

New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.

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Eileen Troy, Past President

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS

May 1, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4 Approved the agenda of the May 1, 2015 Executive Committee meeting.
2. P4 Approved January 30, 2015 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
3. P11 Approved a resolution to allow Greenwood Lake students the ability to transfer to Chester or Warwick Valley as a result of NYSED not approving Charter status for Tuxedo and Greenwood Lake not renewing its contract with Tuxedo.
4. P11 Approved a resolution to adjust Tuxedo's BEDS numbers for the 2015-2016 school year, as a result of NYSED not approving Charter status for Tuxedo and Greenwood Lake not renewing its contract with Tuxedo.
5. P15 Approved the 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA budget.
6. P15 Approved for Sectional revenue share related to NYSPHSAA Spalding Ball Adoption agreement for five years beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.
7. P15 Approved increasing Friends and Neighbors dues from \$100 to \$200 annually beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.
8. P15 Approved increasing NYS Federation registration fees from \$300 to \$500 annually beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.
9. P15 Approved increasing NYS Federation fees from \$700 to \$1000 per sport beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.
10. P18 Approved with section/league approval, for the boys and girls modified volleyball rotation to be adjusted.
11. P18 Approved a change to modified Wrestling Game Condition #2.
12. P18 Approved a change to Modified Wrestling Game Condition #1.
13. P18 Approved for Section III to adopt a two-year pilot program in Modified Cross Country that would allow runners to wear spiked running shoes.
14. P18 Approved to waive the NFHS regulation for modified boys and girls soccer goalie jerseys to be numbered.
15. P19 Approved Section participation in 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA Championships and regionals as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, 5.
16. P20 Approved the reappointment of the following State Sport Coordinators for another 5 year term effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2020: Dennis O'Brien, Boys Skiing; Bob Underwood, Girls Skiing; Jacquie Gow, Girls

- Lacrosse; Marbry Gansle, Girls Cross Country; Marbry Gansle, Girls Gymnastics and Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball.
17. P20 Approved Dietz Stadium (Kingston, Section IX) as the site location for the 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA East Semifinals Football Championships.
 18. P20 Approved Cicero-North Syracuse High School (Section III) as the site location for the 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA West Semifinal Football Championships.
 19. P20 Approved the Carrier Dome (Syracuse, Section III) as the site location for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 NYSPHSAA State Football Championships.
 20. P20 Defeated The Aud (Section III) as the site location for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 NYSPHSAA State Ice Hockey Championships.
 21. P20 Approved The Harborcenter (Section VI) as the site location for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 NYSPHSAA State Ice Hockey Championships.
 22. P20 Approved the Championship Dates and Sites for 2015-2016.
 23. P21 Approved to limit contact in the sport of Football for high school and modified football teams to no more than two "*Full-Contact practices*" per week during the season; with no "*Full-Contact*" session to exceed 90 minutes.
 24. P21 Tabled a motion to reduce the minimum number of practices needed in football for an individual from 11 to 10 (scrimmage) and 15 to 14 (contest).
 25. P21 Approved to increase Officials Games Fees by \$2 and mileage reimbursement by \$0.02 per mile for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.
 26. P21 Approved the cut-off numbers in Cross Country to take effect for the 2016-2017 season.
 27. P21 Approved the cut-off numbers in Girls Volleyball to take effect for the 2016-2017 season.
 28. P21 Tabled a motion to change the cut-off numbers in Football.
 29. P21 Approved the retirement of Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker effective August 31, 2015.
 30. P22 Approved the following as Friend and Neighbor status: **The Kings School (2).**
 31. P22 Approved as a New Member: **Genesee Country Christian School (5).**
 32. P31 Approved awarding Regional plaques to both the winning and losing teams.
 33. P31 Approved to enter into Executive Session.
 34. P31 Approved to end Executive Session and to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting.

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY

May 1, 2015

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Steve Broadwell at 9:10AM on Friday, May 1, 2015. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced the officers and staff present and performed roll call to ascertain a quorum.

Officers & Staff

President Stephen Broadwell
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Counsel Renee James
Secretary Sandra Schanck

Past Presidents

Kathryn Faber
Karen Lopez
Patrick Pizzarelli

Section Representatives

Section 1: Karen Peterson, Jennifer Simmons (proxy for James Mackin)
Section 2: Kathy Ryan, Robert McGuire
Section 3: Monica Tooley, Michael Carboine
Section 4: Ben Nelson (proxy for Julie Bergman), Chris Durdon
Section 5: Ed Stores (proxy for Kimberly Henshaw), Craig Veley
Section 6: Marisa Fallacaro, Jim Graczyk
Section 7: Patricia Ryan-Curry, Joseph Staves
Section 8: Chris Ceruti, John Pirodato
Section 9: Robbie Greene, Jim Wolfe
Section 10: Lori Brewer, James Cruikshank
Section 11: Lisa Lally, Timothy Mullins

Section Ex. Directors

Jennifer Simmons (1), Wayne Bertrand (2), John Rathbun (3), Ben Nelson (4), Ed Stores (5), Timm Slade (6), Karen Lopez (7), Nina Van Erk (8), Carl Normandin (10), Don Webster (11), Kevin McCarthy, Asst. Ex. Director (11)

Ex-Officios

Alan Mallanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA

Darryl Daily, SED

Jim Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator

Thad Lawrence, Life of an Athlete Co-Coordinator

Sport Coordinators

Scott Stuart, Ice Hockey State Coordinator

Gary Van Derzee, Football State Coordinator

Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator

Guests

Jack Nickla, NYSPHSAA Intern

Greg Ransom, Assistant Treasurer (9)

Rise Van Iderstine, Administrative Assistant (2)

Brian Kelly, Spalding

A **motion to approve** the agenda of the May 1, 2015 Executive Committee meeting **carried**.

Mullins/Ceruti

A **motion to approve** the January 30, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written **carried**.

Piropato/Carboine

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Steve Broadwell

- Attended Wrestling, Indoor Track, Bowling, the Boys and Girls Basketball Championships and the Federation Basketball Championships.
 - Asked if a State Coordinator was in their Section to please thank them and their committee members for all the work they do and for a great job in organizing our state championships.
- Announced he made several appointments to the Hall of Fame Committees and thanked them for doing a great job in selecting our 6 newest inductees.

1st Vice President Jim Osborne

- Attended the Cheerleading Regionals, Ice Hockey, Basketball and Federation Basketball Championships.
- Congratulated all the winter sport coordinators, their committees and volunteers who did a great job in making our championships so successful.
- Thanked the office staff for the work they do in making the championships so successful.

2nd Vice President Paul Harrica

- Echoed Steve's and Jim's remarks regarding the championships.
- Thanked Robert Zayas, the office staff and all the volunteers that contributed to the championships.

Past President Eileen Troy

- Attended the bowling and boys swimming and diving championships.
- Thanked the office staff, all the sport chairs, committees and volunteers for their dedication and hard work to make the championships so successful.

Executive Director Robert Zayas

PSAL and National Events

- In 2011, PSAL teams participated in the ESPN Rise Tournament, an unsanctioned National basketball tournament. In June 2011, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved NYSPHSAA sending correspondence to NYSED pertaining to this violation.
- On April 2-4, 2015, two PSAL teams (South Shore girls and Wings Academy boys) participated in the Dick's National Basketball Tournament in New York City, also an unsanctioned event.
- On March 28th, the NYSPHSAA provided a letter of concern to the PSAL stating the following: *"If Wings Academy and South Shore High School participate in the Dick's National Tournament, NYSPHSAA, as a member of the New York State Federation of Secondary Schools and the recognized sanctioning agent in New York State will take the following action:*
 - *NYSPHSAA will not provide interstate sanctioning approval for all programs of Wings Academy and South Shore High School during the 2015-2016 school year.*
 - *NYSPHSAA will notify the New York State Education Department of the violation of the Guidelines and Regulations of the NYSED Commissioner."*

Spalding Ball Adoption

- Thanked each Section for their support of the statewide ball adoption.
- All eleven Sections will be participating in the NYSPHSAA statewide ball adoption program with Spalding.
- The Spalding agreement will be for five years and will begin with the 2016-2017 school year and will require all Sections to use Spalding balls at soccer, volleyball, football, basketball, baseball and softball for their Sectional tournaments.
- Sections will receive a guaranteed rights fee from Spalding.

