SECTION 2 of the NYSPHSAA, Inc.
ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

Duo At The Dunes
257 Washington Ave Ext
Albany, NY 12205

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
8:30AM - 10:15AM

NYSPHSAA Mandatory Athletic Director Workshop
10:30AM - 12:30PM

SECTION 2 of the NYSPHSAA, Inc.
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I. ***Call Meeting to Order*** — Rich Keys, Section 2 President

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

a. Alison Melanson, wife of Brian Melanson, our Boys Swimming & Diving Coordinator

Roll Call- Voting Members

Announcements & Introduction of Guests

II. ***Approval of Agenda*** — Rich Keys, Section 2 President

September 16, 2026 Athletic Council Meeting **(Pg. 1-7)**

Approval of Minutes

June 3, 2026 Athletic Council Meeting **(Pg. 8-18)**

III. Reports

1. President – Rich Keys **(Pg. 19)**
2. First Vice President – Mike Robbins **(Pg. 19)**
3. Second Vice President – Sean Colfer **(Pg. 19)**
4. Executive Director – Doug Gejay **(Pg. 24)**
5. Assistant Director – Steve Nolan **(Pg. 36)**
6. Assistant Director – Risë Van Iderstine **(Pg. 40)**

IV. ***NYSPHSAA Report*** — Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

V. Section 2/*NYSPHSAA Updates*

1. **Postseason Schedule Review Committee** — Mark Bubniak, Chair
   a. Winter Sports Postseason Schedules
      i. Committee met August 18
      ii. Will vote today to approve the winter schedule
   b. Spring Sports- Committee Schedules due December 1, 2026
      i. Committee Meeting: December 9, 2026
      ii. Athletic Council will vote to approve the spring schedule: January 20, 2027

2. **NYSPHSAA Schools Without Boundaries Committee** — Mike Robbins, Section 2 Rep
    a. Has transitioned from an ad hoc committee to a standing NYSPHSAA committee to allow continued annual review of the policy
        i. Will meet annually to continue reviewing proposals and recommendations related to non-public and charter school classification
        ii. December 9, 2026: Committee will meet

VI. *NYSPHSAA State Report*

Matt Ronca/Kathleen Russell
Central Comm. Male/Female Rep.

1. **NYSPHSAA Dates & Calendars**
    a. Seven-Year Standard Calendar of Weeks **(Pg. 42-44)**
    b. 2026-2027 Championship Calendar **(Pg. 45-46)**

2. **July Central Committee Meeting Recap (Pg. 47-52)**

3. **NYSPHSAA Action Items for October Executive Committee Meeting (listed below)**

VII. *Committee Action Items- NYSPHSAA*

Rich Keys, Section 2 President
Matt Ronca/Kathleen Russell
Central Comm. Male/Female Rep.

1. **Championship Philosophy Committee:** Consider approval to amend the designated participation range in the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy to a recommended maximum of 8% of varsity participation in that sport. **(Pg. 53)**

2. **Championship Philosophy Committee:** Consider approval to create standard criteria for how athletes qualify by time. **(Pg. 54-56)**

3. **Handbook Committee:** Consider approval of revising the Penalties section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding exceeding the maximum number of contests permitted to clarify the penalties for team and individual violations **(Pg. 57)**

VIII. ***Sports Action Items- NYSPHSAA*** Rich Keys, Section 2 President — Matt Ronca/Kathleen Russell, Central Comm. Male/Female Rep.

1. **Girls/Boys Swimming/Diving Committees:** Consider approval to establish a Team State Championship in B/G Swimming & Diving to be conducted in conjunction with the existing Individual State Championship, revising the Championship Philosophy for Swimming & Diving from an "individual' sport designation to a "team/individual" sport designation. **(Pg. 58-60)**

2. **Girls Wrestling Committee:** Consider approval to establish a Dual Meet State Championship in Girls Wrestling, revising the Championship Philosophy for Girls Wrestling from an "individual" sport designation to a "team/individual" sort designation. **(Pg. 61-62)**

3. **Wrestling Dual Meet Site**: Consider approval of SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College (Section III) as the host of the 2028-2030 Wrestling Dual Meet Championships. **(Pg. 63)**

4. **Boys Wrestling Committee:** Consider approval of the Section-designated singlet, in the Section-approved color and displaying the assigned Section number, as the required legal uniform for the NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Individual State Championship. **(Pg. 64)**

5. **Boys Wrestling Committee:** Consider approval of the committee's recommendation that any wrestler that is eligible to compete in the Section or NYSPHSAA Dual Meet Championship will be able to use the event toward the NYSPHSAA Representation Regulation for the NYSPHSAA Individual Championship. **(Pg. 65)**

6. **Baseball Committee:** Consider approval to allow pitchers and catchers (battery only) to start practice one week prior to the official spring sports start date in the sport of Baseball. **(Pg. 66)**

7. **Baseball Committee:** Consider approval to revise the pitch count guidelines and nights rest rule in the sport of Baseball. **(Pg. 67-69)**

8. **Softball Committee:** Consider approval to require that all suspended games in NYSPHSAA State Tournament and regional competition be completed to the full seven innings (or 6 ½ innings if the home team is ahead) regardless of whether the game has reached regulation game status in the sport of Softball. **(Pg. 70-71)**

9. **Flag Football Committee:** Consider approval of the Flag Football Classification Cut-Off numbers for the 2026-2027 school year. **(Pg. 72)**

10. **Flag Football Committee:** Consider approval of waivers of the NFHS Rules for Flag Football listed below. **(Pg. 73)**
    i. 2026-2027 addition to waiver of NFHS Flags
    ii. School name, school logo, and manufacture logo is permitted

11. **Flag Football Committee:** Consider approval to allow the implementation of NYSPHSAA Overtime Rules during the regular season at the approval of the Section in the sport of Flag Football. **(Pg. 74)**

12. **Flag Football Committee:** Consider approval to waive the NFHS Uniform Rule for the sub-varsity level in Flag Football. **(Pg. 75)**

IX. *Action Items- Section 2*

Rich Keys,
Section 2 President

1. **Alpine Ski Committee:** Consider approval to change the team scoring rules for Alpine Skiing such that when a racer earns a DNF, DSQ or DNS their score toward the team is equal to one plus the number of athletes that start the race. **(Pg. 76)**

2. **Boys/Girls Indoor Track Committee:** Consider approval to adjust the Division 2 cut-off numbers from 650-999 to 500-999 and the Division 3 cut-off numbers from 350-649 to 350-499. **(Pg. 77)**

3. **Boys/Girls Indoor Track Committee:** Consider approval to adjust the Section 2 State Qualifier Meet from a one (1) day meet to a two (2) day meet to reflect the NYSPHSAA Championship Meet format. **(Pg. 78)**

4. **Modified Committee:** Consider approval to allow modified program contestants to be promoted to a higher classification within the modified program or to a junior varsity or varsity team at any time. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved this proposal at the February 2026 meeting, but it required Section Approval. **(Pg. 79)**

5. **Postseason Schedule Committee:** Consider approval of the 2026-2027 Winter Sport Postseason Schedule. **(Pg. 80-81)**

X. Discussion Items- Section 2

Rich Keys,
Section 2 President

1. **Executive Committee:** Consider approval to use the Bradley-Terry Model (BTM) for Sectional seeding purposes. BTM would be utilized full time for the following sports: Boys/Girls Basketball, and Boys/Girls Lacrosse for the 2027-2028 school year. **(Pg. 82-83)**

XI. *Standing Committee Reports- Section 2*

Rich Keys,
Section 2 President

1. Audit – Mark Bubniak **(Pg. 84)**
2. Classification – Sean Colfer **(Pg. 84)**
3. Eligibility – Rich Keys **(Pg. 84)**
4. Mergers – Dan Ward **(Pg. 87)**
5. Modified – Dave Austin **(Pg. 87)**
6. Officials/Constitution/Sr. All Star – Doug Gejay **(Pg. 87)**
7. Mixed Competition – Kathleen Russell **(Pg. 87)**
8. Safety/Chemical Health Awareness – Rick Knizek **(Pg. 88)**
9. Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) – TBD **(Pg. 88)**
10. Sportsmanship
    Bad – Joe Sapienza **(Pg. 88)**
    Good – TBD **(Pg. 88)**
11. Transfer – Matt Van Dervoort **(Pg. 89)**

XII. *Other Reports- Section 2*

1. NYS Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) – John Salls/Steve Nolan **(Pg. 89)**

XIII. *Sports Committee Reports- Section 2*

XIV. *League Comments or Concerns*

1. Adirondack
2. Colonial
3. Foothills
4. Patroon
5. Suburban
6. Wasaren
7. WAC

XV. *Good of the Order*

XVI. *Adjournment*

Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 29, 2026
Section 2 Office- 9:30AM

League Presidents Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2026
Section 2 Office- 9:30AM

Athletic Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2026
Duo at the Dunes- 10:00AM
257 Washington Ave Ext. Albany 12205

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Wednesday, June 3, 2026
10:00AM

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Attendance:
Adirondack: Jason Humiston; Matt Jensen; Scott Smith
Colonial: Jeff Huneau; Dave Ames; Joe Sapienza
Foothills: Ryan Carpenter; Shane Jones; John Salls
Patroon: Curtis Wilkinson; Bill Spath; Denise Wickham
Suburban: Joe Scalise; Bill Roemer; Blaine Drescher
Wasaren: Tom Berrigan; Kevin Collins; Alphonse Lambert
Western: Brian Dunn; John Karbowski; Jon Caraco

Minutes

I. ***The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by President Keys.*** Rich Keys, Section 2 President

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

a. Dave Petersen: Former Coach at Fonda-Fultonville & longtime Section 2 Outdoor Track and Field Coordinator
b. Emily Smith: Recent Greenville High School graduate and standout basketball player

Roll Call- Voting Members - A quorum was confirmed.

Announcements & Introduction of Guests

II. ***Approval of Agenda*** Rich Keys, Section 2 President

June 3, 2026 Athletic Council Meeting
Motion by Bill Spath; 2nd by Jason Humiston to approve the agenda for today's meeting.
Discussion:
Vote: Passed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

April 22, 2026 Athletic Council Meeting
Motion by Denise Wickham; 2nd by Jason Humiston to approve the minutes for the April 22, 2026 Athletic Council meeting.
Discussion:
Vote: Passed Unanimously

III. ***NYSAAA Chapter 2 Local Award Recipients*** Jen Murphy & Len Kies, Chapter 2 Representatives

1. Mr. Rodger Wyland: Chapter 2 Community Service Award
   a. News Channel 13 Sports

2. Mrs. Ashley Miller: Chapter 2 Distinguished Service Award

a. North Colonie CSD (Director of Communication & Community Outreach, formerly of Capital News 9/Spectrum News & WNYT NewsChannel 13)

3. Ms. Candace Hudson: Chapter 2 Judith A Martens Secretarial Award of Excellence
   a. Berlin CSD / New Lebanon CSD Athletic Department

IV. *Section 2 Sport Committee Proposals for Discussion*

Rich Keys,
Section 2 President

1. Alpine Ski: Joe Skufca
   a. The proposal was presented.
   b. Joe was there to answer any questions.
2. Indoor Track & Field: Bob Wallen
   a. The proposal was presented.
   b. Bob was there to answer any questions.

V. Reports

1. President – Rich Keys
   a. 2026-2027 Important Dates provided
   b. Proms & School Dances in the Spring
      i. Suggest you communicate these dates with your school administrators
   c. NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2026
      i. Dan Gillespie - Section 2 Boys Soccer Coach
      ii. All time winningest high school boys soccer coach in NYS history (773-203-45)
   d. Boys Ice Hockey Officials Update
      i. Officials Clinic & Skills Competition on March 8
      ii. 2026-2027 Season and beyond
2. First Vice President – Mike Robbins
   a. NYSPHSAA Foundation Board
      i. Summer Golf Tournament - July 27, 2026 at Brookfield Country Club in Clarence
      ii. Please contact Section 2 office in you are interested in participating
3. Second Vice President – Sean Colfer
   a. Football Official Shortage
      i. Week 5 - October 2, 2026
      ii. Week 6 - October 9, 2026
      iii. If any schools can move to Thursday or Saturday night that will be very helpful.
4. Executive Director – Doug Gejay
   a. Retirements & Changes
      i. Angela Webster - Taconic Hills - Retiring
      ii. Len Kies - Bethlehem - Retiring
      iii. Larry Gillooley - Niskayuna - Retiring
      iv. Joe Sapienza - Voorheesville - Retiring
      v. Rich Keys - Queensbury - Retiring
      vi. Kyle O'Brien - OESJ - Retiring
      vii. Ryan Carpenter - Asst. Principal - Queensbury

viii. Matt Ronca - AD - Niskayuna

b. Spring Sectionals
   i. Thank you to our sport coordinators (page 26)
   ii. Thank you to our neutral site host schools (page 27)
   iii. Congratulations to our spring sport sectional champions (page 28)
   iv. Spring Travel Partial Reimbursement - Please submit the postseason travel Reimbursement form
c. Girls Wrestling Reminder
   i. Beginning with the 2026-2027 season, girls who participate with boys in the regular season are not eligible for the girls postseason.
   ii. Girls can practice with the boys all year through mixed competition
   iii. Girls cannot compete or participate against boys
d. NYSPHSAA New AD Workshop
   i. August 18, 2026 at 1:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)
   ii. Strongly suggest that any of our newer AD's attend this workshop
e. Sectional Seeding - Bradley Terry Model (BTM)
   i. League Presidents would like the Section to consider implementing the BTM as our form of seeding
   ii. BTM Information
      1. Probability based model that calculates rankings by analyzing win-loss records and the strength of schedule against other schools also using the BTM.
   iii. Boys & Girls Lacrosse - 2 year pilot
      1. Girls lacrosse comparison results 2025-2026 (page 29-30)
   iv. Consideration for 2027-2028 Season
      1. Would need to decide which sports we would use BTM for
      2. League Rankings would no longer be used.
   v. Presentation and Q&A with Phil Abel

5. Assistant Director – Steve Nolan
   a. Warrants Since Last Athletic Council Meeting
      i. 4/28/2026 - #26 - 8 items - $14,212.16
      ii. 5/14/2026 - #27 - 7 items - $10,003.43
   b. Spring Sectionals
      i. Host Sites
         1. Financial Paperwork
         2. Ipads/CC Readers; GoFan Signs; Champion Banners

6. Assistant Director – Risë Van Iderstine
   a. Please look at the Director on line. Send any changes to Rise ASAP so we can update the directory.
   b. Section 2 Passes are being worked on. Hope to be sent out late August or early September.

VI. *NYSPHSAA Report*

Robert Zayas,
NYSPHSAA Executive Director

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VII. Section 2/*NYSPHSAA Updates*

1. **Postseason Schedule Review Committee** — Mark Bubniak, Chair
   a. Fall Sports Postseason Schedules
      i. Committee met May 5
      ii. Boys/Girls Soccer needed to make some changes due to the regional schedule
   b. Winter Sports- Schedules due by August 1
      i. Committee will meet in August

VIII. *NYSPHSAA State Report* — Matt Ronca/Kathleen Russell Central Comm. Male/Female Rep.

1. **NYSPHSAA Dates & Calendars**
   a. Seven-Year Standard Calendar of Weeks provided

2. **May Executive Meeting Recap (Pg. 35-38)**

3. **NYSPHSAA Action Items for July Central Committee Meeting (listed below)**

IX. *Committee Action Items- NYSPHSAA* — Rich Keys, Section 2 President; Matt Ronca/Kathleen Russell, Central Comm. Male/Female Rep.

1. **Championship Advisory Committee:** Consider approval of the NYSPHSAA Officials Fees & Policies for Fall 2026 - Spring 2029. **(Pg. 39-68)**
   a. Motion by Jon Caraco; 2nd by Joe Sapienza
   b. Discussion:
   c. Vote: Passed Unanimously

2. **Sportsmanship Committee:** Consider approval to add Lopsided Score Guidance to the recommendation section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook. **(Pg. 69-70)**
   a. Motion by Denise Wickham; 2nd by Blaine Drescher
   b. Discussion
   c. Vote: Passed 18-3 (Wasaren 3No)

3. **Modified Committee:** Consider approval of lowering the NFHS minimum wait time between modified matches from 30 minutes to 20 minutes in the sport of wrestling. **(Pg. 71)**
   a. Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Joe Sapienza.
   b. Discussion
   c. Vote: Passed unanimously

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X. ***Sports Action Items- NYSPHSAA*** Rich Keys, Section 2 President — Matt Ronca/Kathleen Russell, Central Comm. Male/Female Rep.

