

**Section One, Inc.
Center for Interscholastic Athletics**



Athletic Council Meeting

September 28, 2021

(A) Action (D) Discussion (I) Information

- I. **Call Meeting to Order**
- II. **Approval of the Agenda**
(A) Consider approval of the agenda
- III. **Approval of the Minutes**
(A) Consider approval of the **April 27, 2021** Athletic Council meeting minutes

(A) Consider approval of the **September 17, 2021** Athletic Council meeting minutes
- IV. **Treasurer's Report**
(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report
- V. **Officer's Reports:** President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President
- VI. **Section One Report**
(I) Overview of Governance
 - Roles & Responsibilities - Members of Athletic Council
 - Voting Membership - President designee (1st Vice President)
 - Term Limits
 - Organizational Chart - Standing Committees
- VII. **NYSPHSAA Report:** *Guests: NYSPHSAA Office Staff*
- VIII. **Mergers**
(A) Consider approval of the proposed mergers for the 2021-22 school year
- IX. **Outside Agency**
(A) Consider approval of the **Northern Counties Cross Country Championships** (Pawling HS)
- X. **Self-Report**
(I) Violation of the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule – Pearl River Boys Soccer
Artie McCormack, Pearl River Athletic Director
- XI. **Friend & Neighbor Application Process** (*revised 7/28/2021*)

- XII. General Action/Discussion/Informational Items**
- (A) Consider approval of a wavier of the representation rule for the Wrestling Dual Meet Tournament
Jamie Block, Wrestling Sport Chair
- XIII. Sports Action/Discussion/Informational Items (Proposals)**
- (A) Consider approval of the four-class **Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field** Class Meet proposal
Maureen Myers, Outdoor Track & Field Co-Chair
 - (A) Consider approval of the amended **Field Hockey** seeding criteria and All-League allocations
Rebecca DiSisto-Leslie & Sue Hughes, Field Hockey Sport Chair
 - (A) Consider approval of NYSPHSAA **Football** Rule 10.08
Susan Reid Dullea, Football Sport Chair
- XIV. Amendments to Section One Constitution** (*requires ballot vote*)
- (D) Consideration of the proposed amendments to the Section One Constitution
 - Amend Article 5e. Seasonal Sport Participation
Rob Barrett, Yorktown
 - Amend NYSPHSAA Executive Committee representation language
Susan Reid Dullea, Rye
 - Amend Article 3c. Appointment to Section Athletic Council Membership (Principal Rep)
Jim Mackin, 1st Vice President
 - (D) 1st Reading – Bylaws for Section One Standing Committees
- XV. Conference Reports**
- XVI. Standing Committee Reports**
- Championship Committee
 - (A) Consider amending the default time on SAT/ACT days in post-season (does not include finals)
Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick, Championship Committee Co-Chairs
 - (A) Consider approval of the amended Section 1 Championship Protocols
Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick, Championship Committee Co-Chairs
 - (A) Consider approval of the post-season Football COVID Protocols for Fall 2021
Susan Dullea, Football Sport Chair
 - (A) Consider approval of the creation of a Section 1 Seeding Committee
 - (I/D) Consideration of the proposed winter tournament calendar and championship sites
Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick, Championship Committee Co-Chairs
 - Alignment Committee
 - (D) Consideration of the geographical, mixed classification Conference structure
Chris McCarthy, Alignment Committee Chair

- XVII. Old Business**
- XVIII. New Business**
 - (I) Commissioner's Determination on COVID-19 Testing Pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.62**
- XIX. Good of the Order**
- XX. Adjournment**

Next Meeting:
October 14, 2021
9:30am

Section One, Inc.
Center for Interscholastic Athletics



Athletic Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2021

Present	Absent
Joe Sigillo, Athletic Director, 2 nd Vice President	James Mackin, Principal, Conference II 1 st Vice President
Anthony DiCarlo, Superintendent Liaison	Brett Miller, Principal, Conference I
Tom Baker, Co-Chair Championship Committee	Joe Ceglia, Conference III
Andy Guccione, Conference I	Joe Palumbo, Principal, Conference III
Bari Suman, Conference I	
Steve Young, Conference I	
Dan Belfi, Conference II	
Dean Berardo, Conference II Proxy	
Chris McCarthy, Conference II	
Denise Kiernan, Conference III	
Chris Drosopoulos, Conference III	
Robert Pollok, Conference III Proxy	
Andrine Trotman, At-Large Rep, Class D Rep	
Todd Santabarbara, Executive Director	
Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director	
Guests:	
Julie Bergman, NYSPHSAA President	
Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director	
Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director	
Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director	
Kristin Jadin, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director	

