purposes as it will be an issue for schools with turf fields.

4.9 Girls Ice Hockey Regional Competition Update

There has been a reversal of decision at the state level. There will be a regional competition this year. It was noted Webster will be part of Section VI. With that it will be possible to not have a Section VI champion.

4.10 Indoor Track 2026 State Championships – 2-Day Competition

Indoor Track & State Championships were approved to be expanded to a two-day meet. Section VI participants will depart Thursday, March 5, 2026 and return Saturday, March 7, 2026.

4.11 ***Motion to approve Independent teams for the 25-26 school year***

- West Valley Varsity Basketball
- Niagara Falls Varsity Boys Basketball
- CSAT Girls Soccer
- North Tonawanda Girls Basketball
- CSAT Baseball
- CSAT Softball

CARRIED
Zirkle/ Croft

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS** (M. DiFilippo)

Informational:
Chautauqua Lake/Westfield Girls Swimming, Approved, Exec Comm 7/25/25
Maryvale/Cheektowaga, Boys Volleyball, Approved, Exec Comm 8/20/25

Demergers:

a) Franklinville removed from the 5/14/25 approved Frontier/OP/Lake Shore/Franklinville team in the sport of Girls Ice Hockey
b) Sherman removed from the 5/14/25 approved Chaut Lake/Panama/Clymer/Sherman/Brocton/Westfield team in the sport of Girls Wrestling

5.1 ***Motion to approve Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (38)***
CARRIED
Ljiljanich/Zirkle

Winter Sports - see status chart for all applications

1. Basketball B, Existing, **LJ Bennett,** Alternative, V, JV, 411, A
2. Basketball B, Existing, **MEC,** Research Lab, V, JV, 287, B
3. Basketball G, Existing, **LJ Bennett,** Alternative, V, JV, 411, A
4. Basketball G, Existing, **MEC,** Research Lab, V, JV, 287, B
5. Bowl BG, Existing, **Allegany-Limestone,** Olean, Portville, V, 662, D1
6. Bowl Unified BG, Existing, **Silver Creek,** Forestville, V, 296,
7. Bowl Unified BG, Existing, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 1427,
8. Bowl Unified BG, Existing, **Williamsville North,** Williamsville East, Williamsville South, V 2 teams, 2245
9. Cheer Competitive, Existing, **East Aurora,** Holland, V, 475, C
10. Hockey B, Existing, **Sweet Home,** North Tonawanda & Depew, V, 1258, D1
11. Hockey G, New, **Starpoint,** Niagara-Wheatfield, Lewiston-Porter & Niagara Falls, V, 3501, one division
12. Hockey G, Existing, **Frontier,** Orchard Park, Lake Shore, V, 2534, one division
13. Hockey G, Existing, **Williamsville South,** Williamsville East Williamsville North, V, 2245, one division
14. Hockey G, Existing, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, Hamburg, Eden, V, Add Cheektowaga
15. Indoor Track B/G, NEW, **Allegany-Limestone,** Olean, V, 673
16. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **Springville,** West Valley, V, 407
17. Ski, Existing, **Ellicottville,** Allegany-Limestone, V
18. Ski, Existing, **Williamsville South,** Williamsville East Williamsville North, V, 2245
19. Wrestling B - NEW, Williamsville North, Williamsville East,1529, D1
20. Wrestling B, Existing, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, Depew, V, 7/8/9, 1338, D1
21. Wrestling B, Existing, **HSCS,** BASCS, V, 789, 563, D2
22. Wrestling B, Existing, **East Aurora,** Holland, V, 7/9, 492, ECIC
23. Wrestling G, Existing, **Chautauqua Lake,** Panama, Clymer, Sherman, Brocton, Westfield, V, 779, One Division

Spring Sports

24. Baseball, Existing, **Panama,** Clymer & Sherman, V, JV, 78, 169, C
25. Flag Football, New, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, V, 1196, A
26. Golf B, Existing, **Fredonia,** Silver Creek, Forestville, V, 667, 1 Division
27. Golf B, Existing, **Panama,** Clymer & Sherman, V, 274, 1 Division
28. Golf G, Existing, **Fredonia,** Silver Creek, Forestville, V, 667, 1 Division
29. Golf G, Existing, **Cassadaga Valley,** Maple Grove, V, 367, 1 Division
30. Lax B, Existing, **Kenmore West,** Kenmore East , V, JV, 1196, A
31. Lax B, Existing, **Eden,** North Collins, V, JV, 7/8, 335, D
32. Lax G, Existing, **Kenmore West,** Kenmore East, V, JV, 1196, A
33. Lax G, Existing, **Eden,** North Collins, V, JV, 7/8, 335, D
34. Tennis B, New, **Eden,** North Collins, V, 350, Small
35. Track & Field BG, Existing, **Clymer,** Panama, Sherman, V, 7/8/9, 170, C
36. Track & Field BG, Existing, **Falconer,** Cassadaga Valley, V, 298, C
37. Track & Field BG, Existing, **Franklinville,** Ellicottville, V, 7,8,9, 181, C
38. Track & Field BG, Existing, **Portville,** Hinsdale, V, 245, C

5.2 ***Motion to approve the combining of schools application WNY Maritime with Tapestry in the sport of Boys Volleyball (V) for the fall 2025 season***
25 Opposed, 6 in favor
DEFEATED
Roth/Sortisio

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, the ECIC brought forth a request for combining of schools involving Tapestry and WNY Maritime in the sport of Boys Volleyball (varsity). Concern about the timeframe for the request was expressed. It is 4 weeks into the season where Tapestry has already played games. In addition, WNY Maritime does not currently have a team and would be required to fulfill 6 practices before competing. Section VI allows for flexibility when circumstances arise involving combining of schools, but a merger has not yet historically been approved after a 1st game has been played.

J. Graczyk shared Tapestry began with 10 athletes and is currently down to 6. The intent for the request is to be

able to provide the opportunity for the remaining athletes to participate for the remainder of the season.

The Section VI Combining of Schools Committee is charged with reviewing the deadlines to submit combining of schools applications and the flexibility parameters for when circumstances fall outside of those deadlines.

Section VI COS Status Chart (to view previously approved programs)

No new Outside agency applications – Outside Agency Status chart
No new Senior All Star applications –Senior All Star Status Chart

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.1.1 The committee will convene in October to review Spring results with recommendations to be presented at the November meeting.

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

6.3 Finance Committee (S. Penhollow)

6.3.1 ***Motion to approval of the Treasurer's report (***Appendix B)
CARRIED
Penhollow/Fallacaro-Dougherty

6.3.2 Recommendation to Policy Committee to add Officials' Expense Voucher Policy (Appendix C)

The Finance Committee is recommending to move the currently frequently asked question document posted on the Section VI website regarding officials' expense vouchers to the Policy Committee to be added to the financial section of the Policy Manual.

6.3.3 NYSPHSAA Structural Growth and Membership (Appendix D)

At the following council meeting, members will be asked to share with their leagues the NYSPHSAA membership dues increases, through 2030, so they may plan their budgets accordingly.

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

6.4.1 ***Motion to approve the spring 2025 post season reports: Softball, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Lacrosse, Track & Field, Boys Tennis, Girls Flag Football, Girls Golf.*** (Appendix E)
CARRIED
Kelly/Taylor

*Baseball, Boys Golf, and Unified Basketball 2025 post season reports will be acted on at a later meeting.

6.4.2 ***Motion to approve the winter 25-26 pre-season reports: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Bowling, Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Ice Hockey, Rifle, Boys Swimming, Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling, Indoor Track and Unified Bowling, and Alpine Skiing.*** (Appendix F)
CARRIED
Brown/Dimitroff

6.4.3 Girls Wrestling Dual Meet Championship (informational)

Section VI will hold its first Girls Wrestling Dual Meet championship this 25-26 year.

6.4.4 Winter Competitive Cheer 2-Day Competition (informational)

Winter competitive cheer will move to a 2-day event because of judging and the number of teams. The intent is to model the state championship where teams compete in the morning and the afternoon similar to a semifinal and final and thus, a better way to determine the champion.

6.4.5 At-Large Pilot (Appendix G)

This will be added to the google form vote, sent October 10, due October 17 at 5pm, along with the following male and female discussion items.

6.5 Safety (M. McKenna)

6.6 Modified Committee (L. Bergman, M. Librock)

6.6.1 Rolling agenda
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X_iVIWi-nmrYKJ5C3IaJsbgWXMoZuray1XyZb79uuto/edit

The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is scheduled to meet the week of September 22.

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 discussion items. Action will be taken via Google survey, sent October 10th, due October 17th at 5pm, to provide direction for M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, at the October 2025 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. (Appendix H)

6.6c2 Handbook – Senior All-Star Contest Records

6.6c3 Handbook – Combining of Team Records

6.6c4 School Without Boundaries – Sectional Classification Criteria & Oversight Committee Appeal Procedure

6.6c5 Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving – Adopt Backstroke Starting Ledges Starting in Fall 2026

6.6c6 Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving – Establish a Team State Championship

6.6c7 Competitive Cheerleading: Scoresheet Reorganization

6.6c8 Girls Wrestling: Revise the Representation Rule

6.6c9 Girls Wrestling: Max Number of Matches per Day

6.6c10 Girls Wrestling: Multi-School Meet

6.6c11 Girls Wrestling: Expansion of Appeals Procedure

6.6c12 Boys Wrestling: revise the Current Appeals Procedure

6.6c13 Boys Wrestling: Expand the Current Appeals Procedure

6.6c14 Boys Wrestling: Revise Penalty for Cheating on Hydration test

6.6c15 Boys Wrestling: revise Penalty for Maximum Number of Tournaments

6.6c16 Boys Wrestling: Penalty for Not Bringing a Track Wrestling Weigh-In Form to a Dual Meet

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

6.8.1 (1) application received, approved

6.9 Chemical Awareness (J. Grzymala)

6.9.1 Welcome Jr. Male Representative Ben Meyers from Wilson Central School District to NYSPHSAA SAAC

6.9.2 The SAAC Committee will meet, together with Asst. Exec. Director Kim Schon, about the planned opportunities for athletes during the 25-26 school year. The theme this year is named “Trust the Team”.

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

6.10.1 Appeal, Boys Soccer, Fall 2025
The denial was upheld by Appeals Committee at the September 15, 2025 hearing.

6.11 Sportsmanship (J. Graczyk, D. Ames)

The next scheduled committee meeting is Thursday, September 25, 2025.

6.12 Veterans (J. Trampert)

The Veterans Supper was held Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at The Ridge in West Seneca. There was a good turnout. J. Trampert thanked the council for their support.

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

6.13.1 Williamsville South, Girls Gymnastics, Fall 2025
6.13.2 Wilson, Girls Field Hockey, Fall 2025

The involved schools were advised that if the involved students participation becomes a significant adverse effect upon the opportunity of females to participate successfully, Section VI reserves the right to re-evaluate participation at any point in the season.

6.14 Nominations (B. Banker)

6.14.1 Section VI Female Representative (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty) Term Expiration June 2026

M. Fallacaro-Dougherty confirmed her interest in renewing her term. In keeping with procedure, a challenger form will be posted on the Section VI website with due date of March 1, 2026.

6.14.2 ***Motion to approval of Brett Widman as Section VI Boys Volleyball Chairperson (remaining term, present through June 30, 2027)***
CARRIED
McDuffie/Zirkle

6.14.3 ***Motion to approve of Justin Craddock as Section VI Girls Indoor Track Chairperson (remaining term, present through June 30, 2026)***
CARRIED
Lilanjich/McDuffie

6.14.4 ***Motion to approve of Gavin Chris Miller as Section VI Boys Swim Co-Chairperson (remaining term, present through June 30, 2026)***
CARRIED
Taylor/Kelly

6.15 Corporate Partners (K. Schon)

Section VI is entering an agreement with The University of Wyoming, a collaboration involving representation of their brand and supporting student-athletes. The contract is with their legal team for finalization, but includes sponsorship in the amount of $7,500 for the 25-26 year

6.16 Hall of Fame (J. Dunnigan)

The Hall of Fame Committee convened July 2025 and selected the candidates for the 2025 induction ceremony. The ceremony will be held December 4, 2025 at The Columns Banquets in Elma.

C. Bullis will assume the Hall of Fame Asst Chairperson position from B. Banker this 25-26 school year and then move into the chairperson position beginning with the 26-27 school year.

6.17 Policy Committee (B. Banker)

The Policy Committee will review the officials expense voucher policy recommendation from the Finance Committee.

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)

Nothing to report.

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

See agenda item 6.6c4.

7.3 DEI Committee (A. Lloyd)

The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2025.

8.0 STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS (informational only) Appendix J

- Championship Advisory, June 18, 2025
- NYSPHSAA Foundation, August 23, 2025
- Boys & Girls Cross Country, August 14, 2025
- Football, August 11 & May 12, 2025
- Outdoor Track, June 6, 2025

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA (R. Zayas & T. Nelson)

- 3-Region Concept
  NYSPHSAA is fielding questions from sections about how a section is to handle when they have the at-large. Specifically, where the champion and at large should be placed within the bracket.
- NYSPHSAA staff are scheduled to meet next month with the SED to discuss streamlining the process to make it easier for schools to secure coaches appointments.

9.2 NYSAAA Report (J. Lehmbeck)

9.2.1 A professional development offering is scheduled for November 25, 2025 at Erie 1 BOCES.

9.2.2 Chapter 6 offers a mentoring program. There are monthly zoom meetings. Interested parties may contact K. Schon, Section VI Asst. Exec. Director.

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

12.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

12.1 Section VI President
B. Banker is the current Section VI President-Elect and approved for the 2026-2028 President term. His personal situation has changed leaving his future timeline unknown and uncertain if can fulfill the role of President. The Executive Committee is discussing options moving forward.

12.2 ***Motion to adjourn***
CARRIED
Bergman/Grzymala

APPENDIX A

ACTION ITEM: Athletic Council November 19, 2025

PRPOSED 2026-2027 Section VI Timeline for Schedules/Assignment of Officials
NORTH: Buffalo, ECIC, NFL, NO, MM, Independent

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

	Fall 2026	Winter 2026-27		Spring 2027
Enter fees for the upcoming year (2025-2026)	Apr. 2, 2026	August 10, 2026		August 10, 2026
Officials Rankings from coaches/chairs due	May 4, 2026	Aug. 24, 2026		Jan. 4, 2027
Subassigners review rosters in arbitersports and report changes to the Section office.	May 4, 2026	Aug. 24, 2026		Jan. 4, 2027
Draft schedules complete	May 15, 2026	Sept. 7, 2026		Jan. 4, 2027
Email officials with instructions to register	May 15, 2026	Sept. 7, 2026		Feb. 2, 2027
Final schedules complete including non-league games Import of schedules to arbitersports begins	June 1, 2026	Sept. 14, 2026		Feb. 2, 2027
Final date: ALL schedules must be in arbitersports	June 12, 2026	Oct. 1, 2026	For B&G Basketball only	Feb. 16, 2027
Officials registered & availabilities listed	June 15, 2026	Oct. 7 2026		Feb. 16, 2027
*Varsity and JV assignment of officials begins	6/17/202	Oct. 13, 2026	Oct. 22, 2026	Feb. 19, 2027
*Assignments released to the OBR's for 5 day review	July 8, 2026	Oct. 28, 2026	Oct. 28, 2026	February 26, 2027
*Round Table (with OBRs) to finalize assignments	July 13, 2026	Nov. 2, 2026	Nov. 2, 2026	March 2, 2027
*Publish V,JV assignments-4 days to accept (7 days - Fall only)	July 14, 2026	Nov. 3, 2026	Nov. 3, 2026	March 3, 2027
*Last day to accept assignments	July 21, 2026	Nov. 7, 2026	Nov. 7, 2026	March 7, 2027
Publish Football assignments-7 days to accept	Mid-July			
Notify Athletic Offices & Officials Groups to make final payments/save financial reports (ArbiterPay)	Dec. 1, 2026	March 24, 2027		June 23, 2027
Delete season schedules	Dec. 14, 2026	April 14, 2027		July 14, 2027

Dates apply to the sports where multiple leagues share officials.

See Section VI Policy Manual, Section 631, Guidelines for assigning for chart on assigning location for sports and levels.