1. **Boys Soccer Committee:** Consider approval to revise the regional rotation for Class D for the 2026 season in the sport of Boys Soccer. **(Pg. 72-73)**
    a. Motion by Bill Spath; 2nd by Joe Sapienza.
    b. Discussion
    c. Vote: Passed unanimously

2. **Football Committee:** Consider approval of the Football Classification Cut-Off numbers. **(Pg. 74)**
    a. Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Tom Berrigan
    b. Discussion
    c. Vote: Passed unanimously

3. **Girls Volleyball Committee:** Consider approval for a waiver of the NCAA bench protocols for 2026, if the NCAA adopts this rule in the spring in the sport of Girls Volleyball. **(Pg. 75)**
    a. Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by John Karbowski
    b. Discussion
    c. Vote: Passed unanimously

4. **Girls Volleyball Committee:** Consider approval to waive the NCAA penalty, administrative red card, for having a non-compliant uniform in the sport of Girls Volleyball. **(Pg. 76)**
    a. Motion by Bill Spath; 2nd by Jason Humiston
    b. Discussion
    c. Vote: Passed unanimously

5. **Girls Volleyball Committee:** Consider approval to revise the classification cut-off formula for Girls Volleyball to the top 70 teams in Class AAA, the bottom 90 teams in Class D, and equally dividing the rest of the classes. **(Pg. 77-78)**
    a. Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Denise Wickham
    b. Discussion
    c. Vote: Passed unanimously

6. **Boys Swimming/Diving Committee:** Consider approval of the Boys Swimming/Diving Qualifying Standards for the 2026-2027 school year. **(Pg. 79)**
    a. Motion by Joe Sapienza; 2nd by Jason Humiston
    b. Discussion
    c. Vote: Passed unanimously

7. **Gymnastics Committee:** Consider approval of a scoring change for bars and beam in the Gymnastics Technical Handbook. It will read: **"No 0.3 deduction off the start value for lack of dismount." (Pg. 80)**
    a. Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Tom Berrigan
    b. Discussion

c. Vote: Passed unanimously

8. **Bowling Committee:** Consider approval to increase the maximum daily game limitation from six (6) games to ten (10) games for post-season events in the sport of Boys/Girls Bowling. **(Pg. 81-82)**
    a. Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Brian Dunn
    b. Discussion
    c. Vote: Passed unanimously

9. **Bowling Committee:** Consider approval to amend the format of the NYSPHSAA Boys/Girls Individual Bowling Championship from its current six (6) game total-pinfall format to a two-phase competition. **(Pg. 83-84)**
    a. Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Ryan Carpenter
    b. Discussion
    c. Vote: Passed unanimously

10. **Girls Basketball Committee:** Consider approval of a waiver of the NCAA Rule for court dimensions in the sport of Girls Basketball. **(Pg. 85)**
    a. Motion by Denise Wickham; 2nd by Tom Berrigan
    b. Discussion
    c. Vote: Passed unanimously

11. **Girls Basketball Committee:** Consider approval of a waiver of the NCAA uniform rules for all sub-varsity teams in the sport of Girls Basketball. **(Pg. 86)**
    a. Motion by Scott Smith; 2nd by DEnise Wickham
    b. Discussion
    c. Vote: Passed unanimously

12. **Girls Basketball Committee:** Consider approval of changing the 30 second timeout to a full timeout in overtime in the sport of Girls Basketball. **(Pg. 87)**
    a. Motion by John Karbowski; 2nd by Joe Sapienza
    b. Discussion
    c. Vote: Passed unanimously

13. **Girls Wrestling Committee:** Consider approval of using USA Junior Weight Classes in Girls Wrestling which are; 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 190, and 235. **(Pg. 88)**
    a. Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Tom Berrigan
    b. Discussion
    c. Vote: Passed unanimously

14. **Girls Wrestling Committee:** Consider approval to increase the percentage of body fat to the level approved by the NFHS from 14% to 19% in the sport of Girls Wrestling. **(Pg. 89)**
    a. Motion by Denise Wickham; 2nd by Jason Humiston
    b. Discussion

c. Vote: Passed unanimously

XI. *Action Items- Section 2*

Rich Keys,
Section 2 President

1. **Boys Golf Committee:** Consider approval to change the current qualifying format for postseason (Team and Individual Play). **(Pg. 90-92)**
   a. Motion by Ryan Carpenter; 2nd by Jason Humiston
   b. Discussion
   c. Vote: Passed – 15-6-0 (Colonial – 3No; Wasaren 3No)

2. **Boys Swimming Committee:** Consider approval to change how to qualify for the Boys Swimming Sectional Meet. **(Pg. 93)**
   a. Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Joe Sapienza
   b. Discussion
   c. Vote: Passed unanimously

3. **Girls/Boys Tennis Committee:** Consider approval to use USTA Tennis Officials for each of the CLASS Championships (AA, A, B, C/D), 1 full day for INDIVIDUAL SECTIONALS as well as the REGIONAL PLAYOFF (which Section 2 will host every other year). **(Pg. 94-95)**
   a. Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Tom Berrigan
   b. Discussion
   c. Vote: Passed unanimously

4. **Executive Committee:** Consider approval of the 2026-2027 Section 2 Budget **(Pg. 96)**
   a. Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Ryan Carpenter
   b. Discussion
   c. Vote: Passed unanimously

5. **Executive Committee:** Consider approval of the Section 2 Executive Committee's recommendation of League Placement for KIPP Capital. **(Pg. 97)**
   a. Motion by Denise Wickham; 2nd by Jason Humiston
   b. Discussion
   c. Vote: Passed 18-3 (Colonial 3 No)

6. **Fall Sport Committees:** Consider approval of the 2026-2027 Fall Sport Postseason Schedule. **(Pg. 98-100)**
   a. Motion by John Karbowski; 2nd by Jason Humiston
   b. Discussion
   c. Vote: Passed unanimously

XII. Discussion Items- Section 2

Rich Keys,
Section 2 President

The following proposals were presented for discussion. These will be voting items at the September Athletic Council meeting.

1. **Alpine Ski Committee:** Consider approval to change the team scoring rules for Alpine Skiing such that when a racer earns a DNF, DSQ or DNS their score toward the team is equal to one plus the number of athletes that start the race. **(Pg. 101)**

2. **Boys/Girls Indoor Track Committee:** Consider approval to adjust the Division 2 cut-off numbers from 650-999 to 500-999 and the Division 3 cut-off numbers from 350-649 to 350-499. **(Pg. 102)**

3. **Boys/Girls Indoor Track Committee:** Consider approval to adjust the Section 2 State Qualifier Meet from a one (1) day meet to a two (2) day meet to reflect the NYSPHSAA Championship Meet format. **(Pg. 103)**

XIII. *Standing Committee Reports- Section 2*

Rich Keys,
Section 2 President

1. Audit – Mark Bubniak - **No Report**

2. Classification – Sean Colfer
   a. Classification Point System
      i. Will be used to review the spring sports for the 2026-2027 school year
      Ii. The Committee will review the point system to see if any changes should be made. Any changes would go into effect for placement in the 2027-2028 school year
   B. Classification Committee Meeting Dates
      Spring - June 5, 2026
      Fall - December 7, 2026
      Winter - March 19, 2027
      Spring - June 4, 2027

3. Eligibility – Rich Keys
   a.Handles matters of student eligibility for inter-scholastics in relation to: Extended Eligibility; Representation/Sectional Competition & Shared Services
   b.All forms are on the Section 2 website
   c.Extended Eligibility Deadlines
      i. Fall Sports - July 15, 2026
      ii. Winter Sports - October 1, 2026
      iii. Spring Sports - May 1, 2027

4. Mergers – Dan Ward
   a.NYSPHSAA Update
   b.Approved Fall Mergers - provided at the April AC meeting
   c. 2026-2027 Deadlines
      i.Winter Sports - September 1, 2026
      ii.Spring Sports - January 2, 2027
      iii.Football - February 1, 2027
      iv.Fall Sports - April 1, 2027
   d.Committee Meeting Dates
      i.Winter Sports - September 18, 2026
      ii. Spring Sports - January 8, 2027
      iii.Football - February 11, 2027

iv.Fall Sports - April 15, 2027

5. Modified – Mike Kinney - **No Report**

6. Officials/Constitution/Sr. All Star – Doug Gejay
   a.Sr. All Star Deadlines
   i.Fall Sports - October 1, 2026
   ii.Winter Sports - February 1, 2027
   iii.Spring Sports - May 1, 2027

7. Mixed Competition – Kathleen Russell
   a.Proposed Language Removal
   i.Under Section 135.4 of the Commissioner's Regulation
   ii.The existing language regarding the required review panel for mixed competition is shown in Brackets on page 23, indicating its proposed for removal, see language below.
   (In the sports of baseball, basketball, boxing, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, softball, speedball, team handball, power volleyball where the height of the net is set at less than eight feet, and wrestling, the fitness of a given student to participate in mixed competition shall be determined by a review panel consisting of the school physician, a physical education teacher designated by the principal of the school, and if requested by the parents of the pupil, a physician selected by such parents. Such a panel shall make its determination by majority vote of the members, and in accordance with the standards and criteria issued by the department).
   iii.These changes are intended to modernize the process, reinforce local control and create a more transparent and developmentally appropriate pathway for student participation.

8. Safety/Chemical Health Awareness – Rick Knizek
   a. Modified Committee Recommendations
   b.Girls Wrestling Recommendations
   c.Baseball Pitchers Start Date
   d.Hiring an Athletic Trainer
   e.Wrestling Consultant

9. Officials Liaison Committee (OLC) – Joe Sapienza - **No Report**

10. Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) – Ryan Carpenter
    a.NYSPHSAA Student Leadership Conference
    i.Thursday, April 8, 2027
    ii.Welcome and Overnight: Wednesday, April 7, 2027
    iii.Will share more information when it becomes available

11. Sportsmanship
    Bad – Joe Sapienza - **No Report**
    Good – Curtis Wilkinson - **No Report**

12. Transfer – Matt Van Dervoort - **No Report**

XIV. ***Other Reports- Section 2***

1. New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA)– Len Kies
   a. Membership - Information is available on the Section 2 website
   b. NYSAA Summer Leadership Conference - July 27-29, 2026 at Rivers Resort & Casino
   c. NYSAAA Athletic Directors Conference - March 16-19, 2027

XV. ***Sports Committee Reports- Section 2 - None***

XVI. ***League Comments or Concerns***

1. Adirondack - None
2. Colonial - None
3. Foothills - None
4. Patroon - None
5. Suburban - Transportation - Blocking off rooms for Outdoor Track & Field
6. Wasaren - None
7. Western - None

XVII. ***Good of the Order - None***

XIII. ***Adjournment***
Motion by Denise Wickham; 2nd by Joe Sapienza to Adjourn.
Discussion
Vote: Passed unanimously

Have a Great Summer

Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee Meeting
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Section 2 Office- 9:30AM

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Rich Keys
Section 2 President

1. **Updated Directories & Athletic Director Changes**
    a. Athletic Director Changes **(Pg. 20)**
    b. League Directories are updated on the Section 2 website
    c. Executive Committee & League President's Directory **(Pg. 21-22)**
        i. THANK YOU to Mike Kinney! Mike is stepping down from his position as the Modfied Chair on the Executive Committee
        ii. Welcome to Dave Austin (Maple Hill, Patroon Conference) who was selected by the Executive Committee to complete Mike Kinney's Modified Chair term

2. **2026-2027 Important Dates (Pg. 23)**

3. **Boys Ice Hockey Officials Update**
    a. Thank you to Superintendent Rep. Dan Ward

Mike Robbins
Section 2 Vice President

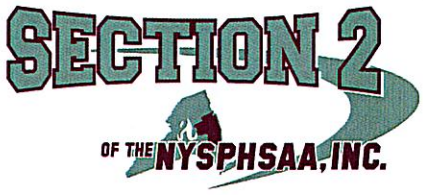
1. **NYSPHSAA Foundation Board**
    a. Thank you to Joe Scalise, Len Kies and Mark Bubniak for representing Section 2 in the NYSPHSAA Foundation Golf Tournament in Buffalo.
    b. Golf Tournament next summer will be in Section 2
    c. Due to being the Representative on the NYSPHSAA Schools Without Boundaries Committee I need to step down as the Foundation Board Represenative.
        i. If you are interested in filling the role, please reach out to Doug

Sean Colfer
Section 2 Second Vice President

1. **Football Updates**
    a. Committee needed to meet in August to redo schedules

Athletic Director Updates

Josh Wagner, Voorheesville
Drew Santandera, Bethlehem
John Martin, Queensbury
Val Synakowski, New Lebanon
Brendan Miller, Lansingburgh
Corey Brown, Mohonasen
Len Kies, Guilderland
Dave Austin, Maple Hill
Matt Ronca, Niskayuna
Chip Corlew, Hudson Falls
Jimmy Acker, Hoosic Valley



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SECTION 2
OF THE NYSPHSAA, INC.

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SPORTS SEASON STARTING DATES - 2026-2027

FALL	High School Football	August 17, 2026
	High School Sports	August 24, 2026
	Modified Football Only	August 24, 2026
	Modified Sports	August 31, 2026
WINTER	High School Sports	November 16, 2026
	Modified Sports	November 23, 2026
	Wrestling Certification	October 25, 2026
	Wrestling Certification	November 21, 2026
SPRING	High School Sports	March 8, 2027
	Modified Sports	March 15, 2027

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETINGS

September 16, 2026	8:30 AM
November 19, 2026	10:00 AM
January 20, 2027	10:00 AM
April 21, 2027	10:00 AM
June 2, 2027	10:00 AM

LEAGUE PRESIDENTS MEETINGS

August 17, 2026	1:00 PM
November 2, 2026	9:30 AM
January 4, 2027	9:30 AM
March 22, 2027	9:30 AM
April 19, 2027	9:30 AM (If Needed)
May 17, 2027	9:30 AM

NYSPHSAA EX/CEN COMMITTEE MEETINGS

July 28-29, 2026
October 21, 2026
February 3, 2027
May 5, 2027
July 27-28, 2027

All Athletic Council meetings will be held in-person at Duo at the Dunes (257 Washington Ave. Ext, Albany)

MANDATORY ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 - 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM @ Duo at the Dunes (Athletic Council meeting 8:30-10:15am)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

August 13, 2026	9:30 AM
October 29, 2026	9:30 AM
January 7, 2027	9:30 AM
March 16, 2027	9:30 AM
May 13, 2027	9:30 AM

SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL MEETINGS

August 13, 2026	12:30 PM
October 29, 2026	12:30 PM
January 7, 2027	12:30 PM
March 16, 2027	12:30 PM
May 13, 2027	12:30 PM

All Superintendent/Principal meetings will be held virtually

TRANSFER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

August 7, 2026
August 28, 2026
October 23, 2026
February 26, 2027

MERGER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Winter: Friday, September 18, 2026
Spring: Friday, January 8, 2027
Fall - Football: Thursday, February 11, 2027
Fall: Thursday, April 15, 2027

CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fall - Friday, January 15, 2027
Winter - Friday, April 16, 2027
Spring - Friday, June 18, 2027

VARIOUS DEADLINES

Mergers: VARSITY: Fall Sports - April 1st ; Football - February 1st; Winter Sports - September 1st; Spring Sports - January 2nd

Sr. All Star: Fall Sports - October 1st; Winter Sports - February 1st; Spring Sports - May 1st

Eligibility

*The student being considered for any of the categories, is **NOT** allowed to participate (practice or play) until Section 2 gives final approval.*

Representation: All necessary information should be sent to the Chair at least **ten (10)** school days prior to the Sectional contest.

Shared Services: All necessary information should be sent to the Chair at least **ten (10)** school days prior to the participation.