Boys Lacrosse – 4 Classifications

- The Boys Lacrosse Committee is considering presenting a proposal requesting 4 classifications for their championship to the Central Committee in July with a possible vote in October by the Executive Committee.
- The NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy states that for team sports to have 4 classifications, they must have between 300 and 400 varsity teams across the state. Boys Lacrosse currently has 331 varsity teams within the NYSPHSAA membership.

Standard Calendar of Events

- Reminded Sections of the January 30, 2015 Executive Committee approval of the Standard Calendar of Weeks where each State Championship and season start date now has a corresponding week number for which it will be held.
- All Sport Coordinators were provided a calendar for State Championship dates for the next seven years.
- The Standard Calendar of Weeks is currently used in 42 States throughout the country and will assist with future scheduling of events.

Online Exams – Officials

- In the past we have provided all the written exams for officials.
- Reminded a decision was made back in October that beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, officials' exams will only be offered via online.
- This will be a significant financial savings to our membership.

USA Football – Heads Up Tackling Program

- Met with the Football Committee.
- A new program that shows coaches and athletes the correct way to tackle.
- A concern is if the NYSPHSAA endorses the program, within the endorsement is an indemnification clause which basically releases Heads Up Tackling, the NFL and the NFL Players Association from any responsibilities associated with Heads Up Tackling.

Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker

State Championships/Regionals 2015-2016

- Approval will be requested for the schedule of known dates/sites for 2015-2016 which was included in the meeting packet.
- Approval will be requested for Section participation in 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA Championships and Regionals as listed, as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, 5.

State Sports Coordinator

- Approval will be requested for the reappointments of the following State Sports Coordinators to another 5 year term effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2020: Dennis O'Brien, Boys Skiing; Bob Underwood, Girls Skiing; Jacquie Gow, Girls Lacrosse; Marbry Gansle, Girls Cross Country and Girls Gymnastics; Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball.

Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program

- A list of the Winter 2014-2015 State Championship teams was included in the meeting packet.
- The Spring 2015 deadline to apply for the Scholar/Athlete Team Award is Friday, May 15, 2015.
- School of Distinction Award applications are to be completed following the Spring 2015 deadline and must be received no later than June 30, 2015 in order to be placed on the NYSPHSAA "Academic Honor Roll".

NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association

- The next meeting of the NYSFSSAA is May 13, 2015.

Community Service Challenge

- This is year 5 of the program.
- Schools should have submitted their application to their Section by May 1.
- Section winners are due to the NYSPHSAA office by June 1.

- The State winner will be announced in early June and recognized at the Central Committee meeting in July.

Officials Coordinating Federation

- An Arbitration Hearing involving Section 6 and the Section 6 Officials will be held on Friday, May 15, 2015 in the NYSPHSAA office.
- Will be going to online exams for officials beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.
- The next meeting of the OCF is Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 9:00AM via conference call.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Unified Sports

- Between Sections 2 and V, 36 schools are participating in the Unified Basketball Program this Spring.
- Sections VI and VIII have committed to being part of the pilot program next school year.
- Schools participating this year have begun to practice and games will start at the beginning of May.
- Section 2 will have schools broken into groups of four (based on ability) to participate in a post season tournament.
- Section V schools will conduct a culminating event with each school playing one game following a 6 game regular season.
- He recognized our partner Special Olympics New York for being so instrumental in helping to bring such an outstanding program to our member schools.
- Section 2 is considering expanding the Unified Sports program to include bowling during the winter of the 2015-2016 school year.
- If any other Section is interested in the Unified Sports Program, please contact Todd Nelson.

Cheerleading

- The NYSPHSAA sponsored three Competitive Cheerleading Invitational events over three weekends: Guilderland High School (2), Bay Shore High School (11) and RIT (5).
- 141 schools participated in the three invitational events.
- The competitions were a huge success. All three sites did a great job hosting our events.
- The first ever NYSPHSAA Cheerleading State Championship will be held on March 5, 2016 at SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College (3).
- The committee will be making a recommendation to the Championship Advisory Committee at their next meeting regarding the format of the State Championship.
- Reported a NYS Cheerleading Judges Association has been formed.
- Working with the NYS Cheerleading Judges Association, our goal is next year every event hosted by one of our member schools will have NYS certified judges working the events. The NYS Cheerleading Judges Association and their local chapters will work with the Sections to establish what the stipend will be for judges to work those events.
- The Cheerleading Committee and the NYS Cheerleading Judges Association will be meeting in May to discuss many items associated with Competitive Cheerleading.
- If Sections have a question regarding the NYS Cheerleading Judges Association, please contact Todd.

Fuel Up to Play 60

- The NYSPHSAA and the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council sponsored a pilot program with two Section III schools, Jamesville-DeWitt and Cazenovia, on the Fuel Up to Play 60 program.
- Two teams were from the high school level and one team was from the modified level.
- Each team met with a local nutritionist to discuss the importance of having a healthy diet when competing in interscholastic sports. They also conducted various activities to help promote the Fuel Up to Play 60 program and good nutrition.
- We will be meeting with the American Dairy Association to see how we can spread the program to all of our member schools.

Director of Marketing & Media Joe Altieri

Sponsorship/Marketing

- Sponsors secured for winter championships (totaling \$20,100): Glens Falls National Bank, NYS Bankers Association, US Army, Journeyman, Pointstreak, USA Wrestling, Monroe County Sports Commission, Hilton Downtown, Hilton Albany Med, Marriott, and other various small cheer sponsors. Additionally, \$4,200 in sponsorship was sold for the NYS Federation Basketball Tournament.
- In discussion with MaxPreps for a renewal of their sponsorship.
- Press releases have been distributed for the following: Tickets on sale for Basketball and Wrestling, Wrestling Seeding, Tickets Available Online for All Winter Events, Scholar Athlete, Battle of the Fans, Yankee Partnership, 2015 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame (copy included in meeting packets).

Championship Marketing

- Television and radio campaigns were in place for the following spring sports: baseball, softball, girls lacrosse, boys lacrosse.
- Approximately 1,000 complimentary TV spots will run on Time Warner Cable channels in Binghamton, Cortland and Albany for spring sports in addition to paid spots on ESPN stations.

Championship Report

- Spring championship tickets are now on sale online at www.ticketleap.com.
- Online ticket sales for winter events were at their highest ever with a total of \$43,365 in revenue and 4,419 tickets sold. Boys swimming had the highest amount of tickets sold at 1,450.
- With the awarding of \$25,000 in bed tax for boys basketball, a marketing plan and budget was put in place for the 2015 tournament which included: radio and print advertising, committee pullovers, fan giveaways (seat cushions), complimentary breakfast for all teams at hotel, bracket board and signage.
- Radio rights fees (contracts) totaled \$3,500 in revenue for 14 radio broadcasts of winter championships, all of which were boys and girls basketball games.

Media/Broadcasting

- Time Warner Cable Sports Channel will broadcast the following championships this spring: girls lacrosse, boys lacrosse and softball (2 finals).

- Thanks to the NFHS producing a turnkey PSA for all states, we were able to mail CD's of the PSA to over 300 radio stations in New York for free promotion of NYSPHSAA and high school sports. The spot was NYSPHSAA branded and advertises participation in high school sports. A letter and survey was sent to each station with the PSA.