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

ACTION ITEM: Athletic Council November 19, 2025

PROPOSED 2026-2027 Section VI Timeline for Schedules/ Assignment of Officials

SOUTH: Cattaraugus & Chautauqua

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

White: School / assigner responsibility

	Fall 2026	Winter 2026-27		Spring 2027
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Officials registered & availabilities listed	June 15, 2026	Oct. 7, 2026	For B&G	Feb. 16, 2027
GVB assignments using Group 30** officials must be complete	June 16, 2026	NA	Basketball ONLY	NA
Varsity & JV assignment of officials begins	June 17, 2026	Oct. 13, 2026	Oct. 22, 2026****	Feb. 19, 2027
Publish V,JV, Mod assignments (4 days to accept)	***	***	***	***
Publish Football assignments (4 days to accept)	*	NA	NA	NA
Notify Athletic Offices & Officials Groups to make final payments/save financial reports (ArbiterPay)	Dec. 1, 2026	March 24, 2027		June 23, 2027
Delete season schedules	Dec. 14, 2026	April 14, 2027		July 14, 2027

* Assignments will be complete but not published until after the first meeting of the Stier Chapter of Football Officials

** Assignments from WNYGVOA (Group 30) to Ellicottville, N.Collins and W.Valley (Note: Portville was moved from the northern chapter to the southern chapter 24-25)

*** Dates to be set by Southern Tier assigners

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

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

APPENDIX B

Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

As of September 9, 2025

	Sep 9, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1040.1 · Bank of America CD	27,195.37
1043.1 · Northwest CD	351,451.27
1030 · Bank of America Checking	512,257.01
1040 · Bank of America Money Market	1.69
1043 · Northwest Savings Bank	100,160.35
Total Checking/Savings	991,065.69
Total Current Assets	991,065.69
TOTAL ASSETS	**991,065.69**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

Dedicated Funds

		Received		Accural
Boys Ice Hockey	$	72,500.00	$	95,000.00
Girls Ice Hockey	$	34,375.00	$	56,250.00
Indoor Track	$	114,400.00	$	132,600.00
		Budgeted		
State Championships	$	215,000.00		
	$	436,275.00		

FUND BALANCE **$ 554,790.69**

APPENDIX C

SPORTS OFFICIALS EXPENSE VOUCHER

PROPOSED POLICY

The Officials Recruitment and Retention Expense Voucher Program is outlined on page 7 of the Officials contract. https://www.section6.e1b.org/cms/lib/NY19000854/Centricity/domain/35/officials%20contract/OfficialsContract2022-2027.pdf

SUBMISSION VERIFICATION

- Any falsification of receipts, organization leadership signatures, and/or email correspondence will prompt automatic denial of a voucher for that school year.

ANNUAL DEADLINE & SUBMISSIONS

- ALL vouchers and receipts **must** be emailed ONLY to bfadeley@e1b.org no later than June 1 of the same fiscal year for which the contests were worked. There are NO exceptions.
- Submissions will **ONLY** be accepted via email. There are no exceptions.
- Officials should only submit one voucher per sport, per year. No piecemealing of expenses for the same sport on separate vouchers.

ACCEPTABLE SUBMISSIONS

- Vouchers must be filled out and signed.
- Correct vouchers must be used. Voucher forms are updated with each new school year. Vouchers are found and can be printed from the Section VI website.
- If a claim is returned for insufficient documentation, it is the **sports official's responsibility** to resubmit with the required documentation **PRIOR to the JUNE 1 DEADLINE.**

ELIGIBLE CONTESTS

- Contests must be worked within the school year for which the voucher is submitted. Games that are canceled, rained out, postponed, etc. do not apply.
- Scrimmages and non-Section VI / MM games do NOT count towards the minimum number of contests required for reimbursement eligibility
- Track and XC – Boys and Girls are reflected by 2 game records in Arbiter, but are run as 1 meet and are considered 1 contest.

EXPENSES & RECEIPTS

- **ALL** items listed under expense claims on the voucher must be accompanied by a full, valid receipt.
- Receipts MUST list the item(s) purchased with amount, total paid, date with YEAR purchased (must be within the 3 years of eligibility), vendor name/logo, and billed-to and/or payment status
- Credit card statement and packing slips are not valid receipts.
- Illegible or chopped up screen shots will be returned as incomplete submissions.
- Receipts for dues, classes, training, organization membership, uniforms purchased by the officials organization etc. must be produced and signed by a member of the organization who holds leadership status (ie. treasurer, president, etc.). The receipt must be dated, include the total amount paid, state school year for which it is for, item description w/ price, official's name, and the signature of the person who issued it.
- Itemized expenses and grand totals should **not** be rounded up to the nearest dollar on the claim form.

SPORTS OFFICIAL ELIGIBILITY

- Returning officials are ineligible regardless of circumstances.
- An existing official who begins a ***new sport*** may be eligible for reimbursement. Differing sports are separated on the expense voucher required minimum number of contests worked chart.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – May 7, 2025

Structural Growth & Membership Dues

____ Action Item
____ Discussion Item
__X__ Informational Item

Presenter:
Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026 School Year

Details:
The following NYSPHSAA membership dues will be included within the NYSPHSAA Budget to be voted on at the May Executive Committee meeting.

2025-2026
$1100 + $1/student over 300

The base fee of NYSPHSAA membership dues will increase $50 annually. This began in the 2024-2025 school year. The Executive Committee expressed interest in incorporating structural growth of membership dues within the association's budget structure. Schools can now budget a $50 annual increase. The $50 annual increase will be included within the NYSPHSAA Budget, which will be voted on at the Central Committee meeting. A schedule of the annual increase is below. The increase will continue until the Budget/Audit Committee proposes a revision based upon membership feedback and input.

2026-2027
$1150 + $1/student over 300

2027-2028
$1200 + $1/student over 300

2028-2029
$1250 + $1/student over 300

2029-2030
$1300 + $1/student over 300

APPENDIX E

Track & Field 2025 Post Season Report

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners		
BOYS TRACK	**School**	**Individual**
Class A	Lancaster	Lincoln Coulihan
Class B	Sweet Home	Brenton Baker
Class C	Frewsburg	Cody Kent
GIRLS TRACK		
Class A	Frontier	Lillie Bogdan
Class B	Grand Island	Brooke Christensen
Class C	Tapestry	Janee Long

Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented:
Coaches were required to enter their state meet entries on Milesplit.com by Sunday at noon, after the state qualifier meet. This was done with better efficiency than in the past.

The requirement for F.A.T. Qualifiers for the 100, 200 and 100/110 hurdles at the Class and State Qualifier Meets went well and increased the level of accuracy in events with very small margins between qualifying and not. Also, more consistent with state policy.

An additional class was added to the state and state qualifier competition. Having different classes at our class meets and at the state qualifier/state level was confusing for some coaches who didn't reference the Section 6 Outdoor Track Handbook.

The additional class at the state level went well from the sectional through the state competition level. Both meets went smoothly and timely with some of the qualifying standard and meet protocol changes that were made.

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

There were some that abused the logistics and intent of the standards. This may include adding a top 8 place consideration for the super standard at the state qualifier meet.

Class Meet starting times could be moved up to avoid issues with busing that required some teams to be dropped off early so their bus could travel back to their district and complete normal runs.

Track & Field Committee Proposals for the 2025 season:
None

2025 Post Season Calendar		
Event	**Date TBD**	**Locations: TBD**
All Class Meets Entries Close:	11:00 pm the week of Mon, May 25	Milesplit.com Milesplit.com
Class AA, A, B, C, D Meets	TBD: the week of Mon, May 25	TBD
State Qualifier Entries Close:	11:00 pm Monday, June 1	Milesplit.com
Final State Qualifier Entry Processing:	Tuesday, June 2	
State Qualifier Meet:	11:00 Friday, June 5 10:00 Saturday, June 6	TBD
States Championship Entries Due:	12:00 Noon Sunday, June 7	Milesplit.com
NY State Championship Meet	11:00 Saturday, June 13 10:00 Sunday, June 14	Webster S. High School- Section 5

Other pertinent data
The schools that hosted the Sectional Class Championship Meets did an outstanding job: A- West Seneca West, A- Iroquois, B- Alden, C- Falconer, D- Randolph.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Date: 6/20/25
Walt McLaughlin & Justin Craddock, Chairmen

SECTION VI POST-SEASON REPORT
Girls Lacrosse 2025

Conference Winners:

Conference 1	**Lancaster**
Conference 2	**Frontier**
Conference 3	**Williamsville East**
Conference 4	**Niagara Falls**

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

Girls LACROSSE	School	Individual	Coach of Year
Conference 1	Hamburg	Ava Wagner	Julie Buccieri (Lan)
Conference 2	Frontier	Mya Wappman	Becca Galanti (Fron)
Conference 3	Iroquois	Lilly Hudson	Emily Peters (WE)
Conference 4	West Seneca East	Carolyn Morris	Nick Frame (NF)

Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented:
The conferences were very competitive for the 4th year in a row. Conference 1, 2, 3, & 4 champions did control their conference. The conferences are working. This allows schools to be more competitive and successful in their conference. This helps the schools recruit by giving them the potential to play more competitive games or even win a conference championship.

Problems encountered/ concerns:
The 4 bottom teams in conference 4 are still struggling to get wins, and get more players involved

Recommendations for the 2025 season: (including calendar)
****Girls quarters/semifinals will be played on tuesday & thursday. We will also move our Sectionals finals to wed & thursday to avoid any conflicts schools may have on friday.**

GIRLS LACROSSE Chairperson: Richard Schmitt			
Last day for league play		**Thurs. 5/14**	
Seeding Meeting		**Thurs. 5/14**	**No in-person meeting, teams will be informed of playoff seed w/ brackets**
Pre Quarters	**C Only**	**Fri. 5/15**	**@ Higher Seed 5:00 pm**
Quarterfinals	**A, B,C, D**	**Tues. 5/19**	**@ Higher Seed 5:00 pm**
Semifinals	**A, B, C, D**	**Thurs. 5/21**	**@ Higher Seed 5:00 pm**
Finals	**A, B, C, D**	**Wed. 5/27 & Thurs. 5/28**	**5/28: B - 5 pm, D - 7:30 pm 5/29: C - 5 pm, A - 7:30 pm**
Far West Sub-Regionals		**Wednesday 6/3**	**TBD**
Far West Regionals		**Sat. 6/6**	**Section 5: TBD, Game Order: B, D, C, A**
State Tournament		**Fri. 6/12 & Sat. 6/13**	**SUNY Cortland**

Post-Season Meeting		**Mon. 6/8**	**Post-Season Meeting: A, B, C, D @ 6:30 pm Erie 1 Boces**
Senior All-Star		**6/**	**TBD**
Underclassman All-Star Game		**6/**	**TBD**

2026 Girls Lacrosse Conference Proposal			
Conference 1(7)	Conference 2 (7)	Conference 3 (8)	Conference 4 (8)
Lancaster	WSW	Niagara Falls	Buffalo Public
Orchard Park	Niagara Wheatfield	Will. North	Lockport
Clarence	Will South	Grand Island	Kenmore
Frontier	Sweet Home	Amherst	North Tonawanda
Hamburg	East Aurora	Starpoint	WSE
Lake Shore	Will East	Lewport	Springville
Eden	Salamanca	Iroquois	Depew
		Gowanda	Newfane

Sectional Results:
Class A: Orchard Park (12) – Lancaster (11)
Class B: Clarence (9) – Frontier (7)
Class C: Lake Shore (12) – Hamburg (11)
Class D: Eden (9) – Salamanca (5)

Sub-Regional Results:
Class C: Honeoye Falls - Lima (20) - Lake Shore (6)
Class D: Penn Yan Academy (19) - Eden (3)

Regional Results:
Class A: Penfield (18) - Orchard Park (5)
Class B: Victor (21) - Clarence (9)

State Semi-Finals: None played

State Championships: None Played

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

Spring 2025 Post-Season Report
Sport: : Boys Tennis

Sport Chair: **Terry McMahon, Alex Chambers**

2025- Sectional Results:
Team:
Division 1: Orchard Park 6, Williamsville East 1
Division 2: Olean 4, Lew-Port 0 (one unfinished match, rain)

Individual:
Singles state qualifiers: 1. Janis Osswald (Olean), 2. Dakshaeswar Muthukishnan (Will North), 3. Aiden Belle-Isle (Amherst)
Singles fourth place: Jackson Spangler (Fredonia)

Doubles state qualifiers: 1. Taylor McGrath/Griffin Watson (Orchard Park), 2. Alex Laspro/Marshall Harrishburg (Clarence), 3. Yonten Gyatso/David Cong (Will East)
Doubles fourth place: Knox Venator/Shaan Cheruvu (Will East)

2025- Regional Results:
Division I: Pittsford-Mendon (Section V) 6, Orchard Park (Section VI) 1
Division II: Naples (Section V) 4, Olean (Section VI) 1

Other Awards/Acknowledgements (sportsmanship Award, Sport Specific Awards, etc.)
Sportsmanship award at NYS singles & doubles tournament: Yonten Gyatso (Will East)

Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:
None

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:
None

Report on Active Pilots:
None

Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season:

None

Recommendations on Merged/Combined Teams:

All are appropriate as is

Boys Lacrosse 2025 Post Season Report

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

BOYS LACROSSE	School	Individual
Division A	Lockport	Thomas Casalinkovo
Division B	North Tonawanda	Jacob Smith
Division C	Amherst	Peter Smith
Division D	Akron	Nick Fry

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented:

Problems encountered/concerns: No concerns Conduct of players and coaches improved from previous year, shot clock worked exceptionally well

Boys Lacrosse Committee proposals for the 2025 season:

We will have JV/ V games held at the same site to alleviate shortage of officials. 5 pm and 7 pm games.

One league game in larger divisions Class A< B< C count toward sectional seeding, This Allows for more nonleague games to be selected by individual coaches.

In Class D Top 5 teams in division play H/H versus each other for 8 games for top 5 seeding in sectional playoffs. Bottom Developing teams play each other for 8 games for seeding 6-10 in sectional play. Allows these teams to select 8 nonleague games of comparable competition. **(Tabled - Sectional Intersectional Committee wanted further discussion and league feedback, will make a determination on Oct. 9 at next S/I.)**

For scheduling purposes, due to NYSPHSAA approved earlier start date, no games will be scheduled within the first 2 weeks. These were voted on by all varsity coaches at the end of the year meeting.

The Class Chairmen discussed a proposal to move Lakeshore/SC combined team to Class B due to the dominance they have displayed in winning 4 consecutive sectional titles. The competitive advantage is a concern. This will remain the same if Lakeshore and Silver Creek stay combined

Class Divisions 2025-26 Boys Lacrosse

2026 Boys Lacrosse Classifications				
2026 BLAX COS				
Class A			**Class C**	
Niagara Falls/ Lew-Port	No COS paperwork yet		North Tonawanda	723
Lancaster	1226		Hamburg	713
Lockport	1058		Williamsville East	707
Buffalo Public schools	No COS paperwork yet		Amherst	657
Kenmore West/East	1196		Grand Island	654
			Starpoint	647
Class B			Will South	629
Orchard Park	1026		West Seneca East	587
Clarence	935		Iroquois	477
Will North	909			
Frontier	899		**Class D**	
West Seneca West	882		Depew	428
Sweet Home	798		East Aurora	411
Niagara Wheatfield	743		Tonawanda	371
Lake Shore/ Silver Creek	No COS paperwork yet		Medina	315
			Salamanca	314
			Akron	275
			Eden/ NC	335
			Newfane	263
			Gowanda	213
			Wilson	212

2026 Post Season Calendar:		
Event	Date	Location and Time Tentative times and dates
Last day for league play	5/18 Tues	
Play-in Round (if needed)	5/20 Wed	
Quarterfinals	5/22 Friday	Higher Seed
Semifinals	5/27 Wed	Higher Seed
Finals	5/30 Sat	TBA
Sub Regional Far West Regionals	June 3 Wed June 6 Sat	Section 6 Host Section 6 Host
Semi Finals	June 11 Thurs	Cortland University

State Finals	June 14 Sunday	Hobart College

2025 Sectional and Post-Sectional Results: (see Section VI website – click on Brackets)

Class A	Orchard Park
Class B	Lakeshore Silver Creek
Class C	Hamburg
Class D	Akron

Respectfully submitted,
Date:6/13/2024 Revised 9/10/2025
Ed Greenway, Chairman

Spring 2025 Post-Season Report
Sport: : *Girls Golf*

Sport Chair: Joe Biondo

2025- Sectional Results :

Individual

Kylie Dean	Clarence	74 Medalist 1st Place
Claire Brady	Orchard Park	84 2nd Place
Jocelyn Wintersteen	Cas. Valley	87 3rd Place
Eliana Wierzbowski	Orchard Park	87 3rd Place
Tatiana Tutko	Clarence	90 5th Place
Nilla Ecklof	Jamestown	93 6th Place
Avery Smith	Will. South	93 6th Place
Cate West	Will. North	94 8th Place
Bella Sieracki	Will South	95 9th Place
Sydnee Hoffman	Fredonia	96 Alternate

Team

Orchard Park	373
Williamsville North	453
East Aurora	457

2025- State Results

T-12	Jocelyn Wintersteen	Cassadaga Valley	72-83	+11
16	Claire Brady	Orchard Park	80-78	+14
21	Kylie Dean	Clarence	82-78	+16
35	Eliana Wierzbowski	Orchard Park	88-82	+26

Players shown who finished in the Top 50.

The section 6 team finished in 8th place in the tournament.

- This was the last year of the section team competition as per NYSHSAA championship format changes.

Orchard Park Finished in 5th Place of 11 teams in the Tournament.