Extended Eligibility: Fall Sports - July 15; Winter Sports - October 1; Spring Sports - February 1

FINAL: June 3, 2026

SECTION 2 of the NYSPHSAA, Inc.
ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 2026

Doug Gejay
Executive Director

1. **NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2026 (Inducted in July)**
    a. Congratulations to Dan Gillespie- Section 2 Boys Soccer Coach
        i. All-time winningest high school boys soccer coach in NYS history (773-203-45)

2. **Schools of Distinction & Excellence (Pg. 25-26)**

3. **Fall Sectionals**
    a. Fall Sport Handbooks are updated on the website
    b. Sectional Postseason Schedule was approved at the June AC Meeting
    c. Fall Sectional Broadcasting Schedule **(Pg. 27)**

4. **NYSPHSAA Regional Rotations**
    a. Fall **(Pg. 28-32)**
        i. At Large: Boys Soccer (Class D), Girls Volleyball (Class D)
    b. Winter **(Pg. 33-35)**

5. **Bradley-Terry Model for Seeding**
    a. Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls Soccer
    b. Discussion Item to determine next steps with the BTM

6. **Flag Football**
    a. October 1, 2026- Deadline to let the Section know of any new teams planning to have a Varsity program this spring
    b. October 1, 2026- Deadline to let the Section know if your school plans to have a Mod-9 team this spring
    c. Regular season schedules will be developed shortly after that date

7. **Girls Wrestling**
    a. NYSPHSAA Committee has asked Sections to see if there is any interest in having Girls Wrestling compete in a different season rather than the winter
        i. More coaches available if it was in a different season
        ii. More gym space if it was in a different season
    b. Section 2 leads the state with the number of female wrestlers and the number of teams
    c. Frank Fronhofer plans to have conversations with our committee but he did not feel there would be much interest

8. **Boys/Girls Basketball State Championship Bids**
    a. HVCC- Girls Basketball
    b. Harding Mazzotti Arena- Boys Basketball

NYSPHSAA 2025-2026
School of Distinction & School of Excellence

Schools qualify for the School of Distinction Award by having 100 percent of their varsity teams earn NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team recognition during their respective sports seasons.

To earn the School of Excellence Award, 75 percent or more of a school's varsity teams must achieve Scholar-Athlete Team status.

School of Distinction
Broadalbin-Perth
Christian Brothers Academy
Fort Ann
La Salle Institute
Mayfield
Niskayuna
Queensbury
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk
Saratoga Central Catholic
Schalmont
Tamarac

School of Excellence	
Argyle	Guilderland
Averill Park	Hoosic Valley
Berlin	Ichabod Crane
Berne-Knox-Westerlo	Lake George
Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake	Maple Hill
Cairo-Durham	Mechanicville
Cambridge	Middleburgh
Clayton A Bouton	Salem
Colonie	Saratoga Springs
Columbia	Schoharie
Coxsackie-Athens	Schuylerville
Duanesburg	Shaker
Fort Plain	Shenendehowa
Glens Falls	Taconic Hills
Greenville	Warrensburg

FALL 2026-2027 POSTSEASON BROADCASTING SCHEDULE

NFHS COVERED EVENTS:

DATE	SPORT	CLASS	ROUND	SITE	TIME
October 24, 2026	Girls Soccer	AAA	Semis	Niskayuna	4:30pm, 7:00pm
October 26, 2026	Boys Soccer	AAA	Semis	La Salle	5:00pm, 7:30pm
October 26, 2026	Boys Soccer	AA	Semis	Colonie	5:00pm, 7:30pm
October 27, 2026	Boys Soccer	A	Semis	South Glens Falls	5:00pm, 7:30pm
October 27, 2026	Boys Soccer	B	Semis	Waterford	5:00pm, 7:30pm
October 27, 2026	Girls Soccer	C	Semis	Amsterdam	5:00pm, 7:30pm
October 27, 2026	Girls Soccer	D	Semis	Gloversville	5:00pm, 7:30pm
October 28, 2026	Boys Soccer	C	Semis	Columbia	5:00pm, 7:30pm
October 28, 2026	Boys Soccer	D	Semis	OESJ	5:00pm, 7:30pm
October 28, 2026	Girls Soccer	A	Semis	Amsterdam	5:00pm, 7:30pm
October 28, 2026	Girls Soccer	B	Semis	Lansingburgh	5:00pm, 7:30pm
October 29, 2026	Girls Soccer	AA	Semis	Stillwater	5:00pm, 7:30pm
October 30, 2026	Girls Soccer	D, AAA	Finals	Niskayuna	5:00pm, 7:30pm
October 31, 2026	Boys Soccer	D, C	Finals	Queensbury	11:00am, 1:30pm
October 31, 2026	Boys Soccer	AA, AAA	Finals	La Salle	11:00am, 1:30pm
October 31, 2026	Girls Soccer	C, B	Finals	Lansingburgh	11:00am, 1:30pm
October 31, 2026	Game Day Cheer	All	Championships	Saratoga	10:00 AM
November 1, 2026	Field Hockey	C, A, B	Finals	Glens Falls	11am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm
November 2, 2026	Boys Soccer	B, A	Finals	Bethlehem	5:00pm, 7:30pm
November 3, 2026	Girls Soccer	A, AA	Finals	Shaker	5:00pm, 7:30pm
November 6, 2026	Girls Volleyball	AAA, AA	Finals	Saratoga	5:00pm, 7:00pm
November 7, 2026	Boys Soccer	AA, AAA	Regional Finals	Waterford	2:00pm, 4:30pm
November, 7, 2026	Boys Soccer	B, A	Regional Finals	La Salle	2:00pm, 4:30pm
November 7, 2026	Girls Soccer	AA, AAA	Regional Finals	TBD	TBD
November 7, 2026	Girls Soccer	A, B	Regional Finals	TBD	TBD
November 7, 2026	Girls Volleyball	A, B, C, D	Finals	Saratoga	1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm
November 8, 2026	Field Hockey	C, A, B	Regional Finals	Glens Falls	11am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm
November 13, 2026	Girls Volleyball	AA, AAA	Regional Finals	Burnt Hills	5:00pm, 7:00pm
November 13, 2026	Boys Volleyball	Div. II, Div, I	Finals	Rensselaer	5:00pm, 7:00pm
November 13, 2026	Football	D	Finals	Colonie	4:00 PM
November 14, 2026	Girls Volleyball	A, B, C	Regional Finals	Burnt Hills	11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm
November 14, 2026	Football	C, B	Finals	Shenendehowa	12:00pm, 3:30pm
November 20, 2026	Football	D, A	Regional Finals	Colonie	4:00pm, 7:00pm
November 21, 2026	Football	C, AA	Regional Finals	Colonie	12:00pm, 3:30pm

SPECTRUM COVERED EVENTS:

DATE	SPORT	CLASS	ROUND	SITE	TIME
November 13, 2026	Football	A	Finals	Colonie	7:30 PM
November 14, 2026	Football	AA	Finals	Colonie	7:00 PM

Girls Soccer

Declaration - April 27, 2026

Section	AAA (1057-Up)	AA (1056-677)	A (676-387)	B (386-244)	C (243-136)	D (135-Below)
1	15	20	17	12	3	0
2	7	10	11	20	22	7
3	6	10	15	15	21	17
4	3	4	5	11	19	16
5	4	16	10	19	31	10
6	4	13	16	17	10	2
7	0	0	4	3	4	8
8	15	22	14	5	0	0
9	5	8	12	10	5	3
10	0	0	2	5	4	10
11	18	15	15	3	1	1
Total Sections	**9 (7/10)**	**9 (7/10)**	**11**	**11**	**10 (8)**	**9 (1/8)**

* **YELLOW** denotes Sections with 4 or more teams in the classification

AT-LARGE ROTATION (4 or more participating teams)

YEAR	AAA	AA	A	B	C	D
2025	11	9	3	10	1	↓
2026	1	11	4	1	↓	10
2027	2	1	5	2	2	2
2028	3	2	6	3	3	3
2029	5	3	8	4	4	4
2030	6	4	9	5	5	5
2031	8	5	11	6	6	7
2032	9	6	1	8	7	10
2033	11	8	2	9	9	2
2034	1	9	3	10	10	3

	Part of At-Large Rotation
	At-Large needed
↓	At-Large not needed; shift to next yr.
	Regional Final
	Regional Final Host

Fall 2026 Regional Rotations

9 (7/10) **2026**

AAA	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		5 @ 6
		1 @ 4
Region 2		3 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1
	11 @ 8	

9 (7/10) **2026**

AA	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		5 @ 6
		11 @ 4
Region 2		3 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1
	11 @ 8	

11 **2026**

A	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1	5 @ 6	4/4 @ 5/6
	4 @ 4	
Region 2		3 @ 10
		7 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	
	11 @ 8	9/1 @ 11/8

11 **2026**

B	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1	5 @ 6	1/4 @ 5/6
	1 @ 4	
Region 2		3 @ 10
		7 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	
	11 @ 8	9/1 @ 11/8

10 (8) **2026**

C	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		5 @ 6
		4 @ 3
Region 2	10 @ 7	9/2 @ 10/7
	9 @ 2	
Region 3		1 @ 11

9 (1/8) **2026**

D	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		5 @ 6
		10 @ 4
Region 2	10 @ 3	7/2 @ 10/3
	7 @ 2	
Region 3		9 @ 11

Boys Soccer

Declaration - April 27, 2026

Section	AAA (1041-Up)	AA (1040-674)	A (673-399)	B (398-246)	C (245-145)	D (144-Below)
1	13	20	19	14	3	0
2	7	11	12	18	18	11
3	8	12	11	19	18	21
4	3	4	3	12	18	19
5	6	16	9	16	23	18
6	6	14	20	17	12	2
7	0	0	3	2	3	10
8	16	21	14	6	0	0
9	6	7	12	8	8	3
10	0	0	2	5	4	11
11	18	15	13	5	5	3
Total Sections	**9 (7/10)**	**9 (7/10)**	**11**	**11**	**10 (8)**	**9 (1/8)**

*** YELLOW** denotes Sections with 4 or more teams in the classification

AT-LARGE ROTATION (4 or more participating teams)

YEAR	AAA	AA	A	B	C	D
2025	2	9	3	10	↓	10
2026	3	11	5	11	↓	2
2027	5	1	6	1	3	3
2028	6	2	8	2	4	4
2029	8	3	9	3	5	5
2030	9	4	11	4	6	7
2031	11	5	1	5	9	10
2032	1	6	2	6	10	2
2033	2	8	3	8	11	3
2034	3	9	5	9	2	4

Part of At-Large Rotation
At-Large needed
↓ At-Large not needed; shift to next yr.
Regional Final
Regional Final Host

Fall 2026 Regional Rotations

9 (7/10) 2026 — AAA

	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		6 @ 5
		3 @ 4
Region 2		3 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1
	11 @ 8	

9 (7/10) 2026 — AA

	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		6 @ 5
		11 @ 4
Region 2		3 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1
	11 @ 8	

11 2026 — A

	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1	6 @ 5	5/4 @ 6/5
	5 @ 4	
Region 2		3 @ 10
		7 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	
	11 @ 8	9/1 @ 11/8

11 2026 — B

	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1	6 @ 5	11/4 @ 6/5
	11 @ 4	
Region 2		3 @ 10
		7 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	
	11 @ 8	9/1 @ 11/8

10 (8) 2026 — C

	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		6 @ 5
		4 @ 3
Region 2	10 @ 7	9/2 @ 10/7
	9 @ 2	
Region 3		1 @ 11

9 (1/8) 2026 — D

	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		6 @ 5
		2 @ 4
Region 2	10 @ 3	7/2 @ 10/3
	7 @ 2	
Region 3		9 @ 11

Field Hockey

Declaration - April 27, 2026

Section	A (915- Up)	B (914-450)	C (449-Below)
1	11	20	10
2	8	7	7
3	6	6	16
4	4	3	8
5	5	5	0
6	9	8	9
7	0	0	0
8	7	8	5
9	2	3	5
10	0	0	0
11	19	11	6
Total Sections	**9 (7/10)**	**9 (7/10)**	**8 (5/7/10)**

* **YELLOW** denotes Sections with 4 or more teams in the classification

AT-LARGE ROTATION (4 or more participating teams)

YEAR	A	B	C
2025	6	11	8
2026	8	1	↓
2027	11	2	9
2028	1	3	11
2029	2	5	1
2030	3	6	2
2031	4	8	3
2032	5	11	4
2033	6	1	6
2034	8	2	8

	Part of At-Large Rotation
	At-Large needed
↓	At-Large not needed; shift to next yr.

	Regional Final
	Regional Final Host

Fall 2026 Regional Rotations

9 (7/10) **2026**

A	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		**6 @ 5**
		8 @ 4
Region 2		**3 @ 2**
Region 3	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1
	11 @ 8	

9 (7/10) **2026**

B	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		**6 @ 5**
		1 @ 4
Region 2		**3 @ 2**
Region 3	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1
	11 @ 8	

8 (5/7/10) **2026**

C	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		**6 @ 4**
Region 2		**3 @ 2**
Region 3		**11 @ 8**
		9 @ 1

REVISED - No Section 5 C

Girls Volleyball

Declaration - April 27, 2026

Section	AAA (1124-Up)	AA (1123-722)	A (721-449)	B (448-274)	C (273-168)	D (167-Below)
1	10	22	14	18	6	1
2	6	9	12	15	21	14
3	3	8	8	8	7	4
4	3	4	3	8	17	8
5	4	14	16	13	31	21
6	2	11	23	22	17	14
7	0	0	0	6	3	0
8	13	21	14	9	1	0
9	6	6	9	10	7	5
10	0	0	2	4	3	3
11	16	16	13	5	4	2
Total Sections	**9 (7/10)**	**9 (7/10)**	**10 (7)**	**11**	**11**	**9 (7/8)**

* **YELLOW** denotes Sections with 4 or more teams in the classification

AT-LARGE ROTATION (4 or more participating teams)

YEAR	AAA	AA	A	B	C	D
2025	2	9	11	7	↓	10
2026	5	11	↓	8	3	2
2027	8	1	1	9	4	3
2028	9	2	2	10	5	4
2029	11	3	3	11	6	5
2030	1	4	5	1	9	6
2031	2	5	6	2	11	9
2032	5	6	8	3	1	2
2033	8	8	9	4	2	3
2034	9	9	11	5	3	4

Part of At-Large Rotation
At-Large needed
↓ At-Large not needed; shift to next yr.
Regional Final
Regional Final Host

Fall 2026 Regional Rotations

9 (7/10) 2026 — AAA

	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		5 @ 6
		5 @ 4
Region 2		3 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1
	11 @ 8	

REVISED - At Large

9 (7/10) 2026 — AA

	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		5 @ 6
		11 @ 4
Region 2		3 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1
	11 @ 8	

10 (7) 2026 — A

	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		5 @ 6
		4 @ 3
Region 2		10 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	8/11 @ 9/1
	8 @ 11	

11 2026 — B

	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1	5 @ 6	8/4 @ 5/6
	8 @ 4	
Region 2		10 @ 3
		7 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	
	11 @ 8	9/1 @ 11/8

11 2026 — C

	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1	5 @ 6	3/4 @ 5/6
	3 @ 4	
Region 2		10 @ 3
		7 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	
	11 @ 8	9/1 @ 11/8

9 (7/8) 2026 — D

	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		5 @ 6
		2 @ 4
Region 2	10 @ 3	9/2 @ 10/3
	9 @ 2	
Region 3		1 @ 11

Girls Tennis (Team)

Declaration - April 27, 2026

Section	D 1 (600 - Up)	D 2 (599 - Below)
1	31	26
2	20	18
3	21	33
4	7	9
5	18	27
6	23	29
7	0	0
8	38	10
9	17	14
10	0	0
11	36	15
Total Sections	**9 (7/10)**	**9 (7/10)**

*** YELLOW** denotes Sections with 4 or more teams in the classification

AT-LARGE ROTATION (4 or more participating teams)

YEAR	D 1	D 2
2025	11	2
2026	1	3
2027	2	4
2028	3	5
2029	4	6
2030	5	8
2031	6	9
2032	8	11
2033	9	1
2034	11	2

	Part of At-Large Rotation
	At-Large needed
↓	At-Large not needed; shift to next yr.

	Regional Final
	Regional Final Host

Fall 2026 Regional Rotations

9 (7/10) **2026**

D 1	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		**5 @ 6**
		1 @ 4
Region 2		**3 @ 2**
Region 3	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1
	11 @ 8	

9 (7/10) **2026**

D 2	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		**5 @ 6**
		3 @ 4
Region 2		**3 @ 2**
Region 3	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1
	11 @ 8	

Winter 2026 NYSPHSAA Regional Rotations

The Winter 2026 Regional Rotations continue the implementation of the 3-Region format for post-season play in sports with nine or more participating Sections. This model was developed to ensure equity, fairness, and transparency by applying a consistent, objective system that balances responsibilities among Sections. The rotation minimizes travel where possible, distributes hosting and at-large opportunities equitably, and provides clear guidelines for postseason matchups. By using this structured approach, NYSPHSAA reinforces its commitment to fairness for all member schools and Sections while maintaining a transparent process that can be applied uniformly across seasons and sports.