I. Call Meeting to Order

Call meeting to order at 9:37 am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Young / Kiernan

Approved: Unanimous

III. Approval of the Minutes

(A) Consider approval of the **March 18, 2021** Athletic Council meeting minutes

Motion to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes: Young / Drosopoulos

Approved: Unanimous

IV. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the treasurer's report: Young / Kiernan

Approved: Unanimous

V. Officer's Reports: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President

No Report

VI. NYSPHSAA Report: Guests: Dr. Robert Zayas and Ms. Julie Bergman, NYSPHSAA President

(A) Consider approval of the May 5th NYSPHSAA Executive Committee action items

Consider approval of only utilizing digital tickets starting with the 2021-2022 NYSPHSAA State Championships with a \$10 ticket price.

Motion to approve digital ticketing for 21-22 state championships with the ticket price of \$10:

McCarthy / Young

Carried: 7 / 4 / 0

Consider approval to eliminate "or a private school within that district's boundaries" from the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule. *NO MOTION - WITHDRAWN*

Consider approval of changing the Boys & Girls Cross Country Classification Cut-Off numbers.

MOTION to approve XC proposal cutoff numbers: McCarthy / Kiernan

Carried: 8 / 3 / 0

Consider approval of the Edison Club and McGregor Country Club (Wilton/Rexford, NY) or Ridgemont CC, Greystone, and Wild Wood CC (Rochester, NY) as the host of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championships.

Motion to approve the Ridgemont CC as the host of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championships: Kiernan / Drosopoulos

Approved: Unanimous

Consider approval of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (Flushing) as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Team Championships.

Motion to approve the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (Flushing) as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Team Championships: Drosopoulos / Pollok

Approved: Unanimous

Consider approval of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (Flushing) as the host of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Team Championships.

Motion to approve the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (Flushing) as the host of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Team Championships: Drosopoulos / McCarthy

Approved: Unanimous

Consider approval to advance all Spring 2020 regional rotations and state tournament rotations to 2022 for all spring team sports, plus boys tennis individuals (which uses at-large rotations to fill byes).

Motion to approve all Spring 2020 regional rotations and state tournament rotations to 2022 for all spring team sports, plus boys tennis individuals (which uses at-large rotations to fill byes):
McCarthy / Berardo
Approved: Unanimous

Consider approval to extend bid terms for all 2021 Spring State Championships for an additional year as a result of the cancellation of these state championships.

Motion to approve to extend bid terms for all 2021 Spring State Championships for an additional year as a result of the cancellation of these state championships: Young / Guccione
Approved: Unanimous

Consider approval to modify the selection process for State Sport Coordinators

Motion to approve the modified selection process for state sport coordinators:
Kiernan / Trotman
Approved: Unanimous

Report from Dr. Zayas:

- *The Ad Hoc Classification committee is reviewing 4 potential proposals and will examine the criteria that is being utilized for classifications. A report will be provided to the Executive Committee at their May meeting. Any revisions will be proposed at the July Central Committee meeting with action being taken at the October committee meeting.*
- *The 200 spectator policy is not inclusive of athletes, coaches or officials. A school can have 2 spectators per player or 200 spectators at an event. Important to work through your local department of health for local guidelines.*
- *The fall athletic eligibility workshop will take place in person September 14, 2021 for the Section One workshop.*
- *NYSPHSAA is planning to host state championship events as scheduled.*
 - *The hotels that are under contract are all available to offer more rooms. There are auxiliary hotels available if we are unable to fit in the host hotels.*
- *There is a vacancy for a Section One rising junior male student-athlete on the SAAC. All applications are due May 10th.*

(I) NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee Meeting Report

VII. Mergers: N/A

VIII. Outside Agency:

- (A)** Consider approval of the **Northern Counties Track & Field Championships** (Arlington HS)
Motion to approve the Northern Counties Track & Field Championships (Arlington HS):
Young / Drosopoulos
Approved: Unanimous

Discussion: If an outside group is benefiting from the event financially or other benefits, such as promoting their brand, an outside agency approval through the section is required. If a school is hosting and taking fully responsibility for the event, there is no need for an outside agency approval. The purpose of the outside agency rule is to be sure a company is not capitalizing on the participation of high school student athletes.