Other Awards/Acknowledgements (sportsmanship Award, Sport Specific Awards, etc.)
Wintersteen and Brady earned All-State Honors by finishing in the top 20 or the tournament. Kylie Dean won the sportsmanship award for Section 6.

Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award: None

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:
Kylie Dean - Sr. Clarence

Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season:

The new waiver signed by coaches and golfers prior to the tournament declaring their intentions if the golfer and/or coach can commit to the State Championship Tournament in the event the golfer or coaches golfer qualifies was very successful. We knew ahead of time so all tiebreakers were settled and we will know who is representing Section 6 at the state tournament when we leave the afternoon of the sectional championship.

Spring 2026:

Calendar will be entered on Spring 26 Pre-Season Report

Girls Flag Football 2025 Post Season Report

ALL WNY SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS
- **Not applicable**

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

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented:
- No changes occurred in season outside of the handbook. We changed from two classes to three classes as the number of participating schools grew across the state. We added modified Flag and had 10 teams participate in 2025 season. Participation surveys for 2026 are due by July 15, 2025. Based on the number of participants for 2026, classes and BEDS breakdown, we will propose new alignments if needed for 2026. We will be looking at consolidating two divisions (3 and 4) for the 2026 season.

Tournament report/concerns:

- Section VI tournament ran smoothly in 2026. Continued concerns are being raised about the Spaulding ball. Concerns will be represented at State Meeting on July 7.
- NFHS rules have been released. Feedback has been collected from coaches and some topics were discussed at post season meeting on 6/12/25.
  - NFHS Flag Rules Feedback
  - 6/12/25 Flag Football Agenda

Girls Flag Football Committee Proposals for the 2026 season:

2026 Post Season Calendar			
Event		**Date**	**Location & Time**
Preseason Meeting		3/11/26	6:30 pm on google meet
First practice date		3/16/26	
First league game date		3/30/26	
Opt out of sectionals		5/8/26	in writing to chairperson by 12:00pm
Last day for league play		5/11/26	
Seeding Mtg		5/12/26	7:00 pm on zoom
Event	**Class**		
Pre-Quarters:	TBA	5/13/26	7pm at higher seed
Quarters:	TBA	5/16/26	7pm at higher seed
Semifinals:	TBA	5/20/26	7pm at higher seed
Finals	A, B, C	5/23/26	10 am at higher seed
Sub-Regionals:	A, B, C	5/27 and	Section V host – site TBA

		5/28(tentative)	
Regionals:	A, B, C	5/30(tentative)	Section IV host – site TBA
States:	A, B, C	6/6/26, 6/7/26	Cortland HS/Homer HS
Post Season Meeting		6/10/26	6:30 pm on zoom

Other pertinent data:

All results can be found on league website and tracking sheet:
Website:
https://highschoolsports.org/new-york/nysphsaa/section-6/flag-football/2025/standings

Flag Football Handbook 2025:
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2025 Sectional Results:

- 2025 Division 1 Champion - Kenmore
- 2025 Division 2 Champion - Clarence
- 2025 Division 3 Champion - Depew
- 2025 Division 4 Champion - Fredonia HS

- 2025 Class A Champion - Orchard Park
- 2025 Class B Champion - Clarence
- 2025 Class C Champion - Pioneer (State Champion 2025 - Class C)

- 2025 FINAL STANDINGS Flag Football Divisions

Full Post Season Results:

- 2025 Flag Football Post Season

Participation Survey Results for 2026 season:
Spring 2026 Section VI Flag Football …

Respectfully Submitted
Date: 6/30/25

Marissa Dauria, Girls Flag Football Chair



Winter 2025 Post-Season Report
Sport: : *Softball*

Sport Chair: Jay Hall

2025- Sectional Results :

AAA- Lancaster
AA-Orchard Park
A -Williamsville South
B Fredonia
C -Chautauqua Lake
D -Forestville

2025- Regional Results:
Regionals & State Champions!
AAA Lancaster-
AA Orchard Park

A Williamsville South Lost- State Semi Final
B-Fredonia - Lost in Sub regionals
D Forestville- Lost State Semi-Final

Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:
None

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:

ALL WNY SMALL SCHOOL WINNERS			
NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE	POSITION
Elli Bodamer	Clymer/Sherman	11	P
Lilly Bromstead	Alden	12	U P
Lauren Payne	St Mary's	12	3B
Ella Dovey	St Mary's	12	P 1B
Sawyer Faso	Alden	9	SS
Addison Kota	Gowanda	10	P
Madison Flint	Barker	9	P
Abby Fox	Roy Hart	11	P
Jenna Fryberger	Fredonia	9	OF
Megan Gruber	Forestville	12	P
Courtney Marsh	Ellicottville	12	1B
Danielle Polsin	Fredonia	12	3B
Grace Ricci	Springville	11	3B
Cayzlee Johnson	Chautauqua Lake	12	P

SMALL SCHOOL	SECOND TEAM		
Anna Delcamp	Fredonia	10	3B
Luci Gates	Chautauqua Lake	11	3B
Janele Burchanowski	Clymer/Sherman	12	3B
Eva Gnadzinski	Westfield	12	P
Sydney Hotchkiss	Westfield	12	C
Taylor John	Mt. Mercy	12	P
Kenadee Johnathan	Akron	10	P
Abby Laverdi	Eden	12	2B
Ande Northrup	Ellicottville	11	SS
Molly Reynolds	Mt. St. Mary	12	SS
Emily Rhinehart	Falconer	11	P
Sage Rozanski	East Aurora	8	P
Alice Scarpine	Chautauqua Lake	8	SS
Kailey Truman	Alleghanny Limestone	11\	P
	HONORABLE MENTION		

Emily Anderson	Cassadega Valley	12	SS
Tessa Fowler	East Aurora	10	C
Carliene Sliwa	Forestville	11	SS
Olivia Rhoat	JFK	12	C
MacKenzie Schumaker	Westfield	11	SS

Player of the year: Addison Kota = Gowanda

Pitcher of the year: Danielle Polison = Fredonia Cayzlee Johnson = Chautauqua Lake

Coach of the year: Brianne Hazelton = Forestville

ALL WESTERN NEW YORK LARGE SCHOOL

NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE	POS
Alyssa Budzinski	Williamsville South	11	P
Ava Farina	Orchard Park	12	P
Julia Ford	Frontier	11	OF
Lainey Babich	Orchard Park	11	OF
Brooke Bodewes	Niagara Wheatfield	12	P
Alyssa Brunner	Lancaster	11	P

Maddie Ciminelli	Frontier	10	P
Jordyn Colvin	Lake Shore	12	3B
Natalle Kopf	Grand Island	12	P
Lindsay Tylec	Niagara Wheatfield	10	OF
Machala Musty	Hamburg	11	OF
Abby Wesolowski	Williamsville East	11	SS
Olivia Sackel	Williamsville South	12	2B
Ella Sheehan	Orchard Park	12	C
Large School	Second Team		
Emma Edwards	Olean	12	P
Emma Beyer	Iroquois	11	3B
Brennah DeWald	Lancaster	11	C
Ella Hernandez	Orchard Park	10	3B
Addison D’Andrea	North Tonawanda	11	OF
Bella Hill	Depew	12	P
Maris Huff	Niagara Wheatfield	11	C

Alana Irvine	Albion	12	P
Noelle Jurkowski	Williamsville South	11	SS
Libby Kosmowski	Williamsville East	12	P
Mattie Adamo	Starpoint	11	SS
Ashlyn Pignone	Frontier	12	SS
Emma Popp	Sacred Heart	12	P
Madison Scarpace	Nardin	10	C
	HONORABLE MENTION		
Maddie McDermott	Orchard Park	10	2B
Dani Hatch	Kenmore West	12	P
Mckenzie Marranca	Williamsville South	12	1B
Brooke Minnuto	Williamsville North	9	SS
Abby Orsi	Niagara Falls	9	SS
Natalie Prezioso	Starpoint	11	OF
Brianna White	Williamsville East	11	OF

Player of the year: Lainey Babich - Orchard Park

Pitcher of the year: Brooke Bodewes - Niagara Wheatfield Maddie Ciminelli - Frontier

Coach of the year: Rich Winiatowski – Lancaster Brittany Schemorhorn – Orchard Park

Report on Active Pilots:

Effect of new changes: AAA best of three series: went well everyone liked it.

Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season:

Brought up that on deck batter be allowed to go to either side of field. I brought

To our state meeting and was voted down.

Spring 2026:

Sport Committee Meeting Dates:

Pre season meeting Sunday September 21st 9:00 AM place TBD. Others TBD

Sport Committee Proposals:

The committee would like to use a new tie breaking policy for sectional seeding. Passed 3-0

Reasoning fairness

Proposal

1. *Winning percentage of league or division games scheduled (independents all games)* Previously it was simply number of league or division wins.

   Ex: 12-2 team would beat our 10-0 team.

2. *Head to Head if same league or division*
3. *Runs allowed between teams tied if in same league or division*
4. *Coin toss*
5. *3 way tie still pull out of hat after 1-3 are used*

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

-Taking out A/B- Starting Point C from current process.

-Adding Runs allowed

Current Tie Procedure:

212.4 If teams have identical power ratings, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

a. The team with the most **league/division** wins will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
b. The team with the fewest league **league/division** losses will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
c. The team with the higher winning percentage of games scheduled will be the higher seeded team. Determined by total league wins divided by total **league/division** games scheduled. If still tied:
d. If teams are in the same **league/division**, use head-to-head results. If still tied:
e. A toss of a coin will determine the higher seeded team.
Approved at 3/21/18 Athletic Council Meeting
f) If 3 or more teams are tied, teams will be drawn out of a hat.
   a. 1st draw is the highest seed
   b. 2nd draw is the next seed
   c. Last draw is the next seed

Things to add to handbook:

1. *For sectionals at neutral sites the higher seed will be home team add and have a choice of dugouts.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 7/5/2025

John J Hall, Softball Chair

Winter 2025-26 Pre-Season Report
Sport: Girls Varsity Ice Hockey

Sport Chair: **Rick Hopkins**

Sport Committee(* Indicates voting members):

Title:	Name	School	Phone	Email
Chair:	Rick Hopkins	Retired	(716) 631-2906	hopkinsrick5@gmail.com
Assistant:	Matt Miller	Kenmore Middle	(716) 713-5713	mmiller@ktufsd.org
Secretary	TBA			
Financial Coordinator:	Beth Fadeley	Section VI	(716) 821-7365	bfadeley@e1b.org
Discipline /Rules Coordinator:	Vinny Dell'Oso	Starpoint	(716) 210-2304	vdelloso@starpoincsd.org
Officials Liaison:	Chris Mucica*	Williamsville	(716) 626-8400	cmucica@williamsvillek12.org
Executive Board:	Pete Schneider*	MMHSAA	(716) 998-4589	Monsignor.martin.athletics@gmail.com
Statistician:	Matt Miller	Kenmore Middle	(716) 713-5713	mmiller@ktufsd.org

Sport Committee Meeting Dates: Weds. Nov. 5, 2025 7pm

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignment: 9

2025-26 Season Calendar:

Event	Details	Date/Time
Pre-season Coaches Meeting	Williamsville South HS	Weds.Nov. 5, 2025 7pm
First Practice	On ice or dryland	Mon..Nov. 17, 2025
First Scrimmage/Contest	After 6 individual practices	Tues. Nov. 25, 2025
Rosters deadline	sectionalsports.com	Tues. Nov. 25, 2025
Referee Rating deadline		
Deadline to opt out of Sectionals	n/a	
Last League Game		Thurs. Feb. 5, 2026
Power PointRating form Deadline	n/a	
Awards & Seeding Meeting	Williamsville South HS	Mon. Feb.9, 2026 7pm
End of year records deadline		
All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	On-Line Form Only	
Play-off Dates		

NYSPHSAA West Subregionals	Buffalo State Ice Arena	
Quarters	Tues. Feb. 10, 2026	5:30pm, 7pm, 8:30pm
Semifinals	Thurs. Feb. 12, 2026	6pm and 8pm
Finals	Mon. Feb. 16, 2026	6pm Private, 8pm Section VI Final
NYSPHSAA Far West Regional	Weds. Feb. 18, 2026	TBA Section VI Champ vs Webster V
NYSPHSAA Regional Semifinals	Utica Nexus Center	Fri. Feb. 20, 2026 4pm and 6pm
NYSPHSAA Regional Final	Utica Nexus Center	Sat. Feb. 21, 2026 12pm

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season: Webster from Section V will join the 7 public school teams in Section VI for the NYSPHSAA West Subregional Playoffs

Ongoing/Active Pilots:

Other Pertinent Data:



Winter 2025-26 Pre-Season Report
Sport: Alpine Ski

Sport Chair: Jason Lehmbeck

Sport Committee(* Indicates voting members): Jason Lehmbeck, Kevin Lester, Kent Joesel

Sport Committee Meeting Dates: 11/12/25

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignment: 3

2026 Post-Season Calendar:

Sectionals - Holiday Valley date - TBD
State Championships, February 23/24, 2026 - Bristol Mountain

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:

As of last year NYSPHSAA rule change- representation rule is now 3 contests every year for alpine.

Ongoing/Active Pilots:

None

Other Pertinent Data:

None

Winter 2025-26 Pre-Season Report

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
2025-2026

Committee members (voting*)

Chairperson:	**Nate Bourke**	Kenmore	Ass't Chair:	**TBA**
Buffalo PS:	***Cindy Cranston**	South Park		
CCAA:	***Dan Brown**	Olean	Todd Conklin	Southwestern
ECIC:	***Doug Newman**	Cleve Hill		
NFL:	***Mike Corsaro**	Niagara Wheatfield		
N-O:	***Andrew Busch**	Newfane		

At Large Members: Nancy Bennett (Alden), Paul Cary (Clarence,) Chris Miller (Williamsville East,) John Sullivan (Lockport)

Sport Committee Meeting Dates: May 5; October 9; November 12; March 18

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignments:

- Three individual Class Championship Meets (A, B, C) prelims/finals format for the 48 teams.
- Classes will be adjusted based on the most recent BEDS reports, and after combined school proposals have been approved.
- Following the Prelims/Finals Championships, a separate Section VI timed finals meet will occur to determine state qualifiers.

2026 Season Preliminary Calendar: NYSPHSAA- 7 Year Calendar

Event Name	Site / Website	Date & Time
Pre-season Coaches Meeting	League Sites In Person	Wednesday November 12, 2025
First Practice		Monday November 17, 2025
# of practices to represent school	**6** individual practices	
Rosters Updated on SwimCloud	www.swimcloud.com	Prior to first meet
Host team setup All Dual Meets	www.swimcloud.com	Prior to first meet
Deadline Class Entries	www.swimcloud.com	Monday February 2, 7:30 pm
Class Diving Lists Due		Tuesday February 3, 7:30 pm
Class Championship Meets	Sites TBA	February 5-7, 2026
Deadline State Qualifier Entries	www.swimcloud.com	February 9, 7:30 pm
State Qualifier Diving Meet	Site TBA	February 12, 2026
State Qualifier Swim Meet	Site TBA	February 12, 2026
Opt out of State Transportation	Email to N. Bourke	February 17, 2026
State Championships	Kelsey Partridge Bird Aquatic Center, Ithaca, NY	March 6 & 7, 2026

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

- Weather may cause last-minute changes if necessary.This is tentative information based upon state guidelines released for 2025-26 handbook.

Challenge	Contingency Plan
Weather	In the event that weather postpones the Class Meet Prelims, the Saturday Finals will become a Time Finals format. If the Saturday finals are canceled, the results from the prelims will be used toward the team championships and individual awards. In the event that weather postpones the State Qualifier Meet, the new date will be the next available date. *If college facilities are not available,* the top 24 Individuals entered in the meet, and the top 16 relays will compete at a local high school.