Girls Basketball

Declaration - September 12, 2025

Section	AAA (1093 - Up)	AA (1092 - 655)	A (654 - 364)	B (363 - 224)	C (223 - 127)	D (126 - Down)
1	15	23	17	13	3	0
2	7	11	16	18	20	10
3	7	12	16	17	22	14
4	3	4	7	8	22	7
5	7	18	11	23	30	12
6	3	17	25	23	17	7
7	0	0	3	4	3	12
8	16	22	16	4	0	0
9	6	9	11	7	6	2
10	0	0	3	6	3	9
11	18	19	11	6	1	1
Total Sections	**9 (7/10)**	**9 (7/10)**	**11**	**11**	**10 (8)**	**9 (1/8)**

* **YELLOW** denotes Sections with 4 or more teams in the classification

AT-LARGE ROTATION (4 or more participating teams)

YEAR	AAA	AA	A	B	C	D
2026	11	9	5	8	↓	3
2027	1	11	6	9	4	4
2028	2	1	8	10	5	5
2029	3	2	9	11	6	6
2030	5	3	11	1	9	7
2031	8	4	1	2	2	9
2032	9	5	2	3	3	10
2033	11	6	3	4	4	2
2034	1	8	4	5	5	3
2035	2	9	5	6	6	4

* **Note:** Random assignment was used to start at-large rotation

Part of At-Large Rotation
At-Large needed
↓ At-Large not needed; shift to next yr.

Regional Final
Regional Final Host

Winter 2026 Regional Rotations

9 (7/10) 2026

AAA	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		6 @ 5
		11 AL @ 4
Region 2		3 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	8/11 @ 9/1
	8 @ 11	

9 (7/10) 2026

AA	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		6 @ 5
		9 AL @ 4
Region 2		3 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	8/11 @ 9/1
	8 @ 11	

11 2026

A	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1	6 @ 5	5 AL/4 @ 6/5
	5 AL @ 4	
Region 2		10 @ 3
		7 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	
	8 @ 11	9/1 @ 8/11

11 2026

B	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1	6 @ 5	8 AL/4 @ 6/5
	8 AL @ 4	
Region 2		10 @ 3
		7 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	
	8 @ 11	9/1 @ 8/11

10 (8) 2026

C	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		6 @ 5
		4 @ 3
Region 2	10 @ 7	9/2 @ 10/7
	9 @ 2	
Region 3		1 @ 11

9 (1/8) 2026

D	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		6 @ 5
		3 AL @ 4
Region 2	10 @ 3	7/2 @ 10/3
	7 @ 2	
Region 3		9 @ 11

Boys Basketball

Declaration - September 12, 2025

Sections	AAA (1085 - Up)	AA (1084 - 657)	A (656 - 364)	B (363 - 221)	C (220 - 120)	D (119 - Down)
1	13	24	18	13	4	1
2	9	13	14	17	23	9
3	8	14	16	19	24	21
4	3	5	7	11	20	17
5	4	21	12	25	36	11
6	4	17	26	21	17	7
7	0	0	3	4	4	11
8	16	22	16	5	0	0
9	6	9	12	7	8	1
10	0	0	3	6	5	10
11	18	18	12	4	3	7
Total Sections	**9 (7/10)**	**9 (7/10)**	**11**	**11**	**10 (8)**	**10 (8)**

* **YELLOW** denotes Sections with 4 or more teams in the classification

AT-LARGE ROTATION (4 or more participating teams)

YEAR	AAA	AA	A	B	C	D
2026	11	3	8	8	↓	↓
2027	1	4	9	9	9	10
2028	2	5	11	10	10	11
2029	3	6	1	11	1	2
2030	5	8	2	1	2	3
2031	6	9	3	2	3	4
2032	8	11	4	3	4	5
2033	9	1	5	4	5	6
2034	11	2	6	5	6	7
2035	1	3	8	6	7	10

* **Note:** Random assignment was used to start at-large rotation

Part of At-Large Rotation
At-Large needed
↓ At-Large not needed; shift to next yr.

Regional Final
Regional Final Host

Winter 2026 Regional Rotations

9 (7/10) 2026

AAA	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		5 @ 6
		11 AL @ 4
Region 2		3 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1
	11 @ 8	

9 (7/10) 2026

AA	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		5 @ 6
		3 AL @ 4
Region 2		3 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1
	11 @ 8	

11 2026

A	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1	5 @ 6	8 AL/4 @ 5/6
	8 AL @ 4	
Region 2		10 @ 3
		7 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	
	11 @ 8	9/1 @ 11/8

11 2026

B	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1	5 @ 6	8 AL/4 @ 5/6
	8 AL @ 4	
Region 2		10 @ 3
		7 @ 2
Region 3	9 @ 1	
	11 @ 8	9/1 @ 11/8

10 (8) 2026

C	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		5 @ 6
		4 @ 3
Region 2	10 @ 7	9/2 @ 10/7
	9 @ 2	
Region 3		1 @ 11

10 (8) 2026

D	Sub-Regional	Regional Final
Region 1		5 @ 6
		4 @ 3
Region 2	10 @ 7	9/2 @ 10/7
	9 @ 2	
Region 3		1 @ 11

SECTION 2 of the NYSPHSAA, Inc.
ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 2026

Steve Nolan
Assistant Director

1. **Warrants- Since June 2026 Athletic Council Meeting**

DATE	WARRANT #	# OF ITEMS	AMOUNT
6/8/2026	28	126	$26,621.89
6/11/2026	29	124	$14,831.00
6/15/2026	30	126	$103,270.59
6/22/2026	31	132	$25,504.08
6/24/2026	32	137	$44,107.87
6/29/2026	33	143	$72,569.22
6/30/2026	34	7	$577.00
TOTAL	**7 Warrants**	**795 Items**	**$287,481.65**
7/18/2026	1	6	$3,415.22
8/10/2026	2	5	$3,691.33
8/31/2026	3	4	$469.69
TOTAL	**3 Warrants**	**15 Items**	**$7,576.24**

2. **Fall Sectionals**
    a. Postseason Approved Staffing & Fee Structure for Host Sites **(Pg. 37)**
    b. Sectional Supplies- will make arrangements with host sites
        i. Financial Paperwork
        ii. iPads/CC Readers, GoFan Signs, Champion Banners

3. **GoFan Ticketing & Sectional Contest Ticket Prices**
    a. Sectional Contest Ticket Prices **(Pg. 38)**
    b. GoFan Ticketing is used for all sectional events that are listed. Athletic Administrators should be reminding coaches, athletes, families and their school communities that they can purchase tickets in advance of events.
    c. iPads and CC Readers will be available on site as well

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Fall Postseason Approved Staffing & Fee Structure*

Fall Sports	Site Chair	Tickets	Supervision	Announcer	Scoreboard Operator	Shot Clock Operator	Trainer
Football	1 @ $20/Hr	2/Gate @ $20/Hr	4/Game @ $20/Hr	1/Game @ $30	1/Game @ $40 Down & Distance	None	1 @ $100/Game (Semis/Finals/Regionals Only), If schools do not have their own
B/G Soccer	1 @ $20/Hr	2/Gate @ $20/Hr	3/Game @ $20/Hr	1/Game @ $30	1/Game @ $40	None	1 @ $80/Game (Semis/Finals/Regionals Only), If schools do not have their own
Cross Country	1/Meet @ $20/Hr	2/Meet @ $20/Hr	1/Meet @ $20/Hr	None	Based on FAT Contract	None	1 @ $300 (Sectional Championship)
Field Hockey	1 @ $20/Hr	2/Gate @ $20/Hr	2/Game @ $20/Hr	1/Game @ $30	1/Game @ $40	None	1 @ $80/Game (Finals/Regionals Only), If schools do not have their own
B/G Volleyball	1 @ $20/Hr	2/Gate @ $20/Hr	2/Game @ $20/Hr	None	1/Game @ $40	None	1 @ $80/Game (Semis/Finals/Regionals Only), If schools do not have their own
Girls Swimming	1 @ $20/Hr	2/Gate @ $20/Hr	2/Meet @ $20/Hr	1/Meet @ $100	Diving: 2@$100 Swimming: 3@$100	Meet Prep 2@ $60	None
Game Day Cheer	1 @ $20/Hr	2/Gate @ $20/Hr	3/Meet @ $20/Hr	1/Day @ $100	1/Meet @ $100	None	1 @ $250 (Cheerleading Championship)

We thank and appreciate the Sport Coordinators, Committee Members, and Volunteers who do not submit a payroll voucher!

***These are the maximum number of staff for post season contests per the Section 2 Athletic Office & Executive Committee.**

Should the host site chairman/Sport Coordinator feel additional staff is necessary for a contest, it must be approved by the Section 2 Office in advance.

FALL SECTIONAL TICKETS

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE FOR FALL SECTIONALS!

TICKETS FOR FALL SECTIONAL CONTESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH GOFAN TICKETING. SEE BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR GOFAN TICKETS!

1. GO TO WWW.GOFAN.CO
2. SEARCH "SECTION 2"
3. SELECT THE EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR

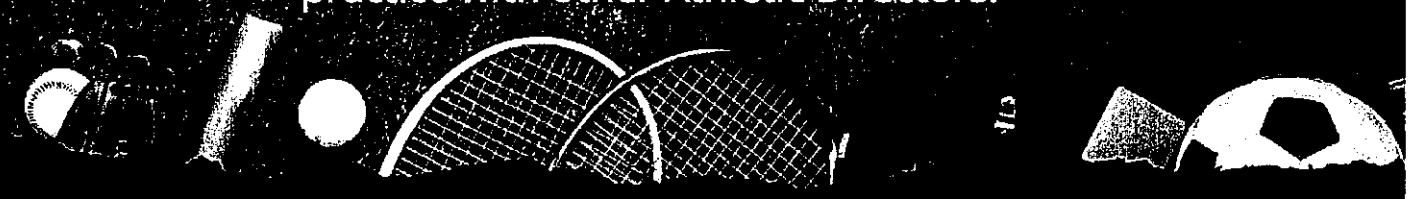
WE WILL BE USING GOFAN TICKETING FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

FOOTBALL: ALL QUARTERS, SEMIS & FINALS
BOYS/GIRLS SOCCER: ALL SEMIS & FINALS
BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: ALL SEMIS & FINALS
SWIMMING & DIVING: PRELIMS & FINALS
FIELD HOCKEY: FINALS
CROSS COUNTRY: CHAMPIONSHIPS
GAME DAY CHEER: CHAMPIONSHIPS
ALL REGIONALS HOSTED IN SECTION 2



ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ROUNDTABLE

Join us to communicate, collaborate and share your practice with other Athletic Directors!



"Unity. Growth. Connection. The Athletic Directors Roundtable brings together athletic leaders who are committed to learning from one another, building professional networks, and advancing education based athletics through collaboration and shared expertise."
- Denise Wickham, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, Greenville CSD

"AD roundtable is an invaluable resource for veteran and novice Athletic Directors to learn best practices in the area of Physical Education, Health and Athletics. Bob Stulmaker provides a great network of guest speakers and topics that aid in quality professional development for Athletic Directors."
- Sean Colfer, Director of Physical Education, Health, and Athletics, North Colonie CSD

2026-2027 AD Roundtable Dates:

September 30, 2026	February 10, 2027
November 4, 2026	March 10, 2027
December 2, 2026	April 14, 2027
January 6, 2027	May 12, 2027

"This is a great opportunity for new athletic directors to learn about procedures, policies and gain a wealth of knowledge from veteran administrators. It is a very positive experience to connect and meet new athletic directors where we can collaborate together to improve and be successful in our roles."
- Kathleen Russell, Director of Physical, Education and Athletics, Schalmont CSD

"The CASDA AD Roundtable has provided me regular opportunities to meet with athletic administrators from the Capital District and beyond to discuss relevant topics and information within our profession. These experiences have been invaluable and I stay connected with my peers from the AD Roundtable throughout the year."
- Rich Keys, Former Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, Queensbury UFSD

Time: 9-11 a.m.
Location: Virtual
Cost: $300 member districts/$330 non-member districts

CTLE: 16 hours
Facilitator:
Bob Stulmaker, CAA

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4. **Merger Protocols**

5. **CASDA Athletic Directors Roundtable Dates (Pg. 39)**

Risë Van Iderstine
Assistant Director

1. **Postseason Transportation (Pg. 41)**
    a. The Section 2 office works with Brown Coach Transportation to secure (if possible) transportation for the first round of regionals each season for team sports. These are contests that we know we will definitely use the transportation, it is just a matter of what schools will be using them. The Section pays upfront and will invoice the schools.
    b. Any trips beyond the first round of regionals is up to the school to secure transportation
    c. The Section partially reimburses for each postseason trip a school takes.

2. **Section 2 Passes**

	Individual Sports - Needed Buses - 2026-2027						
	Sport	**Class**	**Date**	**Site**	**Coordinator**	**Email**	**Phone**
Individual Sports							
FALL							
	Girls Swimming	Section 2 Ind. Team	11/20-21/2026	Webster Aquatic Center	Alyssa DiFabio	coachdifab@gmail.com	518-488-7154
	Girls Tennis (Individuals)	Section 2 Ind. Team	10/26-27/2026	Billie Jean King Tennis Center	Deb O'Brien	obrienc@guilderlandschools.net	518-598-3157
WINTER							
	Skiing	Section 2 Ind. Team	2/22-23/2027	Whiteface/Mt. Vanhovenberg	Steve Besler & Joe Skurka	s_besler@saratogaschools.org jskufca@niskyschools.org	518-729-9552 518-339-5755
	Girls Gymnastics	Section 2 Ind. Team	2/27/2027	Cold Spring Harbor HS	Deborah Smarro	dsmarro@bscsd.org	518-857-1539
	Bowling	Section 2 Ind. Team	3/12-14/2027	AMF Syracuse Lanes	Tony Faraci & Pam Bertrand	blg12182@aol.com pkbertrand@gmail.com	518-470-6419 518-221-6964
	Boys Swimming	Section 2 Ind. Team	3/5-6/2027	Ithaca College	Brian Melanson	melansonb@schenectady.k12.ny.us	518-630-5452
SPRING							
	Boys Tennis	Section 2 Ind. Team	6/4-6/2027	USTA National Tennis Center	Kolby Flack	kflach@schodack.k12.ny.us	518-928-4131
	Boys Golf	Section 2 Ind. Team	6/6-7/2027	Mill Creek Golf Club	Ben Smith	bsmith@niskyschools.org	518-470-5743
	Girls Golf	Section 2 Ind. Team	6/6-7/2027	Wild Wood Country Club	Molly Fanning	fanningm@guilderlandschools.net	518-229-0813
FALL							
	Field Hockey	No buses needed - all regionals are in Section 2					
	Football	Class 8	11/20 or 21/2026	Section 7 or 10	Sean Colfer	sean.colfer@nccsk12.org	518-992-9495
	Boys Soccer	Class D (at large)	11/7/2026	Section 4	Ernie Clapper	eclapper13@icloud.com	518-774-7696
	Girls Soccer	No buses needed - all first round regionals are in Section 2					
	Girls Tennis Team	No buses needed - Section 2 is hosting					
	Boys Volleyball	Division I	11/21-22/2026	Community College of Finger Lakes	Jim Lemire	ybjjjl@yahoo.com	518-209-1151
		Division 2	11/21-22/2026	Roberts Wesleyan College (Sec. 5)			
	Girls Volleyball	Class D (at large)	11/14/2026	Chenango Valley HS (1:30 pm)	Alicia Collier	colliera@sgfcsd.org	518-232-2072
Brown Coach:	Judy Russell	518-843-4700	jrussell@browncoach.com				

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Standard Calendar of Weeks (NYSPHSAA State Championships - 7 Year Calendar)