IX. Self-Report:

(I) Violation of the NYSPHSAA representation rule – Bronxville football player

Joe Haven, Bronxville Athletic Director

Discussion: There was a violation of the NYSPHSAA representation rule by a Bronxville football player. Given the nature of the violation and existing prescribed penalty in the NYSPHSAA handbook, the player was determined to be ineligible for participating in the same sport, in the same year, in the prior season in a different state. The prescribed use of an ineligible player is a forfeit. The school district appealed the eligibility of the student along with the penalty and both were upheld based on the determination of the Section One Appeal Panel.

X. Friend & Neighbor Application: N/A

XI. General Action/Discussion/Informational Items:

(A) Consider approval of a waiver of the NYSPHSAA representation rule for all spring sports (6 to 4)

Motion to approve the waiver of the NYSPHSAA representation rule for all spring sports from 6 to 4: Pollok / Belfi

Approved: Unanimous

(D) Consider approval of **June 15th** as the official end date of spring 2021 for weather-related purposes

Motion to move to action item: Belfi/Baker

Approved: Unanimous

*Motion to approve June 15th as the end date for spring 2021 for weather-related purposes
Belfi/Baker:*

Approved: Unanimous

XII. Sports Action/Discussion/Informational Items (Proposals):

(A) Consider approval of the four-class outdoor track and field meet proposal for spring 2021

Maureen Myers, Outdoor Track & Field Co-Chair

Motion to approve the four-class outdoor track and field meet proposal for Spring 2021:

Baker / McCarthy

Approved: Unanimous

(I) Update to Boys & Girls Golf Spring Championship proposals

John Bauerlein, Boys Golf Chair & Denise Kiernan, Girls Golf Chair

- *Boys Golf moving from a one-day tournament on June 1st to a two-day tournament on June 7th & 8th to be played at the Westchester Country Club.*
- *Girls Golf will be on June 2nd at Whippoorwill Country Club.*

XIII. Conference Reports

- *Conference 1 - Meeting Thursday for scheduling.*
- *Conference 2 - No Report*
- *Conference 3 - In the process of figuring out crossovers with Conferences 1 & 2.*

XIV. Standing Committee Reports

- Championship Committee Report
 - *Beginning to meet with all the Fall Sport Chairs. Trying to get on a normal calendar routine for the upcoming school year.*
- Modified Committee Report
 - *Finalizing the handbook for spring.*
 - *At the next Conference meetings there will be a new process for completing declarations. The Modified Committee members will ask each Conference to complete a digital declaration form in the meeting. Groupings for winter and spring of next year will be based on the responses.*

XV. Old Business

XVI. New Business

(I/D) Preparation for Fall 2021 NYSPHSAA Championships – Hotel Accommodations

- *Finance Committee will review potential impact on Section One reimbursement policy*
- *Sigillo: Recommend developing a process to report racial comments being made during games. Nelson: The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved an update in the Sportsmanship card which includes discriminatory comments. Cards were sent out to the Sportsmanship reps and are available at the state office at no charge.*

XVII. Good of the Order

XVIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Drosopoulos / Kiernan

Approved: Unanimous

Next Meeting:

May 21, 2021 at 9:30am

**Section One, Inc.
Center for Interscholastic Athletics**



Special Athletic Council Meeting

September 17, 2021

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Joe Sigillo, Athletic Director, 2 nd Vice President	Brett Miller, Principal, Conference I
Rudy Arietta, Principal, Conference II	Joe Palumbo, Principal, Conference III
Adam Lodewick, Co-Chair Championship Committee	Anthony DiCarlo, Superintendent Liaison
Tom Baker, Co-Chair Championship Committee	Jim Mackin, 1 st Vice President
Andy Guccione, Conference I	
Joe Luzzi, Conference I	
Steve Young, Conference I	
Chris Galano, Conference II	
Dan Belfi, Conference II	
Mike Arias, Conference II	
Chris Drosopoulos, Conference III	<u>Guest</u>
Denise Kiernan, Conference III	Susan Reid Dullea, Football Sport Chair
Joe Ceglia, Conference III	
Andrine Trotman, At-Large Rep, Class D Rep	
Todd Santabarbara, Executive Director	
Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director	

