# ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

## June 17, 2026

## HIGHLIGHTS

3.1 **CARRIED:** May 13, 2026 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes

4.5 **CARRIED:** East Aurora Boys Soccer Independent Status for the 26-27 school year

4.6 **CARRIED:** City Honors Girls Volleyball Independent Status for the 26-27 school year

4.7 **CARRIED:** Lafayette Boys Wrestling Independent Status for the 26-27 school year.

4.8 **CARRIED:** Depew Boys Volleyball Independent Status for the 26-27 school year.

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6.7c17 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Wrestling Committee – Increasing the percent of body fat to follow NFHS Rule Change

6.17 **CARRIED:** Approval of the Policy Manual Updates (Appendix C)

# ATHLETIC COUNCIL
# MINUTES

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

Commenced: 11:30am

3.0 **MINUTES** (D. Ljiljanich)

3.1 ***Motion to approve of the May 13, 2026 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes***
***CARRIED***
***Fallacaro-Dougherty/Sortisio***

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

4.1 Fall Start Date – August 24, 2026; Football - August 17, 2026 (informational)

4.2 Fall Mandatory AD Workshop – August 20, 2026 @ Erie 1 BOCES (informational)

It was noted Pauline Turski's retirement party will follow the mandatory AD workshop, from 4-7pm at Danny's South. Details will be emailed in the near future.

4.3 Fall Mandatory Coaches Meetings - August 19, 2026 (informational)

4.4 NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting / Foundation Golf Tournament July 27, 2026 (informational)
M. DiFilippo is seeking commitment of teams from league yet to be represented in the tournament.

4.5 ***Motion to approve of East Aurora Boys Soccer Independent Status for the 26-27 school year***
***CARRIED***
Sortisio/Fallacaro-Dougherty

4.6 ***Motion to approve of City Honors Girls Volleyball Independent Status for the 26-27 school year***
***CARRIED***
***Sortisio/Fallacaro-Dougherty***

4.7 ***Motion to approve of Lafayette Boys Wrestling Independent Status for the 26-27 school year.***
***CARRIED***
***Sortisio/Fallacaro-Dougherty***

4.8 ***Motion to approve of Depew Boys Volleyball Independent Status for the 26-27 school year.***
***CARRIED***
***Sortisio/Fallacaro-Dougherty***

4.9 Section VI Girls Lacrosse Federated Assigner
D. Ames has resigned from the position.

4.10 Section VI Girls Ice Hockey Chairperson Position
R. Hopkins stepped down from the position.

The applications are posted on the Section VI website.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS** (M. DiFilippo)

5.1 ***Motion to approve of the Combining of Schools Applications*** COS Status Chart
***CARRIED***
***Sortisio/Roth***

**Fall 2026**

1. Tennis Girls, New, **Kenmore West**, Kenmore East, 1463, V

**Winter 26-27**

2. Basketball B, Existing, **I-Prep,** Lafayette, 752, AA, V, JV
3. Basketball B, Existing, **Culinary Arts,** Emerson, 716, AA, V, JV
4. Basketball B, Existing, **Performing Arts,** Leo DaVinci, 615, A, V, JV
5. Basketball G, Existing, **I-Prep,** Lafayette, 752, AA, V, JV
6. Bowl BG, Existing, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, 1463, D1, V, JV
7. Bowl BG, Existing, **Culinary Arts,** Emerson, 716, D1, V
8. Bowl BG, Existing, **Allegany-Limestone,** Olean & Portville, 644, D1, V
9. Bowl BG, New, **Franklinville,** West Valley, 168, D2, V
10. Bowl BG, Existing, **Hinsdale,** Cuba-Rush & Friendship, 212, D2, V
11. Bowl BG, Existing, **Clymer** Sherman, 158, D2, V
12. Bowl Unified BG, Existing, **Williamsville North,** Williamsville East & Williamsville South, 2173, one division, V 2 teams
13. Bowl Unified BG, Existing, **Cassadaga Valley,** Brocton, 256, one division, V
14. Cheer Competitive, Existing, **Hutch Tech,** All BPS, 7558, A, V, JV
15. Cheer Competitive, Existing, **East Aurora**, Holland ,475, C V
16. Cheer Competitive, Existing, **Eden,** North Collins, 335, C V & JV
17. Hockey B, Existing, **Lockport,** Niagara Falls, 2500, D1, V
18. Hockey B, Existing, **Sweet Home,** North Tonawanda & Depew, 1258, D1, V
19. Hockey B, Existing, **Iroquois,** Alden, 624, D2, V
20. Hockey G, NEW, **Frontier,** Orchard Park, Lake Shore, East Aurora & Springville, 3235, one division, V
21. Hockey G, Existing, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, Grand Island & Lockport, 3171, one division, V
22. Hockey G, Existing, **Lancaster (LIDA),** Alden, Depew & Iroquois, 2557, one division, V
23. Hockey G, Existing, **Williamsville South,** Williamsville East Williamsville North, 2245, one division, V
24. Indoor Track B/G, New, **Hutch Tech,** South Park, 1509, tba, V
25. Indoor Track B/G, New, **F L Olmsted,** City Honors, MST & Perf Arts, 1505, tba, V
26. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **Riverside,** I-Prep, Lafayette & L DaVinci, 1465, tba, V
27. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **McKinley,** LJ Bennett, MEC & Research Lab, 1402, tba, V
28. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **Dunkirk,** Silver Creek & Forestville, 1026, tba, V
29. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **Randolph,** Falconer, Frewsburg & Maple Grove, 768, tba, V, JV
30. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **Allegany-Limestone,** Olean, 660, tba, V
31. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **Holland,** East Aurora, 575, tba, V
32. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **Fredonia,** Westfield, 517, tba, V
33. Indoor Track B/G, Existing, **Springville,** West Valley, 401, tba, V
34. Rifle, Existing, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, 1463, V
35. Ski, Existing, **Williamsville South,** Williamsville East & Williamsville North, 2173, V
36. Ski, Existing, **Ellicottville,** Allegany-Limestone & Cattaraugus/ Little Valley, 574, V
37. Swim B, Existing, **Hutch Tech,** Cul Arts, Emerson & I Prep, 2134, TBA, V
38. Swim B, Existing, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, 1463, TBA, V, JV
39. Swim B, New, **Fredonia,** Dunkirk, Silver Creek & Forestville, 1115, V
40. Swim B, Existing, **Perform Arts,** LD Vinci, 615, TBA, V
41. Swim B, Existing, **East Aurora**, Holland,575, TBA, V
42. Swim B, New, **Panama,** Clymer & Sherman & Chaut Lake, 500, TBA, V
43. Swim BG, Existing, **Roy-Hart,** Barker, 391, TBA, V, JV
44. Wrestling B, Existing, **Lafayette,** All other BPS Schools, 7558, D1, V, JV
45. Wrestling B, Existing, **Williamsville North,** Williamsville East, 1613, D1, V, 7/8
46. Wrestling B, Existing, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, 1463, D1, V, JV
47. Wrestling B, Existing, **Health Sciences CS,** Buffalo Science CS, 612, D1, V
48. Wrestling B, Existing, **Chautauqua Lake,** Panama, Clymer & Westfield, 551, D2, V, 7/8/9
49. Wrestling B, Existing, **Akron,** Alden, 499, D2, V & JV
50. Wrestling B, Existing, **East Aurora**, Holland, 493, D2, V & 7//
51. Wrestling B, Existing, **Falconer,** Cassadaga Valley, 372, D2, V, JV, 7/8
52. Wrestling B, Existing, **Eden,** North Collins, 337, D2, V & 7/8
53. Wrestling B, Existing, **Roy-Hart,** Barker, 314, D2, V
54. Wrestling G. Existing, **Niagara-Wheatfield**, Niagara Falls, Newfane, 2494, V
55. Wrestling G, Existing, **Clarence,** Iroquois Need ECIC approval, 1392, One Division, V
56. Wrestling G, Existing, **Chautauqua Lake**, Panama, Clymer, Brocton, Westfield & Sherman, 768, One Division, V
57. Wrestling G, Existing, **Falconer,** Cassadaga Valley, 419, One Division, V
58. Wrestling G, Existing, **Barker,** Royalton-Hartland, 391, One Division, V

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.1.1 Chautauqua Lake has filed an appeal regarding Chautauqua/Panama/Clymer/Westfield Wrestling in Division 1 for dual meets for the 26-27 school year.

The date of the appeal is TBD.

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.1.2 All spring 2027 teams will remain in the BEDS classified; no need to move any up.

6.3 Finance Committee (S. Penhollow)

6.3.1 ***Motion to approve the Treasurer's report*** (Appendix A)
***CARRIED***
***Sortisio/Taylor***

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

6.4.1 ***Motion to approve the 2 Year Pilot- Boys Volleyball Tie Breaker Proposal (Fall 26, Fall 27)***
***CARRIED***
***Fallcaro-Dougherty/Kelly***
1. League win percentage
2. Head to Head within your league
3. Set Percentage Head to Head within league
4. Head to Head Non-League
5. Win percentage within your class
6. Coin Flip

***Motion to amend 6.4.2 to remove the Boys Basketball 2025-2026 post season report***
***CARRIED***
***Donahue/Sortisio***

6.4.2 ***Motion to approve of the winter 25-26 post season reports: Competitive Cheer, Alpine Skiing, Indoor Track, Boys Swimming, Rifle, Bowling, Boys Ice Hockey***(Appendix B)
***CARRIED***
***Roth/Fallacaro-Dougherty***

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

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

The following are action items to provide direction for M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to vote at the July 2026 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. (Appendix C):

6.7c1 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Championship Advisory Committee – NYSPHSAA Officials Fees and Policies Document***
***CARRIED***
***Donahue/Roth***

6.7c2 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Sportsmanship – Lopsided Score Guidance***
***CARRIED***
***Roth/Sortisio***

6.7c3 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Modified Committee – Wait time between Modified Wrestling Matches***
***CARRIED***
***Roth/Sortisio***

6.7c4 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys Soccer – Adjust Regional Rotation in Class D for 2026 Season***
***OPPOSED***
***Roth/Fallacaro-Dougherty***

6.7c5 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Football Committee – Classification Cut-Off Numbers***
***CARRIED***
***Heck/Almeida***

6.7c6 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Volleyball – Request for a Waiver on Bench Protocols***
***CARRIED***
***Donahue/Sortisio***

6.7c7 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Volleyball – Request for Waiver of Administrative Red Card (uniform)***
***CARRIED***
***Almeida/Sortisio***

6.7c8 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Volleyball – Request to Revise Classification Formula for 2027***
***CARRIED***
***Fallacaro-Dougherty/Salisbury***

6.7c9 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys Swimming – Revise Qualifying Standards for 2026-2027 Season***
***CARRIED***
***Zirkle/Fallacaro-Dougherty***

6.7c10 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Gymnastics – Revise Scoring Change in technical Handbook for 2026-27 Season***
***CARRIED***
***Roth/Penhollow***

6.7c11 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys/Girls Bowling – Increase Daily Game Limitation to Ten Games for Post-Season Events***
***CARRIED***
***Fallacaro-Dougherty***

6.7c12 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys/Girls Bowling – Amend Individual State Championship Format to Add Single Elimination Bracket***
***CARRIED***
***Zirkle/Dell'Oso***

6.7c13 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Basketball – Waive NCAA Rule on minimum Court Dimensions***
***CARRIED***
***Fallacaro-Dougherty/Roth***

6.7c14 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Basketball Committee – Waive the NCAA uniform rule requirements for all sub-varsity teams***
***CARRIED***
***Zirkle/Kelly***

6.7c15 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Basketball Committee – Changing the length of the timeout in Overtime from 30 second to a full timeout***
***CARRIED***
***Fallacaro/Dougherty/Donahue***

6.7c16 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Wrestling Committee – USA Wrestling Junior Weight Classes***
***CARRIED***
***Almeida/Taylor***

6.7c17 ***Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Wrestling Committee – Increasing the percent of body fat to follow NFHS Rule Change***
***CARRIED***
***Roth/Sortisio***

6.17 Policy Committee (K. Schon)

6.17 ***Motion to approve the Policy Manual Updates*** (Appendix D)
***CARRIED***
***Fallacaro-Dougherty/Dell'Oso***

## 7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)

- T-shirts will be sent to schools this summer

## 8.0 STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS (informational only) Appendix E

- Girls & Boys Swimming, 5/7/26
- Wrestling, 5/13/26

## 9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.2 NYSAAA Report (J. Lehmbeck)

9.2.1 Any new ADs wishing to attend the summer workshop should contact the Section office. Section VI will pay the tuition, the individual must pay for their hotel.

## 10.0 OLD BUSINESS

*Nothing to report*

11.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report*

12.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

12.1 ***Motion to adjourn***
***CARRIED***
***Fallacaro-Dougherty/Sortisio***

# Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.
## Treasurer's Report
### As of June 8, 2026

| | Jun 8, 26 |
|---|---|
| **ASSETS** | |
| **Current Assets** | |
| **Checking/Savings** | |
| **1040.2 · Bankof America CD #2** | 102,163.02 |
| **1040.1 · Bank of America CD** | 27,941.35 |
| **1043.1 · Northwest CD** | 361,406.51 |
| **1050 · Arbiter Pay** | 42,719.92 |
| **1030 · Bank of America Checking** | 225,129.57 |
| **1040 · Bank of America Money Market** | 1.69 |
| **1043 · Northwest Savings Bank** | 101,107.69 |
| **Total Checking/Savings** | 860,469.75 |
| **Total Current Assets** | 860,469.75 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **860,469.75** |
| **LIABILITIES & EQUITY** | 0.00 |

| Dedicated Funds | Budgeted | Expenses | Current Assets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **State Championships** | $ 215,000.00 | $ 123,531.00 | $ 91,469.00 |
| **FUND BALANCE** | $ 769,000.75 | | |

APPENDIX B

Boys Ice Hockey
Post Season Report
2025-2026

**All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:**

| | | School | Athlete |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ice Hockey | Division NFL | Niagara Wheatfield | Will Newlove |
| | Division ECIC I | Orchard Park | Ethan Ortman |
| | Division ECIC II | Williamsville East | Brennan Roeser |

**Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented:**

- This is the second year for the mandatory training session for all off-ice officials that keep time. No official is allowed to be assigned that had not completed the training. In addition, if an official makes mistakes in multiple games that official must retake the certification training. The training on iPad use and scoring is also available to all coaches and school personnel.
- All iPads were replaced with new devices. There were no problems with iPads functionality.
- This was the first year for only three divisions. The three divisions are the NFL, ECIC I, and ECIC II. These follow the pattern of the existing leagues schools presently complete in. The ECIC group has 14 schools and therefore it is broken into two divisions based on the BEDS numbers. The Executive Committee voted to continue this alignment indefinitely.
- The stats adjustment form was used for the fourth year enabling coaches to request that the league approve and correct any stats for players that were reported incorrectly. In total only 3 requests were made from 3 different schools out of 230 league and non-league games.
- The league hosted a senior all-star game for the fourth time. 52 senior athletes participated. It was very successful.
- NYSPHSAA allows the OT in a regular season game to be 4 on 4 or 3 on 3. The membership rejected this proposal for our section; we continue to run a 5 on 5 OT.

**Problems encountered/concerns:**

- We continue to have some confusion by some schools regarding the cancellation policy. A committee will be formed this summer to completely review the handbook to clarify procedures.

**Recommendations for next season including proposed calendar:**

- This is the final year on the contract for hosting the NYS Championship Tournament. Section VI will bid on hosting for year 2028-2030.
- We will continue to fine tune the electronic scoring procedure games.
- The seeding system from D II schools will be reviewed and improved. A committee will be formed to study the system and propose improvements.
- The start date for the season is November 16, 2026. Section VI will host the NYS Championships on March 13 & 14, 2027.
- Section X will host the DI regional game and Section III will host the DII game.
- The three official systems will again be used for the sectionals and finals. This is in line with the NYSPHAA decision to use three officials for regionals and the state tournament. A proposal to institute the three official system for all league games has been received. Staffing needs and costs are being studied.
- The league fee for the 2026-27 season is $5,000.00.

Section VI Boys Hockey Divisions for the 2026-2027 Season

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

**Divisional Champions and Post Season Results**:

| *Division* | *Champion* |
|---|---|
| ECIC I | Orchard Park |
| ECIC II | Hamburg |
| NFL | Kenmore West |

**Sectional Results:**

**D I Champion – Orchard Park**
**D II Champion – Clarence**
**Regionals: Orchard Park lost to Canton, Clarence defeated Whitesboro.**
**States: Clarence lost to Rye in the State Semi-final Game.**

# Section VI Ice Hockey Sectional Play-Offs 2026-2027

## Federation Play-Offs

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wed. 2/17/27 | 5:30 PM | Small School Pre-Quarter | Northtown Center |
| Wed. 2/17/27 | 8:00 PM | Small School Pre-Quarter | Northtown Center |
| Wed. 2/17/27 | 6:00 PM | Small School Pre-Quarter | Harbor Center |
| Wed. 2/17/27 | 8:30 PM | Small School Pre-Quarter | Harbor Center |
| Thurs. 2/18/27 | 5:30 PM | Small School Pre-Quarter | Northtown Center |
| Thurs. 2/18/27 | 8:00 PM | Small School Pre-Quarter | Northtown Center |
| Thurs. 2/18/27 | 6:00 PM | Small School Pre-Quarter | Harbor Center |
| Thurs. 2/18/27 | 8:30 PM | Small School Pre-Quarter | Harbor Center |
| Sat. 2/20/27 | 1:00 PM | Small Sch. Quarter-Final | Northtown Center |
| Sat. 2/20/27 | 3:30 PM | Small Sch. Quarter-Final | Northtown Center |
| Sat. 2/20/27 | 6:00 PM | Small Sch. Quarter-Final | Northtown Center |
| Sat. 2/20/27 | 8:30 PM | Small Sch. Quarter-Final | Northtown Center |
| Mon. 2/22/27 | 6:00 PM | Large School Semis | Harbor Center |
| Mon. 2/22/27 | 8:30 PM | Large School Semis | Harbor Center |
| Tue. 2/23/27 | 6:00 PM | Small School Semis | Harbor Center |
| Tue. 2/23/27 | 8:30 PM | Small School Semis | Harbor Center |
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**Federation Championships**

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sun. 2/28/27 | 12:00 PM | D I Final | Key Bank Center |
| Sun. 2/28/27 | 3:30 PM | D II Final | Key Bank Center |

**State Regionals**

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sat. 3/6/27 | TBD | D I State Regional | Section X |
| Sat. 3/6/27 | TBD | D III State Regional | Section III |

**Federation All-Star Game**

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tues. 3/9/27 | 6:30 PM | Fed. All-Star Game | Harbor Center |

**State Final Four**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sat. 3/13/27 | TBA | State Semis | Harbor Center |
| Sun. 3/14/27 | TBA | State Finals | Harbor Center |

***Winter 2026- Post-Season Report***
***Sport: Bowling***

**Sport Chair:**
**Joe Biondo - Girls**
**Dan Kaplan - Boys**

**2026- Sectional Results**
** = Represented Section 6 at the State Tournament*

**Girls Division 1 Large School**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Class A - | Frontier | 5645* |
| | Lancaster | 5413 |
| Class B- | North Tonawanda | 5584 |
| | Niagara Wheatfield | 5467 |