	Wk #	# of Wks	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Fall 2027	Fall 2028	Fall 2029	Fall 2030
Football Start Date (Mon.)	7	N/A	8/19	8/18	8/17	8/16	8/14	8/13	8/19
Fall Start Date High School & Modified (Mon.)	7/ 8	N/A	8/26	8/18	8/24	8/23	8/21	8/20	8/19
Executive Committee Meeting (Wed.)	16	N/A	10/24	10/21 (Tue.)	10/21	10/20	10/18	10/17	10/23
Tennis Singles & Doubles Champ. (Girls) (Mon.-Wed.)	17	10/ 11 Wks.	10/28-10/30	10/27-10/29	10/26-10/28	10/25-10/27	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/28-10/30
Tennis Team Championships (Girls) (Fri.)	18	11/ 12 Wks.	11/8	11/7	11/6	11/5	11/3	11/2	11/8
GameDay Cheer Championships (Sun.)	19	12/ 13 Wks.	11/10	11/9	11/8	11/7	11/5	11/4	11/10
Cross Country Championships (Girls/ Boys) (Sat.)	19	12/ 13 Wks.	11/16	11/15	11/14	11/13	11/11	11/10	11/16
Soccer Championships (Boys) (Thur.-Sun.)	19	12/ 13 Wks.	11/15-11/17	11/14-11/16	11/13-11/15	11/12-11/14	11/10-11/12	11/9-11/11	11/15-11/17
Soccer Championships (Girls) (Sat.-Sun.)	19	12/ 13 Wks.	11/16-11/17	11/15-11/16	11/14-11/15	11/13-11/14	11/11-11/12	11/10-11/11	11/16-11/17
Field Hockey Championships (Sat.-Sun.)	19	12/ 13 Wks.	11/16-11/17	11/15-11/16	11/14-11/15	11/13-11/14	11/11-11/12	11/10-11/11	11/16-11/17
Swimming & Diving Championships (Girls) (Fri.-Sat.)	20	13/ 14 Wks.	11/22-11/23	11/21-11/22	11/20-11/21	11/19-11/20	11/17-11/18	11/16-11/17	11/22-11/23
Volleyball Championships (Boys) (Sat.-Sun.)	20	13/ 14 Wks.	11/23	11/22-11/23	11/21-11/22	11/20-11/21	11/18-11/19	11/17-11/18	11/23-11/24
Volleyball Championships (Girls) (Fri.-Sun.)	20	13/ 14 Wks.	11/23-11/24	11/21-11/23	11/20-11/22	11/19-11/21	11/17-11/19	11/16-11/18	11/22-11/24
Football Semifinals (Fri.-Sat.)	21	14 Wks.	11/29-11/30	11/28-11/29	11/27-11/28	11/26-11/27	11/24-11/25	11/23-11/24	11/29-11/30
Football Championships (Fri.-Sun.)	22	15 Wks.	12/6-12/8	12/5-12/7	12/4-12/6	12/3-12/5	12/1-12/3	11/30-12/2	12/6-12/8
Scholar-Athlete Deadline- Fall (Mon.)	23	N/A	12/9	12/8	12/7	12/6	12/4	12/3	12/9
	Thanksgiving		28-Nov	27-Nov	26-Nov	25-Nov	23-Nov	22-Nov	28-Nov

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	Wk #	# of Wks	Winter 24-25	Winter 25-26	Winter 26-27	Winter 27-28	Winter 28-29	Winter 29-30	Winter 30-31
Winter Start Date High School & Modified (Mon.)	20	N/A	11/18/2024	11/17/2025	11/16/2026	11/15/2027	11/13/2028	11/12/2029	11/18/2030
Wrestling Team Duals (Sat.)	30	11 Wks.	2/1	1/31	1/30	1/29	1/27	1/26	2/1
Executive Committee Meeting (Wed.)	31	N/A	2/5	2/4	2/3	2/2	1/31	1/30	2/5
Ice Hockey Regional (Girls) (Fri.-Sat)	33	13 Wks.	2/21-2/22	2/20-2/21	2/19-2/20	2/18-2/19	2/16-2/17	2/15-2/16	2/21-2/22
Skiing Championships (Girls/ Boys) (Mon.-Tue.)	34/35	15 Wks.	2/24-2/25	2/23-2/24	2/22-2/23	2/28-2/29	2/26-2/27	2/25-2/26	2/24-2/25
Gymnastics Championships (Sat.)	34/35	15 Wks.	3/1	2/28	2/27	3/4	3/3	3/2	3/1
Girls Wrestling Championships (Thur.)	34	15 Wks.	2/27	2/26	2/25	2/24	2/22	2/21	2/27
Wrestling Championships (Fri.-Sat.)	34	15 Wks.	2/28-3/1	2/27-2/28	2/26-2/27	2/25-2/26	2/23-2/24	2/22-2/23	2/28-3/1
Swimming & Diving Championships (Boys) (Fri.-Sat.)	35	16 Wks.	3/7-3/8	3/6-3/7	3/5-3/6	3/3-3/4	3/2-3/3	3/1-3/2	3/7-3/8
Indoor Track Championships (Girls/ Boys) (Fri.-Sat.)	35	16 Wks.	3/8	3/6-3/7	3/5-3/6	3/3-3/4	3/2-3/3	3/1-3/2	3/7-3/8
Competitive Cheer Championships (Sat.)	35	16 Wks.	3/8	3/7	3/6	3/4	3/3	3/2	3/8
Bowling Championships (Girls/ Boys) (Fri. -Sun.)	36	17 Wks.	3/14-3/16	3/13-3/15	3/12-3/14	3/10-3/12	3/9-3/11	3/8-3/10	3/14-3/16
Ice Hockey Championships (Boys) (Sat.-Sun.)	36	17 Wks.	3/15-3/16	3/14-3/15	3/13-3/14	3/11-3/12	3/10-3/11	3/9-3/10	3/15-3/16
Scholar-Athlete Deadline- Winter (Monday)	37	N/A	3/17	3/16	3/15	3/13	3/12	3/11	3/17
Basketball Championships (Girls/ Boys) (Thur.-Sun.)	37	18 Wks.	3/20-3/23	3/19-3/22	3/18-3/21	3/16-3/19	3/15-3/18	3/14-3/17	3/20-3/23
	President's Day		17-Feb	16-Feb	15-Feb	21-Feb	19-Feb	18-Feb	17-Feb
	Easter Sunday		20-Apr	5-Apr	28-Mar	16-Apr	1-Apr	21-Apr	12-Apr

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	Week #	# of Wks	Spring 2025	Spring 2026	Spring 2027	Spring 2028	Spring 2029	Spring 2030	Spring 2031
Spring Start Date High School & Modified (Mon.)	36/ 37	N/A	3/17	3/9	3/8	3/13	3/12	3/11	3/10
Executive Committee Meeting (Wed.)	44	N/A	5/7	5/6	5/5	5/3	5/2	5/1	5/7
Scholar-Athlete Deadline- Spring (Mon.)	47	N/A	5/26	5/25	5/24	5/22	5/21	5/20	5/26
Tennis Singles & Doubles Champ. (Boys) (Fri.-Sun.)	48	12/13 Wks.	6/6-6/8	6/5-6/7	6/4-6/6	6/2-6/4	6/1-6/3	5/31-6/2	6/6-6/8
Girls Flag Football Championships (Sat.-Sun.)	48	12/ 13 Wks.	6/7	6/6-6/7	6/5-6/6	6/3-6/4	6/2-6/3	6/1-6/2	6/7-6/8
Golf Championships (Girls/ Boys) (Sun.-Mon.)	48	12/ 13 Wks.	6/8-6/9	6/7-6/8	6/6-6/7	6/4-6/5	6/3-6/4	6/2-6/3	6/8-6/9
Lacrosse Semifinals (Boys) (Wed.)	49	13/ 14 Wks.	6/11	6/11 (Thur.)	6/9	6/7	6/6	6/5	6/11
Tennis Team Championships (Boys) (Fri.)	49	13/ 14 Wks.	6/13	6/12	6/11	6/9	6/8	6/7	6/13
Lacrosse Championships (Girls) (Fri/-Sat.)	49	13/ 14 Wks.	6/13-6/14	6/12-6/13	6/11-6/12	6/9-6/10	6/8-6/9	6/7-6/8	6/13-6/14
Outdoor Track Championships (Girls/ Boys) (Fri.-Sat.)	49	13/ 14 Wks.	6/13-6/14	6/13-14 (Sat-Sun)	6/11-6/12	6/9-6/10	6/8-6/9	6/7-6/8	6/13-6/14
Baseball Championships (Fri.-Sat.)	49	13/ 14 Wks.	6/13-6/14	6/12-6/13	6/11-6/12	6/9-6/10	6/8-6/9	6/7-6/8	6/13-6/14
Softball Championships (Fri.-Sat.)	49	13/ 14 Wks.	6/13-6/14	6/12-6/13	6/11-6/12	6/9-6/10	6/8-6/9	6/7-6/8	6/13-6/14
Lacrosse Championships (Boys) (Sat.)	49	13/ 14 Wks.	6/14	6/14 (Sun.)	6/12	6/10	6/9	6/8	6/14
Central Committee Meeting (Tue.-Wed.)	4	N/A	7/29-7/30	7/28-7/29	7/27-7/28	7/25-7/26	7/24-7/25	7/30-7/31	7/29-7/30
	Memorial Day		26-May	25-May	31-May	29-May	28-May	27-May	26-May

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2026-27 Championship Schedule

Ticket information and event details are available on each championship page. You can also visit our Ticketing FAQs for more information.

Fall 2026	Start Date For Football: Mon, Aug 17 Start Date for Modified and High School: Mon, Aug 24	Championship Site
Mon, Oct 26 - Wed, Oct 28	Girls Tennis Championships *Presented by UTR Sports*	USTA National Tennis Center, Flushing
Fri, Nov 6	Girls Tennis Team Championships *Presented by UTR Sports*	USTA National Tennis Center, Flushing
Sun, Nov 8	Game Day Cheerleading Championships *Presented by CheerSounds & Rebel Athletic*	Hudson Valley Community College, Troy
Sat, Nov 14	Cross Country Championships *Presented by Taco Bell*	Queensbury High School
Fri, Nov 13 - Sun, Nov 15	Boys Soccer Championships	Middletown High School
Sat, Nov 14 - Sun, Nov 15	Girls Soccer Championships	Cortland Area
Sat, Nov 14 - Sun, Nov 15	Field Hockey Championships	Arlington High School
Fri, Nov 20 - Sat, Nov 21	Girls Swimming and Diving Championships *Presented by NYS Parks*	Webster Aquatic Center
Fri, Nov 20 - Sun, Nov 22	Girls Volleyball Championships *Presented by Excelsior Empire Volleyball Assoc*	Harding Mazzotti Arena, Glens Falls
Sat, Nov 21 - Sun, Nov 22	Boys Volleyball Championships *Presented by Excelsior Empire Volleyball Assoc*	Rochester Area
Fri, Nov 27 - Sat, Nov 28	Football - East Semifinals	Middletown High School
Fri, Nov 27 - Sat, Nov 28	Football - 8-Man Regional Championship & West Semifinals	Vestal High School
Fri, Dec 4 - Sat, Dec 5	Football Championships	JMA Wireless Dome, Syracuse
Winter 2027	**Official Start Date: Monday, November 16**	**Championship Site**
Sat, Jan 30	Wrestling Dual Meet Championships	SRC Arena and Events Center, Syracuse
Fri, Feb 19 - Sat, Feb 20	Girls Ice Hockey Regional Championships	Utica University Nexus Center, Utica

Mon, Feb 22 - Tues, Feb 23	Skiing Championships	Whiteface Mtn/Mt. VanHoevenberg
Thur, Feb 25	Girls Wrestling Championships	MVP Arena, Albany
Fri, Feb 26 - Sat, Feb 27	Wrestling Championships	MVP Arena, Albany
Sat, Feb 27	Gymnastics Championships	Cold Spring Harbor High School
Fri, Mar 5 - Sat, Mar 6	Boys Swimming & Diving Championships *Presented by NYS Parks*	Ithaca College
Fri, Mar 5 - Sat, Mar 6	Indoor Track & Field Championships	Ocean Breeze Track & Field Athletic Complex, Staten Island
Sat, Mar 6	Competitive Cheerleading Championships *Presented by CheerSounds & Rebel Athletic*	Visions Veterans Memorial Arena, Binghamton
Fri, March 12 - Sun, March 14	Bowling Championships	AMF Syracuse Lanes, Syracuse
Sat, Mar 13 - Sun, Mar 14	Boys Ice Hockey Championships	LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo
Thurs, Mar 18 - Sun, Mar 21	Boys Basketball Championships	Visions Veterans Memorial Arena, Binghamton
Thurs, Mar 18 - Sun, Mar 21	Girls Basketball Championships	Hudson Valley Community College, Troy
Spring 2027	**Season Start Date: Monday, March 8**	**Championship Site**
Fri, June 4 - Sun, June 6	Boys Tennis Championships *Presented by UTR Sports*	USTA National Tennis Center, Flushing
Sat, June 5 - Sun, June 6	Flag Football Championship *Presented by NYCM Insurance*	Greece Central Schools
Sun, June 6 - Mon, June 7	Girls Golf Championships	Wild Wood Country Club, Rush
Sun, June 6 - Mon, June 7	Boys Golf Championships	Mill Creek Golf Club, Churchville
Wed, June 9	Boys Lacrosse East Semifinals	Middletown High School
Wed, June 9	Boys Lacrosse West Semifinals	SUNY Cortland
Fri, June 11	Boys Tennis Team Championships *Presented by UTR Sports*	USTA National Tennis Center, Flushing
Fri, June 11 - Sat, June 12	Girls Lacrosse Championships	SUNY Cortland
Fri, June 11 - Sat, June 12	Baseball Championships *Presented by Visions FCU*	Mirabito Stadium, SUNY Binghamton, Union-Endicott HS
Fri, June 11 - Sat, June 12	Softball Championships	Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park, Binghamton
Fri, June 11 - Sat, June 12	Outdoor Track and Field Championships	Icahn Stadium, New York
Sat, June 12	Boys Lacrosse Championships	Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva

Central Committee Meeting Recap

As of August 3, 2026

Last NYSPHSAA Meeting: July 28-29, 2026 (Central Committee)
Next NYSPHSAA Meeting: October 21, 2026 (Executive Committee)

July 28-29, 2026 Central Committee Approved Items:

Passed (A) Consider approval of the NYSPHSAA Officials Fees & Policies for Fall 2026 – Spring 2029.

Passed (A) Consider approval to add Lopsided Score Guidance to the recommendation section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

Passed (A) Consider approval of lowering the NFHS minimum wait time between modified matches from 30 minutes to 20 minutes in the sport of wrestling.

Passed (A) Consider approval of the NYSPHSAA Officials Contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

Passed (A) Consider approval of waivers of the Representation Rule for various sections.

Passed (A) Consider approval of Friend & Neighbor and new member schools.

Passed (A) Consider approval of State Sport Coordinators for a 5-year term.

Passed (A) Consider approval of the Football Classification Cut-Off numbers.

Passed (D) Consider approval of waiving the NCAA Sportsmanship Rule (6.1.2.3.5) and following the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship rule for disqualified players and coaches in the sport of Girls/Boys Volleyball. **Note: The Central Committee acted on this discussion item.*

Passed (A) Consider approval for a waiver of the NCAA bench protocols in the sport of Girls and boys Volleyball. **Note: The Central Committee revised the proposal to include "boys".*

Passed (A) Consider approval to waive the NCAA penalty, administrative red card, for having a non-compliant uniform in the sport of Girls Volleyball.

Passed (A) Consider approval to revise the classification cut-off formula for Girls Volleyball to the top 70 teams in Class AAA, the bottom 90 teams in Class D, and equally dividing the rest of the classes.

Passed (A) Consider approval of using USA Junior Weight Classes in Girls Wrestling which are; 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 190, and 235.

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Passed (A) Consider approval to increase the percentage of body fat to the level approved by the NFHS from 14% to 19% in the sport of Girls Wrestling.

Passed (A) Consider approval of SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College (Section III) as the host of the 2028-2030 Wrestling Dual Meet Championships. **Note: Mistakenly labeled (D) on Central Committee agenda. It was acted on.*

Passed (A) (D) Consider approval to eliminate the registration requirement for students participating in the early weight certification process and allow each Section to establish its own registration deadline in the sport of Boys Wrestling. **Note: The Central Committee acted on this discussion item.*

Passed (A) Consider approval of the Boys Swimming/Diving Qualifying Standards for the 2026-2027 school year.

Passed (A) Consider approval of Nassau Aquatic Center (Section VIII) as the host of the 2028-2030 Boys Swimming/Diving Championships.

Passed (A) Consider approval of a scoring change for beam and bars in the Gymnastics Technical Handbook. It will read: **"No 0.3 deduction off the start value for lack of a dismount."**

Passed (A) Consider approval to increase the maximum daily game limitation from six (6) games to ten (10) games for post-season events in the sport of Boys/Girls Bowling.

Passed (A) Consider approval to amend the format of the NYSPHSAA Boys/Girls Individual Bowling Championship from its current six (6) game total-pinfall format to a two-phase competition.