Call Meeting to Order at 10:06am

I. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Ceglia / Drosopoulos

Carried: 12 /0 /0

II. General Action/Discussion Items (Proposals):

(A) Consider approval of the regular season Covid scheduling protocols for ALL SPORTS, except football
Standards Committee

*Motion to approve the regular season Covid scheduling protocols for ALL SPORTS, except football:
Kiernan / Baker*

Carried: 12 /0 /0

III. Sport Action/Discussion Items (Proposals):

(A) Consider approval of the regular season Covid scheduling protocols for FOOTBALL
Susan Dullea, Football Sport Chair & Football Scheduling Committee

*Motion to approve the regular season Covid scheduling protocols for FOOTBALL:
Drosopoulos / Trotman*

Carried: 12 /0 /0

IV. Adjournment

Motion: Ceglia / Trotman

Carried: 12 /0 /0

4:44 PM

09/27/21

Accrual Basis

Section One, Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of September 27, 2021

	Sep 27, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking 0357	13,810.64
Money Market Savings 7073	923,115.34
Reserve Fund	46,259.60
Total Checking/Savings	983,185.58
Other Current Assets	
Bill Back (SWBOCES)	154,618.15
Total Other Current Assets	154,618.15
Total Current Assets	1,137,803.73
TOTAL ASSETS	1,137,803.73
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,137,803.73

Athletic Council

Duties: The Athletic Council shall manage the affairs of the section and adopt rules and regulations for governing the section with rules and regulations which must be consistent with those of the association and the State Education Department. Refer to the By-Laws for specific managerial areas.

- A. Assure adherence by member schools to the standards and policies as established by the NYSPHSAA, Inc. and Section One, Inc.
- B. Assure Section One compliance to NYSPHSAA Central Committee and NYSPHSAA Executive Committee requests for action and/or discussion by the Section specific issues or items.
- C. Impose and enforce a suitable penalty upon any member school which violates the constitution, bylaws, rules, regulations, sports standards, or code of ethics of the Association or section. A member school found guilty of such violation by the Section Athletic Council may be barred from participation in any or all interschool athletic activities for a period up to one year.
- D. Present Conference viewpoints on issues affecting the Section and the NYSPHSAA.
- E. Review each sports Chairpersons proposal for tournaments and Section sponsored events and share questions and concerns to the Executive Committee who has final approval of such events.
- F. First level of Appeals for decisions from conferences-see guidelines.

Membership: The Athletic Council membership shall consist of the following representation:

- President of Section One
 - Executive Committee Superintendent Liaison. Preferably a member of the Executive Committee
 - One Principal from each Conference.
 - Three Athletic Directors from each Conference.*
 - The Chair of the Championship Committee
 - One at-large Athletic Director.*
- *All five classifications must be represented as the three ADs from each conference or as the at-large AD.

Note 1: Any Officer of the NYSPHSAA who is not an Executive Committee or Athletic Council member shall serve as a non-voting ad hoc member on either the Executive Committee or Athletic Council.

Appointment: Each position on the Athletic Council shall carry a three (3) year term of office on a rotating basis and reflect different termination dates. There shall be no more than two consecutive terms of the Council.

Meetings: The Council shall meet monthly during the school year and at the request of the President when necessary. Quorum of the Athletic Council shall be defined as 2/3 of the membership of the Council.

Proxy Statement: Each Conference should appoint alternate member(s) to serve on both the Executive Committee and the Athletic Council in the event an original member of either committee is unable to serve in his/her capacity at meetings, discussions, etc.

Officers: The Section One Officers of: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Past President, Treasurer and Executive Secretary are all considered members of the Athletic Council. The president shall be the only voting officer (unless he/she has appointed a designee) and the remaining officers may attend meetings in an ex-officio capacity. The Executive Secretary shall be the SW BOCES Director of Interscholastic Athletics and shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee and the Athletic Council. The Assistant Treasurer shall be the secretary/or designee to the SW BOCES Director of Interscholastic Athletics.

Conference Representative to Section Athletic Council

Duties:

- a. To represent the Conference at all Section meetings and special meetings when called by the Section President.
- b. To inform Conference member schools of Section business.
- c. To bring items of importance to Conference schools to the attention of the Athletic Council.
- d. To discuss items of Section business at the Conference level, and return to Section meetings with the opinion and/or stand of the Conference on the items.
- e. To serve on sub-committees of the Athletic Council at the request of the Section President.