Summer Intern

- Sage VanAmerongen, a basketball student-athlete and sophomore at Ithaca College, will join our office for a part-time internship this summer. She is currently studying marketing and is a former basketball star at Shaker High School (2).

Spring Intern

- He acknowledged and thanked Jack Nickla, our Spring intern, for his professionalism and great work this semester.

Media Content Coordinator Joe Agostinelli

Website

- Reviewed the table that illustrates the growth in website traffic of our Winter Championship usage over comparable Winter Championship weekends in 2014.

Social Media

- Social media continues to grow in followers from the previous year.
- The NYSPHSAA Facebook page has more than 3,500 likes in 2015 compared to just over 1,100 in 2014
- Twitter followers are around 8,067, almost double from last year at this time.
- Our YouTube page has more than 84,000 views, an increase of nearly 50,000 since last year at this time.
- NYSPHSAA is on Instagram now and continues to look at emerging social media outlets.
- From the Winter Championships, Joel Wincowski's Class C Championship Game-winning 3 pointer video has been viewed more than 18,000 times across our social media platforms.

Live Scoring

- This winter, NYSPHSAA offered live scoring of Skiing, Wrestling, Bowling, Indoor Track & Field, Ice Hockey and Basketball championships.
- Wrestling live scoring had more than 75,000 views during the course of the weekend.
- Spring live scoring includes Track & Field, Golf and Boys Tennis. Lacrosse details are still being worked out. Baseball and softball options are being reviewed.

Battle of the Fans

- Bethlehem Central School District (2) was named the 2014-2015 Battle of the Fans Champion following a vote through NYSPHSAA Social Media (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook).
- Nearly 2,400 votes were cast for the final three schools (Skaneateles (3), Bethlehem (2), Pittsford (5)) in 2015, up from 557 votes via Facebook only in 2014.

Mobile App

- Marketing and awareness of the NYSPHSAA Mobile App (iOS and Android) will be a focus throughout the spring championships and into 2015-2016 school year to increase downloads and use of the features by fans throughout the regular season and championships.

Souvenir Badges

- Once again the NCAA provided sponsorship of all of our Souvenir Badges for the 2014-2015 season.
- Badges were provided to all our committee members, staff, student-athletes, coaches and officials for all our championships.
- BagTags, Inc., through a partnership, designed the badges. The lanyards were provided by Crown Awards.

Treasurer Lisa Arnold

- Reported we have a solid cash position and are able to meet all our current liabilities.

Income Statement

Revenues

- Investment income continues to be strong, with an overall 6% return on investment.
- Championship revenue did very well. Budgeted was \$306,000. Through Winter Championships have netted approximately \$450,000.
- A list by sport of all winter championships income and expenses was included in the meeting folder. A bar chart on the profitability of championships was also included.

Expenditures

- The insurance expense line item was over budget due to the Association covering the increased cost of regular season coverage for the Sections this year.

Programs & Committees

- NY Good Sports is over budget due to the increase in the cost of the Sportsmanship t-shirts because of a new design and more shirts were ordered.

Overall, the financial health of the Association is good. We continue to build our net assets to cover the Post-Retirement Health Benefit and two years of our operating expenses.

Legal Counsel Renee James

- Reported we are being sued in State Court for changes in our Transfer Rule. The lawsuit was brought by 8 private schools and one charter school, each school objecting to each of the changes in the Transfer Rule as well as the whole rule, on the basis it discourages parents' choice of what school.

Transgender Policy

- Have had a draft policy.
- She participated in a webinar on Transgender with the NYS School Boards Association. Our draft policy was one of their slides.
- She feels our policy where schools make a decision in terms of placement for athletic teams is in line with what other State Associations are doing and in line with what the courts are ruling in terms of favoring students to participate in the gender they are identifying with.
- Robert will be reconvening the Transgender Committee.
- Any questions, contact Renee.

Athletic Gifts

- There is a concern at the Section level with boys teams receiving gifts and the girls teams did not.
- She stated there is OCR guidance and some case law which indicates if gifts are accepted from Booster Clubs, sport committees or other interest, there is an obligation to make sure that it's equal across the board.

Social Media

- She spoke at the Athletic Administrators Conference regarding the legal issues involved with Social Media and athletes and coaches.
- She advised coaches go be cautious when disciplining athletes. There are First Amendment implications. She noted two game suspensions are going to Federal Court.

AED Placement

- There is a concern with AED placement at Sectionals and at schools with numerous fields. Does everyone know where they are located?
- Recommended reviewing with coaches at the beginning of each school year what the school's emergency plan is.

SECTION CONCERNS

Section I asked to consider discussion with a possible vote at the July Central Committee meeting to have 7th and 8th grade students participating in the advanced placement process be subject to the Transfer Rule. They also requested the Executive Committee to create a committee to review the minimum number of practices required to have a scrimmage and a contest in all sports.

Section III asked the Championship Advisory Committee to look at the possibility of having two divisions in Bowling.

Section VII voiced a concern with the quality of hotel rooms and Security when our championships are held in Ithaca. A list of hotels in the Cortland area will be provided to the Section Executive Directors.

Section IX. A motion to approve a resolution to allow Greenwood Lake students the ability to transfer to Chester or Warwick Valley as a result of NYSED not approving Charter status for Tuxedo and Greenwood Lake not renewing its contract with Tuxedo **carried.** Greene/Staves

A motion to approve a resolution to adjust Tuxedo's BEDS number for the 2015-2016 school year, as a result of NYSED not approving Charter status for Tuxedo and Greenwood Lake not renewing its contract with Tuxedo **carried.** Greene/Staves

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

State Education Department. Darryl Daily **Professional Development Opportunities**

- NYS Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Leadership Training Program and Certification Program. Website: www.nysaaa.org/page.cfm?page=leadership.cfm and www.nysaaa.org/prof-development/certification-program.
- NYS Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Annual Conference (March 16-18, 2016) in Saratoga Springs. Website: www.nysaaa.org/conference/program-information
- NYS Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAHPERD). Conference (November 18-21, 2015) in Verona, NY. Website: www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm
- American alliance for Health, Physical Education, Dance and Recreation AAHPERD-now called "SHAPE". National Conference (April 5-9, 2016) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Website: www.aahperd.org/whatwedo/convention/

Athletic Placement Process for Interscholastic Athletic Programs (formerly Selection Classification Program)(New-Fall 2015)

- Passed out a FAQ sheet for the Athletic Placement Process.
- Effective: Fall Season 2015
- Website: www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/AthleticPlacementProcess2-11-15Revised.pdf
- Current Selection Classification program still in effect during Spring season 2015. APP will take effect after that.
- Further communication to come from SED.

Coaches as Mandated Reporters

- On August 6, 2014, the Governor signed a new law which added a new Education Law to require all individuals currently holding or applying for a temporary coaching license or a professional coaching certificate, to complete two hours of training regarding the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment. The Social Services Law was also amended to expressly include coaches as mandated reporters of suspected child abuse. See: www.governor.ny.gov/press/08062014-child-abuse-bill-signing
- This is not a new requirement or course for coaches to take. The law ensures that coaches are now encoded on the list as mandated reporters.
- Information on the Child Abuse Identification Workshop can be found at: www.highered.nysed.gov/cert/certificate/ca.html
- The office of Child and Family services offers the course for free at: www.nysmandatedreporter.org/TrainingCourses.aspx

Dignity for all Students Act (DASA)

- Section 52.21 and Part 80 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education have been amended and a new Subpart 57-4 has been added to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to implement the Coursework or Training in Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination Prevention and Intervention required under the Dignity for All Students Act.