Passed (A) Consider approval of a waiver of the NCAA Rule for court dimensions in the sport of Girls Basketball.

Passed (A) Consider approval a waiver of the NCAA uniform rules for all sub-varsity teams in the sport of Girls Basketball.

Passed (A) Consider approval of changing the 30 second timeout to a full timeout in overtime in the sport of Girls Basketball.

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(D) Consider approval to amend the designated participation range in the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy to a recommended maximum of 8% of varsity participation in that sport.

(D) Consider approval to create standard criteria for how athletes may qualify for state championships in which athletes qualify by time.

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(D) Consider approval to revise the pitch count guidelines and nights rest rule in the sport of Baseball.

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1. 2026-2027 addition to waiver of NFHS Flags
2. School name, school logo, and manufacture logo is permitted.

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July 28-29, 2026 Central Committee Information Items:

(I) Provided Spring 2027 Nonpublic/Charter Classifications. Sections have 15 calendar days to express concerns with the placement of a nonpublic or charter schools and request review of the NYSPHSAA Oversight Committee.

July 28-29, 2026 Central Committee Tabled Items:

None.

July 28-29, 2026 Central Committee Postponed Items:

None.

July 28-29, 2026 Central Committee Defeated Items:

Defeated (A) Consider approval to revise the regional rotation for Class D for the 2026 season in the sport of Boys Soccer.

Defeated (A) Consider Webster Aquatic Center (Section V) as the host of the 2028-2030 Boys Swimming/Diving Championships.

July 28-29, 2026 Central Committee Noteworthy Items:

NYSED staff provided an update on the recently approved revisions to the Athletic Placement Process (APP) and the proposed coaching certification regulatory changes currently under consideration for future implementation. In addition, NYSED is developing and will release a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to provide further clarification regarding the APP revisions.

> **Update**: FAQ document - https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:5683d083-fdf2-42e4-91d7-12dc1df456ea

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October 21 Executive Committee Action Items:

(A) Consider approval of the 2027-2028 School Enrollment numbers.

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sport.

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October 21 Executive Committee Discussion Items:

None at this time.

October 21 Executive Committee Information Items:

None at this time.

Items of Interest:

The NYSPHSAA Regional Rotation Committee will meet on December 9th at 10:00 AM to review the current regional rotation process and consider potential revisions to further enhance the consistency, fairness, and effectiveness of regional assignments.

The NYSPHSAA Schools Without Boundaries Committee (SWOB) will meet on December 9th at 1:00 PM; this is now a standing committee. The committee will review the current classification process for non-public and charter schools and consider recommendations aimed at enhancing the process and supporting the continued improvement of NYSPHSAA policies and procedures.

**** Action Items and Discussion Items will be added to the October 21, 2026 Executive Committee agenda as the agenda is developed and finalized.***

**** Information included in this document is not intended to replace the official meeting minutes and does not include all business and information that occurred during the Executive Committee meeting.***

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 28-29, 2026

Championship Philosophy - Amend Championship Philosophy Regarding Percentage of Championship Participation

_X_ Action Item
___ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:
Consider approval to amend the designated participation range in the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy to a recommended maximum of 8% of varsity participation in that sport. Sports could exceed 8% with Central/Executive Committee approval. The 5% floor would be removed. Percentage of participation would be one of several criteria used to determine tournament expansion, along with logistics, scheduling, venue capabilities, financial impact, etc.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2027

Rationale:
The current criteria of 5-8% no longer meets the needs or fits the operations of the association. An upper limit is necessary to ensure high-quality competition, but the lower limit has not been followed nor does it contribute to achieving the goal of a quality championship event. Removing a minimum percentage of participation will also prevent the unnecessary expansion of tournaments in pursuit of reaching the 5% minimum. If a sport felt there was a legitimate reason to exceed the 8% limit, they could provide justification and submit a proposal for review by the Championship Advisory Committee and approval by the Central/Executive Committee. The 8% recommended limit should be one of several factors when considering expanding tournaments, and is not intrinsically a reason to expand. Other factors such as event logistics, scheduling, venue capabilities, financial impact, etc will be considered when evaluating proposals regarding the number of participants in championship tournaments.

Proposal Originated:
Championship Philosophy Committee

Budgetary Impact:
Reduction in costs in events where participants may shrink, and increased awareness of financial impact with future participation proposals from sport committees.

Notes:
The following sports are currently over the recommended 8% threshold and would need to revise their criteria or provide justification for approval: skiing, gymnastics, boys swimming & diving, girls wrestling.

The Championship Philosophy Committee unanimously supported the proposal at the June 23rd meeting.
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New York State Public High School Athletic Association

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Championship Philosophy - Establish Standard Qualifying Criteria for Championships in Which Athletes Qualify by Time

X Action Item
___ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:
Consider approval to create standard criteria for how athletes may qualify for state championships in which athletes qualify by time. The criteria would state:

- A qualifying standard must be set by the committee each year prior to the start of their season, with approval from the Central/Executive Committee.
- Only automated timing results may be used for qualifying standards; no hand timing results may be used.
- Athletes may only qualify for the state championships at a state qualifier meet. The following athletes would qualify in each event:
    - The first-place finisher
    - Any place finisher within the top 5 that achieved the qualifying standard at any time during the season
- No exceptions or waivers would be granted for athletes that did not compete in the state qualifier meet.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2027

Rationale:
The membership has expressed concerns with the number of athletes qualifying in events for individual championships. Each sport has different qualifying standards, and many allow athletes to qualify at any time during the year, which makes it difficult to control the number of qualifying athletes in each event from a particular section. The criteria listed in the proposal would help limit the number of athletes within an event without sacrificing the quality of the meet. A majority of the time a section will send two athletes per event, with allowances for exceptional athletes that may bring the total number of qualifiers up to five.

By requiring athletes to qualify only at the state qualifier meet, it ensures quality competition with a field of athletes that have all earned their right to participate.

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For clarity, an example of who may qualify in a race is provided below:

100M Dash
Athlete 1: 10.69
Athlete 2: 10.81 – qualifying standard during the year
Athlete 3: 10.96
Athlete 4: 11.03 – qualifying standard during the year
Athlete 5: 11.14
Athlete 6: 11.32
Athlete 7: 11.58
Athlete 8: 11.70

A race contains 8 athletes. Athlete 1 qualifies as the winner of the race. Athletes 2 and 4 qualify for hitting the qualifying standard during the year and finishing in the top 5. No other athletes qualify from this race.

Proposal Originated:
Championship Philosophy Committee

Budgetary Impact:
A change in costs to sections will likely occur but will vary by sport and by section.

Notes:
This would currently apply to Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving, Skiing, Indoor Track & Field, and Outdoor Track & Field. Diving and field events would be included because they are events within a championship in which athletes qualify by time.

Current qualification processes are:

Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving:
A qualifying standard is the 5-year average of the 20th place finisher in that event. Adjustments may be made to keep the total number of participants at or below the 8% threshold.

Skiing:
In each Alpine and Nordic: one school team per section, three individuals per section, and at-large competitors selected based on a formula considering the number of programs in a Section and the winning Section from the previous year's meet.

Indoor Track & Field:
Each section may send the top two competitors per event, plus the third-place finisher if they have met the qualifying standard. The qualifying standard is the 5-year average of the 6th place finisher. Sections are permitted one entry per relay event.

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Outdoor Track & Field:
A qualifying standard and super standard must be set by the committee each year prior to the start of their season, with approval from the Central/Executive Committee.
Athletes may only qualify for the state championships at a state qualifier meet. The following athletes would qualify in each event:

- The first place finisher
- The next highest place finisher that achieved the qualifying standard at any time during the season
- Any place finisher within the top 5 that achieved the super qualifying standard at any time during the season
- No exceptions or waivers would be granted for athletes that did not compete in the state qualifier meet.

The Championship Philosophy Committee *approved a motion to move the proposal forward for discussion at the Central Committee. <u>The motion passed 7–4.</u>*

It was noted that moving it forward would permit additional discussion with the Executive/Central Committee, Sport Committees, and Sections. Future revisions could be made before any implementation decision.

Roll Call Vote:
Yes – Sections I, 2, III, IV, VIII, IX, X, XI
No – Sections V, VI and Individual Sports Coordinator
Absent – Section VII Representative and Team Sports Coordinator

Overall, the impacted Sport Committees expressed a preference for sport-specific solutions, gradual adjustments where appropriate, and continued evaluation of participation data. Sport specific feedback forms can be provided upon request. *<u>At this time, the sport committees do not support the implementation of a universal qualification standard.</u>*

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Handbook – Individual on a Team, Max Number of Contest Penalty

_X_ Action Item
___ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
NYSPHSAA Staff

Proposal:
Consider approval of revising the Penalties section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding exceeding the maximum number of contests permitted to clarify the penalties for team and individual violations.

Changes are reflected below.

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

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

Effective Start Date:
Once approved by Executive Committee

Rationale:
The current rule penalizes an entire team when an individual student-athlete exceeds the maximum number of contests, even though the team itself has not violated the maximum contest limitation. NYSPHSAA's existing ineligible player rule already addresses this situation and provides the appropriate penalty for the use of an ineligible participant.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

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

X Action Item
___ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Scott Warner, NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming/Diving State Coordinator
Brian Melanson, NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming/Diving Assistant Coordinator
Diane Hicks-Hughes, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming/Diving State Coordinator
Meg Kaplan, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming/Diving Assistant Coordinator

Proposal:
Consider approval to establish a Team State Championship in B/G Swimming & Diving to be conducted in conjunction with the existing Individual State Championship, revising the Championship Philosophy for Swimming & Diving from an "individual" sport designation to a "team/individual" sport designation.

Each of the 11 NYSPHSAA sections would send one team consisting of 8 athletes plus 1 alternate (including divers), to compete in preliminaries of the state tournament. Athletes would compete in their individual & relay events, earning points toward their team's total. The school/team with the highest points would be crowned the NYSPHSAA Team State Champion, with awards presented to the top four teams.

**Most of the top schools in each section already have athletes participating in the state meet, minimizing the need for additional qualifiers.

Effective Start Date:
##/##/20##

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

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

- Boys State Meet (2025 Data): 377 participants; with teams, 407–422 athletes (25–40 additional swimmers, 5–6 divers). If 2026-27 new time standards are approved projection is 313 participants eliminating 70 -80 participants.
- Girls State Meet (2024 Data): 360 participants; with teams, 390–405 athletes (25–40 additional swimmers, 5–6 divers).
- Coaches: No increase in the number of coaches.
- Fans: An estimated 50–150 additional spectators per meet.

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

Entry Guidelines:

- Athletes entered in the individual championship will automatically be entered in the team championship for the same events.
- In the event a school is under 8 athletes participating in the team championship they may complete their roster using any athlete from the current season's team/school roster.
- In the event a school is over the 8 athletes participating in the team championship they must designate which 8 athletes will be used for the team/school at the time entry times are due.
- All entries into the team/school championship will be due at the same time as the individual championship entries.

NFHS rules will be followed

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

Budgetary Impact:
NYSPHSAA Costs:

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

Revenue Offset:

- Additional ticket sales from 50–150 fans at $12 each would generate $600–$1,800 per meet.
- Venues (Ithaca, Webster, Erie, and Nassau) can accommodate the increased attendance.

Section/School Costs:

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

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

CAC Feedback/Vote:
The CAC did not support the proposal overall. It was defeated 8-1.

The Championship Philosophy Committee did support the change in designation request.

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GIRLS WRESTLING – Establish a Dual Meet State Championship in 2027-28

_X_ Action Item
____ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Ryan Palmer, NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:
Consider approval to establish a Dual Meet State Championship in Girls Wrestling, revising the Championship Philosophy for Girls Wrestling from an "individual" sport designation to a "team/individual" sport designation.

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2027-2028

Rationale:
The sport of Girls Wrestling has grown by just over 92%, in participation, since its championship season inception during the 2023-2024 school year. Data provided to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee in December 2025 revealed that eight of our eleven sections had six or more officially approved girls teams, or a total of 168 teams statewide. At that time, some sections reported additional "unofficial" teams. Per NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy, a sport having 168 teams is eligible to conduct a team championship.

As the sport continues to grow, we anticipate more official teams to be formed, and for some of the "unofficial" teams to become official. On April 20, 2026, NYS Girls Wrestling Committee (NYSGWC) revealed that the following sections will host a Girls Wrestling Dual Meet Championship during 2026-2027: Sections 2,3,4,5,6,8,9,11.

Format/Schedule:
This event would be planned as a one-division, one-day tournament with qualifiers being the champions of each NYSPHSAA section. An at-large would be entered as the 12th team to even the field of teams and allow us to create four pools of three teams each. Teams from each pool would play each other once with the top teams from each pool advancing to the semifinals. Winners of the semifinals would advance to the finals. This follows the same format as the Boys Wrestling Dual Meet State Championships.

Draft Schedule:

7:00 AM	Weigh Ins Begin
7:30 AM	Doors Open for Public
8:45 AM	Opening Ceremonies
9:00 AM	First Round Matches

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10:30 AM Second Round Matches
12:00 PM Third Round Matches
2:30 PM Semi-Finals
Pool A Champion vs. Pool D Champion
Pool B Champion vs. Pool C Champion

Proposed Date/Location
This event could be a standalone unattached event on its own weekend and location or can be paired with the boys dual meet championship. Format, qualifying process and logistical needs (like mats, seating capacity, etc) would not change in either arrangement.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Office/State Coordinator on April 20, 2026

Budgetary Impact:
Yes, this would have a budgetary impact for NYSPHSAA and member sections. This would go out to bid for a three-year bid term. For NYSPHSAA, anticipated income from admissions would be approximately $6,000. Anticipated estimated costs are below (based on boys wrestling dual meet state championship, 1 division).

Venue	$2,000-$3,000	Travel	$1,000
Staffing	$8,000-10,000	Clocks/Scoring	$2,000
Awards	$500	EMT/Ambulance	$1,000
Credentials	$1,000		

For sections not currently conducting a Girls Dual Meet Section Tournament, they would now need to hold one to determine their champion, thus this would generate new revenue and incur new expenses.

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 11-0 in favor of this proposal at its April 20, 2026 meeting.

Attachments:
None

CAC Feedback:
The CAC did not support the proposal overall. It was approved 9-0.

The Championship Philosophy Committee did support the change in designation request.

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NYSPHSAA Wrestling Dual Meet State Tournament

Bid Comparison for 2028-30 (bids opened on May 13, 2026)

Venue/ Facility:	**SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College**
Location:	Section III
Committee Recommendation	Yes, 11-0
Staff Recommendation:	Yes
Proposed Years:	2028-30
Proposed Facility Cost:	$3,500 (facility only)
Other Proposed Cost:	$14,000 (staffing), $2,000 (electrical)
Seating Capacity:	6,500 chairback and bleacher
Parking:	1,790
Lodging Information:	Doubletree ($130), Holiday Inn Dewitt/Fairgrounds/Cicero ($139), Hampton Inn Clay & Carrier Circle ($144)

Pros: Has hosted 2018-26 NYSPHSAA Dual Meet State Tournament. Ample seating capacity and chairback seating available. Ample parking. Catering on site.

Cons: Significant increase in staffing/electrical costs

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 28-29, 2026

Boys Wrestling – Legal Uniform at NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Individual Championship

_X_ Action Item
____ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Marty Sherman, Boys Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending that a legal uniform at the NYSPHSAA Individual State Championship will be the Section specific singlet, identified by Section approved color noted with a specific number designation. The Section uniform will be required for all rounds except the 7th and 8th place match, the 5th and 6th place match, the 3rd and 4th place match and the 1st and 2nd place match. If a wrestler wears any other singlet outside of the placement matches the following penalties will be enforced:

> 1st incident: Head Coach is assessed an unsportsmanlike conduct which results in a team point taken from the school, section, and the penalty progression carries for the entire tournament.
>
> 2nd incident: Head Coach is assessed a 2nd unsportsmanlike conduct which results in two team points taken from the school, section, and the head coach is removed from the tournament.

The tournament director, currently Marty Sherman, has the ability to rule on any extenuating circumstances regarding uniforms, but must be notified prior the any match starting.

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2026-27 season

Rationale:
The Wrestling Committee has had a longstanding unwritten rule that all wrestlers are to wear the Section issued singlet. This helps identify wrestlers from certain sections for upcoming and current matches. This is beneficial to officials and spectators.

Proposal Originated:
Boys Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:
All Sections are either purchasing or having singlets donated to the wrestlers for the NYSPHSAA Individual Championship.