Emergency Intervention Committee

The EIC will include at least five and up to seven members. It shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Section on emergency issues that occur between scheduled meetings. Members shall include the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer and a Principal and Athletic Director appointed from the Executive Committee.

Lead School	Other Schools Involved	School Year	Level	Sport	Submitted
New Rochelle	Bronxville	2021-22	Varsity	Boys Swimming & Diving	8/31/21
Ardley	Dobbs Ferry, Edgemont, Hastings & Irvington	2021-22	Varsity	Boys Swimming & Diving	8/31/21
New Rochelle	Isaac Young & Albert Leonard	2021-22	Modified	Track & Field	8/31/21
New Rochelle	Isaac Young & Albert Leonard	2021-22	Modified	Cross Country	8/31/21
New Rochelle	Isaac Young & Albert Leonard	2021-22	Modified	Boys Lacrosse	8/31/21
New Rochelle	Isaac Young & Albert Leonard	2021-22	Modified	Girls Lacrosse	8/31/21
New Rochelle	Isaac Young & Albert Leonard	2021-22	Modified	Competitive Cheer	8/31/21
New Rochelle	Isaac Young & Albert Leonard	2021-22	Modified	Boys Ice Hockey	8/31/21
New Rochelle	Isaac Young & Albert Leonard	2021-22	Modified	Game-Day Cheer	8/31/21

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3. Pawling Cross Country
Northern Counties Championship
Host: RDP TFC/A

Att: Todd Santa Barbara

Application to Section I for Sanctioning of Outside Agency
Co-Sponsored Event

SECTION 1 (to be completed by host school)

Application Date: 8/9/21

Description of Event

- Sport: Cross Country ☒ Girls ☒ Boys • Date of Event 10/23/21 • Time of Event 9³⁰ am
- Name of Event: Northern Counties Cross Country Championship
- Host High School: Pawling H.S. - 30 Wagner Road, Pawling NY
(Name) (address)
- Co-Sponsor: Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam Tax ID# 20-3431952
(Name) (address) Track + Field Coaches Association
- Number of Schools Participating: 12 (list all schools & addresses on page 3)
- Number of Teams Participating: 48 • Level(s) of teams Varsity, JV & Modified
- Entry Fee: ☒ Yes Amount \$ 300 ☐ No • Admission Fee: ☐ Yes Amount \$ ☐ No
- Name of Event Coordinator: Tamara Barbaur
(Title)
- Contact Information: 30 Wagner Rd, Pawling 845-275-8499
(address) (phone) (e-mail) Barbaurt@psdny.edu

Description of Awards and Other Compensations and Maximum Retail Value

(ribbons/trophies/t-shirts/practice uniform/waiver of entry fee/travel expenses, etc.):

Individual Athlete Participant	Team Awards:	Coach Awards:
awards: Medals		
(Max. retail value): 346.50	(Max. retail value): 250.00	(Max. retail value):

Superintendent's responsibility: Execution of this form constitutes an agreement by the superintendent of the host school to assume oversight responsibility for the event and to be present on site during the event, either in person or by a designee.

Executed by:

(Name)

Tamara Barbaur

Date:

8/9/21

List ALL Participating High Schools

New York schools only

Section I

- Arlington
- Brewster
- Carmel
- Haldane
- John Jay East Fishkill
- Mahopac
- Our Lady of Lourdes
- Pawling
- Poughkeepsie
- Putnam Valley
- Roy C. Ketcham

Section IX

- Beacon



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Arthur McCormack
Director of Athletics, Health, & Physical Education

Memo

To: Mr. Todd Santabarbara, Section One Executive Director/Section One Athletic Council
From: Artie McCormack
Director of Athletics, Health, and Physical Education
RE: Self Report
Date: September 23, 2021

I am writing to self-report to the Section One Athletic Council that Pearl River played four varsity boys soccer games with an ineligible player which is a violation of the NYSPHSAA amateur rule.