- It is required that schools need to create policies and guidelines to be used in school training programs to discourage the development of discrimination or harassment and to enable employees to prevent and respond to discrimination or harassment.
- Effective January 1, 2014 school professionals applying for a certificate or license on or after January 1, 2014 complete training on the social patterns of harassment, bullying and discrimination.
- Teacher and school leadership preparation programs must include at least 6 hours of training in Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination Prevention and Intervention.
- A new Subpart 57-4 of the Commissioner's Regulations was added to establish standards under which the Department will approve providers of this training.
- For questions, go to: www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/dasa-applicant.html

Concussion Courses

- Reminded concussion courses are required for physical education teachers and coaches every 2 years.
- The NFHS/CDC Concussion Course is now approved to be used by coaches in New York State as part of the Concussion Management and Awareness Act requirement.
www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html
- The direct link to the NFHS concussion Course is:
www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000
- Physical Education teachers still have to complete the *Heads Up, Concussion in Youth Sports* every 2 years. Website: www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html

Competitive Cheerleading Recognized as a Sport with Both SED and NYSPHSAA (Effective Winter 2014-2015)

- Approved by the NYSED Board of Education at their April 24, 2015 meeting.
- SED defined Competitive Cheerleading as teams performing various athletic activities, including stunts, pyramids and/or tosses, jumps and tumbling, under the direct supervision of a properly certified coach. Competitive cheerleading squads may perform during school functions, as well as properly sanctioned school, sectional, state and/or national events during a specified season.
- Amendments are being made to Guidelines based on CR 135.4: Coaching Requirement Guidelines-being revised Summer 2015, Selection Classification Guidelines (soon to be Athletic Placement Process for Interschool Athletic Programs)-Fall 2015, Mixed Competition and Sport Standards will include Competitive Cheerleading.
- Competitive Cheerleading Q & A memo from SED is now available on the NYSED website. See: www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkit.html.

Coaching Courses

- Make sure your certificates are updated. Check with Darryl Daily, Associate in Physical Education if a new template is needed.
- Please send yearly evaluations to Darryl Daily at SED at Darryl.daily@nysed.gov.
- If interested in becoming a provider, please contact NYSED.
- Working on alternative online NFHS Coaching Course pathway with NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA. Process will be communicated soon. Should be available by Summer/Fall 2015.

Quality Physical Education Plan Reminder

- Keep plan current.

- Update plan frequently to ensure high-quality programs are being offered.
- Make sure your plan is aligned with the current regulations and/or National and NYS Standards.
- For technical assistance or specific questions, contact Darryl Daily at ddaily@mail.nysed.gov.
- Physical Education Plans must be filed both at the local level and at the Department. They can be sent as a hard copy or as an emailed attachment to the Department. Email format is preferred.

Duration of Competition (Clarification and proposed amendment)

- A proposal to the Board of Regents was made 10/20/14 to amend section 135.4 (c) (7) (ii) (d) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, relating to the Duration of Competition rule. The BOE ruled in favor.
- The rule specifically says that extended eligibility for “accident or illness” and eliminates “similar” and/or “other” in the language of the regulation.
- See Board of Regents item for details:
www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2014/October2014/1014p12a4.pdf

Important Related Items

- **School Health Education** - A letter from the Department of Health and the State Education Department regarding the Heroin and Opioids epidemic was sent to various organizations to give schools access to resources to help address the issue. The problem of heroin and opioid abuse continues to grow at alarming rates both in New York State and throughout the nation. To learn more about heroin and opioid abuse and the publications and resources available, go to www.combatheroin.ny.gov. A toolkit is being developed by OASAS, DOH and NYSED for schools to use in the future.
- **School Health Education** – Governor Cuomo signed a bill In October 2014 to mandate CPR/AED training in schools. The Board of Regents approved this last week. For CPR, it is “hands only”. CPR and AED training for students will be a knowledge based component, a 30 minute course and no certification needed.

Transgender Policy

- The Board of Regents did look at the draft policy.
- Student Support Services Unit is working on a transgender document now.
- More information to come as it becomes available.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget and Audit Committee. Jim Osborne, 1st Vice President

- Thanked the committee and Lisa for all their hard work in putting the budget together.
- Reviewed 2015-2016 budget highlighting the following:
 - There will be no change to the dues format for next year. It will stay at \$810 per school district and \$.86 per student over 300.
 - Admission to State Championships will stay the same.
 - Fees increase for Friends & Neighbors and the NYS Federation.
 - The increase in insurance was due to Section Executive Directors wanting coverage during the regular season.

- The decrease in Sport Coordinator meetings was due to more sport committee meetings being held by conference call.
- An increase of \$50 in the Sport Coordinator's stipends.

A **motion to approve** the 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA budget **carried**.

McGuire/Nelson

A **motion to approve** for Sectional revenue share related to NYSPHSAA Spalding Ball Adoption agreement for five years beginning with the 2016-2017 school year **carried**.

Stores/Mullins

Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced Brian Kelly from Spalding who thanked the Association for this relationship. He stated Spalding is very excited about the agreement and looks forward to working with the Association.

A **motion to approve** increasing Friends and Neighbors dues from \$100 to \$200 annually beginning with the 2015-2016 school year **carried**.

Greene/Mullins

A **motion to approve** increasing NYS Federation registration fees from \$300 to \$500 annually beginning with the 2015-2016 school year **carried**.

Greene/Mullins

A **motion to approve** increasing NYS Federation fees from \$700 to \$1000 per sport beginning with the 2016-2017 school year **carried**.

Greene/Mullins

Championship Advisory Committee. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.

- The committee met on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 via teleconference.
- The committee will be requesting approval to award both the winning and losing team a plaque at regional contests.
- The committee will be requesting approval of a \$2 increase in the Officials Game Fees and a \$.02 cents increase in mileage for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.
- The committee will be requesting approval of the Football Committee's recommendation of Syracuse University Carrier Dome (3) as the site for the Football State Championships for the 2016, 2017, 2018 years; Dietz Stadium in Kingston (9) as the site for the East Football Semifinals for 2015, 2016; and Cicero-North Syracuse High School (3) as the site for the West Football Semifinals for 2015, 2016. The CAC had no concerns.
- The Ice Hockey Committee will be requesting approval for the Utica Aud (3) be the site for the Ice Hockey Championships in 2016, 2017, 2018 while NYSPHSAA is recommending the Harborcenter (6). The CAC had the following concerns and thoughts: 1.) Potential lack of seating at the Harborcenter, 2.) Role of the sports committee is being diminished by going to the Harborcenter, 3.) Harborcenter is a tremendous venue, 4.) By going to the Harborcenter we are opening up the bids process.
- Riflery Rules that go into effect in January, unless it is safety driven, will go into effect the following school year.
- Todd Nelson will be supplying the proposed classification numbers for Cross Country, Football, Girls Volleyball and Boys Lacrosse by email for your review.

- The committee reconvened on April 24 to discuss the proposed classification numbers for possible action at the May 1, 2015 Executive Committee meeting.
- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for June 15, 2015 at 9:00AM via conference call.