Individual

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Juliana Schmitt | Kenmore | 1325* |
| 2. | Kelly Coram | Grand Island | 1324* |
| 3. | Cailyn Willard | Kenmore | 1272* |
| 4. | Danica Horbett | Lancaster | 1259* |
| 5. | Cali Rascumberger | West Seneca | 1249* |
| 6. | Addison Cappalino | Jamestown | 1246* |

**Girls Division 2 Small School**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Class C- | Depew | 5420* |
| | Maryvale | 5130 |
| Class D- | Frewsburg | 4638 |
| | Forestville | 4449 |

Individual

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Madison Rondeau | Hinsdale | 1362* |
| 2. | Lily Jones | Maryvale | 1247* |
| 3. | Madison Dunbar | DaVinci | 1240* |
| 4. | Emma Nickerson | Cassadaga Valley | 1225* |
| 5. | Emma Felton | Depew | 1217* |
| 6. | Kaylee Arnold | Pioneer | 1162* |

**Boys Division 1 Large School**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Class A- | Lancaster | 6593 |
| | West Seneca | 6486 |
| Class B- | Niagara Wheatfield | 6065 |
| | Grand Island | 5079 |

Individual

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | John Coram | Grand Island | 1550* |
| 2. | Jonathan Kramer | Amherst | 1439* |
| 3. | Jacob Zajac | West Seneca | 1432* |
| 4. | Alex Scapillato | Lancaster | 1382 |
| 5. | Josh Zajac | West Seneca | 1371* |
| 6. | Nicholas Grabowski | Lockport | 1364* |
| 7. | Noah Burgio | Kenmore | 1340* |

**Boys Division 2 Small School**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Class C- | Maryvale | 5776* |
| | Depew | 5738 |
| Class D- | Brocton | 5331 |
| | Clymer/Sherman | 5244 |

Individual

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Kevin Brunner | Cleveland Hill | 1310* |
| 2. | Elijah Schute | Depew | 1275* |
| 3. | Jackson Jones | Hinsdale | 1240* |
| 4. | Ben Aughtry | Maryvale | 1221* |
| 5. | Mason Burgstahler | John F. Kennedy | 1204* |
| 6. | Carter Ballard | Cheektowaga | 1204* |

**NYSPHSAA State Results:**

State Results are as follows:

Girls Team

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Division 1 | Frontier | 5038 | (7) |
| Division 2 | Depew | 5220 | NYS Champions |

Girls Individual

Division 2

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Emma Felton | Depew | 1246 | NYS Champion |
| Madison Rondeau | Hinsdale | 1213 | (2) |

Boys Team

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Division 1 | Lancaster | 6214 | (3) |
| Division 2 | Maryvale | 5804 | (4) |

Boys Individual
Division 1
Jacob Zajac West Seneca 1360 (4)

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

State Championship Sportsmanship Award Winners:
John Coram-Grand Island
Emma Jones -Maryvale
Cailyn Willard- Kenmore
Alex Scapillato- Lancaster
Jessica Holtz- Frontier
McKenna Groff -Depew

**Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:**

None

**Report on Active Pilots:**

Hosting Sectionals on 4 separate days has proven to be very successful. The current procedure is efficient and easier to run.

**Changes in Policy or Practice: (Recommendations for next season)**

None

**Notes for 2027 Post- Season Scheduling:**

Section VI Championships to be moved until after the February Break.
February 23rd to February 26th.




***Winter 2026- Post-Season Report***
***Sport: Boys Basketball***

**Sport Chair: Larry Jones**

2026- Sectional Results
Class D - Clymer
Class C - Global Concepts Charter
Class B2 - Tapestry Charter
Class B1 - Olmsted
Class B (overall) - Olmsted
Class A2 - Fredonia
Class A1 - Grand Island
Class A (overall) - Grand Island
Class AA - North Tonawanda
Class AAA - Jamestown

**NYSPHSAA State Winners:**
None

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

**Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:**
Andy Bush - Olmsted

**Report on Active Pilots:**
**This past season saw MANY changes. Because of the need to play MORE playoff games to qualify for a trip to Binghamton and the final four, we moved our seeding meeting from a Saturday morning in mid-February to the Wednesday before that. In the past few years, with New York State moving the start of fall sports up a week, we are continuing to be given LESS practice time at the front end of the season, and now have to condense on the back in to make room for "sub-regional" games.**
**Next, girls basketball Chairman Chris Durr and I worked closely together to put together a schedule that was asked for by the Section, that had both the girls and boys teams**

**playing semi-final games at larger (college sites) venues. While this seems like a good and "equitable" idea, the financial implications for the Section are not good.**

**Changes in Policy or Practice: (Recommendations for next season)**

**None**

**Notes for 2026 Post- Season Scheduling:**

***Winter 2026- Post-Season Report***
***Sport: Boys Swimming/Diving***

**Sport Chair:** **Nathan Bourke** **Ass't Chair:** **Chris Miller**

**2026- Sectional Results :**
**Section VI State Qualifier Meet;**
53 athletes earned qualifying times for the NYS Championship from this meet.
**Team scores were not tabulated*

**2026- Class Championship Results:**
Class A: Lockport
Class B: Starpoint
Class C: Tonawanda

**Other Awards/Acknowledgements (sportsmanship Award, Sport Specific Awards, etc.)**
State Championship: Section VI Good Sport Award Winner: Jack Shepler, Tonawanda

State Qualifier Swimmer of the Meet: Jack Schepler (Tonawanda) & Max Anderson (Williamsville East)

**Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:**
**TBA**

**All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:** N/A

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

**Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season:** None

**Recommendations for next season, including the proposed calendar:**
- Continue to support funding for Championship meets at a collegiate Natatorium
- The tentative calendar below reflects the 2026-2027 championship format which may change as a result of the May 2026 State Section Coordinator's meeting.
- Qualifying times will be studied and adjusted as appropriate to better meet the needs and talents of our Section VI athletes

- **<u>Classification Breakdown</u>** The Committee will continue to assign schools to divisions for the Class Championship based upon their BEDs. 100% of the BEDS numbers will continue to be used for the 26.27 school year for combined teams since swimming is technically a one-classification sport.

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

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

Additionally, with the State Championship three weeks after our traditional Championship meet again in 2026 (2016-2019, and 2021-2024 it was two weeks,) the committee will discuss **possibly** moving the Championship meet to the week of February 15, which would in turn allow for additional flexibility with league schedules. This schedule would of course be driven by facility availability to host, and would be determined at our May 2026 committee meeting.

## <u>Committee Members</u>:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Buffalo | Cindy Cranston* | South Park |
| CCAA | Dan Brown*<br>Todd Conklin | Olean<br>Southwestern |
| ECIC | Doug Newman*<br>Nancy Bennett+<br>Patrick Johnson+<br>Paul Cary+ | Cleveland Hill<br>Alden<br>Frontier<br>Clarence |
| NFL | Mike Corsaro*<br>John Sullivan+ | Niagara Wheatfield<br>Lockport |
| N-O | Andrew Busch*<br>Megan Forsyth+ | Newfane<br>Newfane |

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

**Sport Committee Meeting Dates:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Virtual Committee Meeting: | May 7, 2026, 8 pm, zoom link |
| Virtual Committee Meeting: | Week of October 5, 2026 |
| In-Person Committee Meeting: | Prior to the Final Championship Meet of the Season at the venue where that meet is held. |
| Virtual Committee Meeting: | Week of March 15, 2027, zoom link |

## 2026-27 *Tentative* Post Season Calendar

| Event | Details | Date/Time/Notes |
|---|---|---|
| First Practice | 11/16/2026 | |
| First Scrimmage/Contest | After 6 individual practices | |
| Pre-Season Coaches Meeting | 11/12/26 | |
| Rosters deadline into Swim Cloud | Prior to 1st Meet | |
| Referee Rating deadline | Not applicable for Sport | |
| Deadline to opt out of Sectionals | Not applicable for Sport | |
| Last League Contest | January 31 or February 7, 2026 | Pending |
| Power PointRating form Deadline | Not applicable for Sport | |
| Seeding Meeting | Not applicable for Sport | |
| End of year records deadline | Not applicable for Sport | |
| All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline | March 16, 2026 | |
| **Post Season Competition** | | |
| League Championships | Last week of January, 2027 | |
| Class Championship | Circa February 3-12, 2027 | Venue TBA |
| Sectional or State Qualifier Meet/s | Circa February 11-18, 2027 | Venue TBA |
| State Championship | March 2 & 3, 2027 | Ithaca College |

| | **2026 State Meet Highlights**<br>**2026 Media Guide Link** | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***Event*** | ***Winner*** | ***Notes on Winner*** | ***Other Finalists from Section VI*** |
| 200 Medley Relay | | | Frewsburg, 12th<br>Clarence, 17th<br>Orchard Park, 29th |
| 200 Freestyle | | | Max Carter, Will East, 3rd<br>**New Section Record, All Amer. Consideration*<br>Carter Kobielski, Will South 4th<br>*All Amer. Consideration*<br>Aiden Moran, Lockport, 14th<br>Carter Leach, Clarence, 29th |
| 200 IM | | | Cooper Zugelder, Lockport, 9th<br>Jack Schepler, Tonawanda, 25th<br>Lucas Berdysiak, Orchard Park, 27th |
| 50 Freestyle | *Frewsburg*<br>Miles Moore, 1st<br>(second year in a row) | All American times earned | Grady Moore, Frewsburg, 14th<br>Adam McNab, Niag. Falls, 18th<br>Finn Cowther, Sweet Home, 19th<br>Chase Achatz, Kenmore, 24th |
| 100 Butterfly | | | Grady Moore, Frewsburg, 14th<br>Cooper Zugelder, Lockport, 15th<br>Rowan Riley, Kenmore, 27th |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 100 Freestyle | | | Carter Kobielski, Will South 3rd<br>*All Amer. Consideration*<br>Miles Moore,Frewsburg, 6th<br>*All Amer. Consideration* |
| 500 Free | | | Max Anderson, W East, 5th<br>Aiden Moran, Lockport, 14th |
| 200<br>Free Relay | | | Frewsburg, 6th<br>Will South, 14th<br>Clarence, 18th<br>Kenmore, 27th<br>Lockport, 30th |
| 100 Back | | | Nick D'Anna, LewPort, 20th<br>Landon Frederes, Frewsburg, 27th |
| 100 Breast | | | Jake Moceri, Niag Wheatfield, 26th |
| 400 Free Relay | | | Will South, 18th<br>Clarence 21st<br>Lockport, 26th |

# [2026 Section VI State Championship Team]




| NAME | SCHOOL | GR |
|---|---|---|
| CHASE ACHATZ | KENMORE | JR |
| MAX ANDERSON | WILLIAMSVILLE EAST | SR |
| TYLER AVALOS | CLARENCE | JR |
| MICHAEL BARONE | ORCHARD PARK | JR |
| LUCAS BERDYSIAK | ORCHARD PARK | JR |
| CULLEN BRUNING | LOCKPORT | SR |
| AIDEN CARR | ORCHARD PARK | SR |
| MITCHELL COEN | HAMBURG | SR |
| WILL COLLEY | LOCKPORT | SO |
| FINN CROWTHER | SWEET HOME | SR |
| REECE CYGANOVICH | NIAGARA WHEATFIELD | SR |
| NICK D'ANNA | LEWISTON PORTER | SR |
| NOAH D'AVIRRO | KENMORE | SO |
| RILEY EGGINK | ALDEN | SR |
| DOM FABRIZI | KENMORE | SR |
| PARKER FERGUSON | FRONTIER | SO |
| LANDON FREDERES | FREWSBURG | JR |
| AARON FRENCH | WILLIAMSVILLE SOUTH | JR |
| KODY HOWARD | PANAMA | JR |
| DYLAN IDZIK | NIAGARA WHEATFIELD | SO |
| LANDON JOHNSON | OLEAN | JR |
| LOGAN JOHNSON | FREWSBURG | SR |
| CARTER KOBIELSKI | WILLIAMSVILLE SOUTH | SR |
| WALTER LAVIN | WILLIAMSVILLE SOUTH | FR |
| CARTER LEACH | CLARENCE | SR |
| COOPER LYONS | PIONEER | SR |
| ANDREAS MCLEAN | WILLIAMSVILLE SOUTH | FR |
| ADAM MCNAB | NIAGARA FALLS | SR |

| NAME | SCHOOL | GR |
|---|---|---|
| BOBBY MILLER | WILLIAMSVILLE SOUTH | JR |
| GAVIN MILLER | KENMORE | SO |
| JAKE MOCERI | NIAGARA WHEATFIELD | FR |
| MICHAEL MOCERI | NIAGARA WHEATFIELD | JR |
| GRADY MOORE | FREWSBURG | SR |
| MILES MOORE | FREWSBURG | SR |
| AIDEN MORAN | LOCKPORT | SR |
| CARTER MOUNTAIN | CLARENCE | JR |
| CHRIS O'CONNOR | LOCKPORT | JR |
| ZACHARY PRISET | CLARENCE | 8 |
| JACOB PUTNAM | CLARENCE | SR |
| MIKE RAMBACHER | FREWSBURG | SR |
| LOGAN RAMOS | LOCKPORT | SR |
| ROWAN RILEY | KENMORE | SR |
| MATTHEW ROSENBERG | LOCKPORT | JR |
| NATHAN ROTT | CLARENCE | SR |
| WILL RUDNICKI | ORCHARD PARK | SR |
| NICHOLAS SCHIMERT | ORCHARD PARK | FR |
| MATT SECOR | WILLIAMSVILLE SOUTH | JR |
| JACK SHEPLER | TONAWANDA | SR |
| INNO SONG | WILLIAMSVILLE NORTH | JR |
| SETH STUCKE | IROQUOIS | SR |
| BRANDON WU | WILLIAMSVILLE SOUTH | JR |
| DOM ZUCCARI | NIAGARA WHEATFIELD | SR |
| COOPER ZUGELDER | LOCKPORT (NY) | JR |

# Current Section VI Records

| Event | Name | Time | School | Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 200 Medley Relay | Connor Dean<br>Miles Moore<br>Grady Moore<br>Landon Frederes | 1:31.28 | Frewsburg | 2025 |
| 200 Freestyle | **Max Anderson** | **4:35.59** | **Williamsville East** | **2026** |
| 200 Individual Medley | Connor Dean | 1:48.79 | Frewsburg | 2025 |
| 50 Freestyle | **Miles Moore** | **:20.35** | **Frewsburg** | **2026** |
| One Meter Dive (6) | Terry Butler | 375.70 | Kenmore East | 1987 |
| One Meter Dive (11) | Shawn Hoffman | 606.35 | North Tonawanda | 2008 |
| 100 Butterfly | Aaron Gasiewicz | :48.85 | Lancaster | 2023 |
| 100 Freestyle | **Carter Kobielski** | **:45.15** | **Will. South** | **2026** |
| 500 Freestyle | **Max Anderson** | **4:35.59** | **Williamsville East** | **2026** |
| 200 Freestyle Relay | Connor Dean,<br>Miles Moore<br>Grady Moore<br>Daniel Peterson | 1:23.85 | Frewsburg | 2025 |
| 100 Backstroke | Phil Aronica | :49.52 | Orchard Park | 2010 |
| 100 Breaststroke | Jacob Lauzonis | :56.66 | Lewiston-Porter | 2022 |
| 400 Freestyle Relay | Connor Dean<br>Miles Moore<br>Grady Moore<br>Landon Frederes | 3:04.73 | Frewsburg | 2025 |

## 2025-2026 Combining of Schools Report Review:

| *HOST* | *Participating Schools* | *BEDS # 25-26* | *League* | *Division/Class* | *Applied for 26-27?* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bennett | MEC, Research Lab | 729 | BPS | B | Yes |
| East Aurora | Holland | 573 | ECIC | B | Yes |
| Fredonia | Dunkirk & Forestville | 948 | CCAA | A | Yes |
| Frewsburg | Southwester, Jamestown, and Falconer | 1791 | CCAA | A | Yes |
| Hutch Tech | Cul. Arts, Emerson, IPrep | 2071 | BPS | A | Yes |
| Kenmore East | Kenmore West | 1522 | NFL | A | Yes |
| McKinley | East | 1013 | BPS | A | Yes |
| Olean | Allg-Limestone, Franklinville, Portville | 999 | CCAA | B | Yes |
| Panama | Clymer & Sherman | 274 | CCAA | C | Yes |
| Performing Arts | DiVinci | 586 | BPS | B | Yes |
| Roy-Hart | Barker | 438 | NO | C | Yes |
| West Seneca West | West Seneca East | 1427 | ECIC | A | Yes |

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Bourke
Boys Swimming/Diving Chairperson

***Winter 2026- Post-Season Report***
***Sport: Cheerleading***

**Sport Chair:** **Justina Grudzinski**

**2026- Sectional Results**
A: Orchard Park
B: Clarence
C: Lake Shore
D: Randolph
Co Ed: Williamsville East

**NYSPHSAA State Winners:**
NONE from Section VI
Finals round- Lake Shore. Placed 2nd in Finals.

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

**Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:**

**All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:**

**Report on Active Pilots:**
I would like to keep the 2 day format for winter sectionals at Villa Maria for Winter 2027.
Financials:
29,267.64 - total Income
22,473.73 - expenses
6,793.91 - Net income

**Changes in Policy or Practice: (Recommendations for next season)**
Working on more clarifications for progressions and scoring.