Ongoing/Active Pilots: **N/A**

Other Pertinent Data

- The NYSPHAA Boys Swimming & Diving Committee will continue to use the same State Qualifying Standards for the 2025-2026 school year as they did in 2024-2025 due to participation staying between 5-8%

2026 STATE QUALIFYING TIMES

Event #	EVENT	Qualifying Time
1	200 Medley Relay	1:40.67
2	200 Freestyle	1:47.60
3	200 Individual Medley	2:00.63
4	50 Freestyle	22.19
5	Diving	450.00
6	100 Butterfly	53.95
7	100 Freestyle	48.76
8	500 Freestyle	4:52.52
9	200 Freestyle Relay	1:30.12
10	100 Backstroke	54.82
11	100 Breaststroke	1:01.20
12	400 Freestyle Relay	3:18.87

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Bourke
Boys Swimming & Diving Chairperson

Winter 2025-26 Pre-Season Report
Sport: Boys Wrestling

Sport Chair: Mike DeBarbieri

Sport Committee(* Indicates voting members): Drew Wilcox(Falconer), Ryan Jordan(Franklinville), Mike Carlo (Wilson), Bill Morello(Lockport),Denise Bauer(Amherst), Clint Schaefer(Landcaster)
Sport Committee Meeting Dates: November 3, December 21, February 9
Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignment: 53

2026Season Calendar:

Event	Details	Date/Time
Wt. Certification	Times not set yet	Nov 20-Medina 3:15 pm Nov 21-Falconer 2:45 pm Grand Island Nov 22-Pioneer 9 am Niagara Falls 8 am Nov 24-Olean 3:30 pm
Early Certs	Coaches must contact the Section chairman by Oct 15 Only returning section placewinners and unlimited wrestlers	Oct 25 TBA
First Practice		Nov 17
Pre-Season Coaches Meeting		Nov 12
Rosters deadline	Track wrestling	Nov 18
Sectional Admittence form		Dec 1
Dual seed meeting	Email chaitman 12/23	Dec 30
Last League Game		Feb 7
Referee Rating deadline		Feb 15
Qualifier seed Meeting		Feb 9
All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	On-Line Form Only	
Play-off Dates		
Dual Championships	Williamsville North / Salamanca	Sat Jan 3
State Qualifier	Fredonia State	Sat Feb 14 9 am - 5 pm Sun Feb 15 11 am- 4 pm

Sectional Practice- Records Due	Track wrestling Stats	Thurs Feb 19
State Seeding Meeting		Sat Feb 21
State Championships	Albany	Friday/Sat February 27-28

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season: Possibility of the girls wrestling on Sunday of the State Qualifier (8 Div 1 boys, 8 Div 2 boys, 8 Girls)

Ongoing/Active Pilots: No Class meets 2nd year of a pause. The wrestling committee is looking into other types of Pre Qualifier for the State Qualifier. The possibility of a prelime tourney to cut the numbers down to 8 for a one day qualifier with the top 4 seeds getting a by to the qualifier

Other Pertinent Data: New weight classes approved aligned with other states 103,110,126,132,138,144,150,157,165,175,190,215,285

Respectfully Submitted:
Mike DeBarbieri

Boys Ice Hockey
Pre-Season Report
2025-2026

Sports Chair: Rick Brooks

Committee:

Section VI Chairman:	**Rick Brooks**	**rbrooks@clarenceschools.org**
Assistant to Chair:	**Kyle Pray**	**kpray@ktufsd.org**
Public Schools AD Rep:	**Matt McKenna**	
Officials Liaison:	**Kristin Tonge**	
ECIC I Coach Rep.	**John Burns**	
ECIC II Coach Rep.	**John McFall**	
NFL Coach Rep.	**Rob Roszak**	

Meeting Dates:

Pertinent Information

- We will continue to fine tune the electronic scoring procedure games. The distribution, maintenance and collection of equipment also need 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 regional and state tournaments. A proposal to institute the three-official system for all league games has been received. Staffing needs and costs are being studied.
- The league fee for the 2025-26 season is $5,000.00.

Section VI Boys Hockey Divisions for the 2025-2026 Season

NFL		ECIC I		ECIC II	
Grand Island	654	Lancaster	1226	Will East	707
Lewiston-Porter	495	Clarence	935	Hamburg	722
Niagara Wheatfield	743	Will North	909	Will South	629
Kenmore East	653	Orchard Park	1026	Amherst	657
Kenmore West	869	Frontier	899	W. Seneca	587
Iroquois / Alden	655	Sweet Home/ Depew/ NT	1258	Starpoint	647
Lockport / NF	2674	W. Seneca West	840		
	Link to COS BIH				

Event	Site/Location	Date/Time
Coaches Meeting	Riverworks	Tues. 11/6/24 6:00pm
First Practice		Mon, 11/18/24
Practices required to represent school	6 Individual Practices	
Rosters Due on Website	http://sectionviboyshockey.com/	Before the first game.
End of Regular Season		Sun., 2/16/2025
Seeding Meeting	Amherst Northtown Center	Tues, 2/18/2025 6:00 pm
Post Season Coaches Meeting	Amherst Northtown Center	Tues., 2/18/2025 6:00 pm
Post Season Schedule	see below	
Senior All Star Contest	insurance certificate from each school required Harbor Center & Section VI, NYSPHSAA as Additional Insured	March 10 or March 11, 2025 Time TBA Start application paperwork & have school obtain insurance once the date is set
All-WNY Scholar Athlete		Mon., 3/17/2025 4 PM

Section VI Ice Hockey Sectional Play-Offs 2025-2026

Federation Play-Offs

Date	Time	Event	Location
Wed. 2/18/26	5:30 PM	Small School Pre-Quarter	Northtown Center
Wed. 2/18/26	8:00 PM	Small School Pre-Quarter	Northtown Center
Wed. 2/18/26	6:00 PM	Small School Pre-Quarter	Harbor Center
Wed. 2/18/26	8:30 PM	Small School Pre-Quarter	Harbor Center
Thurs. 2/19/26	5:30 PM	Small School Pre-Quarter	Northtown Center
Thurs. 2/19/26	8:00 PM	Small School Pre-Quarter	Northtown Center
Thurs. 2/19/26	6:00 PM	Small School Pre-Quarter	Harbor Center
Thurs. 2/19/26	8:30 PM	Small School Pre-Quarter	Harbor Center
Sat. 2/22/25	1:00 PM	Small Sch. Quarter-Final	Northtown Center
Sat. 2/22/25	3:30 PM	Small Sch. Quarter-Final	Northtown Center
Sat. 2/22/25	6:00 PM	Small Sch. Quarter-Final	Northtown Center
Sat. 2/22/25	8:30 PM	Small Sch. Quarter-Final	Northtown Center
Mon. 2/23/26	6:00 PM	Large School Semis	Harbor Center
Mon. 2/23/26	8:30 PM	Large School Semis	Harbor Center
Tue. 2/24/26	6:00 PM	Small School Semis	Harbor Center
Tue. 2/24/26	8:30 PM	Small School Semis	Harbor Center

Federation Championships

Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri. 2/27/26	3:00 PM	Girls Final	Key Bank Center
Fri. 2/27/26	5:30 PM	Small School Final	Key Bank Center
Fri. 2/27/26	8:00 PM	Large School Final	Key Bank Center

State Regionals

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat. 3/7/26	12:00 Noon	State Regional	Harbor Center
Sat. 3/7/26	3:00 PM	State Regional	Harbor Center

Federation All-Star Game

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tues. 3/10/26	6:30 PM	Fed. All-Star Game	Harbor Center

State Final Four

Sat. 3/14/26	TBA	State Semis	Harbor Center
Sun. 3/15/26	TBA	State Finals	Harbor Center

Respectfully Submitted: Rick Brooks

Winter 2025-26 Pre-Season Report
Sport: Boys and Girls Bowling

Sport Chair: **Dan Kaplan, Joe Biondo**

Sport Committee(* Indicates voting members):
William Morrissey Boys ECIC
John Seeley Girls ECIC
Ray Farrell BPS
Bob Howard NFL
Nicole Nellist CCAA Div 3
Peggy Harris CCAA Div 1 & 2
Jospeh Biondo
Dan Kaplan
(All are voting members)

Sport Committee Meeting Dates:
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
Week of Monday, February 9 or February 23, 2026

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignment:
We do not currently have the 25/26 BEDS forms to make this determination.

2026 Post-Season Calendar:

Event	Details	Date/Time
First Practice		Monday, November 17, 2025
First Scrimmage/Contest	Training	
Pre-Season Coaches Meeting		Wednesday, Novermber 12, 2025
Rosters deadline	sectionalsports.com	Monday, November 24, 2025
Referee Rating deadline		NA
Deadline to opt out of Sectionals	Email chair by 12pm	NA
Last League Game		Friday, January 30, 2026
Power PointRating form Deadline	email chair	
Seeding Meeting		NA
End of year records deadline		Friday, January 30, 2026
All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	On-Line Form Only	

Finals B1 & B2	B1/ B2- SITES?	Week of February 9 or February 23, 2026
Finals A1, A2, AAA, AA	SITES?	Week of February 9 or February 23, 2026
Finals C & D	SITES?	Week of February 9 or February 23, 2026
State Qualifier A, B		NA
Far West Regional C, AAA		NA
Far West Regional B, D, A, AA		NA
State Championship	AMF Syracuse Lanes	3/13, 3/14, 3/15

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:
None as of right now

Ongoing/Active Pilots: 4 Day sectional tournament. This was enacted due to the NYSPHSAA Championship changes. Looking to possibly move sectionals to after the February, winter break.

Respectfully Submitted:
Joseph Biondo and Dan Kaplan



Winter 2025-26 Pre-Season Report
Sport: Boys Basketball

Sport Chair: **Larry Jones**

Sport Committee(* Indicates voting members):

Roll	Name	Schools
Chair	**Larry Jones**	Retired
Asst. Chair	Erik O'Bryan	Niagara-Wheatfield
Buffalo Large	*Zaire Dorsey	McKinley
Buffalo Small	Scott Kirsch	MST Prep
CCAA Div 3	Adam Bennett	Salamanca
CCAA Div 2	Cory Emory	Sherman
CCAA Div 1	Nick Bertrando	Fredonia
CCAA Div 4	*Dave McCann	Ellicottville
ECIC	*Chris Kensy	Amherst
ECIC 1	Chris Frankowski	Orchard Park
ECIC 2	Brandon Woods	Sweet Home
ECIC 3	Brian Ellsworth	Pioneer
ECIC 4	Chris Koselny	East Aurora
ECIC 5	Matt Krotz	Holland
NFL	*Erik O'Bryan	Niagara-Wheatfield
NO	*Justin Gerstung	Akron

Sport Committee Meeting Dates: Wednesday, 10/8. Depew HS, 7:00 pm

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignment:
Class AAA - 4 schools (assuming Classification Change of Health Sciences is approved)
Class AA - 17 (No Split into AA1 & AA2)
Class A - 28 - Split into Class A1 and A2 - (Dunkirk A1, Lackawanna A2)
Class B - 21 - Split in Class B1 & B2 - (Southwestern B1, MST B2)
Class C - 17 - (No Split)

Class D - 7 schools

2026 Post-Season Calendar and Important Dates-

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:
Due to the need for sub regionals/regionals-
Seeding meeting to Wed, 2/18 so that we could begin Sectional play by Fri/Sat, 2/20-21.
Sectional finals will now ALL be completed by Sunday, 3/8 , allowing necessary Regional/Sub Regional games to be played as early as 3/10.

To accommodate these necessary changes, we have changed what was our “normal” week of Semi-final and Finals games at the Buff State arena, and we are expanding to use Buff State as well as SUNY Fredonia and Jamestown CC. We will also be combining BOTH boys AND girls games on the same nights, sharing these venues. This is NOT a change for our Class C and D schools that have played for many years at JCC, but it WILL be a change, particularly for Class B schools that will now use SUNY Fredonia for semi-final games.

A big thank you to Girls Bball Chairman Chris Durr for all the work he did as well in making this new concept happen. Hopefully it will be a win-win on both the boys and girls side, as well as the many school districts that will have both boys and girls teams playing deep into Sectional play together.

Other Pertinent Data: Our committee voted unanimously to place Class B charter school Health Sciences up to Class AAA for the 2025-26 season. While a Class B school by enrollment numbers, they have continued to show a pattern of dominance, winning the Class AA Sectional Title in the 2023-24 season, and advancing to the Far West Regionals again, doing so without their returning All-WNY point guard who suffered an achilles injury the previous summer.

Respectfully Submitted:
Larry Jones
Section 6 Boys Basketball Chairman

Winter 2025-26 Pre-Season Report
Sport:

Sport Chair:

Sport Committee(* Indicates voting members):

Sport Committee Meeting Dates:

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignment:

2026 Post-Season Calendar:

Event	Details	Date/Time
First Practice		
First Scrimmage/Contest	After 6 individual practices	
Pre-Season Coaches Meeting		
Rosters deadline	sectionalsports.com	
Referee Rating deadline		
Deadline to opt out of Sectionals	Email chair by 12pm	
Last League Game		
Power PointRating form Deadline	email chair	
Seeding Meeting		
End of year records deadline		
All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	On-Line Form Only	
Play-off Dates		
Pre-Quarters B1, B2 & C	Higher Seed	
Pre-Quarters A1, A2 & AA	Higher Seed	
Quarters B1, B2 & C	Higher Seed	
Quarters A1, A2, AAA & AA	Higher Seed	
Bring Sectional Admittance form	Sectional Admittance form	
Semis B1 & B2	Higher Seed	
Semis A1 & A2	Higher Seed	
Semis AA & C	Higher Seed	
Semis AAA		
Finals B1 & B2	B1/ B2- SITES?	
Finals A1, A2, AAA, AA	SITES?	

Finals C & D	SITES?	Mon. 10/30 C- 5 & D- 7:30 PM (example)
State Qualifier A, B	WS West	
Far West Regional C, AAA	West Seneca West	
Far West Regional B, D, A, AA	West Seneca West	
State Championship	Middletown HS	11/11 & 11/12 Time tba

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:

Ongoing/Active Pilots:

Other Pertinent Data:

Respectfully Submitted:

Event	**Details**	**Date/Time**
First Practice		
First Scrimmage/Contest	After 6 individual practices	
Pre-Season Coaches Meeting		
Rosters deadline	sectionalsports.com	
Referee Rating deadline		
Deadline to opt out of Sectionals	Email chair by 12pm	
Last League Game		
Power PointRating form Deadline	email chair	
Seeding Meeting		
End of year records deadline		

All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	On-Line Form Only	
Play-off Dates		
Pre-Quarters B1, B2 & C	Higher Seed	
Pre-Quarters A1, A2 & AA	Higher Seed	
Quarters B1, B2 & C	Higher Seed	
Quarters A1, A2, AAA & AA	Higher Seed	
Bring Sectional Admittance form	Sectional Admittance form	
Semis B1 & B2	Higher Seed	
Semis A1 & A2	Higher Seed	
Semis AA & C	Higher Seed	
Semis AAA		
Finals B1 & B2	B1/ B2- SITES?	
Finals A1, A2, AAA, AA	SITES?	
Finals C & D	SITES?	Mon. 10/30 C- 5 & D- 7:30 PM (example)
State Qualifier A, B	WS West	
Far West Regional C, AAA	West Seneca West	
Far West Regional B, D, A, AA	West Seneca West	
State Championship	Middletown HS	11/11 & 11/12 Time tba

Other Important Dates:

Winter 2025-26 Pre-Season Report
Sport: *Competitive Cheer*

Sport Chair: Justina Grudzinski

Sport Committee(* Indicates voting members): Jackie McClain, Jill Manka, Andrew Busch, Marisa Burrows, Genah Lasby.

Sport Committee Meeting Dates: November 12, 2025

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignment: Still being determined but between 35-40.

2026 Post-Season Calendar:

Event	Details	Date/Time
First Practice		November 17th
First Scrimmage/Contest	After 6 individual practices	
Pre-Season Coaches Meeting	Virtual	November 12th
Deadline to opt out of Sectionals	Registration	Nov 1-Dec 1
All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	On-Line Form Only	
State Qualifier	TBA	Feb 28, 2026 and March 1, 2026
State Championship		March 7th

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:
Sectionals will be split over 2 days (schools will attend only 1 of the 2 days). There will be a qualifying round in the morning, 50% plus 1 will advance to the PM session for the championship round.