Life of An Athlete Committee. Thad Lawrence, Co-Coordinator

- The committee met on March 19 at the NYSAAA Conference in Saratoga.
- Each representative was asked to make a presentation at his/her Section about Life of an Athlete to introduce the program to new AD's as well as refresh the veteran AD's. This is especially needed because of the number of new AD's.
- All the LOA programs, updates and Power Point Presentations are available on the Association website.
- Tim Hayes (10) gave a brief description of the workshop the Navy Seals presented at his school. It went extremely well. They focused on team building. They also did a presentation for the parents. Contact Thad or Tim for more information if you are interested in the Navy Seals presenting at your school.
- He and Patti met with the New Hampshire Athletic Association at the winter training in Lake Placid. They adopted an online LOA statewide program and have numerous printable materials available online.
- He and Patti are talking with the National Guard to become a sponsor for the LOA program.
- Thad, Todd and Tim shared information about programs they have started at their schools.
- Murphee suggested each Section sponsor their athlete/athletes who are selected to the leadership group to attend a training in Lake Placid. They would be tasked with developing a video as well as tweets to be placed on the NYSPHSAA website.
- Dates for John Underwood's updates at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid: July 5 – Coaches Session and July 9-12 – Athletes' Session. Check John's website for registration and cost www.lifeofanathlete.us.
- John is also available for workshops in your section or schools. He can be reached at 518-796-8334.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Wrestling Advisory Committee

- A concern from the Wrestling Advisory Committee regarding return to play from a skin infection was discussed.
- Linda from SED (School Health Services Center) is willing to work with the school nurses and the school medical directors to ensure they are informed when a student has been excluded from participation because of a skin infection.
- The Wrestling Committee will also discuss keeping the school nurses and school medical director informed instead of by-passing them.

Concussion Management

- The committee was reminded to let their schools know that the NYSPHSAA is still offering ImPact baseline tests and post-injury tests to our member schools at the lowest price possible in the country.

- Many schools are renewing through the NYSPHSAA program but there are plenty of tests still left for new schools to take advantage of for their student athletes.

Modified Committee Recommendations

- The Safety Committee approved the following recommendations from the Modified Committee:
 - *Increase maximum number of points in Wrestling from 12 to 14 per season.*
 - *Increase the maximum number of 2 point matches from 8 points to 10 points during the season.*
 - *Section III Cross Country Pilot Program to allow athletes to wear spikes on their shoes.*
 - *Other Sections can join the pilot if approved by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee/Section/League.*

Football Committee Recommendations

- The Safety Committee approved the following recommendation from the Football Committee:
 - *Limit "Full Contact" during the football season to a maximum of 2 days per week and 90 minutes per day starting with day #13 (High School) and day #14 (Modified).*
- The Safety Committee recommended that the reduction in the minimum number of individual practices be sent back to the Sections for further discussions with a possible vote in July at the Central Committee meeting.
- The Safety Committee would also like to know what other states are using for a minimum number of practices before a scrimmage and/or a game.

Adult Base Coaches for Baseball and Softball

- The Safety Committee discussed the idea of requiring adult base coaches in the sports of baseball and softball to wear a hard shell helmet while coaching first and third base.
- The Baseball Committee was in favor of the recommendation as long as it was mandated and the coaches could wear hard shell skull caps without the ear flaps.
- The Softball Committee was not in favor of the requirement.
- After discussing the issue, the Safety Committee is making the following recommendation:
 - *Starting with the 2016 season all adult coaches on the first and third baselines are required to wear a protective hard shell helmet during the game.*

Section Concern

- Section III had a concern regarding the use of after-market products (Guardian Cap) on football helmets. The NFHS rulebook does not prohibit the use of these products but they have warned schools that the use of these products may affect the manufacturer warranty of the helmets. These helmets do not reduce or prevent the likelihood of a concussion.
- Section VI noted that their schools have used the USA Football Coaches training and wanted to know how the NYSPHSAA could expand this program to other Sections.
- The NYSPHSAA is discussing how best to work with USA Football and our member schools.

Anyone Can Save a Life

- The Safety Committee discussed AED placement at schools. The workbook "Anyone Can Safe Life" is a good plan to have in place.
- The NYSPHSAA still has "Anyone Can Save a Life" workbooks in our office. If any school would like workbooks for their coaching staff, contact Todd Nelson at tnelson@nysphsaa.org.

Modified Committee. Jim Rose, Co-Coordinator

- The minutes of the March 27, 2015 meeting were included in the meeting packets.

Discussion Items for the Executive Committee

- Volleyball serving rotation: Allowing adjustment in volleyball serving so that when a modified athlete serves 5 consecutive unreturned serves, team rotates to next server.

A **motion to approve**, with section/league approval, for the boys and girls modified volleyball rotation to be adjusted so that when a modified athlete successfully serves five (5) serves that are not returned, that team rotates to its next server **carried**.

Ryan-Curry/Veley

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 abstentions; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 no. 14 Yes/6 No.)

- Increases in Wrestling Game Conditions #1 and #2: Wrestling Game Condition #1: Increase to 14 points/contestant. Wrestling Game Condition #2: No contestant or team can accumulate more than 10 points out of a maximum 14 points allowed via 2 point contests.

A **motion to approve** Wrestling Game Condition #2 shall be changed as follows: *"No contestant (or team) can accumulate more than 10 points out of the maximum 14 points allowed via 2 point contests."* **carried**.

Carboine/McGuire

A **motion to approve** Wrestling Game Condition #1 to be changed as follows: *"A contestant (or team) may participate in competitions not to exceed 14 points during the season."* **carried**.

Nelson/Tooley

- 2-year Cross Country pilot program permitting modified runners to wear spiked running shoes for the 2015 and 2016 seasons. Participating Sections will need to submit annual injury data.

A **motion to approve** for Section III to be permitted to adopt a two-year pilot program in Modified Cross Country that will permit modified cross country runners to wear spiked running shoes **carried**. With section/league approval, other Sections may participate in this pilot program. Each section/league participating will be required to provide injury data after the 2015 and 2016 modified cross country seasons.

Carboine/Durdon

- Waiver of NFHS requirement of numbered Soccer goalie jersey for modified athletes.

A **motion to approve** for the NFHS regulation that the boys and girls soccer goalie uniform jersey be numbered shall be waived at the modified level for two years (2015-2016 and 2016-2017) **carried**.

Mullins/McGuire

Future Items for Consideration

- Design and distribution of statewide survey of high school and modified basketball coaches to collect coaches' opinions on the use of the 3-point shot in modified basketball.

Sportsmanship Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Sportsmanship Promotion Survey

- April 30th was the deadline for the Sportsmanship Promotion survey.
- The Section Sportsmanship Committee will then select 3 or 4 schools that have done an outstanding job promoting positive sportsmanship to receive a plaque award.
- Each Section can then nominate from their 3 or 4 plaque award winners for consideration for the NYSPHSAA Banner Awards sponsored by Pupil Benefits.

- All supporting documentation for the Banner Award nominees must be in the NYSPHSAA office by June 5th.

NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program

- May 30th is the deadline for schools to submit their application for the NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program.
- The requirements and application can be found on the NYSPHSAA website.
- Each school that successfully completes all the requirements will receive a NAIA 5 Star Leadership Banner to hang in their school.
- Schools recognized last year as a NAIA 5 Star Leadership School were: Penfield (5), Cooperstown (3), Tappan Zee (1) and Arlington (1).

Battle of the Fans

- In the second year of this program seven schools submitted a video to be considered for the Battle of the Fans Championship.
- Out of the seven submissions, the NYSPHSAA office staff selected three finalists for the award.
- The three finalists were Bethlehem (2), Skaneateles (3) and Pittsford (5).
- After on-line voting was concluded, Bethlehem Central School was announced as the 2015 Battle of the Fans Champion.

Stay in the Game

- The NYSPHSAA office staff will be collecting disqualification lists from each Section at the end of the Spring season. They will compare the disqualification list against the membership list and any school that did not have any disqualifications during the school year will receive a decal to put on their Stay in the Game Banner sponsored by Time Warner Cable.

Student Leadership. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker

NFHS Summit

- July 20, 21, 22 in Indianapolis
- 2 students and one adult ambassador from each state (Murphee Hayes, AD-Whitney Point HS & NYSPHSAA Student Leader Coordinator)
- Applications were sent to the Section Executive Directors who forwarded them on to the schools in their Sections.
- Applications are due to the NYSPHSAA office by May 15. Two students will then be selected to attend to represent New York State.