**Notes for 2026/27 Post- Season Scheduling:**

Winter Sectional Championship Feb 27-28 - Would like to keep at neutral site, with a 2 day format at Villa Maria.
FINANCIALS: (need to get from Beth)




***Winter 2026 Post-Season Report***
***Sport: : Indoor Track and Field***

**Sport Chairs:** **Jason Bibler (Boys)** **Justin Craddock (Girls)**

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

## 2026 Section VI Event Champions and NYS Championship Qualifiers

| Event | Boys | Grade | School | Performance | Place |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **55m** | **Amaree West** | **12** | **Williamsville South** | **6.45** | **1** |
| 55m | Dante Williams | 12 | Hamburg | 6.52 | 2 |
| 55m | Nicholas Skutnik | 12 | Iroquois | 6.53 | 3 |
| **300m** | **Becket Lumia** | **10** | **Jamestown** | **35.50** | **1** |
| 300m | Samuel Bowers | 12 | Dunkirk | 35.97 | 2 |
| 300m | Amadeo Bhattacharjee | 12 | Olmsted | 36.13 | 3 |
| 300m ISMR | Moe Karzoun | 12 | Sweet Home | 36.18 | 4 |
| **600m** | **Noah Okeke** | **12** | **Lancaster** | **1:23.72** | **1** |
| 600m | Ty Kraft | 12 | Falconer | 1:23.83 | 2 |
| 600m | Dante Strangis | 10 | Amherst | 1:24.28 | 3 |
| 600m ISMR | Josiah Rivera | 12 | Niagara Wheatfield | 1:24.99 | 4 |
| **1000m** | **Ethan Verbosky** | **12** | **Falconer** | **2:33.40** | **1** |
| 1000m | Tadios Eyasu | 12 | Applied Technologies | 2:36.81 | 2 |
| 1000m ISMR | Chase Stanczewski | 12 | Iroquois | 2:37.45 | 3 |
| **1600m** | **Carson Zuba** | **12** | **Lancaster** | **4:22.46** | **1** |
| 1600m | Henry Peterson | 11 | Olmsted | 4:25.02 | 2 |
| 1600m | Max Fraser | 10 | Holland/East Aurora | 4:26.63 | 3 |
| 1600m ISMR | Ryan Steinwandel | 11 | West Seneca West | 4:27.90 | 4 |
| **3200m** | **Jack Donohue** | **11** | **West Seneca West** | **9:43.70** | **1** |
| 3200m | Noah Klahn | 11 | Springville | 9:44.23 | 2 |
| **55m HH** | **Mehki Dennis** | **11** | **Cheektowaga** | **7.91** | **1** |
| 55m HH | Aidan Pope | 12 | Hamburg | 8.07 | 2 |
| 55m HH | Zach Bridenbaker | 11 | Depew | 8.12 | 3 |
| **Long Jump** | **Roland Ferguson** | **12** | **Niagara Wheatfield** | **22' 4.75"** | **1** |
| Long Jump | Jaylin Coleman | 12 | Tapestry Charter | 22' 3.00" | 2 |
| Long Jump | Nathan Mays | 12 | Dunkirk | 21' 7.00" | 3 |
| **Triple Jump** | **Jackson Mancuso** | **12** | **Hamburg** | **45' 8.00"** | **1** |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Triple Jump | Zach Bridenbaker | 11 | Depew | 45' 1.00" | 2 |
| High Jump | Nathan Mays | 12 | Dunkirk | 6' 1" | 1 |
| High Jump | James Robinson | 9 | Williamsville North | 6' 1" | 2 |
| High Jump | Jorge Rivera Jr. | 12 | Jamestown | 6' 0" | 3 |
| Pole Vault | Maximilian Mancabelli | 11 | Orchard Park | 14' 0" | 1 |
| Pole Vault | Thomas Gervasi | 12 | Williamsville South | 13' 6" | 2 |
| Pole Vault | Tyler Tellez | 10 | Jamestown | 13' 3" | 3 |
| Shot Put | Josh Newman | 12 | Williamsville North | 56' 2.00" | 1 |
| Shot Put | Alvin Dung | 12 | Amherst | 46' 3.75" | 2 |
| Weight Throw | Josh Newman | 12 | Williamsville North | 62' 3.00" | 1 |
| Weight Throw | Luca Barkey | 9 | Holland/East Aurora | 56' 10.75" | 2 |
| Weight Throw | Jaxon DuBard | 11 | Cheektowaga | 56' 10.25" | 3 |
| 4x800m D1 | Lancaster | | Lancaster | 8:14.51 | 1 |
| 4x800m D2 | Holland/East Aurora | | HEAT | 8:27.40 | 1 |
| 4x800m D2 | Applied Technologies | | Applied Technologies | 8:33.65 | 2 |
| 4x400m D1 | Lancaster | | Lancaster | 3:29.23 | 1 |
| | Falconer | | Falconer | 3:29.86 | 2 |
| 4x400m D2 | Iroquois | | Iroquois | 3:36.72 | 1 |
| 4x200m D1 | Sweet Home | | Sweet Home | 1:33.13 | 1 |
| 4x200m D1 | Jamestown | | Jamestown | 1:33.17 | 2 |
| 4x200m D2 | Health Sciences Charter | | Health Sciences Charter | 1:34.97 | 1 |

BOYS SECTION VI RECORD FILE

2026 SECTION VI STATE QUALIFIER RESULTS

## 2026 Section VI NYSPHSAA Champions and Medalists

| Event | Boys | Grade | School | Performance | Place |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 55m Dash | Amaree West | 12 | Williamsville South | | 4th |
| Div. 2 4x800m | Holland/East Aurora | - | Holland/East Aurora | | 4th |
| 1600m Run | Carson Zuba | 12 | Lancaster | | 5th |
| Pole Vault | Maximilian Mancabelli | 11 | Orchard Park | | 5th |
| 600m Run | Noah Okeke | 12 | Lancaster | | 6th |
| Triple Jump | Zack Bridenbaker | 11 | Depew | | 6th |

2026 NYSPHSAA / NYS Federation Results

**Boys Section VI NYSPHSAA Championships Sportsmanship Representative: Josh Newman, Grade 12, Williamsville North**

## 2025-2026 Section VI Team Championships

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Boys Large School Champion:** | **Lancaster** | **Runner Up:** | **Niagara Falls** |
| **Boys Medium School Champion:** | **Hamburg** | **Runner Up:** | **Amherst** |
| **Boys Small School Champion:** | **Iroquois** | **Runner Up:** | **Holland/East Aurora** |
| **Girls Large School Champion:** | **Williamsville North** | **Runner Up:** | **Lancaster** |
| **Girls Medium School Champion:** | **Hamburg** | **Runner Up:** | **Niagara-Wheatfield** |
| **Girls Small School Champion:** | **Springville** | **Runner Up:** | **Iroquois** |

**2025- Regional Results:** Not applicable

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

| 2026 Section VI Team Championships Most Outstanding Performers | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boys | Large School | Track | Carson Zuba | Lancaster |
| Boys | Large School | Field | Josh Newman | Williamsville North |
| Boys | Medium Schools | Track | Sam Clark | Kenmore East |
| Boys | Medium Schools | Field | Nathan Mays | Dunkirk |
| Boys | Small Schools | Track | Nicholas Skutnick | Iroquois |
| Boys | Small Schools | Field | Zachary Bridenbaker / Jaxon DuBard | Depew / Cheektowaga |
| Girls | Large School | Track | Melia Kupchanko | Williamsville North |
| Girls | Large School | Field | Marissa Kremblas | Lancaster |
| Girls | Medium Schools | Track | Natalie Farrell | Hamburg |
| Girls | Medium Schools | Field | Bella Caparco | Hamburg |
| Girls | Small Schools | Track | Elke Melnik | Springville-GI |
| Girls | Small Schools | Field | Kendra Cook | Springville-GI |

**New Section VI Event Records**

55m Dash: Amaree West, Williamsville South :06.34

Section 6 Intersectional Medley Relay: Chase Stanczewski - Iroquois, Moe Karzoun - Sweet Home, Josiah Rivera - Niagara Wheatfield, Ryan Steinwandel - West Seneca West 8:52.31

**Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:**

**All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:**

**Problems Encountered/Concerns from this season:**

**Winter 2026:**

**Section VI Indoor Track and Field Sport Committee:**

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

**Sport Committee Meeting Dates:**

1. NYSPHSAA Indoor Track PreSeason Zoom Committee Meeting: June, 2025
2. Pre-Season Section VI Indoor Track Committee Meeting: October, 2025
3. NYSPHSAA Indoor Track Championships PreMeet Committee Meeting: March 6, 2026
4. NYSPHSAA Indoor Track Postseason Zoom Committee Meeting: March 31, 2026
5. Postseason Section VI Indoor Track Committee Meeting: April, 2026

**Sport Committee Proposals:**

1. This most recent season had only 7 opportunities to compete, one less varsity competition date compared to the previous season. This decrease led to the inability to conduct the annual Section 6 9th/10th Grade Indoor Track & Field Championships. With being completely dependent on the dates made available to us by Houghton University for our competitions, we are hoping we can ask the Section for a little more lobbying on our behalf with Houghton University. We would also ask for the same service applied to Buffalo State University to increase dates and also inquire about Fredonia State University for the interest in restarting the use of their indoor facility for sub-varsity meets.
2. We will be looking for a new Sports Committee member with the retirement of Tom Woods, Iroquois from the committee.

**2027- Post Season Calendar**

| **Event** | **Details** | **Date/Time** |
|---|---|---|
| First Practice | | November 16th, 2026 |
| First Scrimmage/Contest | After 6 individual practices | |
| Pre-Season Coaches Meeting | Entire League/Section VI | Determined by Section VI |
| Rosters deadline | via ny.milsplit.com | December 3rd, 2026 |
| All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline | On-Line Form Only | |
| | | |
| **Play-off Dates** | | |
| Section VI Team Championships | Houghton University (preferred) | TBD - Feb break dependant |
| Section VI State Qualifier | Houghton University (preferred) | TBD - Feb. 27th, 2027 (preferred) |
| | | |
| State Championship | Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex | March 5-6th, 2027 |

**Other Important Dates:**

***Winter 2026- Post-Season Report***
***Sport: Rifle***

**Sport Chair: Kristina Brown**

**2026- Sectional Results**

## Team Rankings

| 30 Shot Standing Air Rifle | Three-Position Air Rifle |
|---|---|
| Orchard Park 1134-45<br>(record is 2025 1161-66 Orchard Park) | Clarence 1149-62<br>(record is 2025 172-74 Orchard Park) |
| Clarence 1114-36 | Orchard Park 1127-39 |
| Pioneer 1093-30 | Iroquois 1122-42 |
| Iroquois 1087- 28 | Pioneer 1115-42 |
| Lancaster 1072 -25 | |

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

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

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| Prone: | Carson Wright | Clarence | 100-10*<br>(record 100-10, Landon Pinto Cl 2024/ Jessica Mogavero Cl 2017) |
| Offhand: | Abigail Chimera | Clarence | 97-6<br>(record 98-7, Ivy Backes OP 2025) |
| Kneeling: | Abigail Chimera | Clarence | 98-7<br>(record 100-8, Miranda Leach La 2023) |
| 3P Aggregate: | Abigail Chimera | Clarence | 294-19<br>(record 296-21, 2025 Kathleen Moran OP) |
| 30 Shot Standing: | Ariana Kovacevic | Orchard Park | 292-16<br>(record 294-22, 2025 Ivy Backes OP) |

**Individual Winners - Shields are awarded to the following:**

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| ***Prone***<br>1st - Carson Wright, Cl, 100-10*<br>2nd - Mairead Vansplunder, Iro, 100-8<br>3rd- Abigail Chimera, Cl, 99-6 *tie broken in 10th shot<br>4th-Emily Klavoon, OP, 99-6 | ***Offhand***<br>1st - Abigail Chimera, Cl, 97-6<br>2nd - Ariana Vanderlip, Iro, 96-5 *tie broken in 10th shot<br>3rd - Hayleigh Giambanco, Cl, 96-5<br>4th - Ivy Backes, OP, 96-4 |
| ***Kneeling***<br>1st - Abigail Chimera, Cl, 98-7<br>2nd - Evan Walter, Cl, 97-5 | ***Three-Position Aggregate***<br>1st - Abigail Chimera, Cl, 294-19<br>2nd - Hayleigh Giambanco, Cl, 289-14 |

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| 3rd - Ariana Vanderlip, Iro, 95-6 *tie broken in 8th shot<br>4th - Hayden Becker, Pio, 95-6 | 3rd - Ariana Vanderlip, Iro, 288-17<br>4th - Evan Walter, Cl, 287-15 |
| ***30 Shot Standing Air***<br>1st - Ariana Kovacevic, OP, 292-16<br>2nd - Ivy Backes, OP, 287-13<br>3rd - Abigail Chimera, Cl, 285-11<br>4th - Hayden Becker, Pio, 282-10 | ***Section All Stars***<br>**Standing:** Abigail Chimera (Cl), Ariana Vanderlip (Iro)<br>**Three-position:** Ariana Kovacevic (OP), Ariana Vanderlip (Iro) |

**Regional Invitational State Winners:**

## Section Rankings

| 30 Shot Standing Air Rifle | | Three-Position Air Rifle | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Section VI | 1696-67 | Section VI | 1720-85 |
| Section V | 1646-59 | Section V | 1703-73 |
| Section VII | 1633-37 | Section III | 1702-76 |
| Section III | 1598-47 | Section VII | 1684-74 |
| Section X | 1426-18 | Section X | 1582-39 |

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

## High School Team Rankings

| 30 Shot Standing Air Rifle | | Three-Position Air Rifle | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Orchard Park | 1133-48 | Pavilion/York | 1143-54 |
| Central Square | 1098-42 | Clarence | 1140-53 |
| Pavilion | 1096-41 | Central Square | 1139-51 |
| Northeastern Clinton | 1094-19 | Northeastern Clinton | 1126-51 |
| Massena | 991-12 | Massena | 1079-31 |

*NY State Invitational High School Champions –*
***Pavilion/York High School (3P Air)***
***Orchard Park High School (30 Shot Standing Air)***

**All State Team:**

| 1st Team | 2nd Team |
|---|---|
| Myra Beardsley, V | Emily Harwood, V |
| Ariana Kovacevic, VI | Megan Ravenaugh, III |
| Ariana Vanderlip, VI | Emily Klavoon, VI |
| Abigail Chimera, VI | Makayla Gadway, VII |
| Stella Thompson, X | Evan Walter, VI |
| Ivy Backes, VI | Morgan Kidder, V |
| Cameron Corasanti, III | Hayleigh Giambanco, VI |
| Jennasis Wagner, III | Grace Schaffer, VI |

**Individual Invitational Champions:**

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| Prone: | Abigail Chimera | Clarence | 100-9 |

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| Offhand: | Ariana Vanderlip | Iroquois | 98-5 |
| Kneeling: | Myra Beardsley | Pavilion/York | 99-8 |
| 3P Aggregate: | Myra Beardsley | Pavilion/York | 296-18 |
| 30 Shot Standing: | Myra Beardsley | Pavilion/York | 293-16 |

**Individual Winners - Medals are awarded to the following:**

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| ***Prone***<br>1st - Abigail Chimera, Clarence, 100-9<br>2nd - Emily Harwood, Pavilion/York, 100-9 *tie broken on shot #9<br>3rd - Megan Rvenaugh, Central Square, 100-8 | ***Kneeling***<br>1st - Myra Beardsley, Pavilion/York, 99-8<br>2nd - Sadie Fent, Massena, 98-5<br>3rd - Alyssa Favreau, Northeastern Clinton, 97-7 |
| ***Offhand***<br>1st - Ariana Vanderlip, Iroquois, 98-5<br>2nd - Myra Beardsley, Pavilion/York, 97-5<br>3rd - Evan Walter, Clarence, 97-4 | ***Three-Position Aggregate***<br>1st - Myra Beardsley, Pavilion/York 296-18<br>2nd - Ariana Kovacevic, Orchard Park 290-17<br>3rd - Ariana Vanderlip, Iroquois 290-15 |
| ***30 Shot Standing Air***<br>1st - Myra Beardsley, Pavilion/York 293-16<br>2nd -Ariana Kovacevic, Orchard Park, 285-12<br>3rd -Ivy Backes, Orchard Park 285-12 *tie broken by final target | |

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

Ivy Backes, Orchard Park sportsmanship
Ariana Vanderlip, Iroquois sportsmanship

**Nominations for Coaches Sportsmanship Award:**

Brad Wright, Clarence

**All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:**

Emma Cudzillo, Kenmore East
Ariana Vanderlip, Iroquois

**Report on Active Pilots:**

none

**Changes in Policy or Practice: (Recommendations for next season)**

none

**Notes for 2027 Post- Season Scheduling:**

- **2027 Rifle Sectionals** - Saturday, February 6th 10:00AM
- **2027 NYS High School Rifle Invitationals** - Saturday, March 6th 8:30AM

***Winter 2026- Post-Season Report***
***Sport: Alpine Ski***

**Sport Chair:**
Jason Lehmbeck ( term ended 2026 ), Patrick Lester of Williamsville South, will be the new Chair.

**2026- Sectional Results**
We don't have a specific Sectional Competition. League results: Top 6 in the league results go to states.

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| Carls, Coleman | | Ellicottville | 1 |
| Ewards, Chris | | Ellicottville | 2 |
| Coleman, Declan | | Williamsville | 3 |
| Held, Thatcher | | Williamsville | 4 |
| Rung, Cooper | | Williamsville | 5 |
| Lombardo, Micheal | | Williamsville | 6 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Conroy, Cait | | Ellicottville | 1 |
| Bush, Bianca | | Ellicottville | 2 |
| Held, Claire | | Williamsville | 3 |
| Lester, Addison | | Williamsville | 4 |
| Klein, Harper | | Ellicottville | 5 |
| Northrup, Riley | | Ellicottville | 6 |

**NYSPHSAA State Winners:**
None

**Other Awards/Acknowledgements (Sportsmanship Award, Sport Specific Awards, etc.)**
none

**Nominations for Coaches' Sportsmanship Award:**
None

**All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:**
N/A

**Report on Active Pilots:**
N/A

**Changes in Policy or Practice: (Recommendations for next season)**
None

**Notes for 2027 Post- Season Scheduling:**
None

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

*Executive Committee Meeting – May 6, 2026*

## Championship Advisory Committee – NYSPHSAA Officials Fees and Policies Document

Vote July

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

**Presenter:**
Greg Ransom, Championship Advisory Committee Chairperson

**Proposal:**
The Championship Advisory Committee is recommending approving the NYSPHSAA Officials Fees and Policies for 2026 - 2029.

**Effective Start Date:**
Fall 2026

**Rationale:**
The Championship Advisory Committee is responsible for recommending the NYSPHSAA Officials Fees and Policies for the NYSPHSAA Championships. The Committee reviewed the current fees and examined the average fee for all of the 11 Sections to establish the fees for all NYSPHSAA Championships. The Committee is also recommending a pilot program for Girls and Boys Basketball as it relates to hotel accommodations. The committee is also recommending minor changes to Field Hockey and Girls Basketball.

**Proposal Originated:**
NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee

**Budgetary Impact:**
Increase to all Official Fees for NYSPHSAA Championships including Regionals

**Notes:**
None

**Attachments:**
Attached Draft NYSPHSAA Fees and Policies Document

DATE REVISED: April 16, 2026

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

# OFFICIATING FEES & POLICIES

## 2026-2029

***REGIONAL***
***SEMIFINAL***
***CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS***

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## GENERAL POLICIES

A. The selection of officials from a section to service NYSPHSAA, INC. tournament contests is the responsibility of the section's sport committee.

B. In team sports, the best available officials from each section shall be selected. Assignments will not be made on a chapter by chapter or rotating basis.

C. For the selection of officials, if a section does not present a candidate for an assignment (for whatever reason), the state sport committee will accept additional nominations of qualified officials from other sections.

D. The state sport chairperson (or designee) will notify each selected official in writing of NYSPHSAA fees, policies, accommodations and tournament schedules as they apply to the official's selection. Provision for the official to acknowledge his/her selection shall be made.

E. To gain approval for an increase in the number of officials used in team sports at NYSPHSAA, Inc. tournament contests, that number of officials must be used in sectional tournament play in a majority of the sections.

F. Sport Coordinators, Section Treasurers, and Tournament Directors must direct, in writing, any questions relative to officiating expenses to the NYSPHSAA, Inc. Executive Director.

G. A review of the NYSPHSAA, Inc. Championship Tournament Fees/Policies will be conducted every three (3) years.

H. When neutral officials are selected, they must be assigned from the nearest non-participating Section.

I. No revisions to an existing fee or policy may occur without the initial approval of the NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee.

J. In Regional competition, the use of host officials will occur unless mutually agreed upon by the participating Sections.

K. If there is a change in working conditions for the officials in any sport, the CAC will review those changes and discuss the impact on the Fees and Policies and make any necessary recommendations to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee.

## FEES POLICIES

A. The same fees for girls' and boys' programs will be adopted, except for those contests with a variance in playing time.

B. NO ONE is authorized to pay a fee in conducting a championship tournament contest other than those fees established by the NYSPHSAA, Inc.