Respectfully Submitted: *Justina Grudzinski*



Winter 2025-26 Pre-Season Report
Sport: Girls Basketball

Sport Chair: **Chris Durr**

Sport Committee (* Indicates voting members):

Title	Name	School	Cell	email
Chair	**Chris Durr**	Retired	C: 716-316-3892	willeastcoach@gmail.com
Buffalo	***Sara Torres**	McKinley	C: 716-812-1323	smtorres@buffaloschools.org
Buffalo	**Paige Anderson**	MST		panderson@buffaloschools.org
CCAA D3	***Inga Welty**	Portville	C: 716-378-8196	lwelty@portvillecsd.org
CCAA D1	**Kay Sirianni**	Southwestern		
CCAA D2	**Emily Eckwahl**	Sherman		
CCAA D4	**Open**			
Charter Schools	**Marc LaMorticella**	Tapestry	C: 716-308-1292 S: 566-7053	marc@tapestryschool.org
ECIC & ECICI	***** **Gary Janas**	Orchard Park	C: 716-550-1273	gjanas@opschools.org
ECIC II	**Grace Licata**	Amherst		glicata@amherstschools.org
ECIC III				
ECIC IV	**Steve Mason**	Maryvale	C: 716-982-3077	smason@maryvaleufsd.org
ECIC V	**Bill O'Hare**	Eden	C: 716-949-9314	
NFL	**No rep??**			

Niag Orleans	***Brian Baker**	Wilson	C: 716-940-6003	bbaker@wilsoncsd.org
At Large	**John Gryzmala**	Roy-Hart AD	C: 716-698-9009	JGrzymala@royhart.org
WNYBOWS	**Joe Sarkees**	President	C: 716-471-5352	joesarks@aol.com
IAABO #121 Catt	**Rich Hill**	President	C: 716-801-0896	rhill455@gmail.com
IAABO #39 Chaut	**Ray Spacht Jr.**	President	C: 716-269-4057	raymo1331@gmail.com

Sport Committee Meeting Dates:

Minutes:

Section 6 GBB 2025-26 Pre-season Mtg minutes 6-25-25

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignment:

Won't be complete until Sept. 17th approval C.O.S at Athletic Council

2026 Post-Season Calendar:

2026 B&G BBall Sectional Calendar (Semis at BS/ FS)

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:

New sites for Semis and Finals in Class B boys and Girls

Ongoing/Active Pilots:

Splitting of classes at opt out date, extended 1 year.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Durr



Winter 2025-26 Pre-Season Report
Sport: *Girls Wrestling*

Sport Chair: Tom Shifflet

Sport Committee(*Indicates voting members): Ross Conti - Chautauqua Lake, Bill Morello - Lockport, Mike Carlo - Wilson, Jason Lembeck - Clarence, Dave Hack - Orchard Park (non voting)

Sport Committee Meeting Dates: September 10, January 6, April 28

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignment: 30 Schools / 7 new 2025-2026

2026 Post-Season Calendar:

Event	Details	Date/Time
Pre-Season Coaches Meeting	Zoom	November 10
First Practice		November 17 2025
Weight Certification		Nov 20-Medina Nov 21-Falconer/ GI Nov 23-Pioneer / Niagara Falls Nov 24-Olean
Rosters deadline	sectionalsports.com	
Referee Rating deadline		
Deadline to opt out of Sectionals	Email chair by 12pm	Monday February 9 2026
Last Regular Season Competition	Championship Roster	Friday February 6, 2026
Power PointRating form Deadline	email chair	
Seeding Meeting		Tuesday February 10 2026
Coaches Seeding Review	Final Seed Review	Wednesday February 11 2026
All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	On-Line Form Only	
Play-off Dates		
Section VI Dual Championship	Salamanca or Will North	Tentative- Saturday, January 3
Day 1 Section VI Individual Champ	Sweet Home (Prelims)	Thursday, February 12 2026
Day 2 Section VI Individual Champ	Fredonia (top 8 ea weight)	Sunday, February 15 2026
State Championship	Albany MVP Arena	Thursday, February, 26 2026
	Sectional Admittance form	

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:

Girls Section VI Individual Championship to become a two day event. The second day would be combined with boys tournament in Fredonia (8 Div 1 boys, 8 Div 2 boys, 8 Girls per weight class)

Single Day Competitions to 7-Matches - October Vote
Muli-Team Event Definition - October Vote
NYSPHSAA Appeal Procedure - October Vote

Ongoing/Active Pilots:

Other Pertinent Data:

2025-06-20 Allocation Proposal

Order to fill each weight class with 2nd qualifier

94	100	107	114	120	126	132	138	145	152	165	185	235
3	1	1	3	8	11	11	2	2	2	9	1	8

1	3	3	5	11	2	2	11	11	9	11	4	5
2	11	11	11	5	8	9	6	9	11	2	6	1
11	2	9	9	2	9	6	4	4	6	6	3	2
5	5	5	8	4	4	4	9	6	8	4	2	6
4	4	2	1	3	5	3	3	3	4	8	11	3
6	6	6	6	9	3	5	5	8	3	3	9	4
9	9	4	2	6	6	8	8	5	5	1	8	11
8	8	8	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	9

Respectfully Submitted:
Tom Shifflet

Winter 2025-26 Pre-Season Report

Sport: Indoor Track & Field

Sport Chairs and Committee Members:

Boys Chairperson:	Jason Bibler	Amherst
Girls Chairperson:	TBD	TBD

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

Sport Committee Meeting Dates:

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

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignment:

2025-26 Indoor Track Participating Schools	
Allegany-Limestone, Olean	Lockport High School
Amherst High School	McKinley, Bennett, Middle Early College, Research Lab
Cardinal O'Hara	Mount Mercy Academy -NEW-
Cheektowaga Central	Mount St. Mary Academy
Clarence	Nardin, Buff Seminary
CSAT	Niagara Falls
Depew	Niagara Wheatfield
Dunkirk, Silver Creek, Forestville	North Tonawanda

Falconer, Randolph, Frewsburg, Maple Grove	Orchard Park Central School District
Franklinville	Pioneer
Olmsted, City Honors, Burgard, MST, East, Perf. Arts	Riverside, International Prep, Lafayette, DaVinci
Fredonia, Westfield	Salamanca City Central School
Frontier	Springville Griffith Institute CSD, West Valley CSD
Grand Island HS	St. Francis High School
Hamburg High School	St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
Health Sciences Charter School	St. Mary's
Holland, East Aurora	Starpoint High School
Hutch Tech, South Park, Emerson, Buffalo Culinary	Sweet Home
Iroquois High School	Tapestry Charter School
J.F.K. (Cheektowaga-Sloan)	Timon
Jamestown	West Seneca East
Kenmore East	West Seneca West
Kenmore West	Williamsville East
Lackawanna High School	Williamsville North
Lake Shore	Williamsville South
Lancaster	

* Sectional alignment will be determined once BEDS have been confirmed and supplied by the Section 6 Office.

2026 Post-Season Calendar:

Event	Details	Date/Time
First Practice	As determined by NYSPHSAA	Monday, November 17th, 2025
First Scrimmage/Contest	After 6 individual practices	
Pre-Season Coaches Meeting	As determined by Section 6	November, 12th
Rosters deadline	Submitted to Sports Chairs	Monday, December 1st, 2025
All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	On-Line Form Only	Monday, March 16th, 2026
State Qualifier	Houghton University	Saturday, February 28th, 2026 - Tentative Date pending contract agreement.
State Championship	Ocean Breeze Ath. Complex	Friday, March 6th & Saturday, March 7th, 2026 - Tentative Dates for proposed 2 day meet format.

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:

1.NYSPHSAA approved a two day championship meet for March 2026. Teams will travel down to Ocean Breeze on Thursday and return on Saturday. Competition will be all day

Friday and Saturday.

Ongoing/Active Pilots: None

Other Pertinent Data:

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

With the continuation of 2 Divisions for the relay events at the NYSPHSAA Championships, we will again require supplying 32 additional Section 6 Shields to be distributed at the Section 6 State Qualifier Championships. The 32 Shields (4 each of blue, red, white and green) are for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place boys and girls relay teams for the newly established second relay team division at the NYSPHSAA Championships.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jason J. Bibler - Boys Indoor Track & Field Chairperson - July 3rd, 2025

Winter 2025-26 Pre-Season Report
Sport: Rifle

Sport Chair: **Kristina Brown**

Sport Committee(* Indicates voting members):
ECIC * Leif Johnson Orchard Park
NFL * Kristina Brown Kenmore

Sport Committee Meeting Dates:
November 12, 2025 - 4:30pm, location TBD
February 11, 2026 - 4:30pm, Google Meet

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignment:
ECIC- 6 schools: Alden, Clarence, Iroquois, Lancaster, Orchard Park, Pioneer,

NFL- 1 school: Kenmore

2026 Post-Season Calendar:

Rifle			
Sectionals:	Feb. 07	Orchard Park Middle School	10:00am
Invitational:	March 07	Orchard Park Middle School	8:30am

Event	**Details**	**Date/Time**
First Practice		11/17/2025
First Scrimmage/Contest	After 6 individual practices	11/25/2025
Pre-Season Coaches Meeting	Location TBD	11/12/2025, 4:30pm
Rosters deadline	sectionalsports.com	
Referee Rating deadline		
Deadline to opt out of Sectionals	Email chair by 12pm	02/04/2026
Last League Game		02/03/2026
Power PointRating form Deadline	email chair	
Sectional Championship	Orchard Park MS	02/07/2026, 10:00am
End of year records deadline		
All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	On-Line Form Only	
State Invitational Championship	Orchard Park MS	03/07/2026, 8:30am

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season: none
Ongoing/Active Pilots: none
Other Pertinent Data: Notify the Sectional Chair by **FEB.04**, **2026 of individuals who qualify.**

- All matches will be fired using the **2020 NRA Precision Air Rifle Rules**. https://competitions.nra.org/media/7570/nra-precision-air-rifle-position-rules.pdf
- Electronic scoring via the **Orion Scoring System** will be utilized at all matches with the Orion 10m Air Rifle Targets

Respectfully Submitted: June 25, 2025 Kristina Brown

Winter 2025-26 Pre-Season Report
Sport: Unified Bowling

Sport Chair: **Doug Ames**

Sport Committee(* Indicates voting members):

Sport Committee Meeting Dates:

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignment:

2026 Post-Season Calendar: The dates in yellow are from 24-25 so just edit to the correct ones for this year and unhighlight.

Unified Bowling Calendar		
Pre-season Coaches meeting:	Wed. 11/13/24	League - Host
First Practice	Mon., 12/2/24	
Training	12/02/24 to 3/8/25	
Matches begin	Mon, 12/09/24	Home Team: 4:45 PM
Rosters due	Mon.,12/09/24	
Break	1/20/25 - 1/24/25	
Opt Out	Tues., 2/18/25	
Culmination Final Event	Mon., 3/3/25 & Tues.3/4/25	Airport Lanes 9:45 am- 1:30 pm
Final event weather makeup	Mon., 3/10/25 & Tues.3/11/25	if needed only
All–WNY Scholar Athlete	Mon., 3/17/25	https://www.section6.e1b.org/SA 4 PM

Other Important Dates:

APPENDIX G

25-26: Sports & Classifications with at Large bid

Fall 2025- Field Hockey A

Winter 25-26- None

Spring 26- Girls Lacrosse B & D Softball- AA & C Flag Football- C

The Sectional Intersectional Committee recommends for piloting for the 25-26 school year that in all sports without a split classification the Sectional winner determines that the their state championship pathway. Teams competing in the Sectional Final must submit a form, signed by the coach, athletic director, and superintendent, indicating which pathway they will follow if they win.

For sports with a split-classification the committee needs more time prior to making a recommendation. The goal is to have this recommendation ready and have it be a voting item at January Athletic Council to ensure that we are prepared for Spring 26.

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Handbook – Senior All-Star Contest Records

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Patrick Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:
Consider approval to change letter a, under "Senior All-Star Contest" to "These contests must be approved and recorded by the Section in which they are held."

Effective Start Date:
October 2025

Rationale:
While Sections are still responsible for approving and maintaining records of these contests, NYSPHSAA does not play a role in approving or reviewing this information.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

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Handbook – Combining of Teams Records

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Patrick Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:
Consider approval to change #2, under "Combining of Teams" to "Sections must keep records of approvals."

Effective Start Date:
October 2025

Rationale:
While Sections are still responsible for approving and maintaining records of the combining of teams, NYSPHSAA does not play a role in approving or reviewing this information.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

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Schools Without Boundaries – Sectional Classification Criteria & Oversight Committee Appeal Procedure

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Adam Stoltman, NYSPHSAA 1st Vice President/Schools Without Boundaries Chair

Proposal:
Consider approval to establish Sectional Criteria for classifying nonpublic/charter schools and an appeal procedure to the NYSPHSAA Oversight Committee.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2026

Rationale:
See attached proposal.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Schools Without Boundaries Ad Hoc Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
The committee voted 10-1 (Section I opposed) at the July 8th meeting.

Attachments:
Full proposal attached.

Classification of Non-Public & Charter Schools

Proposal for Consideration

This proposal outlines criteria and procedures for NYSPHSAA Section Classification Committees to utilize when evaluating the athletic classifications of non-public and charter school sport programs. It establishes performance-based guidelines for potential movement between classifications, defines processes for incorporating updated enrollment data, and sets forth a clear review timeline aligned with seasonal sports. Additionally, the document details the appeal process available to member schools and Sections to ensure transparency, consistency, and fairness in classification decisions. While providing this standardized framework, the proposal affirms that Sections retain the authority to assign classifications for non-public and charter schools, provided such decisions are made in accordance with consistent criteria and within the established timeline.

1) Criteria for Section Classification Committee

Movement Up in Classification:

Non-Public & Charter school sport programs may be subject to annual reclassification based on performance and enrollment data. A Non-Public or Charter school team may be considered for **movement to a higher classification** if at least one of the following criteria is met:

1. The team achieves a winning percentage of .750 or higher in any of the following categories: overall record, league record, or in-class record (with a minimum of four games played).
2. The team is recognized as a league and/or playoff champion.
3. The team is a sectional semifinalist.
4. The team wins a state championship.

Remain in Current Classification:

A Non-Public or Charter school team may **remain in its current classification** if it meets at least one of the following during the season:

1. a winning percentage of .500 or above in-class, overall regular season, or league competition;

2. the team qualifies for sectionals or wins a first-round sectional game.

Move Down in Classification:

If a non-public or charter school team was previously moved up in classification but does not meet any of the criteria listed above (*#1 & #2 of remain in current classification*), the Section Classification Committee will consider moving the team down one classification level. Any exception to this downward reclassification will require clear, objective justification. However, a team may not be placed in a classification lower than the level determined by its BEDS (*Basic Educational Data System*) number under any circumstances.

Changes in BEDS or Sport Variation Numbers

If updated BEDS numbers or changes to NYSPHSAA sport classification cutoff numbers would result in a non-public or charter school's team moving down a classification, a review of the team's placement may be initiated. The criteria used to justify reconvening the Section classification committee will mirror those required to consider a move up in classification.

2) Examination process

Timeline:

The Section Classification Committee will convene three times a year to review the classification of Non-Public and Charter schools and the dissemination of information.

Fall Sports – Section Classification Committee Meeting in **January**
*To be reported at February NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting

Winter Sports – Section Classification Committee Meeting in **April**
*To be reported at May NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting

Spring Sports – Section Classification Committee Meeting in **June**
*To be reported at July NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting

Information to be reviewed:

Relevant information should be submitted to the Section Classification Committee.

1. Sectional tournament brackets, scores and results.
2. Section Transfer information.

Decision to be made for the following school year by the Section Classification Committee.

3) Appeal process

Any NYSPHSAA Section may submit an appeal request to the NYSPHSAA Classification Oversight Committee no less than 15 calendar days following the information being reported to the NYSPHSAA Executive/ Central Committee. Upon receipt of such a request, the Committee will conduct a comprehensive review of all relevant information submitted by both the appealing Section and the Section in which the non-public or charter school is located. Based on the totality of the evidence and circumstances, the Classification Oversight Committee maintains the authority to assign the non-public or charter school to the classification it deems most appropriate.

In instances where a NYSPHSAA member school is directly affected by a decision rendered by its Section's Classification Committee, that school must first exhaust all administrative remedies available to it under its Section's governing documents (e.g., bylaws, constitution, or other applicable policies and procedures). Only after those avenues have been pursued in full may further appeal or review be considered at the state level in accordance with the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

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BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING – ADOPT BACKSTROKE STARTING LEDGES STARTING IN FALL OF 2026

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Peter Hugo, NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving Coordinator
Diane Hicks-Hughes, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving Committee is seeking approval to implement NFHS Rule 2-7-3 (this rule can be adopted with State Association approval only). This will allow backstroke starting ledges to be used for high school competition in New York State permitting they meet the guidelines set by NFHS.

Effective:
Fall 2026

Rationale:
This rule would now allow competitors to use backstroke ledges in competition providing the pool meets the minimum of 6' of water depth measured from the starting end through 16'5" from the end wall. It will allow athletes a safer take off from the wall.

Proposal Originated:
At the State Swimming & Diving Committee meetings on May 1, 2025.

Budgetary Impact:
The proposal has been delayed to 2026 so schools have time to purchase the ledges, if necessary. Depending on the facility and who currently uses the facility for practice and meets, the backstroke ledges may need to be purchased. The USA Swimming program and college programs have had the opportunity to use the backstroke ledges for many years and if schools use those facilities, then they will already be equipped with them. If the schools need to purchase, the cost varies from $75 to $400 each depending on the brand and style.

Notes:
Both committees voted 11-0 in favor of this proposal on its May 1st Zoom call.

Attachments:
None

CAC Feedback:
Not needed

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BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING – Establish a Team State Championship

NEEDS Discussion Going to PHIL Comm. Champ

____ Action Item
____ Discussion Item
__X__ Informational Item

Presenters:
Peter Hugo, NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming/Diving State Coordinator
Scott Warner, NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming/Diving Assistant Coordinator
Diane Hicks-Hughes, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming/Diving State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving State Committees propose reclassifying swimming and diving from an individual sport to an individual/team sport. This change would introduce a Team State Championship alongside the existing individual championship. Each of the 11 NYSPHSAA sections may send one team, consisting of 8 athletes plus 1 alternate (including divers), to compete on Day 1 of the state tournament. Athletes would compete in their individual events, earning points toward their team's total. The team with the highest points would be crowned the NYSPHSAA Team State Champion, with awards presented to the top four teams.