The games that this player participated in were;

9/3 vs Spring Valley (win)
9/4 vs Rye (loss)
9/12 vs Byram Hills(loss)
9/14 vs Yonkers (win)

The player had reached out to the coach and myself prior to the season to inform us that his academy team, the Red Bulls U-17, no longer was offering a U-19 team and he would be able to commit to the high school program. We inquired about his playing at any level above the U-17 team with the Red Bulls as it would impact his eligibility. The player told us that he had been asked to play in one game with the Red Bulls II team and appeared for 20 mins in one game in Oct. 2020. The player again reiterated that he was not with the Red Bulls this year because they did not have a U-19 team. I asked the player if he was compensated for his appearance in the Oct. 2020 game with the Red Bulls II team. The player emphasized that he had not, and said that he had signed a waiver to keep his eligibility because he is looking to play in college.

Following this conversation, I reached out to Todd Nelson at NYSPHSAA to get clarification on the information that the player had provided. Todd told me that, in accordance with the NYSPHSAA amateur rule, the player would be eligible to play provided he had never been compensated, or signed a professional contract.

The player was then asked if he had ever signed a contract and/or been compensated for his participation with the Red Bulls II team. The player again said that he never had signed a contract or been compensated.

On Tuesday Sept. 21st, it was brought to my attention that there had been rumors circulating about this player in the soccer community based on his appearance in our games. As soon as this information was brought to my attention, I met with the coach and the player. I again asked the player about his participation on the Red Bulls II team. The player again noted that he was not a member of the team, but then added he is allowed to train at the facility, once or twice a month. When I heard this, I asked for a copy of the waiver that he had signed indicating that he was not compensated and was still eligible.

On Tuesday Sept 21st, the player's mother sent us paperwork which was titled " Player Agreement" with an addendum concerning amateur status. I forwarded the paperwork to NYSPHSAA on the same day. I then had a conversation with Todd Nelson at NYSPHSAA who said he would need to review the paperwork and would get an answer to me within 24 hours.

On Wednesday Sept 22nd, I was on a Zoom call with Robert Zayas, Todd Nelson, and Todd Santabarbara. On that Zoom call they informed me that they, along with legal counsel for NYSPHSAA, had reviewed the " Player Agreement" and deemed it to be a contract with a professional organization. The addendum referring to waiving any issues regarding eligibility focused on NCAA eligibility which does not pertain to the NYSPHSAA amateur rule.

It is my understanding that the penalty for violating this NYSPHSAA rule is that any game in which the ineligible player played, must be forfeited. However, in light of the conversation I had with Todd Nelson in August, I am seeking relief from this penalty based on the fact that I took proper steps to seek clarification based on the information that was presented to me in August.

Cc: Marco F. Pochintesta, Ed. D.



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Friend & Neighbor Application Process

approved

- ☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider approval to amend the Friend & Neighbor application process to the following:

1. Complete and submit the Friend & Neighbor application to NYSPHSAA, Inc.
2. NYSPHSAA will contact the Section Executive Director from the school's location (if applicable) regarding any potential concerns.
3. NYSPHSAA will work with the Section Executive Director to ensure the school understands all rules and responsibilities.
4. The school's name will be presented to the NYSPHSAA Executive/Central Committee for approval at the next scheduled meeting.
5. The Friend & Neighbor school will be invoiced \$200, annually.
6. Friend & Neighbor schools will still need to follow the subsequent rules:
 - a. Friend and Neighbor schools may compete against NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools only through the league level of play.
 - b. Friend and Neighbor schools are eligible to compete with NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools in all sections excluding post-scheduled contests.
 - c. The two-hundred-dollar fee is payable every year and invoiced annually.
7. Approval will remain indefinitely unless the following occurs:
 - a. The section where the school is located presents an issue with Friend & Neighbor status.
 - b. The school requests, in writing, to be removed as a Friend & Neighbor.
 - c. The school does not pay their annual invoice of \$200.

Effective Start Date:

July 2021

Rationale:

Currently, the process is convoluted due to the school's needing to apply every two years but are invoiced yearly. The benefits of the new process are as follows:

1. Removes additional responsibilities away from the sections.
2. Streamlines the process to mirror NYSPHSAA membership invoicing procedure.
3. Provides one central point of contact for both the section and Friend & Neighbor schools.