C. If a contest fee has not been established by the NYSPHSAA, Inc., the Sport Coordinator must contact the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA, Inc. for approval of a fee.

D. In team sports, officials assigned the final round contests (championship games) will receive an additional $10.00 above the established fee. Wrestling Dual Championship is included.

E. All fees will be established by taking the average fee of all 11 sections. If a sport does not have a Section fee or a sport average decreases then an average increase of all other sports will be used, excluding Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field and Individual Wrestling.

## FEES/REIMBURSEMENT

A. MILEAGE: When travel is reimbursed by the NYSPHSAA, INC. mileage will be paid from the section where the officials' chapter is located according to the NYSPHSAA, INC. Mileage Chart @ .10 less the current IRS rate. Primary host section tournament officials will receive a transportation fee of $30.00 per day. Transportation will be paid for one car per officials' chapter. *Exception: When it is more economical or practical to do so, transportation will be paid for more than one car per official's chapter once approved by the NYSPHSAA office staff (Semi-Final/Finals) or Section Executive Director (Regional contests).

B. TOLLS: Toll charges will be reimbursed with necessary receipts from the section where the officials' chapter is located to the tournament site. *For round trip reimbursement of tolls (road and/or bridge), only one-way receipts will be required. Host section officials are eligible for bridge toll reimbursement only. For E-Z Pass reimbursement, exit numbers (on/off) and/or bridges must be identified. For E-Z Pass, no receipts are required, unless otherwise required by host section policy.

C. LODGING: Lodging for each official, when needed, will be arranged and provided by the NYSPHSAA. Officials will be offered double occupancy per night. Officials selecting their own lodging will be reimbursed at the NYSPHSAA secured rate. Where possible, the NYSPHSAA will assume room only charges with a direct billing arrangement in place.
Officials working consecutive days shall receive lodging expenses. Lodging for the night prior to, or after a contest shall be determined by the tournament director depending on the distance traveled and the time of the contest. Pilot program for Girls and Boys Basketball. NYSPHSAA will block out rooms up to one week before the championships at a NYSPHSAA rate. Officials will make their own reservation using our block and provide a method of payment. Once the deadline has passed the unused rooms will be released and all officials are on their own to make reservations. Each official will be paid ½ the NYSPHSAA hotel rate for each night they stay to work. They will be reimbursed on their final voucher submitted to NYSPHSAA.

D. MEALS: Meal expenses shall be determined by the tournament director depending upon the distance traveled and the time of the contest. Where approved, maximum reimbursement will be $40.00/day as follows: Breakfast: $10, Lunch: $10, Dinner $20. Officials will not be reimbursed when NYSPHSAA or the official hotel provides a meal.

E. For team sports that do not utilize an additional number of officials during the regular season, in a majority of the Sections, a standby official will be assigned to all regional, semifinal and final games. The standby official will receive a stipend of 1/2 of the game fee. If the standby official enters the contest, they will receive a full fee. (Example. Football uses 5 officials during the regular season, in a majority of the Sections. A standby official will be assigned to all regional, semifinal and final games). For sports that do utilize an additional official for regional, semifinal, and final games and an official cannot complete the game they will utilize the system that was used during the regular season.

F. All minor officials in any team sport acting in a decision-making capacity will receive $46.00 per contest, no expenses (ex: lines person, goal judge, etc.).

G. All minor officials in any team sport acting in a non-decision-making capacity will receive $40.00 per contest, no expenses (ex: chain crew, scorekeeper, etc.).

H. Any official who travels to a tournament site and was not notified that the contest that day was canceled or postponed to another date will be reimbursed ½ the contest fee plus transportation (mileage .10 less the current IRS rate/grid chart and tolls with receipts OR E-Z Pass).

I. Should a contest be interrupted/suspended and resumed the following day (or later), a full contest fee with allowable reimbursement for expenses will be paid for each day.

## TRANSPORTATION MILEAGE CHART

***Mileage listed round trip as of 9/98***

| SECTION | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | NYC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Mt. Kisco | | 240 | 540 | 340 | 690 | 840 | 550 | 100 | 120 | 720 | 200 | 90 |
| 2 Albany | 240 | | 280 | 280 | 450 | 580 | 300 | 340 | 230 | 430 | 440 | 300 |
| 3 Syracuse | 540 | 280 | | 150 | 170 | 320 | 490 | 640 | 390 | 280 | 740 | 580 |
| 4 Binghamton | 340 | 280 | 150 | | 290 | 420 | 500 | 440 | 230 | 430 | 540 | 370 |
| 5 Rochester | 690 | 450 | 170 | 290 | | 150 | 660 | 780 | 540 | 440 | 880 | 750 |
| 6 Buffalo | 840 | 580 | 320 | 420 | 150 | | 780 | 930 | 690 | 560 | 1030 | 880 |
| 7 Plattsburgh | 550 | 300 | 490 | 500 | 660 | 780 | | 680 | 510 | 190 | 780 | 630 |
| 8 Mineola | 100 | 340 | 640 | 440 | 780 | 930 | 680 | | 240 | 790 | 100 | 40 |
| 9 Middletown | 120 | 230 | 390 | 230 | 540 | 690 | 510 | 240 | | 670 | 340 | 100 |
| 10 Potsdam | 720 | 430 | 280 | 430 | 440 | 560 | 190 | 790 | 670 | | 900 | 760 |
| 11 Riverhead | 200 | 440 | 740 | 540 | 880 | 1030 | 780 | 100 | 340 | 900 | | 140 |
| New York City | 90 | 300 | 580 | 370 | 750 | 880 | 630 | 40 | 100 | 760 | 140 | |

Officiating Services Travel Reimbursement will be paid .10 less the current IRS rate (round trip) according to the chart above, from the area where the official chapter is located. A daily transportation fee of $30 will be paid to officials from the host area.

# BASEBALL

EFFECTIVE DATES: 9/1/26-8/31/29

CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL $154.00

NUMBER OF OFFICIALS PER CONTEST 3

SELECTION PROCESS:

Regionals: HOST section supplies 3 on-field officials per contest.

Semifinals and finals: 6 classes - 18 games - 54 total game assignments. 27 officials will work 2 games. Each Section will provide 2 umpires. The host Section will provide 3 umpires. Sections 5/6 will provide an additional 2 umpires every other year. Sections 2/9 will provide 2 additional umpires on the years opposite of 5/6.

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

# BASKETBALL - BOYS

EFFECTIVE DATES: 9/1/26-8/31/29

CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL $155.00

NUMBER OF OFFICIALS/CONTEST 3

SELECTION PROCESS:

Regionals: See J under General Policies.

Semifinals and finals: Each section will supply 2 officials. An additional 5 Officials will be selected on a rotating basis from all the Sections Total number of Officials will be 27. Each official will be assigned 2 games.

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

# BASKETBALL – GIRLS

EFFECTIVE DATES: 9/1/26 – 8/31/29

CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL $155.00

NUMBER OF OFFICIALS/CONTEST 3 SELECTION PROCESS:

Regionals: See J under General Policies.

Semifinals and finals: 6 classes- 18 games with a total of 54 game assignments. All Sections will submit 2 names of their top officials. The host section will submit their top 3 officials The committee will select an at-large official from any Section to complete the pool. A total of 23 officials will be used during the championship.

Fifteen officials will work 2 games and eight officials will work 3 games during the four-day event.

If a Section did not submit a name to the State Coordinator by the deadline, then the Section would forfeit their selection and the State Committee would reallocate the Selection to the remaining pool of candidates.

THE OFFICIAL IS TO PAY ALL PERSONAL EXPENSES. (See lodging exception} SEE FEE REIMBURSEMENT POLICIES FOR ALLOWABLE CLAIMS. VOUCHERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONTEST.

# COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING

Effective Dates: 9/1/26 – 8/31/29

Contest Fee: $301.00

Number of Judges: 11 + State Rules Interpreter

Selection Process:

Each Section will submit 3 judges to the Sport Chairperson based on judging skills and expertise in the judging score sheet areas. Each Section will have one judge selected. In the event a judge at the last minute cannot uphold their selection, the Sport Chairperson will select a replacement based on names submitted fitting the criteria needed and the spot on the panel to be filled.

THE OFFICIAL IS TO PAY ALL PERSONAL EXPENSES. (See lodging exception} SEE FEE REIMBURSEMENT POLICIES FOR ALLOWABLE CLAIMS. VOUCHERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONTEST.

# CROSS COUNTRY

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| EFFECTIVE DATES: | 9/1/26 – 8/31/29 |
| MEET FEE (ALL OFFICIALS) | $4275.00 |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS/CONTEST | 25 |

SELECTION PROCESS:

The host section sport committee will select a minimum of 25 officials from the local certified track/field chapter(s). The chapter treasurer(s) will receive the fee for service, no expenses. Lunch for the officials conducting the meet will be provided.

NOTE: The above fees are based on a 4 class State Championship meet.

# FIELD HOCKEY

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| EFFECTIVE DATES: | 9/1/26 – 8/31/29 |
| CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL | $157.00<br>$78.50 (table/standby) |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS/CONTEST | 2 plus 1 table/standby official (semifinals and finals) |

SELECTION PROCESS:

Regionals: See J under General Policies.

Semifinals and finals: Each Section can select a minimum of one official from their Section. They should rank order multiple selections. Each Section is guaranteed at minimum of one official from their Section. The NYSPHSAA Committee selects and assigns 10 officials for the tournament.

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

# FLAG FOOTBALL

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| EFFECTIVE DATES: | 9/1/26 – 8/31/29 |
| CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL | $158.00<br>$79.00 (standby) |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS/CONTEST | 4 officials (semifinals and finals)<br>3 officials plus 1 standby (regionals) |

SELECTION PROCESS:

Regionals: See J under General Policies.

Semifinals and finals: Officials will be selected from all 14 chapters and approved by the Girls Flag Football Committee. Officials will only work one semifinal or one final game as part of a crew.

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

**NYSPHSAA, INC. Officiating Fees and Policies**
**(Regional, Semifinal, and Championship)**

# FOOTBALL

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| EFFECTIVE DATES: | 9/1/23 – 8/31/26 |
| CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL | $155.00<br>$77.50 (standby) |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS/CONTEST | 5 plus 1 standby official<br>NYSPHSAA Semi and Finals will use the standby official |
| Clock Operator (if required) | $70.00 |
| Minor Officials: | |
| Non-decision Making | $40.00/contest. |

SELECTION PROCESS:

Regionals: See J under General Policies.

Semifinals: 25 game assignments for 5 classifications/region. Section Officiating Chapters will provide information on possible officials based on the following: (All officials will be approved by the Sectional Coordinator)

- Small officiating chapters will provide 3 officials: Referee, Umpire & Line Judge.
- Large Chapters will provide 10 officials: 2 Referees, 2 Umpires, 4 Line Judges, 2 Back Judges.

Finals at Carrier Dome: 25 game assignments for 5 classifications. Section Officiating Chapters will provide information on possible officials based on the following: (All officials will be approved by the Sectional Coordinator)

- Small officiating chapters will provide 3 officials: Referee, Umpire & Line Judge.
- Large Chapters will provide 5 officials: Referee, Umpire, 2 Line Judges, Back Judge.

The local officials' chapter will supply 3 members to serve as the chain crew. See non-decision-making fee.

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

# GOLF – BOYS/GIRLS

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| EFFECTIVE DATES | 9/1/26 –8/31/29 |
| TOURNAMENT FEE9 | $183.00/day |

A certified official from a recognized organization will be selected by the State Coordinator and serve as tournament referee. The referee will receive $183.00/day. Any other officials will receive breakfast, lunch, and a cart per day.

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# GYMNASTICS - GIRLS

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| EFFECTIVE DATES: | 9/1/26 – 8/31/29 |
| MEET FEE PER OFFICIAL | $163.00 |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS/MEET | 9 |

SELECTION PROCESS:

4 events. 8 judges and 1 meet referee. The host section shall furnish 2 officials, other participating sections 1 each (a total of 7) on a rotation basis each year.

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

# ICE HOCKEY

EFFECTIVE DATES: 9/1/26 – 8/31/29

CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL $144.00

NUMBER OF OFFICIALS/CONTEST 3

SELECTION PROCESS:

Regionals: See J under General Policies.

Semifinals and Finals: 6 games - 18 assignments (8 sections). 12 officials work four Day One games, 6 selected for 2 Day Two games. Each section submits four top-rated officials and two alternates to the NYSPHSAA tournament official's committee. The committee selects and assigns three neutral on ice officials to work on each game. These neutral officials will be selected from the same section. Host sections provide minor officials.

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| Minor Officials: | Goal Judge - 2<br>Penalty Box Judge - 2 |
| Two games per day. | Host section to furnish minor officials. 24 assignments. |
| Minor Officials Fees: | Decision Making -$46.00.<br>Non-decision-making - $40.00 |

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

# INDOOR TRACK/FIELD

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| EFFECTIVE DATES: | 9/1/26 – 8/31/29 |
| MEET FEE (ALL OFFICIALS) | $13328.00 |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS | 70 |

The fee will be remitted to the treasurer of the contracted State Officials Organization for disbursement. Each Chapter will select an official to work the State Championship. Section reps may reject any selection by the chapter.

In addition, lunch on Saturday (day of competition) will be provided to the officials conducting the meet.

# LACROSSE – BOYS

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| EFFECTIVE DATES: | 9/1/26 – 8/31/29 |
| CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL | $155.00 |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS/CONTEST: | 3 field officials plus 1 Chief Bench Official |
| Chief Bench Official (Regionals on): | Full game fee (no meals, mileage, or lodging |

SELECTION PROCESS:

Each Section selects a minimum of one official from each Section. If they select multiple officials, they should be ranked. Each section will have one representative in the semifinal or final. The host Section in the semifinal and final will have 9 officials and the remaining Sections will have 7 in total. The NYSPHSAA Committee makes the final selections and assignments.

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

# LACROSSE – GIRLS

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| EFFECTIVE DATES: | 9/1/26 – 8/31/29 |
| CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL | $155.00<br>$77.50 (Table Official) |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS/CONTEST: | 3 Field Officials plus 1 table official |
| Table Official (Semifinals & Finals): | ½ game fee (no meals, mileage, or lodging) |

SELECTION PROCESS:

Regionals: See J under General Policies.

Semifinals/Finals: Each Section selects a minimum of one official from each Sections. If they select multiple officials, they should be ranked. Each Section has one representative. The remaining officials are selected from the remaining pool. (32 assignments for semi-finals, 16 assignments for finals)

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

# OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

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|---|---|
| EFFECTIVE DATES: | 9/1/26 – 8/31/29 |
| MEET FEE (ALL OFFICIALS) | $15300.00 |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS | 85 |

A fee has been approved for officiating services rendered at the Track and Field State Championships. The fee will be remitted to the treasurer of the contracted State Officials Organization for disbursement. Each Chapter will select one official for the State Championship. A Section rep can eliminate any official selected from the Chapter.

In addition, a meal will be provided to officials for each session of the meet.

## SKIING

EFFECTIVE DATES: 9/1/26– 8/31/29

MEET FEE $183.00/day.

A certified official from a recognized organization will be selected by the State Coordinator and serve as tournament referee. The referee will receive $173.00/day, no expenses.

# SOCCER – BOYS/GIRLS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| EFFECTIVE DATES: | 9/1/26 – 8/31/29 | |
| CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL | $158.00<br>$79.00 (table) | |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS | 3 plus 1 table/standby official | |
| Semifinal and Finals only | Ass't Referee #1 | $140.00 |
| | Ass't Referee #2 | $140.00 |
| | Table/standby official | ½ game fee |

SELECTION PROCESS (Boys):

Regionals: See J under General Policies.

Semifinals/Finals: All Sections will select a 3-person crew with the host section selecting (2) 3-person crews. The host Section will also provide additional table officials if needed. Total number of officials 36. Selection of officials for the Final contests will be based on the outcome of the Semi-final contests. Total assignments: 54.

SELECTION PROCESS (Girls):

Regionals: See J under General Policies.

Semifinals and Finals: All Sections will submit 3 names of their top officials. Each Section will have their top two officials selected to work the Championship. 2 additional officials will be selected from the remaining pool of candidates. Total number of Officials 25. Selection for the Final contests will be based on the outcome of the Semi-final contest. Total assignments: 54.

THE OFFICIAL IS TO PAY ALL PERSONAL EXPENSES. (See lodging exception) SEE FEE REIMBURSEMENT POLICIES FOR ALLOWABLE CLAIMS. VOUCHE.RS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONTEST.

# SOFTBALL

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/1/26 – 8/31/29

CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL $154.00

NUMBER OF OFFICIALS/CONTEST: 3

SELECTION PROCESS:

Regionals: See J under General Policies.

Semifinals and Finals: 6 classes - 18 games with a total of 54 total game assignments. Each Section will provide 2 officials each and the host Section will provide 3 officials. A total of 23 officials will be used during the championship.

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

# SWIMMING – BOYS/GIRLS

EFFECTIVE DATES: 9/1/26 – 8/31/29

MEET FEE (All Officials): $13,211.00

NUMBER OF OFFICIALS/MEET: 40

SELECTION PROCESS:

State tournament: A fee has been approved for officiating services rendered at the Swimming and Diving State Championships. The fee will be remitted to the treasurer of the contracted State Officials Organization for disbursement. Each Chapter will select one official for the State Championship. A Section rep can eliminate any official selected from the Chapter.

In addition, a meal will be provided to officials for each session of the meet.

# TENNIS – BOYS/GIRLS

EFFECTIVE DATES: 9/1/26 – 8/31/29

FEE FOR TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS 3 officials - $183 each per day

Officials must be certified by the Eastern Tennis Umpires Association.

# VOLLEYBALL – BOYS/GIRLS

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|---|---|---|
| EFFECTIVE DATES: | 9/1/26 – 8/31/29 | |
| CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL | $152.00 | |
| GAME FEE PER OFFICIAL | Pool Play - $28.00/game. | |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS/CONTEST | 2 plus 1 standby official | |
| Minor Official: | | |
| Decision Making | 3/5: $46.00/match | Pool Play: $9.50/game. |
| Non-decision making | 3/5: $40.00/match | Pool Play: $8.00/game. |

SELECTION PROCESS:

Regionals: See J under General Policies.

Pool Play and Finals: 2 officials from each participating section.

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

# BOYS WRESTLING

| | |
|---|---|
| EFFECTIVE DATES: | 9/1/26 - 8/31/29 |
| CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL (Based on a 22-hour total tournament schedule) | $660.00 |
| ALTERNATE OFFICIALS FEE @ 50% | $330.00 (2 alternates) |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS (Ind): | 30 |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS (Dual): | 12 |
| CONTEST FEE PER MATCH (DUAL): | $154 per match |

SELECTION PROCESS (Ind and Dual):

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

ADDITIONAL FEES:

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

The certified official's chapter of the host section will furnish a minimum of 30 secondary officials for which the treasurer of the chapter will be paid (no expenses): $498.00.