DATE REVISED: July 7, 2026

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 28-29, 2026

Boys Wrestling – Section and NYSPHSAA Dual Meet Championships and NYSPHSAA Representation Rule

__X__ Action Item
___ Discussion Item
_____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Marty Sherman, Boys Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending that any wrestler that is eligible to compete in the Section or NYSPHSAA Dual Meet Championship will be able to use the event toward the NYSPHSAA Representation Regulation for the NYSPHSAA Individual Championship.

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2026-27 season

Rationale:
There are a few schools and students electing not to participate in the Section nor NYSPHSAA Dual Meet Championship and going to other regular season events so that they can meet the NYSPHSAA Representation Regulation. The change would encourage more participation in the Section and NYSPHSAA Dual Meet Championship. If the Section held multiple day events, participation would only count as one of the required 6 events needed to meet the NYSPHSAA Regulation.

Proposal Originated:
Boys Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

DATE REVISED: 8/12/26

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 28-29, 2026

BASEBALL COMMITTEE & SAFETY COMMITTEE – TO PERMIT PITCHERS AND CATCHERS (BATTERY ONLY) TO START ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL SPRING SPORTS START DATE

_X_ Action Item
___ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Al Roy NYSPHSAA Baseball State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee and Safety Committee are seeking approval to allow pitchers and catchers (battery only) to start practice one week prior to the official spring sports start date. Other components to this proposal:

1. All Battery Week players would still be required to practice for 10 days before first contest.
2. All non-pitchers and non-catchers will start on the approved NYSPHSAA established start date for all spring sports and will be required to practice for 6 days before the first contest.
3. Rules and restrictions during Battery Week:
    a. Only pitchers and catchers will be permitted during Battery Week
    b. No pitching to live batters
    c. No batting practice permitted during Battery Week for any player during this period
    d. Fielding, throwing, and conditioning workouts, along with position-specific skill work for pitchers and catchers are ONLY permitted during Battery Week approved practices.
    e. No team practices are permitted during Battery Week.
    f. Battery Week practices will follow all NYSPHSAA practice guidelines.

Effective:
March 2026

Rationale:
The proposal is intended to provide athletes with the opportunity to have extra days to prepare for the season by providing pitchers arm care under School Board appointed coaches. It will provide coaches with more time to develop additional athletes into pitchers and reduce injuries. This additional week is not to be used as an additional tryout.

Proposal Originated:
Sean Burns (Section VIII Baseball Coordinator) proposed this in June 2023. It did not get support. Fall 2025 Mike DeMagistris (Section 2 Baseball Coordinator) proposed this. The Safety Committee reviewed it and supported this concept. On June 11, 2026, the Baseball Committee voted 11-0 to support it.

Budgetary Impact:
None

DATE REVISED: June 18, 2026

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 28-29, 2026

BASEBALL – REVISE THE CURRENT PITCH COUNT GUIDELINES AND NIGHTS REST

__X__ Action Item
____ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee is seeking approval to revise the pitch count guidelines and nights rest rule.

Effective Start Date:
March 2027

Rationale:
The proposal is intended to reduce the number of pitches a player may throw and the corresponding nights rest. The Baseball Committee believes these numbers will contribute to the safety of pitchers' arms and reduce the number of injuries which should also reduce overuse of pitchers. Additionally, the new guidelines may help develop more athletes as pitchers.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee in January 2026. Chris McCarthy (Section 1 Coordinator) researched and provided data for the committee to consider and discuss during its June 11, 2026 meeting where the committee supported the proposal 10-1 to go forward.

Budget Impact:
None

CAC Feedback:
None needed

Attachments:
Pitch Count and Nights Rest chart

DATE REVISED: June 18, 2026

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NYSPHSAA Baseball Pitch Count Proposal

Pitch Count for	Number of Pitches	Number of Nights Rest
Modified	41-60	4
Baseball	21-40	3
March/April	0-20	2

Pitch Count for	Number of Pitches	Number of Nights Rest
Freshman/JV	46-65	4
Baseball	26-45	3
March/April	0-25	2

Pitch Count for	Number of Pitches	Number of Nights Rest
Modified	61-80	5
Baseball	41-60	4
May/June	21-40	3
	0-20	2

Pitch Count for	Number of Pitches	Number of Nights Rest
Freshman/JV	66-85	5
Baseball	46-65	4
May/June	26-45	3
	0-25	2

Pitch Count for	Number of Pitches	Number of Nights Rest
Varsity	66-85	4
Baseball	46-65	3
March	26-45	2
	0-25	1

Pitch Count for	Number of Pitches	Number of Nights Rest
Varsity	76-95	4
Baseball	56-75	3
April	36-55	2
	0-35	1

Pitch Count for	Number of Pitches	Number of Nights Rest
	96-115	5
Varsity	76-95	4
Baseball	56-75	3
May/June	36-55	2
	0-35	1

PITCH COUNT RULES

1. **Pitch Counts are per day.** *(Example: pitcher can pitch in both games of a doubleheader as long as they do not exceed the max pitch count for a day)*

2. If a player appears in a game as a pitcher in two (2) consecutive games, on back-to-back days, you combine the total number of pitches and apply the appropriate nights rest.

3. No player shall appear in a game as a pitcher on three (3) consecutive days, regardless of pitch count.

4. If a pitch is thrown on a balk call, the pitch will NOT count towards the pitch total for purposes of this rule.

5. A pitcher at any level who reaches the pitch count limit in the middle of an at-bat will be allowed to finish that hitter.

6. Schools have the responsibility to maintain all pitching charts. They will be required to make any game chart available, upon request, to the opposing school to show availability of pitchers for that given day.

7. During games, each team will record pitch counts on the official NYSPHSAA Pitch Count form. Pitch counts should be confirmed by both schools after each half inning. Any discrepancy will be resolved by the HOME teams pitch chart.

8. At the conclusion of each game, the NYSPHSAA Pitch Count form should be signed by both head coaches of designated representative.

9. Any violation of this rule will be considered will be considered using an ineligible player and the game will be forfeited.

10. As per the NYSPHSAA Handbook, any additional penalties may be imposed at the school and/or Section level.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 28-29, 2026

SOFTBALL– REQUIRE ALL SUSPENDED REGIONAL & STATE TOURNAMENT GAMES TO BE COMPLETED REGARDLESS OF BEING OFFICIAL

_X_ Action Item
___ Discussion Item
___ Informational Item

Presenter:
Dr. Jim Wright, NYSPHSAA Softball State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Softball State Committee is seeking approval to require that all suspended games in NYSPHSAA State Tournament and regional competition be completed to the full seven innings (or 6½ innings if the home team is ahead) regardless of whether the game has reached regulation game status.

This requirement shall apply to all levels of state tournament play, including:

- ~~Sub-Regional Games~~
- Regional Games
- State Semifinal Games
- State Championship Games

Any game suspended due to weather, field conditions, darkness, or other unforeseen circumstances shall be resumed from the exact point of suspension and completed. The NYSPHSAA Executive Director, Sport Coordinator, or their designee shall have the authority to modify tournament schedules, dates, times, and locations as necessary to facilitate the completion of suspended games and preserve the integrity of the championship tournament.

Effective Start Date:
Spring 2027

Rationale:
The NYSPHSAA Softball State Tournament is designed to determine advancement and ultimately a state champion through complete competition. Under current NFHS rules, a contest may become official after five innings (or 4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead). As a result, a suspended playoff game may be declared complete without either team having the opportunity to compete through a full seven-inning contest.

State championship contests represent the highest level of interscholastic competition in New York State and should be decided on the field through a complete game whenever possible. This proposal ensures that advancement and championship outcomes are determined by play rather than by weather-related circumstances after a game has merely reached regulation-game status.

DATE REVISED: June 25, 2026

Softball is unique in that momentum can shift dramatically during the final innings, and many contests are decided in the sixth and seventh innings. Requiring suspended games to be completed promotes competitive equity and preserves the integrity of championship competition.

This proposal will:

• Ensure all teams have the opportunity to compete through a complete seven-inning game.

• Promote fairness by eliminating situations in which a team advances or is eliminated due to a game ending at regulation-game status because of weather or other circumstances.

• Provide consistency throughout all levels of state tournament competition.

• Enhance the championship experience for student-athletes, coaches, schools, and spectators.

All lineups, substitutions, pitching records, batting orders, and game conditions shall be maintained in accordance with NFHS suspended-game procedures when the contest is resumed.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Softball Committee on June 10, 2026

Budgetary Impact:
Potential costs may include additional facility, staffing, transportation, and officiating expenses when suspended games must be completed on a subsequent date. The greatest concern exists at the sub-regional level, where teams may travel significant distances and could be required to return on a later date to complete a game.

However, the committee believes the competitive integrity of determining advancement through a complete seven-inning contest outweighs the potential logistical challenges.

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Softball State Committee voted 10-0-1 in favor of this proposal at its June 10th meeting.

CAC Feedback:
CAC voted not to recommend this proposal by a 7-2 vote at its June 24, 2026 meeting.

DATE REVISED: June 25, 2026

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 28-29, 2026

FLAG FOOTBALL – CLASSIFICATION CUT-OFF NUMBERS

__X__ Action Item
___ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Jennifer Lapinski, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator

Proposal:
Consider approval of the Flag Football Classification Cut-Off numbers for the 2026-2027 school year.

BEDS	Class	# of Schools
945 +	Class A	87 Schools
500-944	Class B	90 Schools
499 - Below	Class C	86 Schools

Effective Start Date:
Spring 2027

Rationale:
We have added over 60 teams since our original cut-off numbers were calculated. Our committee will review the cut off numbers annually as the sport continues to grow. Specifically, the disparity in Class C has been addressed by the proposed adjustments.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None.

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee voted in favor.

CAC Feedback:
There were no concerns from CAC at the June 24, 2026 meeting.

DATE REVISED: June 15, 2026

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Central Committee Meeting – July 28-29, 2026

FLAG FOOTBALL – NFHS Waivers

_X_ Action Item
____ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Jennifer Lapinski, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator

Proposal:
Consider approval of waivers of the NFHS Rules listed below.

1. 2026-2027 addition to waiver of NFHS Flags #2 : School name, school logo, and manufacture logo is permitted.

Effective Start Date:
Spring 2027

Rationale:
Many schools currently have either a manufacturer logo or school name on their flags. Even with the manufacturer logo or school name, the flag must still clearly contrast with the shorts.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None.

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee voted in favor of this change 10-0. It is important to note that the updates to the NFHS Rules include an onside play which our committee voted to keep as is with no waivers.

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New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 28-29, 2026

FLAG FOOTALL – Overtime Rules

_X_ Action Item
____ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Jennifer Lapinski, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator

Proposal:
Consider approval to allow the implementation of NYSPHSAA Overtime Rules during the regular season at the approval of the Section.

Effective Start Date:
Spring 2027

Rationale:
The Flag Football Committee feels it is beneficial for Sections to have the option of implementing the approved overtime procedures during the regular season in preparation for the post season. The NFHS Rules allow for this per state adoption.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee.

Budgetary Impact:
None.

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee voted in favor of this change 10-0.

Attachments:
None.

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New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 28-29, 2026

FLAG FOOTBALL – UNIFORM WAIVER FOR SUB-VARSITY

_X_ Action Item
___ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Jennifer Lapinski, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator

Proposal:
Consider approval to waive the NFHS Uniform Rule for the sub-varsity level in Flag Football.

Effective Start Date:
Spring 2027

Rationale:
The committee feels that the NFHS Uniform Regulations are not intended for implementation at the sub varsity level; this will also remove barriers for teams adding new programs.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None.

Notes:
The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee voted in favor of this change 10-0.

Attachments:
None.

DATE REVISED: June 15, 2026

Section 2 of the NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Committee: Alpine Skiing

Proposal Title: **Score non-finishers based on number of racers.**

_X_ Action Item
____Discussion/Information Item

Presenter: Joe Skufca

Proposal: We are proposing the team scoring rules for alpine racing be changed such that when a racer earns a DNF, DSQ or DNS their score toward the team is equal to one plus the number of athletes that start the race.

Effective State Date: Winter 2026-2027

Rationale: In the current scoring rules, a racer who earns a DNF, DSQ or DNS is given a score of one plus the number of finishers in that race. This means that a greater number of non-finishers is beneficial to all non-finishers. It is also detrimental to the racers who do finish the race, in that the difference between their score and a non-finisher is reduced.
We propose this change so that an increase in DNFs, DSQs and DNSs do not negatively affect the racers who successfully complete the course.

Proposal Originated: Section 2 Alpine Skiing Committee

Budget Impact: This proposal will have no impact on the budget.

Additional Information:

Section 2 of the NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Committee: Indoor Track and Field **Proposal Title:** PROPOSAL FOR ADJUSTING CLASSIFICATION CUT OFF NUMBERS FOR DIVISION 2 AND 3

Presenter: Doug Hadley Boys Indoor Track and Field Chair/Bob Wallen Girls Indoor Track and Field Chair

Date: March 24, 2026

Proposal: Our proposal would be to adjust our Section 2 Division 2 cut off numbers from 650-999 to 500-999 and our Section 2 Division 3 cut off numbers from 350-649 to 350-499.

Effective State Date: November 1, 2026

Rationale: We have been conducting our Sectional Championships in Four (4) classifications: Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 4. In 2006 we created cut off numbers that have been in use since that time.

Proposal Originated: Indoor Track and Field Committee at its March 9,2026 meeting.

Budget Impact: None

Additional Information: If this proposed change is allowed to occur, 4 schools currently in Division 3 would be moved up into Division 2. Our numbers of schools by Division would then become: Division 1: 9 girls and 10 boys teams; Division 2: 11 girls and 12 boys teams; Division 3: 13 girls and 10 boys teams (with 2 combined teams); Division 4: 17 girls and 16 boys teams (with 1 combined team). The numbers of schools in each meet would be more even. Currently we have Division 1: 9G and 10B; Division 2: 7G and 8B; Division 3: 17G and 14 B (2 combined teams); Division 4: 19G and 19B.

Attachments:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Adv-hTlUHz9urD2UllmOrjBUjLgVJhNP/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103620596913721905313&rtpof=true&sd=true

Section 2 of the NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Committee: Indoor Track and Field Committee **Proposal Title:** Proposal to hold the Indoor Track and Field State Qualifier as a 2 day Qualifier meet

Presenter: Doug Hadley Boys Indoor Track and Field Chair/Bob Wallen Girls Indoor Track and Field Chair

Date: March 25, 2026

Proposal: Our proposal would be to adjust our Section 2 State Qualifier Meet from a 1 day meet to a 2 day meet to reflect the NYSPHSAA Championship Meet format.

Effective State Date: November 1, 2026

Rationale: In March 2026 the NYSPHSAA State Championships was conducted for the first time as a 2 day meet. We would like to model that format and provide our athletes with the same experience they would have if they qualify for the NYS Meet (order of events, time between events, and an expectation of what events they can compete in).

Proposal Originated: Indoor Track and Field Committee at its March 9,2026 meeting.

Budget Impact: We would incur a second day facility rental cost (not sure the amount - the facility usually sends their bill over the summer) as well an overall increase of officials cost (would go from 17 officials to 29 over the 2 day period).

Additional Information:

Attachments:

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – February 4, 2026

Modified Committee – Revision to the NYSPHSAA Promotion Rule

__X__ Action Item
____ Discussion Item
____ Informational Item

Presenter:
Jim Rose, Co-Chairmen of NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending revising the NYSPHSAA Promotion Rule in the NYSPHSAA Handbook with the following language:

*"**With Section approval**, contestants **may be** promoted to a higher classification within the modified program or to a junior varsity or varsity team at any time."*

Effective Start Date:
2026-2027 school year

Rationale:
Several Sections have indicated that many 7th and 8th graders do have the ability to move up to the high school level but are kept down on the modified level to support the numbers at the modified level. This revision would allow the 7th and 8th graders the ability to complete the modified season and then be brought up to the high school level as long as they have completed the APP process.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

DATE REVISED: October 21, 2025

SECTION 2
OF THE NYSPHSAA, INC.