Note: Most top teams in each section already have athletes participating in the state meet, minimizing the need for additional qualifiers.

Effective Start Date:
2027-2028 school year

Rationale:
The NYSPHSAA Swimming & Diving Committees have long discussed adding a team championship. With stable qualifier numbers at recent state meets, now is an opportune time to implement this change. New York is the only state that does not crown a single-school swimming and diving champion. Aligning with other NYSPHSAA sports, such as girls' golf, this proposal would establish equity by recognizing team achievements. The team championship would enhance competition and engagement, mirroring regular-season dual meets.

Impact on Participation:
The team championship would slightly increase the number of athletes at the state meets while remaining manageable:

- Boys State Meet (2025 Data): 377 participants; with teams, 407–422 athletes (25–40 additional swimmers, 5–6 divers).
- Girls State Meet (2024 Data): 360 participants; with teams, 390–405 athletes (25–40 additional swimmers, 5–6 divers).
- Coaches: No increase in the number of coaches.
- Fans: An estimated 50–150 additional spectators per meet.

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Each section's team would consist of 9 athletes (8 competitors + 1 alternate), following a format similar to the Girls Golf Team/Individual Championship. Scoring would extend to 16 places for swimming and be based on the order of finish in an 11-dive competition for diving.

Entry Guidelines:
Athletes entered in the individual championship would automatically be entered in the team championship for the same events.

Budgetary Impact:
NYSPHSAA Costs:

- **Awards:**
  - Plaques for 1st–4th place: $180 per meet.
  - Medals for champion and runner-up teams (9 per team): $55 per meet.
- **Venue Costs:** Up to $400 per meet due to extended time (20–30 minutes for swimming, 60–90 minutes for diving on Day 1).

Revenue Offset:

- Additional ticket sales from 50–150 fans at $10.50 each would generate $525–$1,575 per meet.
- Venues (Ithaca, Webster, Erie, and Nassau) can accommodate the increased attendance.

Section/School Costs:

- Minimal travel costs, as most top teams already have athletes at the state meet. The proposal adds 1–6 athletes per section (30–45 total across all sections).

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving State Committees on May 1, 2025

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming/Diving State Committee voted in support of this proposal at their June 10, 2025 meeting. (8 Yes, 1 No, 2 Absent)
The NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming/Diving State Committee voted in support of this proposal at their June 10, 2025 meeting. (9 Yes, 1 abstention, 1 Absent)

Attachments:
None

CAC Feedback/Vote:
Refer to CAC Report

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Competitive Cheerleading: Scoresheet Reorganization

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Jennifer Simmons, State Cheerleading Coordinator

Proposal:
Consider approval to break the current Competitive score sheets into 3, rather than 2. This proposal includes:

- 1 Score Sheet/Judge for all Cheer scoring elements (25)
- 1 Score Sheet/Judge for Jumps/Tumbling/Dance (25)
- 1 Score Sheet 2 Judges for Building (Stunts/Pyramids) (50)

Rationale:
Dividing the scoresheet allows for a more accurate implementation of the scoring system, as it enables judges to focus more closely on each scoring element.

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2025-26

Proposal Originated:
Cheerleading Committee in April 2025.

Budgetary Impact:
Instead of two judges on some of the components, there will be only one, so no additional judges required.

Notes:
The Committee would review the rules every two years for any updates needed.

Attachments:
Current structure and rules

NEW YORK STATE CHEERLEADING
COMPETITIVE CHEER SCORE SHEET

TEAM NAME: _____

DIVISION: _____ **JUDGE 1** _____

CHEER (25)	POINTS	SCORE
Presentation of Material *Clarity of the cheer - Voices had a consistent volume* *Pace/flow was appropriate to clearly understand all words* *Consistent/Appropriate energy, for the style presented*	2.5	
Formations & Spacing *Composition/Effectiveness of formations/transitions, appropriate for the style presented* *Accuracy of spacing throughout, including placement of skill formations (before the set)*	2.5	
Execution & Effective Use of Props & Motions *Effective incorporation of motions and/or props for the style presented* *Execution of Motions - Technique, sharpness, synchronization, and consistency in placement of motions* *Execution of Props - Technique, sharpness, consistency in placement of props (if applicable)*	5	
Effective Use of Skills *Crowd Leading Cheer - Uses skills to add levels and enhance crowd participation* *Performance Cheer - Uses skills to add visuals that enhance entertainment*	5	
Difficulty of Skills *Difficulty of skills (Stunts, Jumps, and Tumbling) used in cheer*	5	
Execution of Skills *Evaluate all that apply:* *Stunts - Top Person* *Stunts - Bases/Spotters* *Stunts - Transitions* *Synchronization* *Tumbling - Approach* *Tumbling - Body Control* *Tumbling - Landings* *Jumps - Arm Placement* *Jumps - Leg Placement*	5	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	25	

NEW YORK STATE CHEERLEADING
COMPETITIVE JUMPS/TUMBLING/DANCE SCORE SHEET
TEAM NAME: _____
DIVISION: _____ **JUDGE 2**_____

TUMBLING (10)	POINTS	SCORE
Tumbling Execution *Approach* *Body Control* *Landings* *Synchronization (if applicable)*	5	
Tumbling Difficulty *Progression of Skill* *Number of Participants* *Synchronization*	5	
JUMPS (5)	**POINTS**	**SCORE**
Jumps Execution *Arm Placement* *Leg Placement* *Synchronization*	5	
DANCE/COMPOSITION/PERFORMANCE (10)	**POINTS**	**SCORE**
Dance *Composition* *Execution*	5	
Element Composition, Creativity, & Performance *Creativity/Transitions - creative, innovative, & visual elements throughout the jumps/tumbling/dance, including visually creative group tumbling incorporation, that enhance the skills performed* *Formations - clear/easily seen, variety of formations, appropriate use of floor in jumps/tumbling/dance* *Showmanship - confident, natural, excited faces and smiles, engaging, energy maintained in jumps/tumbling/dance*	5	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	**25**	

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Girls Wrestling: Revise the Representation Rule

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Ryan Palmer, NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending revising the current NYSPHSAA Representation Rule that allows female wrestlers to participate in both male and female events during the regular season and then chose to participate in the female NYSPSHAA Championship. The revision would prohibit any female that participates on a boys team during the regular season from participating in the girls post season.

Effective Start Date:
2026-2027

Rationale:
The committee has supported the current NYSPHSAA Representation language because it allowed Girls Wrestling to grow and gave athletes the opportunity to wrestle. The committee now feels the time has come for girls to choose which post season they are going to participate in by deciding who they will compete against during the regular season. This change would also help in seeding the girl's tournament because all the results would be from girl only matches. The committee believes this proposal helps level the playing field between all female competitors.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
Girls would still be able to practice against the boys if they successfully passed mixed competition. The committee voted 5-4 in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:
None

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Girls Wrestling: Max Number of Matches per Day

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Ryan Palmer, NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending that girls be allowed to wrestle in a maximum of 7 matches per day.

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026

Rationale:
The current USA Wrestling rules does not specify a maximum number of matches per day. Typically, girls freestyle matches are much quicker the folk style wrestling matches. Some Sections are having difficulty completing the entire tournament with only being allowed to wrestle a maximum of 6 matches in a day.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:
Sections and schools could have an added officials expense.

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee has not discussed this proposal but will do so at their fall meeting.

Attachments:
None

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Girls Wrestling: Multi-School Meet

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Ryan Palmer, NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending adding the following language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Girls Wrestling for multi-school meets.

> ***Multi school meet: Minimum of three (3) schools and twenty (15) wrestlers. If the wrestler wrestles only one (1) opponent they are charged one (1) point, if they wrestle more than one opponent, they are charged two (2) points. Each wrestler may only wrestle a maximum of four (4) matches. No team scoring is allowed, and no individual prizes are awarded. Multi-school meets can be attached to dual meets on the same day at the same site. A pound allowance is in effect for matches/tournaments preceding and following a multi-school meet.***

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026

Rationale:
The Girls Wrestling Committee believes until teams get bigger and can support having dual meets, this option allows schools to get together and have girls wrestle on the mat during the week instead of waiting to attend a tournament on the weekend.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
Boys wrestling has a similar provision in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

Attachments:
None

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Girls Wrestling: Expansion of Appeals Procedure

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Ryan Palmer, NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending an expansion of the appeal procedure by coaches to include all rounds of the NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Championships.

Effective Start Date:
2025-2026

Rationale:
The current USA Wrestling rules allow coaches to challenge officials calls during a bout in all USA Wrestling events. The current NYSPHSAA regulation limits appeal to the semi and final rounds only. The girls committee believes that all matches are important and should get the right calls for all bouts. The coach would get one challenge per match. If they are successful they would keep their challenge but if they are unsuccessful then the opponent would receive one point and the coach would lose the challenge for the reminder of the bout.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None.

Notes:
None.

Attachments:
None

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Boys Wrestling: Revise the Current Appeals Procedure

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending revising the current NYSPHSAA Appeals Procedure to allow "Officials Only" the ability to review video replay to determine if a scoring situation occurred after time had expired at the end of a period.

Effective Start Date:
2026-2027

Rationale:
Currently, only the Appeals Committee can request a video replay on a misapplication of a rule. This proposal would allow "officials only" to utilize video replay only to determine if a scoring play occurred before the end of a period. The only video that would be used would be the NYSPHSAA sponsored video as currently is written.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

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Boys Wrestling: Expand the Current Appeals Procedure

____ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending expanding the current NYSPHSAA Appeals Procedure to allow the Appeals Committee to review video during the Blood and Placement Rounds.

Effective Start Date:
2026-2027

Rationale:
These rounds, as well as the semifinal and final rounds, are highly competitive and this proposal would allow the Appeals Committee the ability to ensure that application of rules are being administered correctly by the working officials.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
The provision that only the Appeals Committee would request the video replay would still be intact.

Attachments:
None

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Boys Wrestling: Revise Penalty for Cheating on Hydration Test

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending revising the current penalty for getting caught on the hydration test, which is part of the NYSPHSAA Weight Management Program. The revised penalty would be ineligibility to participate in a match until after January 1st and all post season events.

Effective Start Date:
2026-2027

Rationale:
The current penalty is ineligibility for the entire season. The Boys Wrestling Committee feels that this penalty is too harsh and that being ineligible for the early part of the season and for the post season is a more reasonable penalty.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

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Boys Wrestling: Revise Penalty for Maximum Number of Tournaments

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending revising the current penalty for going over the maximum number of tournaments in a season. The revised penalty would mirror the current penalty of going over the maximum number of points/games in a season for all sports.

c. If an individual or team exceeds the maximum number of contests permitted, the penalty is team ineligibility from the date of violation for the rest of the season. In the sports of wrestling, cross country, indoor track & outdoor track, swimming & diving, and bowling, when an individual exceeds the maximum number of contests, only the individual would no longer be eligible for that season. When an athlete exceeds the maximum number of contests the level in which the student-athlete participated as an ineligible competitor will be affected.

Any member school that has exceeded the maximum number of contests has the option to utilize the existing penalty outlined above (c) or may elect to suspend the head coach from all team related functions and activities (including, but not limited to, practices, scrimmages, conditioning/weight training, film sessions, and games) from the date of the violation for the remainder of the season and forfeit additional contests. The use of this option must be submitted to the Section Executive Director and State Executive Director in writing from the Superintendent of Schools or Headmaster self-reporting the violation prior to the next game/contest being played (July 2020)

Effective Start Date:
2026-2027

Rationale:
This proposal provides a consistent penalty to similar situations that may arise by going over the maximum number of tournaments but staying within the maximum number of points during the season.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee

No Budgetary Concerns. No Notes or attachments.

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Boys Wrestling: Penalty for Not Bringing a Track Wrestling Weigh-In Form to a Dual Meet

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending the following penalty for a team that does not provide a Track Wrestling Weigh-In Sheet at a dual meet.

> ***The team without the Track Wrestling Weigh-In Sheet will forfeit the dual meet. The host school will make every effort to provide the school without the weigh-in sheet to print one.***

Effective Start Date:
2026-2027

Rationale:
Wrestling teams are required to use the Track Wrestling Weigh-In Sheet. Schools cannot print out weigh-in sheet unless they have updated their weigh-ins. All teams need to have updated weigh-ins in order for the wrestlers to adhere to the 1.5% weight loss plan. If a team cannot print out the weigh-in sheets the 1/5 % weight loss plan could be manipulated by the coach.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Concerns:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

APPENDIX I

Schools Without Boundaries Committee Meeting Report
Date: June 18, 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

Status Updates/Items Discussion/Action Taken:

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

2. **Legislative Update:** Dr. Zayas reported that a downstate legislator's bill concerning non-public postseason participation did not progress in the 2025 session. The bill did not gain momentum during the legislative session. Dr. Zayas met with the legislator to explain NYSPHSAA's ongoing efforts. The association's lobbying team will monitor for reintroduction in 2026.

3. **Recap from 4/28/25:** Dr. Zayas summarized the previous meeting and noted the Oversight Committee model was the idea most supported by this committee. He also noted a survey showed approximately 50% of public schools who responded accept tuition-paying students. However, there was little appetite for further exploration regarding this topic.

4. **Oversight Committee Proposal:** Dr. Zayas and Todd N. presented a proposal which was included in the meeting packet. The proposal included performance-based guidelines for potential movement between classifications, processes for incorporating updated enrollment data, and a defined review timeline aligned with seasonal sports. Additionally, the document described the formal appeal process available to member schools and sections, ensuring transparency, consistency, and fairness in classification decisions.

   Pat P. supported Oversight Committee for appeals only; wants sections to retain decision-making. Greg R. reiterated the original plan was for sections to decide. The oversight was needed to handle appeals. Joe S. questioned moving teams up; warned against overloading AAA and wanted clarity on the purpose of the proposal. Buddy highlighted Section III's effective existing process; advocated flexibility in language ('may' vs. 'must'). Mike G. supported centralized review for consistency and clear communication. Patrick was open to appeal-only role for Oversight Committee but raised concern about comparative competition levels. Todd G. opposed centralization and favored local control. Marc L. suggested using sectional finals (not semifinals) as criteria; cautioned against excessive committee workload. Alphonse described Section 2's automatic move-up rules based on finals appearances. Mark W. supported section authority with a clear appeals mechanism. Michael R. raised concerns about mergers and Dr. Zayas suggested discussing this with the Combining of Teams Committee.

   After further discussion, consensus emerged to revise the criteria language and include consistent review timelines. Further input was encouraged from sections on the

semifinal vs. final debate. It was also clarified that schools can appeal Oversight Committee decisions via the NYSPHSAA appeal structure.

5. **Next Steps**: Dr. Zayas and Todd N. will revise the proposal based on feedback. A Doodle poll will be sent to schedule a follow-up meeting in early–mid July.

Future Items/Meeting:

1. Next meeting: Early-Mid July

APPENDIX J

CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, June 18, 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), Dave Lilleck (Superintendent). Mark Ward (At-Large), ABSENT with notice: Jamie Harter (Individual Sports), 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), Tim Mullins (President), Adam Stoltman (Vice President), Deb Ferry (2nd Vice President). Marco Latorre (intern), Sara Fitzgerald (intern)

Coordinators Attending: Diane Hicks-Hughes (Girls Swimming/Diving), Peter Hugo (Boys Swimming/Diving), Scott Warner (Boys Swimming/Diving Assistant).

Call to Order by Chair Greg Ransom at 10:05 am. Joe introduced the summer interns Marco LaTorre and Sara Fitzgerald as well as the Swimming/Diving Coordinators Diane Hicks-Hughes (Girls) and Scott Warner (Boys) on the call. President Mullins thanked Greg and the CAC for their continued service. It was a quick year and the committee's work is appreciated. 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 April 16, 2025 CAC meeting.
MOTION by Dave. SECOND by Josh. CARRIED 8-0.

PROPOSALS

(*These items will be presented as discussion or action at the next Executive/Central 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 SWIMMING & DIVING – Team Championship – Girls Coordinator Diane Hicks-Hughes, Boys Coordinator Peter Hugo and Boys Assistant Coordinator Scott Warner presented the proposal. Adam asked if there would be a Federation champion as well. Scott stated no there would not be. Kathy confirmed it's the section's discretion to send whatever team they want. There are some dominant teams in swimming/diving who will be perennial qualifiers and its important to have the opportunity to set up a fair format to allow all teams to qualify. Scott noted numerous sections are talking about changing their sectional formats to provide for equitable competition. Eileen liked the proposal and confirmed day #1 would be the team competition. Scott stated tes, it will be. Greg indicated there will not be a vote today but likely at the next CAC meeting in October. This would be after the team/individual designation is approved (swimming/diving is currently an individual sport). Todd added information on the Championship Philosophy Committee meeting on June 17th which was discussed in more detail next.