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

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

## Girls WRESTLING

| | |
|---|---|
| EFFECTIVE DATES: | 9/1/26 - 8/31/29 |
| CONTEST FEE PER OFFICIAL (Based on a 22-hour total tournament schedule) | $330.00 |
| ALTERNATE OFFICIALS FEE @ 50% | $165.00 (2 alternates) |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS (Ind): | 26 |
| NUMBER OF OFFICIALS (Dual): | N/A |
| CONTEST FEE PER MATCH (DUAL): | N/A |

SELECTION PROCESS (Ind and Dual):

Each chapter and Section can nominate an official to go through a screening process. In order to be eligible the official must hold a rating of M2 or higher. Following the screening process by the State Wrestling Officials a final recommendation is made to the Wrestling Committee. The Wrestling Committee has final say in the Section representative. Each Section is given a minimum of one representative at the Tournament (if they have an official that is rated an M2 or higher)

ADDITIONAL FEES:

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

The certified official's chapter of the host section will furnish a minimum of 30 secondary officials (if available) for which the treasurer of the chapter will be paid (no expenses): $249.00.

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

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

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

*Executive Committee Meeting – May 6, 2026*

## Sportsmanship – Lopsided Score Guidance

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Vote July

**Presenter:**
Todd Nelson/Kristen Jadin, NYSPHSAA Assistant Directors

**Proposal:**
Consider approval to add Lopsided Score Guidance to the recommendation section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

**Effective Start Date:**
Fall 2026

NOT MANDATED

**Rationale:**
The Sportsmanship Committee

**Proposal Originated:**
NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee

**Budgetary Impact:**
None

**Notes:**
The Sportsmanship Committee recommends lopsided score guidance to promote respectful competition, provide coaches with clear expectations in managing one-sided contests, and support positive experiences for student-athletes while maintaining the integrity of the game

**Attachments:**
Lopsided Score Guidance

# Lopsided Score Recommendations

## Purpose

This recommendation is provided by NYSPHSAA to assist schools in addressing lopsided scores in a manner consistent with the values of education-based athletics. Each school or section may adapt any or all recommendations to meet local needs while ensuring that respect, integrity, safety, and sportsmanship remain the highest priorities.

## Suggested Best Practices

- Coaching Strategies: Rotate players to provide participation opportunities; emphasize skill development once a game becomes unbalanced; adjust defensive approaches (e.g., discontinue pressing/trapping).
- Athlete Expectations: Show respect to opponents at all times; avoid excessive celebrations or conduct that may embarrass others.
- Game Management: Communicate expectations clearly with athletes; work with officials to ensure contests remain respectful and safe.

## Oversight and Accountability

- Local Policy: Each school/section may establish thresholds (e.g., score differentials) to trigger game-management adjustments.
  Example: "At [X]-point differential, teams must [insert local rule]."
- Reporting Process: Schools may choose to report contests exceeding the agreed threshold to [insert local coordinator/AD committee].
- Review: Reported contests may be reviewed by [insert committee/AD group] to determine if further discussion or action is necessary.

## Recognition of Sportsmanship

- Schools/sections are encouraged to recognize teams that consistently demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship. This may include:
  - A sportsmanship rating system completed by officials and coaches after contests.
  - Certificates, banners, or public recognition for teams achieving high sportsmanship scores.
  - Example: "Teams averaging [X%] or above on sportsmanship ratings will receive recognition."

## Goals

Lopsided scores are sometimes unavoidable, but the way schools, coaches, athletes, and communities respond defines the true spirit of high school sports. By adopting local policies guided by NYSPHSAA's recommendations, schools can ensure that athletic participation remains a positive, educational, and character-building experience for all.

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

*Executive Committee Meeting – May 6, 2026*

## Modified Committee – Wait time between Modified Wrestling Matches

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Vote July

**Presenter:**
Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Coordinator
Judy Salerno, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Coordinator

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending lowering the NFHS minimum wait time between modified matches from 30 minutes to 20 minutes.

**Effective Start Date:**
2026-2027

**Rationale:**
The current NFHS rule regarding 30-minute wait tim is written for the HS matches which consist of 3, 2-minute matches. The NYSPHSAA modified matches are either 3, 1.5-minute periods or 1, 1 minute period and 2, 1.5-minute periods. The HS girls have 2, 3-minute periods and a wait time of 15 minutes between bouts based on the USA Wrestling rules. The Modified Committee believes that a 20-minute rest between bouts is appropriate for this level and would help the pace of the event.

**Proposal Originated:**
NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

**Budgetary Impact:**
None

**Notes:**
The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee only concern was deviating from the NFHS rulebook and any liability NYSPHSAA may have.

**Attachments:**
None

DATE REVISED: April 14, 2026

## BOYS SOCCER - Adjust Regional Rotation in Class D for 2026 Season

Vote July

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

**Presenter:**
Matt Allen, NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer State Coordinator

**Proposal:**
The Boys Soccer State Committee is seeking approval to revise the regional rotation for Class D for the 2026 season. See attached proposed rotation.

**Effective Start Date:**
Fall 2026

**Rationale:**
The proposal is designed to ensure a team cannot reach the Final Four playing just one postseason (Sectional or Regional) game. It shows a more balanced rotation by setting up a schedule where teams must play a similar number of postseason games to advance to the Final Four.

Under the current rotation, Section 9 has just one Class D boys soccer team, while Section 11 has two. As a result, the Section 9 team would advance directly to the Regional Final after the regular season, while the Section 11 teams would need to play only one game to determine who advances to face them. In contrast, teams in other regions may be required to play six or seven games—including sectionals, sub-regionals, and regional finals—before reaching the Final Four.

**Proposal Originated:**
Section 7 Coordinator Rob McAuliffe brought this proposal forward for consideration in November 2025 then again at the state committee zoom call on February 6, 2026. The state committee voted in favor of this proposal (10-1) at the February meeting.

**Budgetary Impact:**
The budgetary impact of this proposal would be minimal. With the same amount of games to be played as the current rotation the cost of officials would remain constant. Travel expenses would vary depending upon the Section participating in the games.

**Notes:**
The state committee voted 10-1 in favor of this proposal.

**Attachments:**
A proposed Regional Rotation is attached.

**CAC Feedback**
On April 15th, voted 10-0 in favor of recommending this proposal.

9-1 Not to Approve

DATE REVISED: APRIL 16, 2026

## BOYS SOCCER - Adjust Regional Rotation in Class D for 2026 Season CONTINUED...

**Current Rotation for Class D Boys Soccer**

| Sub Regionals | Regionals |
|---|---|
| 10 vs 3 (31 schools) | 10/3 winner vs 7/2 winner (52 schools) (47 % of schools) |
| 7 vs 2 (21 schools) | |
| NA | 9 (1 school) vs 11 (2 schools) (2% of schools) |

| Sub Regionals | Regionals |
|---|---|
| NA | 5 vs 6 (21 schools) (18% of schools) |
| NA | At large (Section 2) vs 4 (36 schools) (33% of schools) |

**Proposed Rotation for Class D Boys Soccer for Fall 2026**

| Sub Regionals | Regionals |
|---|---|
| 9 vs 11 | 9/11 winner vs 2 (17 schools) 15% |
| NA | 7 vs 10 (22 schools) 20% |

| Sub Regionals | Regionals |
|---|---|
| 6 (2 schools) vs At large | 6/At large winner vs 5 (31 schools) 27% |
| NA | 3 vs 4 (36 schools) 32% |

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

*Executive Committee Meeting – May 6, 2026*

## Football Committee – Classification Cut-Off Numbers

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Vote July

**Presenter:**
Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football Committee Coordinator

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is recommending the following change in the Classification Cut-Off Numbers.

| | |
|---|---|
| Class AA | 1025 and Up |
| Class A | 662 – 1024 |
| Class B | 393 – 661 |
| Class C | 273 – 392 |
| Class D | 272 - Down |

**Effective Start Date:**
Fall 2027 , 28

**Rationale:**
The 2026 season will be the end of the current 2-year cycle for classification cut-off numbers for the sport of Football. After reviewing and discussing the current number of teams in the sport of Football the committee is recommending the top 51 teams in Class AA and the bottom 62 teams in Class D and equally dividing the remaining classes.

**Proposal Originated:**
NYSPHSAA Football Committee

**Budgetary Impact:**
None

**Notes:**
None

**Attachments:**
None

DATE REVISED: April 17, 2026

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

*Executive Committee Meeting – May 6, 2026*

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – Request for a Waiver on Bench Protocols

VOTE JULY

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

**Presenter:**
Peggy Seese, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Committee is seeking approval for a waiver of the NCAA bench protocols for 2026, if the NCAA adopts this rule in the spring. The new rule states: *"Teams switch benches only after the completion of the second set. After the coin flip in the 5th set, where a team can choose to serve, receive or which side to compete on. The teams will remain on their side of the net for the entire time."* The intention of the NCAA using this rule is to increase pace of play.

**Effective Start Date:**
August 2026

**Rationale:**
Not all high school gyms are created equal regarding court space. If the NCAA adopts this rule, in some gyms this would create an adverse effect on the visiting team due to lack of space. Many gyms have objects like bleachers, batting cages, banners and other objects that are on one side of the court and not the other. This means a team having to play the first two sets on the side with obstacles will be at a disadvantage. High school matches are not televised like NCAA matches so the rationale provided by the NCAA to use this rule does not apply to high school to help increase the pace of play.

**Proposal Originated:**
At the March 25, 2026 State Committee meeting.

**Budgetary Impact:**
There is no budgetary impact

**Notes:**
The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee voted to approve this amendment 11-0 on March 25, 2026.
The NCAA ruling only addresses five- set matches. Many sections conduct JV matches as best of three. Adopting this rule would create confusion for the JV level if this went into effect?

**CAC Feedback:**
NA

DATE REVISED: March 27, 2026

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Request for Waiver of Administrative Red Card (uniform)

Vote July

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

**Presenter:**
Peggy Seese, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Committee is seeking approval to waive the NCAA penalty, administrative red card, for having a non-compliant uniform. The one-year pilot has expired.

**Effective Start Date:**
Fall 2026

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

Many teams believe they have legal uniforms when in fact they don't, therefore do not ask for a waiver, and an official's interpretation determines a uniform to be illegal.

**Proposal Originated:**
NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee proposed this waiver last year as a 1 year pilot. They would now like to make it permanent.

**Budgetary Impact:**
None

**Notes:**
The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee voted to approve this amendment 11-0 on March 25, 2026. The rule is 6.5.1 and 6.5.2 referencing rule 7.1.1.1.and 7.1.2 of the NCAA rulebook.

**CAC Feedback:**
NA

DATE REVISED: March 27, 2026

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

*Executive Committee Meeting – May 6, 2026*

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Request to Revise Classification Formula for 2027

Vote July

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

**Presenter:**
Peggy Seese, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee is seeking approval to revise the classification cut-off formula for Girls Volleyball from the top 60 teams in class AAA and the bottom 80 teams in class D and equally dividing the rest of the classes to the top 70 teams in class AAA and the bottom 90 teams in class D and equally dividing the rest of the classes.

**Effective Start Date:**
October 2026

**Rationale:**
This is the first time in many years the committee has addressed the always changing numbers. The committee is trying to stay current with the enrollment numbers. The significant shift in numbers the last couple years is a reason adjustments are necessary at the very top of the classification and the bottom. The 70/90 helps balance the upper and lower levels while still keeping those classes within a competitive range. Large schools will not play much smaller schools. This breakdown mostly increases the number of teams in some sections that were struggling to provide teams.

**Proposal Originated:**
First discussed November 2025 at the state tournament. The formal proposal was discussed at March 2026 meeting.

**Budgetary Impact:**
There is no budgetary impact

**Notes:**
The state committee voted 10-0 in favor of this proposal.

**Attachments:**
SEE NEXT PAGE

**CAC Feedback:**
On April 15th, voted 10-0 in favor of this proposal.

DATE REVISED: April 16, 2026

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Request to Revise Classification Formula for 2027 CONTINUED...

The example below was generated by using the current data.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **60/80** | 1124 - UP | 722 - 1123 | 449 - 721 | 274 - 448 | 168 - 273 | 167 - DOWN |
| **70/90** | 1050-UP | 723 - 1049 | 453-722 | 280-452 | 175-279 | 174-DOWN |

| Section | AAA | AA | A | B | C | D | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I | 13 | 20 | 14 | 16 | 7 | 1 | **71** |
| II | 7 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 21 | 16 | **77** |
| III | 4 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 4 | **33** |
| IV | 2 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 16 | 9 | **44** |
| V | 3 | 15 | 13 | 12 | 25 | 30 | **98** |
| VI | 3 | 10 | 23 | 20 | 20 | 14 | **90** |
| VII | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 | **9** |
| VIII | 15 | 18 | 17 | 7 | 1 | 1 | **59** |
| IX | 5 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 4 | **40** |
| X | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | **12** |
| XI | 18 | 14 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 4 | **57** |
| Total | **70** | **103** | **109** | **110** | **109** | **89** | |
| % | 11.86 | 17.46 | 18.47 | 18.64 | 18.47 | 15.0 | |

Total Programs **590**

DATE REVISED: April 16, 2026

## BOYS SWIMMING – REVISE QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR 2026-2027 SEASON

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Vote July

**Presenter:**
Scott Warner, NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving State Coordinator

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving Committee is seeking approval to modify the State Qualifying Standards for the 2026-27 season. This adjustment is necessary because the previous standards did not align with the Championship Philosophy Committee's required participation range of 5%–8%. The state committee utilized a 5-year average of the 20th place finisher in the 200 medley relay, 200 freestyle relay, 200 IM and 50 freestyle to determine revisions for the upcoming season, noted below with an **R**. These new standards will eliminate approximately 70-80 athletes from the state meet.

| EVENT | PROPOSED STANDARD |
|---|---|
| 200 Medley Relay | 1:40.27 R |
| 200 Freestyle | 1:47.60 |
| 200 Individual Medley | 1:59.11 R |
| 50 Freestyle | 21.87 R |
| Diving | 450.00 |
| 100 Butterfly | 53.95 |
| 100 Freestyle | 48.76 |
| 500 Freestyle | 4:52.52 |
| 200 Freestyle Relay | 1:30.07 R |
| 100 Backstroke | 54.82 |
| 100 Breaststroke | 1:01.20 |
| 400 Freestyle Relay | 3:18.87 |

Number of varsity boys participating in Swimming & Diving: **4,138 (2024-25 Participation Survey)**
Number of boys participating in NYSPHSAA Championships after using a five-year average of the 20th place in the 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay, 200 IM, and 50 Free. **313 athletes (7.6% participation)**

***Quality vs. Quantity (page 3 of the Championship Philosophy document updated May 2025:***
*The percentage of opportunities for athletes to compete in NYSPHSAA Championships should fall within a designated range of 5% to 8% for all sports. Percentages will be calculated using the number of varsity athletes/teams participating in the sport and the number of competitors in the championship event.*

**Effective Start Date:**
Winter 2026-2027

**CAC Feedback:** On April 15, voted 10-0 in favor of recommending this proposal.

DATE REVISED: April 16, 2026

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

*Executive Committee Meeting – May 6, 2026*

## GYMNASTICS – Revise Scoring Change in Technical Handbook for 2026-27 Season

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote July

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

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Committee is seeking approval of the following scoring change in its Technical Handbook for the 2026-27 school year (can be found on page 24 for bar and 41 page for beam):

for Bars & Beam

- **No 0.3 deduction off the start value for lack of a dismount**

**Effective Start Date:**
Fall 2026

**Rationale:**
The proposed change is to be less restrictive on overall individual athlete scoring.

**Proposal Originated:**
NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Committee at its March 27th meeting then subsequently discussed at its April 10th meeting.

**Budgetary Impact:**
None

**Notes:**
The NYSPHSAA Gymnastics State Committee was unanimously (8-0 vote) in favor of this proposal at its April 10, 2026 zoom meeting. The committee and staff consulted with Maria DeCristoforo, longtime gymnastics rules interpreter and current editor of the Gymnastics Technical Handbook.

**CAC Feedback:**
Not applicable

DATE REVISED: April 13, 2026

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

*Executive Committee Meeting – May 6, 2026*

## BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING – Increase Daily Game Limitation to Ten (10) Games for Post-Season Events

Vote July

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

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

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Bowling State Committee is seeking approval to increase the maximum daily game limitation from six (6) games to ten (10) games for post-season events. Post season championship tie-breaking procedures would remain exempt from this limitation. The current six (6) game limit would remain in effect for all regular season competition.

**Effective Start Date:**
Winter 2026-27

**Rationale:**
The current six (6) game daily limit was established for regular season competition and does not reflect the demands or design of post-season championship play. The following summarizes the basis for this proposal:

- **The current rule does not distinguish between regular season and post-season play.** The six (6) game limit applies uniformly to both regular season matches and state championship events. Regular season matches are contested in dual or multi-team formats at commercial facilities under time and space constraints. Post-season championships are held at dedicated venues over structured multi-day schedules featuring the most competitive student-athletes in the state. A single standard does not serve both environments equally.

- **USBC rules do not define a limit – USBC tournaments regularly schedule 8–10 games in a single championship day.** NYSPHSAA follows USBC rules for the sport of bowling, and USBC does not define a game limit within their rules. Many of New York's top high school competitors bowl in the U15 and U18 Junior Gold divisions of USBC, which routinely schedules eight (8) to ten (10) games in a single championship day.

- **Comparable state athletic associations do not impose a similar per-day game cap at the championship level.** A review of peer state athletic associations reveals that New York's six (6) game per day limit is among the most restrictive in the country for championship competition. New Jersey (NJSIAA), Pennsylvania (PIAA), Florida(FHSAA), and Nebraska (NSAA) do not impose a comparable per-day game maximum in their bowling championship

regulations. These states govern post-season participation through similar season or tournament contest limits and daily participation is gated by the tournament format design---- not a hard per-day game count.

- **A ten (10) game limit enables competitive bracket formats at the state and sectional level.** The 2026 NYSPHSAA State Bowling Championships introduced a new Individual State Championship format. Increasing the post-season daily game limit would give tournament directors the flexibility to design bracket-style and match play competition formats consistent with national standards. A ten (10) game allowance accommodates a qualifying block plus multiple rounds of bracket play within a single competition day, making the state championship a more meaningful and appropriately structured culminating event.

- **Post-season competitors are physically prepared for an increased game limit.** Student-athletes who qualify for sectional and state competition regularly participate in youth bowling leagues, Junior Gold qualifying events, and travel tournaments where bowling six or more games in a single day is routine. High-level competitors train at volumes well in excess of the current NYSPHSAA limit. A ten (10) game cap applied exclusively to post-season events is a reasonable and appropriate standard for varsity championship-level competition.

**Proposal Originated:**
Section 3 brought this proposal forward to the committee in March for consideration.

**Budgetary Impact:**
Since this would apply to the State Tournament, there is minimal additional cost, if any, to NYSPHSAA. Any increase in lineage resulting from additional games bowled at post-season events would be managed within existing host site agreements and entry fee structures.

**Notes:**
The Boys and Girls Bowling State Committees voted 20-0 (10-0 each committee) in favor of this proposal.

**Attachments:**
None

**CAC Feedback:**
On April 15, voted 10-0 in favor of recommending this proposal.

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

*Executive Committee Meeting – May 6, 2026*

## BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING – Amend Individual State Championship Format to Add Single Elimination Bracket

___ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

VOTE JULY

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

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Bowling State Committee is seeking approval to amend the format of the NYSPHSAA Individual State Bowling Championship from its current six (6) game total-pinfall format to a two-phase competition. The two phases will be:

* Qualifying Round (phase #1) a six (6) game qualifying round
* Add single elimination finals (phase #2) bracket for the top ten (10) qualifiers. The top two (2) seeds would receive a two-round bye directly into the semi-finals. Athletes who do not qualify for the finals will not receive awards and may return home earlier in the day. The maximum number of games bowled in a single day is ten (10), not including tiebreaking procedures.