New England Student Leadership Conference

- July 14-17 in Massachusetts
- Each Section may submit two applications.
- Section, school or students are responsible for transportation.
- NYSPHSAA is responsible for the registration fee for the 22 students.

GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

Section Participation in 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA Championships & Regionals

- A **motion to approve** Section participation in 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA Championships and regionals as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, 5 **carried.** Stores/McGuire

Sport Coordinators

- A **motion to approve** the reappointment of the following State Sport Coordinators for another 5 year term effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2020 **carried**:

Dennis O'Brien, Boys Skiing, Bob Underwood, Girls Skiing, Jacquie Gow, Girls Lacrosse, Marbry Gansle, Girls Cross Country, Marbry Gansle, Girls Gymnastics, Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball.
Durdon/Fallacaro

East Football Semifinal Site Location

- A **motion to approve** Dietz Stadium (Kingston, Section IX) as the site location for the 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA East Semifinal Football Championships **carried**.
Greene/Mullins

West Football Semifinal Site Location

- A **motion to approve** Cicero-North Syracuse High School (Syracuse, Section III) as the site location for the 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA West Semifinal Football Championships **carried**.
Greene/Mullins

State Football Championship Site Location

- A **motion to approve** the Carrier Dome (Syracuse, Section III) as the site location for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 NYSPHSAA State Football Championships **carried**.
Greene/Mullins

State Ice Hockey Championship Site Location

- A **motion to approve** The Aud (III) as the site location for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 NYSPHSAA State Ice Hockey Championships was **defeated**.
McGuire/Carboine
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 no; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no. 16 No/6 Yes.)
- A **motion to approve** The Harborcenter (VI) as the site location for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 NYSPHSAA State Ice Hockey Championships **carried**.
Graczyk/Lally
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes, Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 yes. 16 Yes/6 No.)

Championship Dates and Sites

- A **motion to approve** the Championship Dates and Sites for 2015-2016 **carried**.
Mullins/Nelson

Regional Plaques

- A motion to approve awarding Regional plaques to both winning and losing teams was made. There was no second, therefore no action was taken.

Football Contact Limitations

- A **motion to approve** to limit contact in the sport of football for high school and modified football teams to no more than two “Full-Contact practices” per week during the season; with no “Full-Contact” session to exceed 90 minutes **carried**. Stores/Lally

“Full-contact” means a practice where drills or live action is conducted that involves collisions at game speed, where players execute tackles and other activity that is typical of an actual tackle football game.

NOTE: Limitation of “Full-Contact practices” will begin with the 13th day (high school) and 14th day (modified).

Football Reduction in Minimum Number of Individual Practices

- A **motion to approve** to reduce the minimum number of practices needed in football for an individual from 11 to 10 (scrimmage) and 15 to 14 (contest) was **tabled** to the July Central Committee meeting so that it could be brought back to the Sections for discussion.

Peterson/Staves

Increase in Officials Fees and Mileage

- A **motion to approve** to increase Officials Games Fees by \$2 and mileage reimbursement by \$0.02 per mile for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years **carried**. Staves/Lally

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 yes. 18 Yes/4 No.)

Cross Country Classification Cut-Off Numbers

- A **motion to approve** changing the current classification cut-off numbers to the following to take effect for the 2016-2017 Cross Country season **carried**:

Class A: 850 and up; Class B: 445 – 849; Class C: 261 – 444; Class D: 260 and below.

Greene/Carboine

Girls Volleyball Classification Cut-Off Numbers

- A **motion to approve** changing the current classification cut-off numbers to the following to take effect for the 2016-2017 Volleyball season **carried**:

Class AA: 941 and up; Class A: 587 - 939; Class B: 345 - 586; Class C: 203 - 344;

Class D: 202 and below.

Greene/Carboine

Football Classification Cut-Off Numbers

- A **motion to approve** changing the current classification cut-off numbers was **tabled** to the July Central Committee meeting so the Championship Advisory Committee can review other information other than the equal percentage in each classification.

Nelson/McGuire

Bob Stulmaker Retirement

- A **motion to approve** accepting the retirement of Bob Stulmaker effective August 31, 2015 **carried**.

McGuire/Carboine

Friend and Neighbor

- A **motion to approve** the following application for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried**. (Expire August 2017). McGuire/Veley

Section 2

The Kings School
PO Box 300
Lake Luzerne, NY 12846
Grades 7-12

New Member

- A **motion to approve** the following application for NYSPHSAA Membership status **carried**. Stores/Ryan-Curry

Section 5

Genesee Country Christian School
4120 Long Point Road
Geneseo, NY 14454
Grades 7-8

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

2015 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Inductees

- The Class of 2015 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame inductees are: Alan Mallanda (2&5), Administrator; Dom Cecere (1), Coach; Karen C. Funk (4), Coach; James D. Hoover (4), Coach; Paula Jones (9), Coach; Craig Biggio (11), Athlete.
- The six inductees will be honored this summer at the NYSPHSAA's Annual Hall of Fame Banquet on Wednesday, July 29th at the Double Tree Hilton in Tarrytown.

Ice Hockey increase to maximum contest limitation of 22 games

- Scott Stuart, Ice Hockey State Coordinator, presented the Ice Hockey Committee's proposal to consider a return to the 22 game schedule they played prior to the moratorium of the 2012-2013 season.
- Ice Hockey is one of the only interscholastic sports that has to compete with outside interests for their players on an annual basis. They have always been in competition with Junior programs for players but with the cut in the number of games that can be played, they have seen a proliferation of Junior teams preying upon our players.
- Allowing them to play 4 more games would enhance our sales pitch to keep our players with our programs under the guidance of a certified coach.

- Coaches are facing a difficult challenge trying to keep their best student-athletes and leaders in their programs. These serious players are seeking other alternatives and it severely hampers our coaches in developing competitive programs.
- Asked that the proposal be brought back to the Sections for discussion.

Standardize Classification Procedures for Non-Public and Charter Schools

- Patricia Ryan-Curry presented Section VII's proposal for NYSPHSAA Non-Public and Charter Schools to be classified using a multiplier of 1.5 of their yearly BEDs numbers to determine annual classification in the sports deemed appropriate by the Section Classification Committee.
- This would provide a consistent statewide procedure to classify Open Enrollment Schools who have different geographical boundaries than public schools.
- It would provide more competitive balance for all schools participating in NYSPHSAA individual and team sport championships.
- The impact of an imbalance in competition involving open enrollment schools may not appear at the Section level but becomes more prevalent at NYSPHSAA post season tournaments.
- Asked the proposal be brought back to the Sections for discussion with a possible vote at the July Central Committee meeting.

Added language to Sportsmanship Standard #27

- Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the Sportsmanship Committee's proposal to add the following language to Sportsmanship Standard #27 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under both coach and player. *"#4. The Section Athletic Council will have the authority to extend the period of ineligibility in those cases where the actions of the individual that was disqualified from a contest or scrimmage was warranted. The period of ineligibility cannot exceed one year from the date of the disqualification."*
- Currently there is no language in the Sportsmanship Standard that allows Sections to impose further penalty for a disqualified player and/or coach other than the one or two game suspensions or the rest of the season for a third disqualification.
- The sportsmanship standard does allow a Section Athletic Council to impose a penalty for a player or coach who makes physical contact with an official.
- This item will go to the Handbook Committee for their next meeting.
- This will be an action item at the July Central Committee meeting. If passed, it will be effective with the 2015-2016 school year.

Addition of a 2nd Relay team in Indoor Track & Field

- The Boys and Girls Indoor Track and Field Committees request the addition of a 2nd relay team as an added entry from each Section provided the relay team meets an established qualifying standard.
- The qualifying standard formula would be the same as for an individual event. The average of the 6th place finish time/performance over the previous 5 State Championships would determine the standard for the qualifying time for a 2nd Relay team.
- Asked for the proposal to be brought back to the Sections for discussion.
- The proposal will be sent to the CAC for review and discussion also.