2026-2027 WINTER POSTSEASON SCHEDULE

SPORT	CLASS	ROUND	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Boys Basketball	ALL	Play-In	2/20/2027	TBD	Higher Seed
Boys Basketball	ALL	First	2/23 & 2/24 2027	TBD	Higher Seed
Boys Basketball	D, C	Quarters	2/26/2027	5pm, 6:30pm, 8pm	HVCC
Boys Basketball	D, C	Quarters	2/26/2027	5pm, 6:30pm, 8pm	Guilderland
Boys Basketball	D, AA	Quarters	2/27/2027	10am, 11:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm, 4pm	HVCC
Boys Basketball	D, B	Quarters	2/27/2027	10am, 11:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm, 4pm	Guilderland
Boys Basketball	AAA	Quarters	2/28/2027	11:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm, 4pm	HVCC
Boys Basketball	A	Quarters	2/28/2027	11:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm, 4pm	Guilderland
Boys Basketball	C, B	Semis	3/1/2027	5pm, 6:30pm, 8pm	HMA
Boys Basketball	D, B	Semis	3/2/2027	5pm, 6:30pm, 8pm	HMA
Boys Basketball	A, AA	Semis	3/3/2027	5pm, 6:30pm, 8pm	HMA
Boys Basketball	AA, AAA	Semis	3/4/2027	5pm, 6:30pm, 8pm	HMA
Boys Basketball	D, B	Finals	3/5/2027	5pm, 6:45pm	HMA
Boys Basketball	C, A, AA, AAA	Finals	3/6/2027	11am, 12:45pm, 2:30pm, 4:15pm	HMA
Boys Basketball	A, B	Reg. Finals	3/13/2027	11am, 12:30pm	HVCC
Girls Basketball	B, C	Play-In	2/20/2027	6:00 PM	Higher Seed
Girls Basketball	AA, A, D	First	2/22/2027	6:00 PM	Higher Seed
Girls Basketball	B, C	First	2/23/2027	6:00 PM	Higher Seed
Girls Basketball	AAA	Quarters	2/24/2027	6:00 PM	Higher Seed (Hosts a Doubleheader)
Girls Basketball	A, D	Quarters	2/25/2027	6pm, 7:30pm	Higher Seed (Hosts a Doubleheader)
Girls Basketball	AA, B	Quarters	2/26/2027	6pm, 7:30pm	Higher Seed (Hosts a Doubleheader)
Girls Basketball	C	Quarters	2/27/2027	6pm, 7:30pm	Higher Seed (Hosts a Doubleheader)
Girls Basketball	D	Semis	2/28/2027	6:30pm, 8pm	HVCC
Girls Basketball	AAA	Semis	3/1/2028	6pm, 7:30pm	HVCC
Girls Basketball	A	Semis	3/2/2027	6pm, 7:30pm	HVCC
Girls Basketball	B	Semis	3/3/2027	6pm, 7:30pm	HVCC
Girls Basketball	AA	Semis	3/4/2027	6pm, 7:30pm	HVCC
Girls Basketball	C	Semis	3/5/2027	6pm, 7:30pm	HVCC
Girls Basketball	AAA, A, B, D	Finals	3/6/2027	11am, 12:45pm, 2:30pm, 4:15pm	HVCC
Girls Basketball	AA, C	Finals	3/8/2027	6pm, 7:45pm	HVCC
Girls Basketball	A, B	Reg. Finals	3/13/2027	TBD	HVCC
Boy Wrestling	Div. I	Dual Meet	1/19/2027	4:30 PM	#1 Seed
Boy Wrestling	Div. II	Dual Meet	1/19/2027	4:30 PM	#1 Seed
Boy Wrestling	A	Class Sectionals	2/6/2027	9:00 AM	Schenectady
Boy Wrestling	B	Class Sectionals	2/6/2027	9:00 AM	Queensbury
Boy Wrestling	CC	Class Sectionals	2/6/2027	9:00 AM	Ravena
Boy Wrestling	C	Class Sectionals	2/6/2027	9:00 AM	Hoosick Falls
Boy Wrestling	D	Class Sectionals	2/6/2027	9:00 AM	Cambridge
Boy Wrestling	All	State Qualifier	2/13/2027	9:30 AM	HMA
Girls Wrestling	Div. I	Dual Meet	1/26/2027	5:00 PM	#1 Seed
Girls Wrestling	Div. II	Dual Meet	1/26/2027	5:00 PM	#1 Seed
Girls Wrestling	Class 1	Class Sectionals	2/7/2027	10:00 AM	Columbia
Girls Wrestling	Class 2	Class Sectionals	2/7/2027	10:00 AM	Cambridge
Girls Wrestling	All	State Qualifier	2/15/2027	10:00 AM	Shenendehowa

B/G Indoor T&F	Div. I	Championship	2/13 or 14/2027	8:00 AM	HVCC
B/G Indoor T&F	Div. II	Championship	2/13 or 14/2027	8:00 AM	HVCC
B/G Indoor T&F	Div. III	Championship	2/13 or 14/2027	8:00 AM	HVCC
B/G Indoor T&F	Div. IV	Championship	2/13 or 14/2027	8:00 AM	HVCC
B/G Indoor T&F	All	State Qualifier	2/20 or 21/2027	8:00 AM	HVCC
Boys Ice Hockey	Div. I	First	2/16 - 2/17/2027	TBD	Higher Seed
Boys Ice Hockey	Div. I	Quarters	2/19 - 2/20/2027	TBD	Higher Seed
Boys Ice Hockey	Div. I	Semis	2/25/2027	5:30pm, 8:00pm	M&T Bank Center
Boys Ice Hockey	Div. I	Finals	3/1/2027	7:00 PM	M&T Bank Center
Boys Ice Hockey	Div. II	Regional	3/6/2027	TBD	GF Rec Center
Girls Bowling	All	Championship	2/4/2027	9:00 AM	Boulevard Bowl
Boys Bowling	A	Championship	2/5/2027	9:00 AM	Boulevard Bowl
Boys Bowling	C	Championship	2/8/2027	9:00 AM	Boulevard Bowl
Boys Bowling	B	Championship	2/9/2027	9:00 AM	Boulevard Bowl
Alpine Skiing	All	Championship	2/9/2027	9:00 AM	West Mountain
Nordic Skiing	All	Championship	2/10/2027	2:00 PM	Gore Mountain Nordic Center
Boys Diving	All	Championship	2/11/2027	4:00 PM	Shenendehowa
Boys Swimming	Div. II	Prelims	2/12/2027	10:00 AM	Shenendehowa
Boys Swimming	Div. I	Prelims	2/12/2027	3:00 PM	Shenendehowa
Boys Swimming	Div. II	Championship	2/13/2027	10:00 AM	Shenendehowa
Boys Swimming	Div. I	Championship	2/13/2027	3:00 PM	Shenendehowa
Boys Volleyball	C/D	Quarters	2/22/2027	TBD	Higher Seed
Boys Volleyball	B	Semis	2/23/2027	TBD	TBD
Boys Volleyball	C/D	Semis	2/23/2027	TBD	TBD
Boys Volleyball	B, C/D	Finals	2/25/2027	TBD	TBD
Girls Gymnastics	All	Championship	2/10/2027	4:30 PM	Shaker
Competitive Cheer	All	Championship	2/27/2027	10:00 AM	Colonie

Executive Committee – Bradley Terry Model (BTM) Seeding

____ **Action Item**
__X__ **Discussion/Information Item**

Presenter:
Doug Gejay, Section 2 Executive Director

Proposal: Based on League President and membership feedback, the Executive Committee is recommending the use of the Bradley-Terry Model (BTM) for Sectional seeding purposes. BTM would be utilized full time for the following sports: Boys/Girls Basketball, and Boys/Girls Lacrosse for the 2027-2028 school year.

Coaches would be required to register on the High School Sport Stats website and then update it with contest results in a timely fashion.

Pending Review and Discussion:
The following sports could be implemented for the 2027-2028 school year, for the 2028-2029 school year, or not at all.

Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls Soccer, Softball and Baseball

Effective State Date: Fall 2027-2028

Rationale: The Section 2 League Presidents and Membership would like to utilize the Bradley-Terry Model (BTM) for sectional seeding purposes to eliminate any potential subjectiveness.

Proposal Originated: From pilot usage of the Bradley-Terry Model and discussions with the League Presidents.

Budget Impact: Use of the Bradley-Terry Model (BTM) and the High School Sport Stats website incurs a fee of $20 per team, per sport, per season.

The Executive Committee believes the most efficient approach would be to incorporate this fee into each school's annual dues.

Example: If School A participates in Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Lacrosse, and Girls Lacrosse, the school would have an additional $80.00 included in its annual dues to cover the cost of BTM and High School Sport Stats for the school year.

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Mark Bubniak
Audit Committee Chair

1. **2026-2027 Membership Dues**
    a. Reminder to work with your business office to be sure Section 2 Membership Dues get paid as soon as possible.

Sean Colfer
Classification Committee Chair

1. **Classification Point System**
    a. The same point system was used each season to determine placement for the 2026-2027 school year
    b. The Committee will review the point system to see if any changes should be made
        i. Any changes would go into effect for placement in the 2027-2028 school year
    c. The NYSPHSAA Classification Criteria and the Section 2 Classification Committee Point System are on the Section 2 website

2. **List of Classifications for Privates (Pg. 85-86)**

3. **Classification Committee Meetings**
    a. Fall: December 7, 2026
    b. Winter: March 19, 2027
    c. Spring: June 4, 2027

Rich Keys
Eligibility Committee Chair

1. **Eligibility Committee**
    a. Handles matters of student eligibility for inter-scholastics in relation to: Extended Eligibility, Representation/Sectional Competition, & Shared Services
    b. All forms are on the Section 2 website

2. **Extended Eligibility Deadlines**
    a. Winter Sports: October 1, 2026
    b. Spring Sports: February 1, 2027

School	2026-2027 BEDS	Baseball	Basketball (Boys)	Bowling (Boys)	X-Country (Boys)	Football	Golf	Ice Hockey	Indoor Track (Boys)	Lacrosse (Boys)	Outdoor Track (Boys)	Skiing	Soccer (Boys)	Swimming (Boys)	Tennis (Boys)	Volleyball (Boys) Fall	Volleyball (Boys) Winter	Wrestling
The Albany Academies	212				B		A					A	A		AA-D1			
CBA	586	AAA	AAA	D2-B	B	AA	B	D1	D1	A	Group 1- Class A	A	AA	See Below	A-D1	Div. II		D1-Class 2
Doane Stuart	14		D	See Below	See Below				D4				See Below		D-D2 (Beds)			
Green Tech	514		AAA			B					Group 1- Class A							D2-Class 1
Hawthorne Valley	54		D		D	See Below	See Below						See Below	See Below				
Kipp Capital HS	426		A		C (Beds)						Group 3- Class B (Beds)							
La Salle	285	AA	AA	D2-B (BEDS)	B	B	B	D1	D2	B	Group 1- Class A		A	D2 (Beds)	B-D2 (Beds)			D2-Class2
Loudonville Christian	44		D			See Below	C/D						C					
Mekeel Academy	80	D (Beds)									Group 5- Class C (Beds)		D		C-D2 (Beds)			
Notre Dame/Bishop Gibbons	113	D (Beds)	C	D2-C	D		C/D		D4		Group 5- Class C (Beds)		D					
Saratoga Catholic	87	B	B	D2-C	D	See Below	C/D				Group 5- Class C (Beds)		D					
The Charlton School	30																	
CBA/Troy/Columbia (Swimming)	1652													D1 (Beds)				
ND-BG/CCHS (Outdoor Track)																		
Rensselaer/LCS (Football, Baseball, Softball)	176	C				D												
*Doane Stuart/Rensselaer (Bowling, XC, Soccer & Outdoor Track)	203			D2-C	C						Group 5- Class C (Beds)		C					
Taconic Hills/HV (Football, Golf, Soccer, Bowling, Swimming, Volleyball, Baseball, Outdoor Track, Tennis)	250	A				C-8 Man	C/D				Group 4- Class C (Beds)		B	D2	B-D2		C	
Saratoga Catholic/Stillwater (Football)	242					D												

School	2026-2027 BEDS	Basketball (Girls)	Comp. Cheer	Cross Country (Girls)	Field Hockey	Flag Football	Game Day Cheer	Indoor Track (Girls)	Lacrosse (Girls)	Outdoor Track (Girls)	Skiing	Soccer (Girls)	Softball	Swimming (Girls)	Tennis (Girls)	Volleyball (Girls)
Academy of Holy Names	306	A	C (Beds)	C				D3	D	Group 3- Class B		B (Beds)	B (Beds)	D2	D1-AA	A
The Albany Academies	212	AA		B								C			D1-AA	C
Albany Leadership	378	A				C		D3 (Beds)		Group 3- Class C (Beds)		B	B (Beds)			A
Doane Stuart	14	D		See Below				D4 (Beds)				See Below				See Below
Emma Willard	516	A		B	B			D3 (Beds)	C (Beds)	Group 2- Class B	A	A	A (Beds)	D2		A
Hawthorne Valley	54	See Below		D								See Below				See Below
Kipp Capital HS	426	A (Beds)		C (Beds)		C	C (Beds)			Group 3- Class B (Beds)						B (Beds)
La Salle	285	B	C (Beds)	C (Beds)				D4 (Beds)	D	Group 4- Class C		B	A	D2		B
Loudonville Christian	44	See Below		D								D				D
Mekeel Academy	80	D		D						Group 5- Class C (Beds)		D				C
Notre Dame/Bishop Gibbons	113	D		D		C (Beds)		D4 (Beds)		Group 5- Class C (Beds)		D	D (Beds)			C
Saratoga Catholic	87	D		D						Group 5- Class C (Beds)	A	D	C			C
Charlton School	30															
Rensselaer/DS (Cross Country, Soccer, Volleyball, Outdoor Track)	203			D						Group 5- Class C (Beds)		C				C
Rensselaer/LCS(Basketball, Softball)	215	C											C (Beds)			
Taconic Hills/HV (Soccer,Volleyball, Basketball, Swimming, Softball, Outdoor Track)	250	B								Group 4- Class C		B	B			C

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Dan Ward
Merger Committee Chair

1. **2026-2027 Deadlines**
    a. Winter Sports: September 1, 2026
    b. Spring Sports: January 2, 2027
    c. Football: February 1, 2027
    d. Fall Sports: April 1, 2027

2. **Committee Meetings**
    a. Winter Sports: September 18, 2026
    b. Spring Sports: January 8, 2027
    c. Football: February 11, 2027
    d. Fall Sports: April 15, 2027

Dave Austin
Modified Committee Chair

No report at this time

Doug Gejay
Officials, Constitution, Sr. All Star Committee Chair

1. **Sr. All Star**
    a. Fall Sports: October 1, 2026
    b. Winter Sports: February 1, 2027
    c. Spring Sports: May 1, 2027

Kathleen Russell
Mixed Competition Committee Chair

1. **Mixed Competition Forms**
    a. Please send to me for the Fall Season if you haven't already
    b. September 24- Due Date for Waiver request for Girls on Boys Golf Teams to Participate in Girls Golf Postseason (form is in the Girls Golf Handbook)
        i. Must be sent to me, Doug, Molly Fanning (Girls Coordinator) and Ben Smith (Boys Coordinator)

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Rick Knizek
Safety/Chemical Health Awareness

No report at this time

TBD
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

1. **NYSPHSAA Student Leadership Conference**
    a. Thursday, April 8, 2027
    b. Welcome and Overnight: Wednesday, April 7, 2027
    c. Will share more information when it becomes available

Joe Sapienza
Bad Sportsmanship Committee Chair

1. **Number of DQ's this Fall**
    a. Boys Soccer: 6 athletes, Girls Soccer: 2 athletes, Football: 3 athletes
        i. Total: 11 athletes

2. **Athlete Disqualifications**
    a. Disqualification of a player may only be challenged on the basis of misidentification. The misidentification must be established by clear and concise evidence. The school shall identify the offending player who will serve the prescribed penalty.

TBD
Good Sportsmanship Committee Chair

No report at this time

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Matt Van Dervoort
Transfer Committee Chair

1. **Transfers in the 2026-2027 School Year**
    a. 200 as of September 12

2. **Number of Appeals in the 2026-2027 School Year**
    a. 3- Upheld by NYSPHSAA

3. **Transfer Form**
    a. Must be fully completed or it will be returned to you
    b. If you have an incoming 7th, 8th, or 9th grader that you have confirmed with the sending school (not the parent or athlete) that they have not participated in a sport at the high school level during the previous one-year period, we do not need the paperwork. Please keep it for your own records in case it is questioned later.

John Salls & Steve Nolan
NYSAAA Chapter 2 Representative

1. **Membership**
    a. Information is available on the Section 2 Website

2. **NYSAAA Athletic Directors Conference**
    a. March 16-19, 2027