**Phase 1 – Qualifying Round (6 Games)**
All individual state qualifiers bowl six (6) games with standard lane rotation. The current break and reassignment of lanes after 3 games would be eliminated. Total pinfall across all six games determines seeding with the top ten (10) bowlers advancing to the Finals Bracket. Ties for the 2nd or 10th position will be broken using a traditional 9th and 10th frame rolloff until the tie is broken. Ties for seeding within places 3-9 would be broken by taking high game scores.

**Phase 2 – Single-Elimination Finals Bracket**
The top 10 qualifiers compete in a single-elimination bracket. Each match is one (1) game; highest score advances. Seeds 1 and 2 receive a two-round bye and advance directly to the Semi-Finals. Seeds 3 through 10 compete in the following bracket progression:

- **Round 1 – First Round (8 bowlers):** Seeds 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 bowl. Matchups: #3 vs. #10 • #4 vs. #9 • #5 vs. #8 • #6 vs. #7. Four (4) winners advance.
- **Round 2 – Quarterfinals (4 bowlers):** The four (4) Round 1 winners bowl. Matchups determined by bracket seeding. Two (2) winners advance to the Semi-Finals.
- **Round 3 – Semi-Finals (4 bowlers):** Seeds #1 and #2 enter the bracket. Four (4) bowlers compete: #1 vs. lowest remaining seed, #2 vs. next lowest remaining seed. Two (2) winners advance to the Championship Final.
- **Round 4 – Championship Final (2 bowlers):** The two (2) semi-final winners bowl one championship game. Highest score is the NYSPHSAA Individual State Champion.

**Effective Start Date:**
Winter 2026-27

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THIS Depends on Previous Proposal.

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**Rationale:**
The current NYSPHSAA Individual State Bowling Championship is decided solely by total pinfall across six (6) games with no bracket or head-to-head component. The proposed format creates a competitive championship atmosphere while honoring the existing qualifying investment.
**Peer states use qualifying-plus-bracket formats.** A review of comparable state athletic associations shows that many peer states use a bracket or elimination final to crown its individual champion:
- Michigan (MHSAA): 6-game qualifier, top 16 advance, single-elimination match play (2-game sets through QF/SF/Final).
- New Jersey (NJSIAA): 3-game Round 1, top 18 advance; 3-game Round 2, top 5 advance; stepladder final.
- Iowa (IHSAA): 3-game qualifier, top 8 seeded into single-game single-elimination bracket.
- Pennsylvania (PIAA): 6-game qualifier, top 5 stepladder finals, single-game single-elimination. (not a true bracket, but utilizes head-to-head competition)

**The two-round bye for seeds #1 and #2 rewards qualifying performance and incentivizes competitive excellence.**
**Single-elimination bracket competition produces a competitive, championship environment.**
**Head-to-Head Competition creates high leverage situations and excitement.**
**Potential opportunity to live stream final rounds**: the current cumulative pinfall model provides no opportunity to stream the finals. Using head-to-head championship bracket model would provide the possibility of streaming the finals, increasing the sport exposure.

**Proposal Originated:**
Section 3 in March 2026. The proposal was introduced during a meeting at the state tournament then the committee met formally on April 7, 2026 via Zoom to cast a vote.

**Budgetary Impact:**
A total of 72 games (boys & girls, both divisions) at $4.50 per game would be added to the tournament and be an additional $324 lineage expense for NYSPHSAA. No facility or other costs would be incurred and it would not be necessary to add staffing to the facility or NYSPHSAA operations. No additional cost for sections (travel, etc). NOTE: During the break before seeding of the brackets, sportsmanship awards would be presented so those athletes/sections can get on the road to travel home.

**Notes:**
This proposal is intended to be considered in conjunction with the companion proposal to increase the NYSPHSAA post-season daily game limit from six (6) to ten (10) games. Adoption of both proposals is recommended, as the revised championship format requires the higher daily game limit to be permissible under NYSPHSAA regulations. (The Boys and Girls Bowling State Committees voted 20-0 in favor of the increase in postseason games proposal on a zoom call on April 7, 2026.) The Boys and Girls Bowling State Committees voted 20-0 in favor of this new bracketed format proposal on a zoom call on April 7, 2026.

**Attachments:**
None

**CAC Feedback:**
On April 15, voted 10-0 in favor of recommending this proposal.

DATE REVISED: April 16, 2026

## GIRLS BASKETBALL – Waive NCAA Rule on Minimum Court Dimensions

____ Action Item
_X_ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote July

**Presenter:**
Tim Lincoln, NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Coordinator

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Committee is seeking approval for a waiver of the NCAA Rule for court dimensions.

**Effective Start Date:**
Fall 2026

**Rationale:**
Due to NCAA rules requiring a minimum of 94' for the length of a basketball court, it is necessary to request a waiver so courts that are 84' (NFHS rule) in length may be used for a girls basketball game in New York State. If courts are less than 84', then a school should apply for a waiver to use a smaller court.

A waiver was never requested for the NCAA court dimensions rule and therefore it was never included in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

**Proposal Originated:**
NYSPHSAA Office/Coordinator on April 1, 2026

**Budgetary Impact:**
None

**Notes:**
The NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 11-0 in favor of this proposal.

**Attachments:**
None

DATE REVISED: April 2, 2026

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

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## Girls Basketball Committee – Waive the NCAA uniform rule requirements for all sub-varsity teams

Vote July

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

**Presenter:**
Tim Lincoln, NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Coordinator

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Committee is requesting to waive the NCAA uniform rules for all sub-varsity teams.

**Effective Start Date:**
Winter 2026-2027

**Rationale:**
The Girls Basketball Committee believes the NCAA rules are intended for the Varsity level teams and that many schools have difficulty meeting the uniform rules at the sub-varsity level.

**Proposal Originated:**
NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Committee

**Budgetary Impact:**
None

**Notes:**
None

**Attachments:**
None

This will allow 1 pair of shorts w/ Reversible Tops

DATE REVISED: April 16, 2026

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

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## Girls Basketball Committee – Changing the length of the Timeout in Overtime from 30 second to a Full Timeout

Vote July

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

**Presenter:**
Tim Lincoln, NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Coordinator

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Committee is requesting to waive the length of the additional timeout in overtime from a 30-second time out to a full timeout.

**Effective Start Date:**
Winter 2026-2027

**Rationale:**
The Girls Basketball Committee believes a full timeout would be more beneficial to the student athletes and teams to have a full timeout.

**Proposal Originated:**
NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Committee

**Budgetary Impact:**
None

**Notes:**
None

**Attachments:**
None

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# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

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## Girls Wrestling Committee – USA Wrestling Junior Weight Classes

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote July

**Presenter:**
Ryan Palmer, NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Coordinator

15 weight classes

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending following the USA Wrestling Junior weight classes, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 190, and 235.

**Effective Start Date:**
Winter 2026-2027

**Rationale:**
In girls wrestling we are currently following the USA Wrestling Junior rules, and this recommendation would fall in line with the rules governing the sport. As Girls Wrestling has grown, we have seen a growth in the lower weights and this recommendation would add two weight classes to the lower weights which would benefit a large number of wrestlers.

**Proposal Originated:**
NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee

**Budgetary Impact:**
This would increase the number of participants in both the Sectional tournaments and at the State Championships.

**Notes:**
None

**Attachments:**
None

DATE REVISED: April 14, 2026

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

*Executive Committee Meeting – May 6, 2026*

## Girls Wrestling Committee – Increasing the Percent of Body Fat to follow NFHS Rule Change

____ Action Item
__X__ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Vote July

**Presenter:**
Ryan Palmer, NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Coordinator

**Proposal:**
The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending increasing the precent of body fat to the level approved by the NFHS from 14% to 19%.

**Effective Start Date:**
Winter 2026-2027

**Rationale:**
The Girls Wrestling Committee reviewed two studies completed by the National Wrestling Coaches Association and the NCAA (see notes). Both studies indicated that the percentage of Body Fat should be increased. The NCAA increased the percentage of body fat to 17% and the NWCA recommended moving it to 19%. The NFHS has increased the percent of body fat in the formula for females from 12% to 19%.

**Proposal Originated:**
NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee

**Budgetary Impact:**
None

**Notes:**
NWCA
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k-7PJ8Vw-PajQO4mKOp47yv9H-W1-Sg-/view?usp=drive_link

NCAA
https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/QgrcJHsNjpwTllZgXPxfSqQQsdwlxzXwCGG?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1

**Attachments:**
None

Safety Committee IN FAVOR

DATE REVISED: April 16, 2026

APPENDIX D

April 2026 Meeting Notes:

Adjustments to make to Policy Manual-

150.1- Remove Girls Wrestling

160.1- Add Line
“This split will occur after all opt outs are determined.”

211.1

New Language

A school team that does not show or refuses to play in a Sectional contest after the seeding is finalized, spoils the integrity of the tournament.Schools shall declare their intent to play or not play by the determined sport specific opt out deadline. The athletic director will complete the opt out form to indicate their schools decision. Schools failing to fulfill their tournament commitment shall be subject to the following sanction: "Ineligibility for sectional play in that sport during the next season. An appeal of this sanction must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of Section VI within 14 days after receipt of violation notification from the Section VI office.

Review of Policy #211- Current Language

A school team that does not show or refuses to play in a Sectional contest after the seeding meeting, spoils the integrity of the tournament. Schools shall declare their intent to play or not play prior to sectional seeding. (See sectional sport handbook) Schools failing to fulfill their tournament commitment shall be subject to the following sanction: "Ineligibility for sectional play in that sport during the next season. An appeal of this sanction must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of Section VI within sixty (60) days of the competition of sectional play.

212.1- Remove

A team's power rating is the sole method of determining where a team is seeded. Each team is required to submit a Power Point Rating Form (in the sports handbook) prior to the seeding meeting.

ADD Instead:

Each team is required to review their power ratings on the website for accuracy prior to the seeding meeting.

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.

Remove all in red, (note for context- it varies sport to sport).

Add Statement- they will follow sport specific tie breaker criteria.

221:

New Additions:

221.4- Schools shall send adequate supervision for their teams and spectators who are participating at neutral site contests. (Note- this is expected practice, having it entered into the policy manual helps strengthen enforcement, and ensure that neutral sites are supported from a supervision standpoint).

222- New Policy (Approved at Jan 25 AC Meeting) This is to update the policy manual.

Due to new regional rotations- Need to enter the At- Large Pathway Determination:

Policy 820- Replace old process with this:

**Protest Procedure**

Judgment calls by officials cannot be protested. If the head coach would like to protest the misapplication of a sport specific rule, the protest must be made immediately to the game official prior to resuming play. Once play resumes, any protest is null and void. Per NYSPHSAA, in any case, video may not be used to overturn an official's decision.

Sports that have an outlined appeal process in their sport rule book, that process shall be followed.

710- Section VI Pass Policies - Modifying it

I. Media outlets should complete media credentialing forms found on the Section VI website.

934- Financial Reimbursement Requests

**Section VI Chairpersons & Staff**

Any individual who enters a submission for financial reimbursement must follow the directions and process provided by the Section VI treasurer.

**Recruitment and Retention of Officials Vouchers**

Submission requirements and penalties for falsified claims are outlined in the Expense Voucher FAQs, located on the Section VI website under the Officials tab.

APPENDIX E

# NYSPHSAA Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving
# MEETING MINUTES
# Thursday, May 7, 2026 via Zoom @ 10:00 am

## JOINT Committee Minutes

ATTENDEES:

**NYSPHSAA STAFF:** Dr. Robert Zayas, Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Kristen Jadin, Chris Joyce, Natalia Gibbons
**BOYS COMMITTEE:** Meg Kaplan (1), Brian Melanson (2 and Assistant Coordinator), Mark McFarland (3), Jason Westervelt (4), Scott Fake (5), Nathan Bourke (6), Andy Johnson (7), Matthew McGrane (8), Dan Wargo (9), Michelle Garrow (10), Richard Lionetti (11), Tyrone Parker (PSAL), Jim D'Ottavio (CHSAA)

**GIRLS COMMITTEE:** Diane Hicks Hughes (Coordinator), Meg Kaplan (1 and Assistant State Coordinator), Alyssa DiFabio (2) Jill King (3), Charles Frayer (4), John Doerner (5), Nathan Bourke (6), Andy Johnson (7), Christin Snow (8), Chris Sammons (9), Michelle Garrow (10), Richard Lionetti (11), Tyrone Parker (PSAL) Paul Nussbaum (CHSAA)
**GUESTS:** Scott Warner (Boys State Coordinator), Paul Cary (Section 6, Scoring/Entries), Norm Shueckler (Meet Host)
**OFFICIALS**: Laurette Tekverk, Jay Tucker, Paul McClintock

**1. Attendance & Introductions**

- Meeting called to order at 9:03 am (10:04 am for Joint, 10:44 am for boys)

**2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports**

Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director

a. No report

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

a. Thank you to both state coordinators, committees and volunteers at each state championship for two outstanding events this year.
b. Championship Philosophy Committee – Meets on June 18th. They will be considering designating swimming and diving as an individual and team sport so your proposal for a team championship can be considered and go through the channels of discussion/vote.
c. Hall of Fame – Joe congratulated Paul McClintock (Section 1 Official) for induction this summer Class of 2026. The deadline is January 29th for the Class of 2027.
d. SwimCloud – We are going into year #2 of a two-year agreement. Same terms and pricing.
e. Staff Update - He noted Lexi Swatt (Director of Sports Information) is no longer with the Association and relocated to Iowa for her husband's new job. Natalia Gibbons began working with us this week and is on the call. He also reported Zach Betkowski (TPG Sales) has replaced Joe deGuzman handling sales/sponsorships.
f. Bids – Girls coming up on the 2nd year of a 3-year contract; will review bids at this meeting next year. Boys will review 3 bids today following this meeting.
g. Records – He asked coordinators to review records on our website and submit anything that would fit into the record lists. Jill Gregorius in the NYSPHSAA office will now handle this with the departure of Lexi.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

a. Todd clarified, in addition to the designation of team and individual, the current concepts on the Championship Philosophy Committee agenda will be the 5-8% target participation and qualifying of athletes in individual sports. The sections are to provide feedback on this for the June 18th meeting. There will not be a vote in July. Dr. Zayas noted coordinators who are impacted by these concepts will be invited to the Philosophy meeting on June 18th.

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

a. She will take over media responsibilities and Natalia Gibbons will be taking over Championship Operations Packet.

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing

a. Reported we had a great year of fundraising in 2024-25 for the foundation. Grants of up to $1,000 per school are now available on our website. Applications are reviewed quarterly. Applications are on the NYSPHSAA website. https://nysphsaa.org/sports/2023/4/21/Foundation_Grants.aspx

**3. General Discussion:**

a. New York State Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame Website - Peter created an independent swimming/diving one. Can someone take over? Scott does not believe there's even access on Peter's computer. www.nysisca.com
b. NISCA (National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association) asked for dual meet entries to be submitted for All-American consideration. Please encourage participation within your sections as participants. There are benefits to the coach such as coaches insurance and professional awards.
c. NFHS Rule Changes – Diane reported on numerous rules including ones pertaining to dives. State can lower the dive requirements at the state level. NISCA would only be looking at athletes right now who dive 11 dives. If we change, our divers would not be considered for NISCA AA or AAC. Get feedback from your section and report back to the state committee.
d. Backstroke Ledges – May now be used this year. Joe clarified by rule, the host facility is the only supplier of the ledges. Visiting teams or athletes may not bring their own ledges. It was confirmed Ithaca (boys) and Webster (girls) will have ledges for the state meets. Paul suggested designating a couple lanes for athletes to learn how to use ledges during practices. Check out the video on how to use them. All of the wedges must be of identical make in that competition.
e. Team Championship – As stated by Joe, it will be considered after the Championship Philosophy Committee determines swimming/diving to be an individual and team sport.
f. Schools Without Boundaries – Todd noted they met for over a year and the current rule for the next two years is that all sections are supposed to follow a criteria to classify a school. There may be an appeal by a school about their placement. This appeal would go to the Oversight Committee and needs to be done within 15 days of the schools being announced in each class. The Schools Without Boundaries Committee will also now be a standing committee meeting in the spring every year.
g. Mergers – Mark McFarland inquired about the frequency and success of mergers. Todd responded that this went to the Combining of Teams Committee and ultimately felt no changes were needed to the merger process. Each section has the autonomy to establish the criteria - only thing state wide is having the ability to check on each ruling.
h. NFHS Learn Courses - there are 22 free courses which can be found at www.nfhslearn.com If you are an official or coach and a member of NFHS association you may download a rule book for free.
i. Special Accommodations - If you have an athlete that has items such as an insulin pump or requires tape during competition, or requires modification to the bathing suit rule, your Athletic Director needs to file an accommodation form with Todd Nelson. This letter must accompany the athlete to every meet throughout the season. Although technically once the letter has been received it is valid for the entire athletic career of the athlete, it is recommended that the accommodation form might want to be updated with the current year. It is a very quick turn around.

**2026 Meeting Date** – Thursday, May 6, 2027

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| 9:00 AM: | Boys |
| 9:45 AM: | Joint |
| 11:00 AM: | Girls (review bids) |

# NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming Committee
# May 7, 2026 @ 9:00 am MEETING MINUTES

**NYSPHSAA STAFF:** Dr. Robert Zayas, Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Kristen Jadin, Chris Joyce, Natalia Gibbons
**GIRLS COMMITTEE:** Diane Hicks Hughes (Coordinator), Meg Kaplan (1 and Assistant State Coordinator), Alyssa DiFabio (2) Jill King & Mark McFarland (3), Charles Frayer (4), John Doerner (5), Nathan Bourke (6), Andy Johnson (7), Christin Snow (8), Chris Sammons (9), Michelle Garrow (10), Richard Lionetti (11), Tyrone Parker (PSAL) Paul Nussbaum (CHSAA)
**GUESTS:** Scott Warner (Boys State Coordinator), Paul Cary (Section 6, Scoring/Entries), Norm Shueckler (Meet Host)
**OFFICIALS**: Laurette Tekverk, Jay Tucker, Paul McClintock
Meeting called to order by State Coordinator Diane Hicks-Hughes at 9:03 am

**1. Attendance & Introductions**

- Meeting called to order at 9:03 am by State Coordinator Diane Hicks-Hughes. Assistant Director Joe Altieri introduced new staff member Natalia Gibbons who is the NYSPHSAA Operations Coordinator.

**2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports**

- Presented at the joint committee meeting

**3. Committee Business**

- 2025 State Meet Recap & Considerations for 2026

  **SwimCloud –** Diane asked if PSAL and CHSAA would be using this. They will not be able to for 2026.
  **Parking of Buses –** John Doerner noted security will handle this on site.
  **Scholar Athlete –** The committee agreed to move Scholar Athlete to Day #1 after 50 Free.
  **Open Pool –** The committee would like to see the pool open during awards with diving well closed.
  **Anthem –** It was asked if Section V can get a live singer for opening ceremonies.
  **50th Anniversary -** Diane noted it's the 50th Anniversary of the state tournament and asked the committee for ideas. Michelle offered social media hashtag with possibly a 50-day leadup, notation on garments. Paul Cary offered a balloon arch idea, signage at the entrance…focus on promotion at the facility. Diane asked Paul if anything can be done with SwimCloud. Paul stated it could be noted on the headers but its not necessarily public facing. Joe indicates some of the ideas can definitely be executed. He will huddle with staff on a game plan.