- Will be a discussion item at the July Central Committee meeting with a possible vote at the October meeting.

Unified Basketball Rules

- Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the Unified Sports Committee's proposal to consider adopting the Basketball Rules for the Unified Sports Program.
- These rules will provide consistency across our membership.
- These rules are being used in the Basketball Pilot Program.
- The only modification to the rule would be under NYSPHSAA and Special Olympics Modifications Rule #1, the committee voted to modify the rule to state, *"the objective of Unified Basketball must have 3 athletes and 2 partners on the court at all times."*
- Asked for the proposal to be taken back to the Sections for discussion with possible action to be taken at the July Central Committee meeting.

NFHS Unified Coaching Course

- Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the Unified Sports Committee's proposal for a requirement for all coaches of any NYSPHSAA Unified Sports Program to take the NFHS Unified Sports Online Coaching Course.
- The NFHS Unified Sports Coaching Course would give coaches a great insight into the goal and objectives of coaching a unified sports team. The course would also assist them on how to select their teams when picking both athletes and partners in the unified sports team.
- The NFHS course is free and an online course.
- Asked for the proposal to be taken back to the Sections for discussion with possible action to be taken at the July Central Committee meeting.

Protective Hard Shell Helmets Adult Base Coaches (Baseball/Softball)

- Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the Safety Committee's proposal that starting with the 2016 season all adult base coaches in both Baseball and Softball would be required to wear a hard shell protective helmet while on the first and third baselines during the game.
- The hard shell protective helmet would provide protection to a base coach from a batted or thrown ball during the game.
- The helmet is required by the MLB and NCAA in Baseball.
- The Baseball Committee was in favor of this proposal as long as it was required for all coaches and the helmets did not have the ear flaps on them.
- The Softball Committee was not in favor of this proposal. Two representatives from the Softball Committee were in favor of the proposal (7 and 11). Section 11 has had this rule in place since 2009.
- Asked for the proposal to be taken back to the Sections for discussion with possible action to be taken at the July Central Committee meeting.

Modified Start Dates – Standard Calendar

- Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the Modified Committee's proposal to approve for modified start dates to abide by the Standard Calendar of weeks.

- Fall would be Week #8, Winter would be Week #18 and Spring would be Week #35.
- The week numbers correspond to the dates that are currently in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
- Asked for the proposal to be taken back to the Sections for discussion with possible action to be taken at the July Central Committee meeting.

NYSPHSAA Transgender Guidelines

- Executive Director Robert Zayas and Renee James, Counsel, were at a NFHS Legal Summit in April and heard a great deal of discussion from many states that are in the process or just recently implemented Transgender Guidelines.
- Will be reconvening the Transgender Committee to review our draft policy.
- Will be bringing the NYSPHSAA Transgender Guidelines to the July Central Committee meeting as an action item.

Combining of Schools

The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the **2014-2015** school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

SECTION	SCHOOLS	SPORT
2	Argyle & Greenwich	B. Lacrosse
4	Afton, Bainbridge-Guilford & Harpursville Afton & Harpursville	Wrestling (V, JV) B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.) Football (V, Mod.) B. Soccer (V, Mod.) B/G Bowling (V) Indoor Track & Field (V) B/G Track & Field (V) B/G Track & Field (V, Mod.) B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.) B/G Golf (V, Mod.) Football (V, Mod.) Softball (Mod.) B/G Tennis (V) B/G Track & Field (V, Mod.) Wrestling (V, Mod.) B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.) Football (V, JV, Mod.) B/G Soccer (V, JV, Mod.) Baseball (V, JV, Mod.) B/G Golf (V) Softball (V, JV, Mod.) B/G Track & Field (V, JV, Mod.) B. Cross Country (V, Mod.)
	Charlotte Valley & South Kortright Deposit & Hancock	
	Downsville & Roscoe	
	GMU & Morris	

	Hancock, Allynwood Academy (Family School) Ithaca, EAC Montessori School	B/G Track & Field (V, Mod.) Field Hockey (V) B/G Cross Country (Mod.) Football (Mod.) G. Ice Hockey (V) Football (V, Mod.) B/G Swimming (V, Mod.) Wrestling (V, Mod.) Football (Mod.) B/G Track & Field (V, Mod.) B/G Swimming (V, Mod.) B. Basketball (V, JV, Mod.) Baseball (V, Mod.) Softball (V, Mod.) B. Golf (V) B/G Soccer (V, Mod.) Football (V, Mod.) B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.) B/G Indoor Track & Field (V) Baseball (V, JV) B/G Bowling (V) B/G Soccer (V, JV, Mod.) B/G Indoor Track & Field (V) Wrestling (V, Mod.) B/G Indoor Track & Field (V)
	Ithaca, Dryden, Horseheads, Lansing & Trumansburg Milford & Cooperstown (Section III)	
	Oxford & GMU Schenevus & Worcester Seton Catholic & Binghamton South Kortright & Andes	
	Unatego & Franklin Unatego & Sidney Unatego, Delaware Academy & Sidney Union Springs & Port Byron	
	Windsor & Susquehanna Valley	
5	Romulus & South Seneca Genesee Valley & Cuba-Rushford Perry & Mt. Morris Attica & Alexander Byron-Bergen & Elba Elba & Oakfield-Alabama Belfast & Genesee Valley Attica & Batavia	Baseball Bowling B. Swim Baseball Softball Golf Baseball B/G Track Golf B/G Track B. Lacrosse
6	Pine Valley & Forestville	B. Golf (V)
7	Plattsburgh, Beekmantown, Saranac, Peru & Seton Catholic Addition of Long Lake to Minerva & Newcomb Saranac Lake & Lake Placid	B. Lacrosse (Mod.) Baseball (V) B. Lacrosse (V, Mod.) G. Lacrosse (V)

		G. Tennis (V)
9	Pine Plains & Rhinebeck Marlboro & Highland Ellenville & Rondout Valley Onteora & Kingston Webutuck & Dover	Football (V) B. Lacrosse (V) G. Golf (V) Football (V, JV) Football (V)
<u>2015-2016</u>		
6	Clymer, Panama & Sherman Forestville & Silver Creek	Football (V, JV) Football (V, JV, Mod.) B/G Cross Country (V) B/G Soccer (V, JV, Mod.) B/G Soccer (V) G. Volleyball (V) Cheerleading (V) Football (V, JV) G. Swim (V) Football (V, JV) B. Golf (V) B/G Cross Country (V) B. Soccer (V, Mod.) B. Swim (V) Wrestling (V) G. Swim (V) G. Soccer (V) B. Golf (V)
	West Valley & Ellicottville	
	Falconer & Cassadaga Valley Dunkirk, Forestville, Silver Creek & Fredonia Holland & East Aurora	
	Cassadaga Valley & Falconer	
	Fredonia, Forestville, Silver Creek & Dunkirk Forestville, Silver Creek & Dunkirk Clymer & Panama	
	West Seneca East & West Seneca West	
9	Fallsburg & Tri-Valley	B/G Tennis B/G Alpine Skiing B/G Indoor Track B/G Spring Track B/G Basketball Softball Baseball Wrestling Field Hockey G. Volleyball B/G Cross Country B/G Soccer (V) Football
	Warwarsing Christian Academy & Ellenville	
	The Mount Academy & Kingston	
	All Sports/All Levels except Boys Cross Country & Boys Soccer for the 2015-2016 Fall-Winter-Spring seasons.	

Senior All-Star Contests

The following contests were approved by the Executive Director per Executive Committee authorization and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #9).