INFORMATIONAL:

Status of Championship Philosophy Committee – Joe provided an overview of the Championship Philosophy Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 17th. He stated the committee discussed the awards proposals that were approved for regional plaques and championship awards. The committee also reviewed several sectional concerns including qualifying standards for swimming/diving, indoor and outdoor track as well as the 5-8% qualification philosophy and the current selection process for skiing qualifiers. He also reported on the status of girls ice hockey and 8-man football as emerging sports who have culminating regional championship events. Last, he stated the committee discussed the swimming/diving team championship at length and said its something that wouldn't go into effect until fall 2027 if approved. Todd added the 5-8% participation was one of three focuses (also qualifying standards and when athletes qualify for states was discussed).

Outdoor Track Site Selection 2026 – Joe A. explained the status of outdoor track now being firm at Webster Schroeder High School (Section V) for 2026. This event was not bid on after two RFP's went out. When this happens, the NYSPHSAA staff is then tasked with finding a suitable site on their own. Kathy Hoyt noted the ample parking, seating and great staff at the school. Joe asked CAC if they had any concerns and noted it would go forward as an informational item at the Central Committee Meeting in July. **CAC expressed no concerns with this selection by the staff.**

3 Nights Rest Rule – Greg reported this proposal was defeated at the May Executive Committee meeting therefore the CAC does not need to do anything further with this. *Subsequent to the meeting, Joe noted that an amendment for two nights rest was proposed during the May meeting however that was also defeated.*

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Josh. SECOND by Eileen. CARRIED 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, October 8, 2025
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Minutes respectfully submitted by NYSPHSAA liaison Joe Altieri; reviewed/approved on 6/20/2025 by CAC Chair, CAC members and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director prior to distribution.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2024
Virtual via Zoom

1. Welcome
The meeting was called to order by President Gavin Regan at 1:06pm. Gavin welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the board for joining.

Section Representatives

Section 2:	Mike Robbins
Section IV:	Eric Knolles
Section VI:	Kim Schon
Section VII:	Jess Barnhart
Section VIII:	Mike Brostowski
Section X:	Gavin Regan
Section XI:	Bill Bennett

Ex-Officio
NYSPHSAA President – Tim Mullins

Staff
Director of Foundation & Marketing - Chris Joyce
NYSPHSAA Assistant Director – Kristen Jadin

Absent

Section I:	John Buonamano
Section III:	Tara Jennings
Section V:	Andy Leyden
Section IX:	Chris Mayo
Ex-officio:	Robert Zayas

NYSPHSAA Director of Finance – Lisa Hand

2. Minutes – March 10, 2025
President Gavin Regan thanks Bill Bennett for compiling the minutes of the last meeting and asked for a motion to approve as submitted.

- **Motion to approve** previous meeting Minutes as submitted. Carried. Barnhart/Knolles

3. Financial Report
Chris Joyce presented the financial report.

- There have been improvements to the financials since the previous meeting. Donations through championship ticketing continue to be a great source of revenue and section fundraiser income has been deposited as well. Golf tournament revenue is also beginning to come in.
- Net income around $9,000 is a significant improvement over the $200 deficit shown at the last meeting.

- We still owe a grant check to Vestal but are working on getting the necessary receipts to pay out before the end of the school year.
- Balance sheet is healthy with about $47,000 in the account.
- After the golf tournament all proceeds will be transferred to the restricted fund for grants.

Motion to approve financial report as submitted. Carried. Knolles/Schon

4. Presidents Report

Gavin thanked the sections that have conducted fundraisers already and reminded others about the importance of conducting an event each year.

5. Director's Report

Chris Joyce provided his Director's report:

- Remind schools in your sections to read the grant guidelines carefully. The biggest reason grants are not approved is because the applications request funding that doesn't meet the guidelines. We want to encourage as many applications as possible so we can give back to our schools and fulfill the purpose of the Foundation.
- Registration and sponsorships are open for the 2025 Golf Tournament.
    - Sponsor menu will be updated as necessary in the sharepoint folder. If you have any leads or suggestions for sponsors please direct them to Chris J.
    - Besides sponsors, also need help securing golfers and raffle items. Raffle items don't need to be major, can just be a gift basket, apparel from your school, vouchers/gift certificates, etc. Please reach out to businesses or partners within your section to help collect items to contribute. The more we can give away to participants the better experience they'll have and more likely they'll continue to support our Foundation.
    - Also need volunteers to help with registration, course game witnesses, etc so please let me know if you are able to attend.

Gavin expanded on the golf tournament discussion to add that he has reached out to the section offices and several schools in his section about picking up sponsorships. Chris will add the letter template to sharepoint for board members to use within their section.

7. Grant applications

- **Motion to enter executive session** to discuss applications. Carried. Bennett/Knolles
- **Motion to exit executive session.** Carried. Brostowksi/Barnhart

After exiting Executive Session, Woodlands Middle/High School application was selected for funding. Chris and Eric will work together on a metric to add to future applications to help demonstrate the level of need in a district.

8. Action items

- **Motion to approve** John Buonamano as Secretary, term to end July 2027. Bill is leaving the board so a new Secretary is necessary. No volunteers came forward and John was selected using random draw. Carried. Regan/Robbins
- **Motion to revise the bylaws** to remove the term limit for officer positions. During discussion Chris explained that the bylaws were written before the organization began operations, and changes can be made to better fit the way the Foundation runs. Since Gavin has done a great job and is interested in continuing, the group had no concerns with this revision. Motion carried. Knolles/Brostowski
- **Motion to approve** Gavin Regan as President, term to end July 2027. Carried. Knolles/Schon

9. Other Business

Chris offered two options for meetings during the 2025-26 school year. Option 1 mirrored the current schedule which is connected to Athletic Council schedules. Option 2 moved meetings to be more evenly spaced for grant applications. Gavin expressed the opinion that it was important to have timely information when presenting at Athletic Council meetings, so the current format will be kept.

- 2025-26 dates: August 15, December 19, March 13, May 8

10. For the Good of the Order

Gavin and Chris thanked Bill for his service to the board. Tim Mullins expressed his appreciation to the board and the work of the Foundation.

President Gavin Regan asked for motion to adjourn at 1:38pm. Carried. Robbins/Schon

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Joyce
Director

NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Cross Country Committee Meeting
August 14, 2025, 10am via Zoom

In attendance:

Girls State Coordinator: Marbry Gansle
Boys State Coordinator: Rebecca Lovenheim
Boys State Assistant Coordinator: Brian Kiely
NYSPHSAA: Joe Altieri, Chris Joyce
Section 1: Jeff Dempsey (B), Dan Doherty (G)
Section 2: Tom Greene (B), Ashley Gansle (G)
Section 3: Jack Bernard (B), Greg Broton (B), Michelle Rauber (G), Dan Reid (G)
Section 4: Rebecca Lovenheim (B), Lee Shaeffer (G)
Section 5: Dan Deckman (B), Bill Buckenmeyer (G)
Section 6: Jason Longo (B), Tim Willett (B), Walt McLaughlin (G)
Section 7: Brian Kiely (B), Kathy Champagne (G)
Section 8: Adam McKenzie (B), Neal Levy (G)
Section 9: Jim Glover (B)
Section 10: Shawn Cummings (B), Kris Boettcher (G)
Section 11: Jason Lambert (B), Jonathan Rufa (G)
Officials: Bob Headwell
Other guests: Louis Vazquez, Jim Foster

Meeting Minutes

1. Moment of silence in memory of Chuck Wiltse
2. Committee and directory updates
    a. Introduction of new state coordinator, Rebecca Lovenheim, and new section V coordinators, Dan Deckman and Bill Buckenmeyer
    b. Correction to Jason Longo's contact information
    c. Election of new secretary to take meeting notes
        i. No nominations for secretary named
        ii. Brian Kiely takes notes & Joe Altieri records meeting & activates AI note-taking
3. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports
    a. Joe Altieri, Assistant Director
        i. Race and awards schedule is on NYSPHSAA website
        ii. Opening of bids for 2027-2029 NYSPHSAA XC Championships
            1. Joe presented the bid details
                a. Notes that NYSPHSAA staff fully endorsed it despite a slight price increase
                b. Highlights $1,000 donation from the Queensbury Booster Club for the committee dinner

2. The group discussed concerns about hotel availability, with Matt still working on securing more accommodations.
3. Girls Committee, Motion to accept bid: Ashley Gansle
    a. Committee approves with a vote of 10-0.
4. Boys Committee, Motion to accept bid: Dan Doherty, seconded by Brian Kiely.
    a. Committee approves with a vote of 11-0.
5. Bid approval will advance to CAC on 10/8 and to EAC on 10/21/25. If approved, the website will be updated to reflect the upcoming championship location.

b. 2025 Race Updates
    i. Schedule is set for 2025. Committee will discuss 2026 championship time schedule at November 2025 meeting.
    ii. Race course is very close to identical to last year; minor course change due to campus construction.
    iii. Dan Doherty shares concerns with hotel breakfast timing. Joe Altieri will work with hotels as needed to accommodate scheduling and breakfast needs.
    iv. Holiday Inn Express will serve as meet headquarters, bib pickup option from 5-7pm on Thursday night or at committee meeting on Friday morning.
    v. Vendor sales locations will remain the same as last year.
    vi. First aid locations will remain the same as last year.
    vii. Awards will be held in the same gymnasium as last year.
    viii. Weather cancellation/alternative course if heavy snow affects trails
        1. Matt Flint is working with facilities staff with planning for any weather events
        2. "My Lightning Tracker" app may be used instead of visual and auditory signs of thunderstorm. Lightning must be more than 15 miles away.
        3. Bill raised concerns about who should make the final decision regarding lightning, and it was agreed that an administrator on-site should be responsible before the meet starts, while officials (head referee) should take over during the event.
        4. Tom McTaggert and Bob Headwell will confirm rules for lightning that occurs during an active race.
        5. Lee Schaeffer confirms that Marbry will work with Ruth Schaeffer and Denise Baxter to prepare awards.
        6. Plans are in place to honor Chuck with a physical award and a moment of silence at the state meet.
    ix. Pre-race meal signups have been sent out. State coordinators will ask Matt Flint to share dinner time assignments as soon as possible so teams can set up transportation for Friday accordingly.
    x. Queensbury Pre-State Invitational is scheduled for September 13th.

c. Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing & Foundation
    i. Ticketing procedures remain the same

        ii. Foundation efforts continue to be successful
4. Officials Report / Rules
    a. Bob Headwell will ensure that all updates are shared with committee via email
    b. Highlighted rule change: a health care professional can now assess an athlete who is “down” during a race and determine if they may continue to compete. This assessment would not automatically result in disqualification.
5. Modified XC Update – no information provided.
6. 2026 NYSPHSAA Championships will be held at Queensbury High School.
7. Picture submissions for Media Guide are the same as previous years.
8. Entries after Section Qualifier must be sent to Pat Leone per same procedures as previous years.
9. Federation/Nike Regional Championship, Adam McKenzie and Jim Foster
    a. No big changes to the meet though they are working on improving parking and registration processes.
    b. Teams and individuals who advance to Federation/NXR-NY will pay the Federation price (same price as last year)
    c. Brian and Marbry remind coordinators to share information PRIOR to the November meeting regarding teams and individuals who are both interested in and committed to attending Federations should they be invited.
10. NYSPHSAA Website, Joe Altieri and Chris Joyce
    a. Ensure that teams and individuals who wish to travel outside of their state (or outside of traditional interscholastic events) are aware of and comply with sanctioning rules and standards
    b. Coordinators are reminded to update history/records with NYSPHSAA
    c. Coordinators are asked to share NYSPHSAA student programming opportunities with their sections
11. Committee Business
    a. Next meetings:
        i. November 14, 2025: Committee meeting & Federation pre-ranking
        ii. November 15, 2025: Federation meeting
        iii. August 20, 2026: Committee meeting
    b. Conversation regarding expansion of state competition and bids for hosting
        i. Brian provides history of championship host site assignments including sectional rotation
        ii. Becca and Brian share thoughts on a ratio proposal (potentially allowing 2 schools to advance from sectionals in sections in which there are a large number of schools in one specific class.
    c. State championships duties: Marbry, Becca, and Brian will have ongoing discussions throughout season

After committee meeting ends, Joe meets with Marby, Becca & Brian. Key points from discussion:

- State and section coordinators recognize that there are teams that we believe should be represented at the state championships are not advancing past sectionals within the current rules, and expansion to 5 classes may not solve the “geography problem” (concentration of small or large schools in various regions of states will not change with

expansion of classes). State coordinators will research and draft an initial proposal to be discussed with the committee; proposal will include possible “at large” or ratio-based “additional team” entries.

- Concerns regarding bids: discussion of ways to increase number of bids submitted (increased personal outreach, dedicated discussion of RFP and bid process in years leading up to bid submission) as well as consideration of a “backup plan” should we not receive any bids (or continue to receive only one). Proposed backup is a return to the rotation through sections.

NYSPHSAA FOOTBALL STATE COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025 @ 1:00pm
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Joe Altieri, Lexi Swatt, Chris Joyce-NYSPHSAA Staff; Gary Vanderzee-Chairman, Ken Stoldt-Asst. Chairman; Steve Luciana, Mike Cring- Section1; Sean Colfer-Section 2; Keith Kempney, Joe Corley-Section 3; Jeff Paske-Section 4; Tyler Winter-Section 5; Ken Stoldt-Section 6; Pat Keleher-Section 7;Section 8-absent; Jason Semo-Section 9; Matt Tessmer-Section 10; Tim Horan-Section 11; Steve Nolan-Modified, Tim Arden, Ric Hamblin, Pat English-Officials, Paul Sealy-NYSHSFCA

2026-28 BIDS– Bids for the East/West State Semifinals and Finals were emailed to all coordinators prior to the meeting by Joe Altieri.

Joe explained the lone bid submitted by JMA Wireless Dome for the FINALS for all three years. He indicated an increase in facility costs but all other amenities and details were the same as the current bid. MOTION by Ken Stoldt to accept the JMA Wireless Dome bid for 2026-28 Finals. SECOND by Pat Kelleher. Carried 10-0. Joe also indicated the staff unanimously supports the Finals bid.

Joe explained the lone bid submitted by Middletown High School for the EAST STATE SEMIFINALS for all three years. He indicated an increase in facility costs that were offset by a donation from Orange County Tourism. He noted the amenities and details were the same as the current bid. MOTION by Mike Cring to accept the Middletown High School bid for 2026-28 EAST SEMIFINALS. SECOND by Pat Kelleher. Carried 10-0. Joe also indicated the staff unanimously supports the Finals bid.

Joe explained the lone bid—a joint bid by two schools—submitted by Vestal High School and Cicero North Syracuse High School for the WEST STATE SEMIFINALS for all three years. Vestal requested hosting in 2026 and 2028 while CNS requested hosting in 2027. He indicated an increase in facility costs at each facility but noted the amenities and details were the same as the current bid. MOTION by Jason Semo to accept the Vestal for 2026 & 2028 and CNS for 2027 for the WEST SEMIFINALS. SECOND by Jeff Paske. Carried 10-0. Joe also indicated the staff unanimously supports the Finals bid.

Joe noted both recommendations by committee and staff will now go to CAC (Oct 8th) and Executive Committee (Oct 21st) for approvals. Bids will be posted on our website immediately and a bid comparison will be developed for CAC/EC.

NYSPHSAA Reports: Joe Altieri noted that the Central Committee approved new ticket prices for the NYSPHSAA Finals and Semi Finals, now $14 (also for wrestling). All other sports will be $12.
Lexi Swatt reminded the Section Chairman to send her the dates/sites of the regional finals.

3 Region Concept: Not applicable to football.

2025 PROCEDURAL CHANGES: None to report.

8-MAN UPDATES: The playoff contest between Section 2 and Section 10 will be moved to 11/14.

2025 CLASSIFICATIONS: Chairmen were reminded to use the following numbers for the next two seasons: AA 1025 and above, A- 651-1024, B-402-650, C-273-401, D-0-272

OFFICIALS: Tim Arden noted that the issue of "short pants" will be addressed early in the season. All officials groups have been notified and procedures have been sent out. Players will be reminded during warm-ups but there will be no warning during the game.

Recruiting of officials has been positive in the off season. Retention has been good as well. The NFL has helped out with the Crew of the Month distinction.

Ric Hamblin also noted that the "short pants" issue will be addressed during warm-ups at the State Semifinals and Finals to eliminate any issues that could arise at those events.

MODIFIED: Steve Nolan has been fielding calls regarding alignments and such. Most have been directed to the handbook for clarification.

NYSHSFCA: Paul Sealy reported that the summer 7-on-7 tournaments went very well.

ROUND TABLE: No report.