- Selection of Officials The committee agreed to

  **Diving** –continue with Laurette Tekverk as the meet referee
  **Starter -** Section V will have a starter.

  The following positions were determined by the committee:
  **Meet Referee** – Laurette Tekverk (PSAL)
  **Assistant Referee** – Carolyn Connors (4)
  **Assistant Starter** – Brenda Lyons (1)
  **Diving Referee** – Jay Tucker (3)
  **Assistant Diving Referee** – Cyna Buckley (11)
  Section 1 - Brenda Lyons
  Section 2 - Joann Facett
  Section 5 - TBD (2 individuals)
  Section 6 - Traci Cummings
  Section 7 - Ann Winterkorn
  Section 8 - Mush Masters (Diving computer)
  Section 9 - TBD (officials will talk with)
  Section 10 - Michelle Hayes
  Section 11 - Cyna Buckley
  CHSAA - To Section 5

- 2026 State Meet – Webster Aquatic Center

  **Details** - Diane asked host Norm Shueckler about state meet details including hospitality, Ready Room and the videoboard. John confirmed the videoboard is functional for 2026 and we can put photos up there for seniors and athletes over the years celebrating the 50th year. He will send out suggestions on how to submit photos. The 50th logo can be placed on the board as well.

  **Protest Committee** - The following will serve on this committee Diane, Laurette, Norm, Nate and Jill.

  **Hotels** – Joe stated if there are any issues, reach out to him. Between him and the Rochester Sports Commission, there is great support to assist with hotels.

  **Diving Season Schedule** – Start date is August 24th for everyone so there won't be any issues with the schedule. Todd Nelson indicated some years start dates may be week #7, some start dates may be week #8. Football always starts week #7 but the other sports may not. He noted this information is on our website if you'd like to reference it.

Laurette noted the underwater camera during finals. It was not an issue but officials and committee should be aware of it. John stated there are two underwater cameras and said they will be in use for 2026.

# NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming Committee

## May 7, 2026 @ 11:00 am - MEETING MINUTES

**NYSPHSAA STAFF:** Dr. Robert Zayas, Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Kristen Jadin, Chris Joyce, Natalia Gibbons
**BOYS COMMITTEE:** Scott Warner (Boys State Coordinator), Meg Kaplan (1), Brian Melanson (2 and Assistant Coordinator), Mark McFarland (3), Jason Westervelt (4), Scott Fake (5), Nathan Bourke (6), Andy Johnson (7), Matthew McGrane (8), Dan Wargo (9), Michelle Garrow (10), Richard Lionetti (11), Tyrone Parker (PSAL), Jim D'Ottavio (CHSAA)
**GUESTS:** Paul Cary (Section 6, Scoring/Entries), Diane Hicks-Hughes (Girls State Coordinator)
**OFFICIALS**: Laurette Tekverk, Jay Tucker, Paul McClintock

**1. Attendance & Introductions**

- Meeting called to order at 10:44 am by State Coordinator Scott Warner. Assistant Director Joe Altieri introduced new staff member Natalia Gibbons who is the NYSPHSAA Operations Coordinator.

**2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports**

- Presented at the joint committee meeting

**3. Committee Business**

- 2026 State Meet Recap

  **Timeline** – No change
  **MVP Balloting** – No change. Ballots should go to Brian Melanson after the breaststroke.
  **Swimmer Scholar-Athlete Award** – Look into making the requirements as test optional (no SAT Scores etc)..
  **Photos and rosters** – Photos to Todd Nelson. Rosters to Paul Carey through SwimCloud.
  **Use of Alternates** - Coordinators should monitor these carefully.
  **Qualifying Procedure -** No change; get in on time (Paul Cary will do again)
  **Qualifying Times** - Scott reported 4 events are faster than last year. We had 389 athletes out of 4,138 varsity participants in 2025 (7.6%). See attached proposed qualifying times. This will be voted on in July following review by CAC. Times are an average of 20th place over the past 5 years.
  **Seating at States** - No change for 2027.
  **Protest Committee** - Will be comprised of swimming referee, diving referee, Scott Warner, Brian Melanson, and Jason Westervelt.
  **Hospitality room** – No change. Officials and Coordinators only - worked out great with all helping
  **Deck Seating -** Non change. Just be mindful of your section numbers here.
  **USA Sanction #** - No change; please submit with your entries
  **Athletes Baskets for Warm ups** - We left on the deck in place worked out well
  **Awards -** - 1 – 10 places -All medals giving out to athlete-NYSPHSAA awards presented first
  **SwimCloud** - working on a few issues came up last year - Like a "fake meet" or first 200 split of a 500 free etc. Mixed Competition - on swimcloud all females who compete during the boys season need to be listed as boys. Sections 2,3, and 5 have mixed competition.. Bottom line, if we as coordinators see an issue, we can fix it or we can approach the coach to fix it.

**4. Officials for State Meet**: Please have your pick in by meeting. This is important for officials and their planning.

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| 1 - | Paul Simco (Ass't Starter) | 8 - TBD | |
| 2 - | Bill Mottola | 9 - TBD | |
| 3- | Jay Tucker (Referee) | 10 - Michelle Hayes | |
| 4 – | Tom Bonds, Pete Warren | 11 - Cyna Buckley (Ass't Diving Ref) | |
| 5 - | TBD | PSAL - Laurette Tekverk (Ass't Ref) | |
| 6 – | Tim Voltman (Starter/Diving Ref) | CHSAA - TBD | |
| 7 - | TBD | | |

**5. New Business**

A. Weekly Diving Schedule - APPROVED

B. No Section Scores (not even section by section) posted any longer

C. Team Championship Proposal Status - This will be considered following the Championship Philosophy Committee meeting to determine Swimming/Diving as a team and individual sport.

D. PSAL and CHSAA wanted it noted for the record they would like to get more entries into the state meet in the near future.

E. Officials would like to change the name of the Outstanding Athlete Award to the Peter Hugo Outstanding Athlete Award. The committee unanimously agreed on this.

**6. Bid Review – 2028-30**

Joe indicated there were three bids submitted by Ithaca, Nassau and Webster and confirmed everyone received the bids via email. He noted each bid met all the required elements to be considered. He opened the floor for questions about the bids. Several questions were asked and clarifications made including when the new video/scoreboard was going to be installed at Nassau. He dialed Jim Muessig of the Nassau Aquatic Center to ask and Jim confirmed the video/scoreboard is in the building and due for installation this summer.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of each bid.

**A roll call was taken by section. By a 7-4 vote, the committee recommended Webster.**

Webster - 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 Nassau - 1, 8, 9, 11 Ithaca - None

Joe stated the staff felt all three bids were outstanding however, he noted the **staff was recommending Nassau** due to the size of the facility, amenities and that Section 8 and 11 offset high expenses with donations, revised the net cost from $17,000 to $8,700—the lowest of the three bidders.

**Next steps:** bidders will be notified, a bid comparison document will be compiled, and both recommendations will be forwarded to the Championship Advisory Committee on June 24th and to the Central Committee on July 29th for a vote. It emphasized that due to the split recommendation, nothing is final and CAC and Central Committee will weigh in to decide.

***Minutes as of 5/12/2026 respectfully completed by Joe Altieri, Scott Warner, Diane Hicks-Hughes, Meg Kaplan and Brian Melanson.***

# NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INC.
## WRESTLING COMMITTEE
# STATE WRESTLING COMMITTEE



## MINUTES: SPRING MEETING- CONFERENCE CALL 05/13/26

In Attendance:

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| NYS Chairman | Marty Sherman | |
| Section 1 Chair | Jamie Block | Horace Greeley HS |
| S1 Asst. Chair | Bob Bernarducci | Pleasantville HS |
| Section 2 Chair | John Vishneowski | Ravena/Coe/Sel.School |
| Section 3 Chair | Brad Hamer | |
| S3 Asst. Chair | Bill Kays | |
| Section 4 Chair | Jeff Nolan | Windsor HS |
| S4 Asst. Chair | Rick Armstrong | |
| Section 5 Chair | Bill Hadsell | Geneva HS |
| S5 Asst. Chair | Craig Kaper | Victor HS |
| Section 6 Chair | Mike DeBarbieri | |
| S6 Asst Chair | Ryan Jordan | Franklinville HS |
| S6 Asst Chair | Israel Martinez | Niagara Falls HS |
| Section 7 Chair | Rob Witkiewicz | |
| Section 8 Chair | Josh Friedman | Clarke HS |
| S8 Asst Chair | Ed Ramirez | Garden City HS |
| Section 9 Chair | Jeff Cuilty | Cape Cod |
| S9 Asst Chair | Eric Hartmann | Warwick Valley HS |
| Section 10 Chair | Randy Morrison | Gouverneur HS |
| Section 11 Chair | Matt DeVincenzo | Comsewogue HS |
| CHS Chair | Tom Straehle | Iona Prep |
| CHS Asst Chair | Steve Hart | St. Francis |
| PSAL Chair | Ken Bigley | PSAL Chair |
| AIS Asst | Jason Edwards | Hackley |
| AIS Asst | Gregg Quilty | Horace Mann |

Guests:

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| NYS Exec Dir | Robert Zayas | |
| NYS Asst Dir | Joe Altieri | |
| NYS Asst Dir | Todd Nelson | |
| Operations Coord. | Natalia Gibbons | |
| Dir Foundation/Mkt | Chris Joyce | |
| NYSWOA | Frank Marotta | |
| NYSWOA-Pres | Joe Alvarez | |
| NYSWOA | Gene Tracy | |
| InBody | Dan Weaver | |

Absent:

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| NYS Asst Dir | Kristen Jadin | |
| Teall Prop Group | Joe DeGuzman | |
| S2 Asst. Chair | Chad Languish | Schenectady HS |
| NYSWOA | Matt Smith | |
| NYSWOA | John Walsman | |
| S11 Asst Chair | Bob Panariello | |
| CHS Asst Chair | Dave Ironman | Msgr Farrell |
| AIS Chairman | Carmine Giovino | |

**AGENDA:** **(Blue highlighted items= new information for 2026-27)**
**(Red highlighted items= action needed between now and next meeting)**

### I. Introductions

-Welcome: NYSPHSAA-Operations Coordinator-Natalia Gibbons

### II. Joe Altieri:

a. Introduced Natalia Gibbons, new Operations Coordinator, who will take Lexi Swatt's position. Lexi relocated to Iowa due to her husband's new job

b. Reviewed the lone bid from SRC Arena/OCC (Section III) for the 2028-30 Dual Meet State Championship. He indicated Brad does an outstanding job with this tournament and has nothing to do with the bid but noted the bid barely met the requirement. Additionally, he said the staff was concerned the venue expenses have significantly grown, now close to $20,000 just for rental and staffing. The staff will be more aggressive in getting the RFP to other venues to consider bidding for 2031-33. **MOTION by John V to accept the bid for 2028-30, SECOND by Jeff N. Carried 11-0d from SRC Arena for NYS Duals was the only one received for 2028, 2029,2030.** Expenses have increased and last year's attendance (gate) was only 1,095 spectators for a venue that holds 6,500. Venue must be able to accommodate 8 mats and chairs for 16 teams. Most other venues cannot support the room for the chairs.

c. For 2027, the girls tournament will follow the same Thursday format, similar time schedule, that they had in 2026. The staff discussed this with their committee, and most were in favor of the two sessions with the boys practicing in between sessions (2 pm-4 pm). We believe it's a great situation for another year and worked out well this past February. The reality right now is we are in the 2nd year of a 3-year bid and not in a position to consider another location, contrary to what the agenda says is a good idea. **Girls will stay at MVP for 2027 and 2028.** After 2028, bids will go back out. We will discuss their intentions and ideas for their tournament but we won't just push them out just to push them out. Last I checked no performances or the way we run our event were impacted by the girls wrestling on a Thursday with 2 sessions.

d. Over a year ago, the Championship Philosophy Committee approved discontinuing section champions primarily due to the inconsistency of this area of awards. Wrestling did not have a section championship but other sports did. Now there aren't any section champions for any sport. The email I sent requested sports that accumulate section scoring in their scoring program basically should not publish or promote section standings, scoring or champions. Wrestling may continue to announce the section scores/standings at the end of the state tournament.

e. Lodging for both tournaments – Joe asked for feedback or concerns about lodging for 2027. No concerns Lodging for state tournament concerns. Noted that Fitness centers need to be opened for wrestlers use.

## III. Robert Zayas:

a. **Combining the Boys and Girls Individual Tournament into a 3-day event:**

NYS Boys Wrestling committee feels:
There are many logistical problems:
-Hotel Space for Boys and Girls would now be needed for 4 nights. Some hotels will not accommodate another night.
-Parking-not enough spaces to accommodate the increased number of fans anticipated for each day.
-Days would have to be determined:
Thursday-Friday-Saturday (students and refs would have to miss an additional day of school) or Friday-Saturday-Sunday

Weigh-ins would have to be 3 days in a row. NYS Boys Committee is against having the boys have to weigh-in's three times.

Boys committee feels that the Girls need to seriously consider a different weekend in a smaller venue to for the next few years for them to be able to draw a full crowd and grow their sport. Boys practice has been at a disadvantage, and their experience has been diluted for the past two years.
Boys and Girls Wrestling are two different sports (freestyle & folkstyle) Mats are different, clocks are different, refs are different, they do not have to be together.

Joe Altieri-Girls committee is in the 2nd year of a 3-year bid and must stay at MVP Arena for 2027. They are currently in favor of keeping that same format as 2026 with a split session and boys practicing in between.

**Going forward after 2027:**

Robert Zayas-Girl's event **facility** must be considered "equitable".
Jeff Nolan-S4-Freestyle is not Folkstyle and does not have to be considered the same sport.
Bill Kays-S3-Compares putting a girls softball field on top of a boy's baseball field.
Todd Nelson-Majority of the girls committee do not want to leave MVP Arena.

b. Update on status of the proposal on non-NYSPHSAA schools' participation. Schools without boundaries: an ad hoc Standards Committee was formed and gave the following 3-options to each section to consider: Option 1 was the consensus with 5 votes to keep the current system. Option 2 to explore additional options received 3 votes and Option 3 to completely separate the schools from NYSPHSAA also received 3 votes. The Standards Committee will continue to meet annually. The wrestling committee's only option would be to no longer invite the CHSAA, PSAL and AIS schools to the NYSPHSAA Federation Tournament and to host our own NYPHSAA event with the Federation Tournament possibly the following week. This was tried once in the past and participation was not good. The committee discussed their concerns with the recruiting that is going on in the CHSAA and the majority feel that the NYSPHSAA schools are being put at a disadvantage which is hurting our participation at the State Tournament. At this time the committee is not ready to make a proposal to split them into a Federation tournament but if concerns continue to grow it could be an option in the future.

## IV. Todd Nelson-Wt Certification Issues:

Updates from InBody: Tabled from Winter meeting

a. Dan Weaver (NWCA) is again our direct contact with InBody.
b. Dan Weaver-Status of InBody scales and dongle replacements InBody 120 unit is no longer available. InBody 270 unit now replaces it (approx. $4,500 per scale which is a much faster scale that can produce more un-needed data). There are 2 dongles: Black and White. A deal is being negotiated with InBody so their 120 scales could be sent to InBody for them to upgrade them to an InBody 120A with a black dongle at a cost of $50 per dongle (and possibly the shipping charges). The InBody 120 will continue to work with the white dongle. But once it this offer expires if the old dongle goes down the deal may no longer be in effect. InBody is willing to do the conversion in bulk. This would need to be done in time for InBody to return the scales to the sections by the end of August. The 120's should last about 12 years. The long-term plan for NYS would be to negotiate a deal so that whatever year a scale may break in the future, we would not have to buy the 270's but they could still repair and upgrade the 120's in the future. Dan would personally be involved with the testing of the upgrades to assure they all work when they are returned to us. Windows 11 laptops will still need to be used with the dongles.
c. NYS will allow early weight certs at a date no earlier than the Sunday of Week 17 10/25/26 (Season begins Week 20: 11/16), and that those who wish to participate in the early certs must register with their Section Chairmen, no later than the Saturday of Week 15 (October 10).
Discussion-Jeff Nolan-S4- Should the NYS registration deadline for assessments be eliminated and each section be allowed to set their own cutoff dates?
**Jeff Nolan-S4-Second Josh Friedman-S8 Motion to remove the registration date. Approved unanimously.** This will have to go to the Central Committee in July have Executive Committee approval.
Each section still has the ability to determine who can participate in early certs.

**To implement the plan Track will need to have the InBody Dongle software updated and ready by Week 13 (9/27) so that coaches can have time to input their rosters.**
It is strongly suggested that sections that decide to implement the plan should survey their coaches to get an idea of how many wrestlers would have been interested in this option had it been in place this year. This will give them an idea of what type of numbers each section is looking at.

**Sections that decide to implement the plan must:**

1-Set the date(s) for the early certifications
2-Set dates for appeal dates.
3-Determine their payment plan for their assessors.

d. Update needed from Winter Meeting: Todd Nelson- To be added to our handbook and Assessor Handbook for 2026-27:

*The appeal process is:* If the wrestler is dissatisfied with the In-Body results of the minimum weight determination, the wrestler is retested by the assessor appointed by the Section Consultant. Retests must be within 3 days of the original date of measurement. The urinalysis must be repeated and passed. **A wrestler who does not pass hydration for the appeal, may come back to redo the appeal so long as the appeal remains within the original 3-day period**.

Or

**The hydration test is considered part of the appeal process so if they fail hydration on the appeal day, that counts as the appeal, and they must accept their original certification.**

These choices still need to be brought to the Safey Committee for consideration and a final interpretation before the Fall.

When conducting an appeal, the assessor will use the **actual weight of the wrestler on the day of the appeal if the wrestler passes the hydration test**.

e. Trackwrestling $25K bill to NYS was split between sections based on number of certs performed.

## V. Kristen Jadin / Natalia Gibbons / Chris Joyce -

a. No report.

## VI. Frank Marotta / JoeAlvarez / John Walseman / Matt Smith - (NYS Officials)

a. September 27 will be the Upstate Chapter of the National Hall of Fame recognition ceremony in Syracuse. Honorees will include: Wayne Bleau-Fulton, David Grazul-Official-S5, Mark Gumble-Binghamton University, Elaine Krum-Fort Plain, Todd Messitt-Official S1 & S9, and Gene Nighman-Cornell, and Howard Weller-South Glens Falls
b. December 1st is the deadline for 2027 nominations.
c. Presented evaluation report of 2026 NYS tournament officials. 30 of 32 officials received 3.5 rating or higher which is one of the best overall performances ever.
d. Chairmen should forward to Frank each sections final referee evaluations from the 2025-26 season.
e. **Discussion of Appeals Procedure:**

2. What Qualifies for Appeal and what procedures are followed
   - **a.** The ONLY appeals that will be honored and ruled on by the Appeals Committee must involve a misapplication of a rule or a rule interpretation rule interpretation. As usual, **calls involving judgment cannot be questioned nor can they be appealed**.
   - **b.** The coach must first follow the procedures in the Rulebook (Rule 6-6-6). The coach must tell the mat official that he wants to appeal the referee's application of the rule or interpretation as soon as possible and prior to the start of the subsequent period.
     - **a.** If the Appeals committee rules that the referee's decision was correct, the coach will be penalized for misconduct in accordance with the penalty chart. However, the coach may be penalized for any unsportsmanlike actions after the decision has been rendered.