SECTION	DATE	CONTEST
1	03-22-15	Section 1 Sr. All-Star Game-Ice Hockey
	04-09-15	Section 1 Sr. All-Star Contest-G. Basketball
2	03-16-15	CHVL All-Star Senior Game-B. Basketball
	06-02-15	WAC Sr. All-Star Contest-Softball
	06-07-15	WAC Sr. All-Star Game-Baseball
3	03-08-15	CSC Senior Game-B. Volleyball
4	06-08-15	Dave Sammons Sr. All-Star Game-Boys Lacrosse
5	03-14-15	Monroe County Sr. All-Star Games-B/G Basketball & Cheerleading
	03-17-15	Finger Lakes-Wayne Sr. All Star Contest-B/G Basketball
	03-18-15	Steuben-Allegany County Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Basketball
	03-20-15	LCAA Sr. All-Star Games-B/G Basketball
	03-28-15	Greater Rochester HS All-Star Basketball Games-B&G
	06-04-15	Niagara-Orleans/Genesee Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
	06-07-15	Monroe County Sr. All-Star Contest-Softball
6	03-28-15	Silver Hoops-B. Basketball
	06-08-15	Chautauqua County Sr. All-Star Game-Softball
	06-10-15	Chautauqua County Sr. All-Star Game-Baseball
7	03-12-15	MVAC Senior Game-B/G Basketball
	03-24-15	NBL-CVAC B/G Senior Basketball Games

REPORTS FROM CONSULTANTS

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Alan Mallanda, Executive Director
CONFERENCE

- A very successful NYSAAA 2015 Athletic Directors Conference is complete and the 2016 conference is in the planning stages already. President Dr. James Wright, CMAA (South Huntington HS, Section XI), took office at the conclusion of the conference and is now working with his planning team for next March.
- The general session speakers were all excellent, and the workshop presentations were very well done. The highlight of the conference was Brigadier General, Becky Hallstead, the first female general in the US Army and a graduate of a New York high school and the USMA at West Point.

She opened the conference on a high note of optimism and Motivation. The second general session and workshop speaker was Michael Josephson, a former lawyer and law professor, now entrepreneur, speaker and consultant. His theme was *"Leading With Character"*. Bob Gardner, Executive Director of the National Federation of High Schools, was the third general session and workshop speaker. His theme was *"Leadership From Within"*. The fourth and final general session speakers were Robert Zayas, CAA, Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA, along with Darryl Daily of SED.

- The Roy O'Neill Awards Banquet was one of the best ever, streamlined and with visual aids in presentations of awards to 12 chapter award recipients and three special awards.
- The second Hall of Fame induction class was held during The Dave Martens Awards Luncheon. They are in the final stages of selecting their second class for 2016. Nominations for the 2017 class are now being taken. Information and forms are available on their website. The postmark deadline is December 1st of this year (2015).
- The Sparky Rector Drop In Center was moved into the exhibit hall for two days and was one of the best ever thanks to the efforts of Liam Frawley, CMAA of Tappan Zee HS. The association will be transitioning into a virtual Sparky Rector Drop In Center on their website over the next couple of years.
- There were 275 attendees and 105 booths for exhibitors.
- Their corporate sponsorship has almost doubled this year.
- Next year's conference will be held on March 15-18, 2016 in Saratoga Springs, NY at the Saratoga Hilton & Conference Center.

BOARD NEWS AND ACTIONS

- The new officers of the NYSAAA Executive Board are: Dr. James Wright, CMAA, President; Murphee Hayes, CAA, President-Elect, to become their first female president; and Liam Frawley, CMAA, Vice President. Dave Garbarino is now the Immediate Past President. Mike Giruzzi was elected to another 2 year term as Treasurer, and Roger Brown, CMAA will continue in his second year as Secretary. Dennis Fries, CMAA continues as the State Liaison to the NIAAA.
- In other action by the Board, the NYSAAA will require all board members to have a minimum of a CAA certification by 2016 in order to serve on the Board. Those currently on the Board who do not meet this requirement will have three years to complete the CAA requirement. The Board felt that it should serve as a role model for all athletic administrators in NYS relative to professional development.
- The NYSAAA continues to work in conjunction with the NYSPHSAA on two task forces to make some changes in NYS Commissioner's Regulations. One is a task force on coaching certification, and the other is a task force on athletic administrator certification.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- The NYSAAA and Nassau BOCES continue to partner in offering Leadership Training Courses in Nassau County. BOCES is providing a grant for up to 15 athletic directors to take each course.

Other LTC's were offered last fall in Section 6, and a second will be offered this spring in Section 2 at a date to be announced.

- The CAA Exam was offered again at the conference on Friday morning. Four athletic administrators took the exam. It will be offered again this spring (June 22 at 1 PM) at the NYSPHSAA office in Latham.
- The NYSAAA Handbook for Athletic Administrators is now on their website in a digital format and is a "live document" and a great reference tool for any athletic administrator.
- Over 85 athletic administrators took six LTI Courses at the conference in March, many taking two or three courses. Their total of course attendance was well over 125. This number continues to grow each year.
- The Section I Summer Institute will again be offered on Cape Cod June 28-July 1, 2015 with 15 LTI courses offered. Information is on the NYSAAA website along with registration forms.

MEMBERSHIP

- Once again, the NYSAAA has received an NIAAA commendation for maintaining an 80% membership. Once again, they are the highest membership state in the nation.

WEBSITE

- Athletic Administrators are encouraged to visit the NYSAAA website regularly to keep up on the latest information and association news. Information changes regularly. Links are provided between the NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA as well as other professional associations on each of their respective websites.
- They are pleased with their new website format. It includes an array of seasonal NYS Athletes in Action photos. They continue to invite their athletic administrators to send photos of their athletes and also to submit articles to share with other athletic administrators.
- The next newsletter is going to be released in early May. Past issues can also be found on the website.
- Conference photos can be found and accessed on their Shutterfly website (www.nysaaa/shutterfly.com) using the password "member" to gain access. Photos can be downloaded or purchased from Shutterfly.

NIAAA/NFHS

- The NIAAA/NFHS Annual Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for Orlando, Florida on December 12-15, 2015 at the Marriott World Center. Future sights include Nashville, TN; Phoenix, AZ; San Antonio, TX; National Harbor and Tampa, FL.
- Six LTI courses are being offered this spring and next fall as webinars by the NIAAA. Information may be found on their website and the NYSAAA website as to courses, dates, times and requirements. This has proven to be a very popular way of picking up LTI courses in the comfort and convenience of one's home at times available to each attendee. Two nights of two hours each completes each course.

- Dennis Fries, CMAA; Alan Mallanda, CMAA; Jim Wright, CMAA; and Peter Shambo, CMAA attended the NIAAA Section One meeting in Rhode Island.

Other

- They thanked the NYSPHSAA and Robert Zayas for the continued support and partnership with the NYSAAA. Together, this kind of relationship can only benefit the student athletes of New York State.

NYS Council of Administrators. Jim Rose, Past President.

- Their annual conference will be held November 18, 2015 at Turning Stone.
- With the new legislation that just came out regarding APPR and Physical Education State Assessment, the COA is putting together a committee to work on the state assessment and rubrics. Darryl Daily will then have information he can use when a final decision is made from SED.

For the Good of the Order

A **motion to approve** awarding Regional plaques to both the winning and losing teams **carried.**

Stores/Nelson

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 yes. 14 Yes/8 No.)

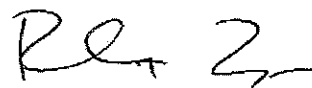
A **motion to enter into Executive Session at 1:59PM to discuss personnel and legal matters** **carried.**

Simmons/Carboine

A **motion to end the Executive Session and adjourn the May 2015 Executive Committee meeting on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 2:15PM** **carried.**

Staves/Mullins

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Zayas
Executive Director

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