NEXT MEETING: Monda, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 @ 1:00pm

Submitted by,
Gary Vanderzee, NYS FB Chairman
Ken Stoldt, NYS Asst. FB Chairman

8/12/25

NYSPHSAA FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025 @ 1:00 PM
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Todd Nelson, Joe Altieri, Kristin Jadin, Lexi Swatt, Chris Joyce-NYSPHSAA Staff; Gary Vanderzee-Chairman; Ken Stoldt-Asst. Chairman; Paul Sealy-NYSHSFCA; Ric Hamblin, Tim Arden, Pat English-NYS Officials; Steve Luciana-Section 1; Sean Colfer-Section 2; Keith Kempney, Joe Corley-Section 3; Jeff Paske, Matt Hafele-Section 4; Kathy Hoyt -Section 5; Jay Sirianni-Section 6; Pat Keleher-Section 7; Joe Martillotti-Section 8; Tom Cassata-Section 9; Matt Tessmer-Section 10; Section 11-absent.

NYSPHSAA STAFF REPORTS: The proposal to have the 8 Man Regional Championship, played at the 11 Man semi-final site in 2025 was approved. The proposal to eliminate Regional Runner-up plaques was approved. The August Football Committee meeting will be a bid meeting for State Semifinals and finals. Chairmen should be ready to discuss.

8 MAN FOOTBALL: There must be a minimum of 4 sections with at least 4 teams in order to host a regional championship in 2026. NYSPHSAA will need an accurate count of schools in early spring of 2026. For now, Joe will need a report from this committee to share with the Central Committee in July as part of the requirements of Championship Philosophy. The current status of 8-man program is as follows: Section 1, 5 and 6 – 0 teams, Section 2 – 2 teams (maybe 3), Section 3 – 11 teams, Section 4 – 7 teams, Section 9 – 10 teams, Section 10 – 1 team. Keith Kempney (Section 3) shared the 2025 8-man playoff bracket for review and it was determined 10 will play at 2 in the 8-man tournament then have a bye week (due to no Section 5 and 6 teams) before playing Section 3. The winner will play the Section 4/9 winner in the final.

OFFICIALS: If teams have an illegal uniform, they must request a waiver from the state and provide a copy of the waiver to the officials. If the team fails to produce a waiver, the head coach may be penalized.

NYSHSFCA: A reminder that the 7 on 7 tournaments will be held at SUNY Cortland. Girls on July 12th. Boys on July 13th.

MODIFIED: No report.

ROUND TABLE:
Section 2 requested the schedule for semifinals and regionals be sent out earlier to help with local scheduling.
Section 3 requested sections to review the scheduling spreadsheet to see if anyone can assist in filling byes.
Section 10 noted they have completed their schedule and may add/assist with the schedule on the spreadsheet.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025 @ 1:00pm. This will be a bid meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,
Gary Vanderzee- NYS FB Chairman/ Ken Stoldt Asst. Chairman
5/13/25

NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track State Committee

June 6, 2024 at 5:00pm

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

NYSPHSAA Staff: Chris Joyce
Boys & Girls Committee: All Sections were represented except AIS.
Guests: Bob Headwell (Officials), Kyle Brazeil (MileSplit), Jim Osborne (Section 9)

1. Attendance & Introductions

Meeting called to order 4:35 pm by Dan Doherty. Jim Osborne of Section 9 welcomed everyone. Ed Estrada of the Middletown Board of Education also welcomed everyone.

2. Facility Review & Meet Procedures

Dan Doherty**,** Tom Wells, Matt Hemmer and Patrick Burkhardt reviewed the Facility and went over the Meet Procedures. Everyone was reminded not to arrive to the Site until after 11:30am on Friday morning.

3. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports

Chris Joyce reviewed the Coaches Admission policy for the meet and Field Pass policy. He also went over the Lightning Policy.

4. Officials (Meet Procedures)

Bob Headwell reviewed any new rules and went over many meet procedures regarding spikes, starting blocks, etc. Dan Doherty stated that all Meet procedures remained the same as in past years.

6. Future Championships

The 2026 Championships will be held at Webster Schroeder High School (Section 5) on June 13-14 (pending final approval.)

The 2027 site will be Cicero N. Syracuse HS and the 2028 site will be Icahn Stadium in NY City.

7. Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9/09/25 at 10am via a Zoom Call. Exact details will be sent out in late August.

8. New Business

Ed Corona asked the Committee to discuss the abuse of the Super Standard that seems to be going on. This will be discussed at length at our September Meeting.

10. **Seed Meetings**

The Committees then split into their separate Boys and Girls Meetings to seed out their respective meets.

--minutes respectfully submitted by Dan Doherty

NYSPHSAA GIRLS WRESTLING Committee Meeting

Monday April 28, 2025 @10:00pm
(Meeting Link)

1. **Welcome, Introductions & Announcements –** Ryan Palmer (State Coordinator)
    a. Meeting Called to Order at:

    Roll Call:

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

2. **Rule Discussions for 25-26**
    a. **Certify to a minimum wrestling weight, not a minimum wrestling weight class.**
    -Have to follow governing body rules.
    -Only follow secondary rules if a waiver is approved by NYSPHSAA (NFHS vs USAW and NYSPHSAA)
    -We are trying to match Girls Rules with NYSPHSAA/NFHS Rules.
    - Guidebook is NOT OFFICIAL
    b. **Continuing with Mixed Competition**
        i. Consider an alteration to the language regarding mixed competition in the future.Where girls must compete against girls but may have the ability to practice with boys.
            1. ACTION ITEM:
                a. Motion to alter the language regarding the representation rule for mixed competition.Where girls eligible for the Girls Wrestling Postseason must compete against girls, for the entirety of the season, but may have the ability to practice with boys, beginning in the 2026-2027 season.
                    i. Motion Made: Frank Fronhofer - Section 2

ii. Seconded By: Eric Hartmann - Section 9

1. Section I – No
2. Section 2 – Yes
3. Section III – No
4. Section IV – Yes
5. Section V – Yes
6. Section VI – No
7. Section VII – Absent
8. Section VIII – No
9. Section IX – Yes
10. Section X – Absent
11. Section XI – Yes

iii. Motion Passes: 5 to 4

c. **Representation Rule:**

- Consider adjustment to the representation rule: Specific challenges may present itself, particularly in upper weights.
    - Each Section has the ability to request a reduction in the representation rule, on a section basis.

- Change the definition of multi-meet for Girls: This is based on conversations at the 2/6/2025 GWSC meeting about whether there could be a 3 or 4 point day.

- My proposal would be to create a language that as long as the number of matches does not exceed 6 total. (They could be varsity or exhibition), a girl would never be charged more than 2 competition points.
    - The current

i. Multi Meets Language:

1. Below is the language of multi-meets for boys wrestling.

2. MULTI-TEAM MEETS

To be considered a Multi Team Meet, at Least 3 teams must be represented and at least a total of 20 wrestlers must participate in the event.

Wrestlers are matched by their weigh-in weights and are allowed to wrestle up to 3 times. Wrestlers could compete at their weigh-in weight or go up one weight class from the weigh-in weight to get additional matches. There is no limit to the number of Multi-meets an Individual can participate in (so long as they do not exceed their 20-point maximum). No team scoring is kept. No awards are given out.

No additional pounds shall be granted for multi-meets for back-to back contests, as they are not a team event. No additional pound is granted for the Multi-meet if a wrestler in the meet competed the day prior, and no additional pound is granted for a contest the day after a Multi-meet if a wrestler had competed in the Multi-meet the day prior. (Note an extra pound for multimeets can only be granted when a competition is postponed for one calendar day for reasons beyond the control of the

participating school(s) or if one teams practice (the day before a competition) is cancelled due to school policy.

Each individual is charged 2 points towards the maximum number of points permitted (if the wrestler wrestled either 2 or 3 times) and 1 point if they only wrestled one time. As Multi Team Meets are not a dual meet or a tournament, then if a bout sheet has been prepared and sent to the head table and one of the wrestler's decide they do not want to compete, no result should be recorded if no bout takes place. It is recommended that unless a wrestler becomes injured or time becomes a factor, they should honor the agreement to wrestle all bouts that are scheduled. In a multi meet format, athletes from the same school cannot wrestle each other. (If they wanted to wrestle an exhibition match, they could but the result would not count as a match, would not count on the W/L record and could not be entered as a result into Track Wrestling).

ii. ACTION ITEM:
    1. Motion to alter the language regarding Multi-Meet Competitions.
        a. Adjust minimum number of wrestlers from 20 wrestlers to 15 wrestlers
        b. Adjust maximum number of matches from 3 matches to 4 matches
        c. 1 Competition Point for 1 match, non-inclusive of forfeits
        d. 2 Competition Points for 2-3-4 matches, non-inclusive of forfeits
        e. Add "Varsity Level Multi-Meets" to Page 108, #7 of the rulebook which identifies only Dual Meets and Tournament.
    2. Motion Made: Eric Hartmann - Section 9
    3. Seconded By: Jamie Block - Section 1
        a. Section I – Yes
        b. Section 2 – Yes
        c. Section III – Yes
        d. Section IV – Yes
        e. Section V – Yes
        f. Section VI – Yes
        g. Section VII – Yes
        h. Section VIII – Yes
        i. Section IX – Yes
        j. Section X – Absent
        k. Section XI – yes
    4. Motion Passes: 10 to 0

d. Rules:
    i. List "Bow & Arrow" as an illegal move.
        1. Will leave this to a judgement call for officials.
    ii. Move closer to the USA rulebook. Hybrid between NFHS and the USA is confusing.
        1. Leave as is.
    iii. Match Limit per day
        1. Currently at 6 matches/day - NYSPHSSA Handbook

2. ACTION ITEM:
    a. Motion to adjust maximum matches wrestler per day from 6-Matches per day to 7-Matches per day.
    b. Motion Made: Sean Severin - Section 8
    c. Seconded By: Tom Shifflet - Section 6
        i. *Rationale: Current USA Wrestling rules have an unlimited number of matches. Expansion to 7-matches would allow for growth at our Girls State Tournament. Girl's Freestyle matches are traditionally faster than Boy's matches.*
        ii. Section I – Yes
        iii. Section 2 – Yes
        iv. Section III – Yes
        v. Section IV – Yes
        vi. Section V – Yes
        vii. Section VI – Yes
        viii. Section VII – Yes
        ix. Section VIII – Yes
        x. Section IX – Yes
        xi. Section X – Absent
        xii. Section XI – yes
    d. Motion Passes: 10 to 0

iv. Outline a procedure for formal protests
1. Video replay to be used in Semi-Finals and Finals matches, when a brick is thrown
2. Matches prior to the Semi-Finals and Finals, the chairman could call a conference, if questioned by a coach. Video replay could not be used. The three man mechanics.
3. ACTION ITEM:
    a. Motion to expand the use of challenge bricks and video replay for the entirety of the State Championships Tournament.
    b. Motion Made: Brand MacWhinnie - Section 4
    c. Seconded By: Eric Mullen - Section 5
        i. *Rationale: Video was already set up at all 10-mats, and this would ensure that the protest procedures can be followed for the entire tournament, as opposed to just the Semi-Finals and Finals. The video review is done by the assigned Juror. Two jurors would be needed/identified for the NYSPHSAA State Championships*
        ii. Section I – No
        iii. Section 2 – Yes
        iv. Section III – Yes
        v. Section IV – Yes
        vi. Section V – Absent
        vii. Section VI – Yes
        viii. Section VII – Yes
        ix. Section VIII – Yes
        x. Section IX – No

xi. Section X – Absent
xii. Section XI – Yes
d. Motion Passes: 7 to 2

e. Revisit NYSPHSAA Handbook (MacWhinnie):
- Update for 6 matches/day
  - Current handbook says 6
- Remove Girls periods start in neutral and OOB restarts in neutral (2023-2024 modified folkstyle rules)
  - Needs updating
- Clarify how to handle exhibition matches:
  - Count as points - Yes
  - Must be entered in track - Yes
  - Do not count toward won/loss record (currently would count is in track) - Would be included in PINS
  - Based on above, should not count toward PINS (but likely does) - Would not count towards PINS - Would be included in PINS
  - Handbook still has a 2 year waiver of representation rule in it.
    - Needs to be updated
    - Individual sections can apply for waivers/reductions
    - Will maintain waiver of 6-Tournament Rule
    - Needs to be moved to Girls Tournament page

f. Modified COMPETITION:
- Whereas many 7th & 8th graders are being APP to varsity, and most teams do not have big modified numbers, it can be very hard for modified girls to have practice workout partners
- I do not know the process, but I propose a modification that modified girls are allowed to practice with girls of similar weight who are on JV/Varsity, but still only compete against other modified girls.

3. Championship Operations

a. Postseason Process (Allocations)
- Sectional Champions qualify for states. Additional entries qualify through their region. Additional entries per region TBD.

- Can we increase the state tournament, based on projected growth? 9% of 2600 is 18 per weight class.

- Current process for additional entries does not take into account the current season. Seniors should not be factored into a section's performance for future at large entries.
- *Minutes:*
  - *Frank offers multiple scenarios for allocations.*
- *Allocations Subcommittee*
  - *Frank Fronhofer*

- *Brandon MacWhinnie*
- *Rick Spicer*
- *Eric Hartmann*

a. State Tournament Scratches/Replacements
   - In 2025 we decided to make the deadline when a scratch became a Forfeit on the bracket instead of being filled by the allocation system at the 5PM Scratch meeting the night before the Tournament.
   - Boys Language: REPLACEMENT WRESTLERS: Sections that qualify 3 wrestlers may not send a replacement wrestler (as no 4th place sectional finishers are allowed). Sections that qualify 2 wrestlers may send their 3rd place finisher if either of their 1st of 2nd place finishers scratch prior to noon on the Wednesday prior to the seeding meeting. If they cannot fill the spot prior to noon on Wednesday, the spot will not be filled (as they already have representation at the weight class). No replacements will be made after noon on the Wednesday prior to the seeding meeting, with the following exception: Exception: If a Champ from a Section with only one qualifier scratches after noon on Wednesday, the Section can designate the replacement Sections that qualify 1 wrestler may replace their wrestler with the either their 2nd or 3rd place finisher at any time prior to the conclusion of Thursday scratch meeting prior to the state tournament

b. State Tournament Logistics
   - Have a gap in the middle for judge's score table. I've found 2 matches where the incorrect wrestler won, because the score was wrong. The judge and chairman need to be able to compare bout sheets in times where there are questions concerning the score.
   - Challenge Brick for everyone round. This does not slow down the tournament. Also, the jury needs to have a microphone to announce the decision. Fans were left in the dark.
   - The score table needs to be closer to the mat for finals. The camera is too far away to be able to make any judgements on challenges. Video quality needs to be better.
   - Semis wrestled on 4 mats. This is the round where we lost significant time.
   - TURN DOWN THE HEAT!
   - Grade levels listed on brackets

4. Postseason Seeding

a. Wrestlers listed in the following order
   - Place Finishers at 2025 Nationals - Age group juniors
   - Place Finishers at 2025 NYSPHSAA Championships
   - In order by PINS

b. Wrestlers now have the opportunity to move up that order starting with wrestler #2. If #2 has a head to head win over #1, the #2 wrestler takes the #1 spot. #3 now has the opportunity to move up.
   i. If you have a head to head win over some above you, you move one spot above them, unless someone in between has a head to head win over

you and that would block you. In that case you move up, and stop behind the wrestler that blocks you.

Example:
Wrestler A
Wrestler B
Wrestler C
Wrestler D

Suppose Wrestler D beat Wrestler A, but Wrestler D lost to Wrestler B.

In this case, Wrestler D would move to just behind wrestler B. The new order would be:

Wrestler A
Wrestler B
Wrestler D The notes would say D beat A blocked by B
Wrestler C

c. In the case that wrestlers have wrestled more than once.
   If the wrestler who has won more times is already higher on the list, the lower wrestler can move up to the spot below that higher wrestler, or up until they are blocked by someone else who beat them. If the wrestler who has won more times is lower on the list, they will move up to one spot above the other wrestler, or up until they are blocked by someone who beat them.
d. If the wrestlers have split evenly, the lower wrestler can move up until they are blocked. If there is no block the two wrestlers will take adjacent spots, the wrestler with the higher initial order (National Place, State Place, PINS order) will take the higher order.

e. If there are extenuating circumstances, a committee member may make a motion to alter the final seeds. If the committee passes the motion by a ⅔ vote, the seeds may be changed.

OR

Continue to use PINs, but with an entire of season of data behind us, start next season with offseason matches pulled out of the PINs calculation. This would adjust for the inflation created by athletes that stay local and don't wrestle in the offseason. If girls wrestled boys all season and have a lower PIN rating, sorry but that's the choice they made. If a girl has a lower PIN rating due to injury, sorry, it happens. Case and point Carter Storrocci.

E. Hartmann will setup another SubCommittee meeting in the near future.

5. Section Concerns:

a. Section I – 10 placement awards. <u>Can</u> award up to 10 awards per weight class.
b. Section 2 –
c. Section III –
d. Section IV –
e. Section V –
f. Section VI –

g. Section VII –
h. Section VIII –
i. Section IX –
j. Section X –
k. Section XI –
l. Coordinator - Time between bouts

Upcoming Meetings

- **June 20, 2025 @ 9:00am**