Discussion: If "**calls involving judgment cannot be questioned nor can they be appealed**." then why was the appeals committee assembled throughout the tournament when judgement calls were questioned? Specifically in the 132 lb D1 final. If the Head official and the Assistant official speak and agree on a judgement call, then why would the Appeals committee even be brought onto the mat? NYSWOA explained that the coach can appeal and the committee will be brought to the mat. NYSWC requests that when a judgement call is being questioned, the Appeals Committee should act quickly and inform the coach who is appealing that a judgment call cannot be appealed. When an appeal is asked for, it is unfair to the winner to have to wait up to five minutes before their result can become official due to the questioning of a judgement call.

## VII. TrackWrestling Reporting Updates: (Jeff Cuilty)

a. Jeff Cuilty-S9 has sent the BEDS request for 2026-27. Chairmen have been asked to verify names and divisions for teams in their sections for 2026-27. (It is understood that updates will still be needed in the fall once Chairmen learn of final mergers and new adds or drops). Note-As we now use the early certification dates we need to have teams and mergers approved sooner than usual so that the correct team list can be entered into Track for coaches to receive login info prior to the start of weight certs.

c. Changes in Sections known to date:

| TEAM | 2025-26 SECTION | 2026-27 SECTION |
|---|---|---|
| N/A | | |

d. Opt-ups from D2 to D1 known to date:

| TEAM |
|---|
| CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY-S2 |
| CHENANGO FORKS-S4 |
| JOHNSON CITY-S4 |

e. Changes in Divisions known to date:

| TEAM | SECTION | 2025-26 DIVISION | 2026-27 DIVISION |
|---|---|---|---|
| SOMERS | 1 | 1 | **2** |
| MAINE-ENDWELL | 4 | 1 | **2** |
| WILLIAMSVILLE SOUTH | 6 | 1 | **2** |
| AMITYVILLE | 11 | 1 | **2** |
| SAYVILLE | 11 | 1 | **2** |
| | | | |
| SLEEPY HOLLOW | 1 | 2 | **1** |
| OUR LADY OF LOURDES | 9 | 2 | **1** |
| KINGS PARK | 11 | 2 | **1** |

## VIII. Handbook Committee Report: (Marty Sherman / Jeff Cuilty-9, Frank Marotta)

The 2025-26 Handbook will be updated with any needed changes for 2026-27 during the spring/summer for review and approval at the fall meeting.

## IX. Seeding/Forfeit Committee: Jeff Cuilty, Ed Ramirez, Bill Kays, JohnVishneowski

a. Chairmen will receive **the NYSTournamentSeedingMechanics-26-27-Draft** once a decision on the possible proposed changes is made. Any needed clarifications will be included for review at the fall meeting.

b. **Proposal from Seeding Committee for change to Seeding Procedure.**
The basic concept of the requested change is to have more flexibility in keeping wrestlers from the same Section from having to meet each other at the State tournament in the out-brackets or Round of 16.
**Decision will need to be made by the fall meeting.**
Yellow highlights are the current system, and red lettering is the new proposal.

**Procedure VII Bracket Development**

1. All wrestlers with 19 or more points, and any wrestler with less than 19 points who has defeated a wrestler with 19 or more points will be "Officially seeded" and placed on the appropriate lines. Only 12 wrestlers per weight will be "Officially seeded" (this will put 3 seeded wrestlers in each quarter bracket). Once the protected wrestlers are listed, the remaining number of wrestlers needed to reach the top 12 seeds will be initially ranked by point order.
2. Wrestlers not "Officially seeded" in the previous step (with less than 19 points) (seeds 13 through 21 or 22) will be "Line-seeded". They are not officially seeded but will occupy the line of the seed and will be placed on the appropriate lines of the seeds they are representing.
3. Line-seeded wrestlers may move into the Officially seeded pool if they have a head-to-head win over an Officially seeded wrestler and are not blocked. However, Head-to-Head wins over other Line-seeded wrestlers will be ignored and they will not be able to jump other Line-seeded wrestlers.
(Note: The Extreme case: #21 had H2H over #13 with no blocks, #21 would not move)
4. When the bracket is printed, in cases where a "Line Seeded" wrestler meets an "Officially seeded" wrestler from their same section, the "Line seeded" will be rotated to the seed below them and the "Line Seeded" wrestler that was below them will take their spot. With only 12 "Officially seeded" wrestlers this will allow more chances to rotate Line-seeded wrestlers from the same section which will allow for less conflicts of same-section wrestlers in the opening round or in the Round of 32, Round of 16 or Quarterfinals if a possibility exists that two wrestlers from the same section could meet.

**Jeff Cuilty is currently working on a comparison of how the brackets from the 2025-26 tournament just completed would have looked if the procedure were in effect last year and will share once it is completed.**

## X. 2027 Tournament: Auto Qualifiers (Jeff Cuilty)

Auto-Qualifiers Sub-Committee: Marty Sherman, John Vishneowski-2, Bill Kays-3
Izzy Martinez-6 and Jeff Cuilty-9,

a. The 3-year power point average has been updated to reflect the scoring of the Champions only for the 2025-26 tournament.
The highest scorer at each weight earned the points for the 2024-25 and 2023-24 seasons.
The Section champ earned the points for the 2025-26 season.
**Major change will be in D2 where Section 5 now qualifies 3 and Section 3 qualifies 2.**

**For the 2026-27 season**:
The Section champ will earn the points for the 2026-27 and 2025-26 seasons and all seasons going forward.
The highest scorer at each weight still earns the points for the 2024-25 season only.

## POWER POINTS: 16,12,9,7,5,3,2,1 3-Yr WEIGHTED METHOD

| DIVISION 1 | CHANGE FROM LYr | POWER POINTS | # QUALIFIERS |
|---|---|---|---|
| SECTION 11 | UP 1 | 217.75 | 3 |
| SECTION 9 | DOWN 1 | 210.25 | 3 |
| SECTION 8 | | 189.50 | 2 |
| SECTION 5 | | 166.00 | 2 |
| SECTION 1 | UP 1 | 144.25 | 2 |
| SECTION 3 | UP 1 | 107.00 | 2 |
| SECTION 2 | DOWN 2 | 73.50 | 2 |
| SECTION 6 | | 34.00 | 1 |
| SECTION 4 | | 24.50 | 1 |
| SECTION 10 | | 0.00 | 1 |
| CHSAA 12 | | N/A | 1 |
| PSAL 13 | | N/A | 1 |
| TOTALS | | | 21 |

| DIVISION 2 | CHANGE FROM LYr | POWER POINTS | # QUALIFIER |
|---|---|---|---|
| SECTION 5 | UP 2 | 261.00 | 3 |
| SECTION 4 | DOWN 1 | 257.00 | 3 |
| SECTION 3 | DOWN 1 | 202.25 | 2 |
| SECTION 6 | | 196.00 | 2 |
| SECTION 2 | | 145.25 | 2 |
| SECTION 11 | | 103.00 | 2 |
| SECTION 8 | | 68.25 | 2 |
| SECTION 1 | UP 1 | 18.75 | 1 |
| SECTION 10 | DOWN 1 | 17.50 | 1 |
| SECTION 9 | | 16.50 | 1 |
| SECTION 7 | | 14.75 | 1 |
| PSAL 13 | | N/A | 1 |
| AIS 14 | | N/A | 1 |
| TOTALS | | | 22 |

b. The Analysis of Auto-Qualifiers (not including champs) was sent to Chairmen on 4/11.

## XI. State Dual Meet Championship: (Brad Hamer-3, Bill Kays-3)

**The NYS State Dual Meet Tournament will be held on: Saturday 1/30/27.**

a. **NYSDualMeetTournament-2026-27-Draft document**-will be updated with any needed changes. Document will be reviewed again in the fall.

## XII. Girls Wrestling:

a. No items on agenda

## XIII. 2027 Tournament: MVP Arena

**a. Mat configuration for 2026-27:**

**2026-27: (Odd Year)**

| Head Table | MAT | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | D1=RED |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Head Table | MAT | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | D2=BLUE |

**2027-28: (Even Year)**

| Head Table | MAT | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | D2=RED |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Head Table | MAT | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | D1=BLUE |

b. The printed schedule on the back of the credentials needs to be updated. Marty Sherman will provide the NYSPHSAA office with the time frame well in advance of the date the credentials go to print.
c. Clarification needed for inflatable beds in MVP Arena: If they are not allowed then it needs to be enforced as there were schools that set them up in main hallway and main locker room. **Joe Altieri will communicate with MVP and needs to be informed if this happens**.

## XIV. Modified Committee:

a. Jeff Nolan-S4- **Eliminating number 5 in the State Handbook regarding Modified Wrestling: #5. At least 2 nights shall elapse between contests**.
Rationale: Some leagues are using Dual Meets to help facilitate Modified matches and sometimes they are scheduled back-to-back nights.
The 4 Point Max in a week rule for scheduling should cover this for the safety provision.
**So long as Modified teams abide by their weekly points rule then only 1 nights rest is required.**

## XV. Old Business-(Marty Sherman)-

a. None

## XVI. New Business:

a. **Team Singlets at NYS Tournament**: NYSWC proposes the following official policy to be approved by the Executive committee to be included in the handbook:
For purposes of the NYSPHSAA Individual Wrestling Championships, a legal uniform will be considered as their Section Specific Singlets (identifiable by Section approved color and noted with a specific number of letter designation).
These uniforms shall be worn in all rounds of wrestling with the exception of the following matches:
7th/8th Placement Medal Match
5th/6th Placement Medal Match
3rd/4th Placement Medal Match
1st/2nd Championship Placement Medal Match
If an athlete wears any other singlet (including legal school issued singlets) in any other rounds of wrestling the **penalty** assessed shall be:
1st Incident: Head Coach is assessed for unsportsmanlike conduct (team point is taken from their individual school, corresponding section, and the penalty progression carries for entire tournament)
2nd Incident: Head Coach is assessed for a 2nd Unsportsmanlike conduct (two team points are taken from their individual school, the corresponding section, and the Head Coach is removed from the event)
The Tournament Director-Marty Sherman has the ability to rule on extenuating circumstances regarding uniforms, but must be notified prior to any match starting.

Motion to accept proposal as stated: Jeff Cuilty-S9, Bill Hadsdelll-S5-2nd
**Passed unanimously**. **Marty will be presenting to Executive Committee in July.**

b. **True Second matches**: It is advised that Sections structure their tournaments so that no wrestler will be required to wrestle a 7th match in one day.
**If a 7th match is required**:
A waiver cannot be granted to allow 7 matches in a day for post season.
Discussion on the official policy for True Second Matches:
Suggestion: Each section shall announce in advance of their Sectional Tournaments when True Second matches will be held. Options include: Following the finals on the same day of the tournament, The Sunday after the tournament, The Monday after the tournament.
Discussion: Do all True Seconds have to be held on the same day. If a Section opts to hold them after their finals but one weight class cannot participate as it would be a 7th match of the day, can that weight class only be held on another day, or should all True Seconds be moved to the second day? In either event if a second day is needed it should be announced prior to the start of the tournament.
Discussion: Sections can determine what day works best for them and can run all or some of their required True Seconds on the best day for them.

If a second day is needed it can a + 2 lb weight allowance be granted as it is a continuance of the same tournament. Even if the tournament was held on Saturday and the True Seconds were held on Monday, scratch +2 should still be allowed. Example: Friday 145+2=147 Saturday+1=148, Monday +1=149.
Or Saturday 145+2=147, Monday 147+1 =148
**Motion to accept the above weight allowance proposal: Jeff Cuilty-S9 John Vishneowski-S2-2nd In Favor: Section(s): 2**
**Against: Section(s): 1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11**
**Motion fails: No weight allowance shall be granted for Monday if no matches are wrestled on Sunday.**

**c. Due to the change in the calendar for next season with Jan 2 being the first Saturday in January (with no tournaments are likely to be held on that day after New Years), most teams will probably shift their dates back one full week.**
**EASTERN STATES CLASSIC will be held one week later on Jan 15-16, 2027 (ML King weekend) at The Impact Athletic Center in Clifton Park, NY-S2.**
**GIRLS EASTERN STATES will again be run by Journeymen on Sunday Jan 17, 2027 at The Impact Athletic Center in Clifton Park, NY-S2.**

d. The eligibility requirement for the individual tournament of 6 contests on 6 different dates will now include the following:
**The NYS Dual meet tournament counts as one of the 6 contests** (currently some wrestlers are opting out of competing in the NYS Duals so as to be able to attend another tournament that will give them the ability to count that event as a competition for post-season eligibility.
**-And the Sectional Dual meet tournament also counts as one of the 6 contests for eligibility. In cases where the Sectional Duals last more than one day, only one of the days would count for eligibility as it is the same tournament.**
Jamie Block-S1- Proposal was attached
Motion to accept proposal: Bill Hadsell-S5, Matt DeVincenzo -S11-2nd
**Passed unanimously**. **Marty will be presenting to Executive Committee in July.**

e. Table for future Can a weigh-in count towards eligibility. Our wrestlers are doing what is required and making weight for a contest only to be denied the chance to compete because the opposing school does not have a contestant for them to wrestle. Every time this happens the wrestler who made weight loses the opportunity to get a contest counted toward their post-season eligibility.

f. Do we need to go back to the scheduling restriction date (which was the last day to be able to add an event to a schedule)? (As some sections are scheduling events just to get a wrestler another contest to count towards eligibility). It is not ethical to have a dual meet with just the one wrestler who needs the contest and the others all receiving forfeits. In addition, a single wrestler cannot attend a dual meet between two other teams and wrestle one person from one of the teams so as to be able to count another contest. Committee concluded that the scheduling restriction date should not be reinstated statewide, but any section can be more restrictive if they want to.
g. Jamie Block-S1-Will develop an official document for the NYS Tournament Announcers for announcing 100/200 win milestones etc, This document can be completed by coaches and submitted to the announcers at the head table.
h. Jamie Block-S1-Should we consider mat side seating for the finals for family members? After discussion NYSPHSAA office determined that this would be to difficult to accomplish with the logistics of the finals.
i. Jamie Block-S1-is willing to assist Chairmen if they want to set up the "Sports You" app for communicating info and forms with coaches.
j. Jeff Nolan-S4_Medical Forfeits: Should they count on records as a Loss.
This feature is already in Track and other states use this to deter unnecessary Medical Forfeits. Is the "spirit" of Medical Forfeits is being violated. After discussion and agreement that there is some ethical violations of the rule going on. Most of the abuse is taking place in a wrestlers last match of the day in the final medal rounds to avoid wrestling an opponent and not having to take a loss. It was determined that we should not penalize a wrestler who is legitimately injured by requiring them to take a loss. It was noted that if the wrestler returns to the tournament in a later round that the loss **would be** recorded as a forfeit and a loss recorded.
k. Tabled-when can a section change a scratch
l. It was noted that the Track NYS tournament scoring of Byes in wrestlebacks is incorrectly giving a 1 pt advancement for a bye in the first wrestle-back round. If you look at a bracket sheet you will see that there are 5 wrestlers-D1 and 6 wreslters-D2 listed as wrestling "Bye" in the first wrestle-back round. Since none of them actually have a match there are technically no matches in that round so no bye points should be given if the wrestler in the first round wins their second round and advances to the third round. This has been reviewed with Jeff Howard since our meeting, and he has the ability to adjust the Track software to stop this from happening in the future.

## AJOURNMENT

-Today's Meeting: Start time: 10:00 a.m. End Time: 1:30 p.m. (3 and half hrs.)

## Next meeting(s):

**Fall Zoom Meeting: Tuesday September 15, 2026 at 10:00 am**

# SPRING MEETING 05/13/26

Summary of (Red) Action Items that need to be taken care of before Fall meeting:

**Chairmen need to:**

Chairmen should forward to Frank each sections final referee evaluations from the 2025-26 season.

December 1st is the deadline for 2027 nominations for Upstate chapter for National Hall Of Fame.

Send Jeff Cuilty-S9 the BEDS request for 2026-27. Chairmen will be asked to verify names and divisions for teams in their sections for 2026-276. (It is understood that updates will still be needed in the fall once Chairmen learn of final mergers and new adds or drops).

**Jeff Cuilty needs to:**

Compile data to show the effect of the seeding committee proposal and send to Chairmen prior to the Fall meeting to see if there is interest in moving forward with it.

Table for future Can a weigh-in count towards eligibility. Our wrestlers are doing what is required and making weight for a contest only to be denied the chance to compete because the opposing school does not have a contestant for them to wrestle. Every time this happens the wrestler who made weight loses the opportunity to get a contest counted toward their post-season eligibility.

Tabled-when can a section change a scratch

**Jamie Block needs to:**

Jamie Block-S1-Will develop an official document for the NYS Tournament Announcers for announcing 100/200 win milestones etc, This document can be completed by coaches and submitted to the announcers at the head table

**Marty Sherman needs to:**

**The following proposals need to be sent to the Executive Committee:**

1. No Team singlets in non-medal rounds at NYS tournament:
   Motion to accept proposal as stated: Jeff Cuilty-S9, Bill Hadsdelll-S5-2nd
   **Passed unanimously**. **Marty will be presenting to Executive Committee in July**.

2. Allowing NYS Duals and Sectional Duals to count as a contest towards the eligibility requirement for the Individual tournament.
   Motion to accept proposal: Bill Hadsell-S5, Matt DeVincenzo -S11-2nd
   **Passed unanimously**. **Marty will be presenting to Executive Committee in July.**

**Marty Sherman needs to:**

The printed schedule on the back of the credentials needs to be updated.
Marty Sherman will provide the NYSPHSAA office with the time frame well in advance of the date the credentials go to print

Summary of (Red) Action Items that need to be taken care of before Fall meeting: (continued)

**NYSPHSAA office needs to:**

**Todd Nelson:**

a. Finalize with Dan Weaver: Negotiated the final deal with InBody so their 120 scales could be sent to InBody for them to upgrade them to an InBody 120A with a black dongle at a cost of $50 per dongle (and possibly the shipping charges). The InBody 120 will continue to work with the white dongle. But once it this offer expires if the old dongle goes down the deal may no longer be in effect. InBody is willing to do the conversion in bulk. This would need to be done in time for InBody to return the scales to the sections by the end of August. The 120's should last about 12

b. **Meet with the Safety Committee:** *The appeal process is:* If the wrestler is dissatisfied with the In-Body results of the minimum weight determination, the wrestler is retested by the assessor appointed by the Section Consultant. Retests must be within 3 days of the original date of measurement. The urinalysis must be repeated and passed. **A wrestler who does not pass hydration for the appeal, may come back to redo the appeal so long as the appeal remains within the original 3-day period**.

Or

**The hydration test is considered part of the appeal process so if they fail hydration on the appeal day, that counts as the appeal, and they must accept their original certification.**

These choices still need to be brought to the Safey Committee for consideration and a final interpretation before the Fall.