The NYSPHSAA Handbook states, "All other schools which are registered with the State Education Department shall apply for Friends and Neighbors status to be eligible to compete with NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools. Applications must be processed through the Sectional Athletic Council in which the

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school is located. The application shall contain the agreement to abide by the NYSPHSAA, Inc., rules and will be signed by the applicant. The application, with an administrative fee of two hundred dollars, shall be forwarded by the Section Secretary to the Executive Director of the State Association with recommendations and substantiating statements for or against approval. The State Executive Committee shall make the final determination. Approval shall only be for a period of two years at which time schools may reapply for Friends and Neighbors status.”

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Office Staff

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The proposal was reviewed by the Section Executive Directors. No concerns were presented. The Handbook Committee reviewed the proposal and provided feedback regarding making sure schools understand all rules and responsibilities.

Attachments:

Sample Application



Friend & Neighbor Application

1. Complete the application and email to NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, Kristen Jadin at kjadin@nysphsaa.org.
2. NYSPHSAA, Inc. will contact the Section Executive Director from the school's location (if applicable) regarding any potential concerns.
3. The school's name will be presented to the NYSPHSAA Executive/Central Committee for approval at the next scheduled meeting.
4. Once approved, the school will be invoiced \$200, annually.

PART I: SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School: _____
Athletic Director: _____
Athletic Director Email: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
SED Code: _____

<u>Enrollment:</u>	Boys	Girls
Grade 7	_____	_____
Grade 8	_____	_____
Grade 9	_____	_____
Grade 10	_____	_____
Grade 11	_____	_____
Grade 12	_____	_____
Sec UNG	_____	_____

Signature of Chief School Officer represents an agreement that the applying school will follow all NYS Education Department regulations & NYSPHSAA bylaws, eligibility standards, and sports standards when participating with NYSPHSAA Schools. I certify our school is registered with the NYS Education Department.

Signature of Chief School Officer

**Please use figures from the October BEDS of current school year.*

PART II: SCHOOL YEAR

We are applying for Friend & Neighbor status to begin with the _____ school year.

INFORMATION:

1. Friend & Neighbor schools will still need to follow the subsequent rules:
 - a. Friend and Neighbor schools may compete against NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools only through the league level of play.
 - b. Friend and Neighbor schools are eligible to compete with NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools in all sections excluding post-scheduled contests.
 - c. The two-hundred-dollar fee will be invoiced annually and payable every year.
2. Approval will remain indefinitely unless the following occurs:
 - a. The section where the school is located presents an issue with Friend & Neighbor status.
 - b. The school requests, in writing, to be removed as a Friend & Neighbor.
 - c. The school does not pay their annual invoice of \$200.



Section I Wrestling

Jamie Block - Section I Chairman
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I am writing to request a waiver of the NYS representation rule for our 2021-22 Dual Meet Tournament. The State Tournament will be held on January 29, 2022, and we will conduct our qualifying tournament at the start of December (Dates TBD) as we have done since its inception. This time frame benefits our participating schools logistically and helps to promote the event. Wrestling for this event is categorized as a team sport.

Minimum Number of Contests To be eligible for sectional, intersectional or state competition, a team must have competed in six (6) school scheduled contests which occurred on six (6) different dates during the season.

Team Sports: An individual is eligible for the team if he/she has been eligible participant on a team in that sport in that school for a minimum of six (6) scheduled contests during the regular season.

Thank you,
Jamie Block



**Section One
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INDOOR TRACK/OUTDOOR TRACK - SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RECLASSIFICATION

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item

Presenter: Maureen Myers

Proposal: Change the current three class team championship to a four class team championship as was done for Outdoor Track in 2021 (See attached reclassification spreadsheet)

Effective Start Date: Winter Season/Spring Season 2021-22

Rationale: The "3 class" Sectional championship is competitively unbalanced and requires vastly different individual entry standards to attempt to control the relative size of the meet

- In the Class A championship, Rye (807 students) competes against New Rochelle (2751)
- The Class A championship has 27 schools with the largest teams
- The Class B championship has 22 schools with mid sized teams
- The Class C championship has 13 schools with the smallest teams

Our class championship has followed the NYS three class system but has no logical need to do so. Section 1 is not reflective of the state as a whole (far more large schools and far fewer small schools) so using the NYS class breakdown will inherently not provide balanced sectional competitions.

Furthermore, since the Indoor and Outdoor Track Class Championships are "non-advancing" as far as the state tournament, there is no need to crown class champions based on the NYS cutoffs. The State Championships are qualified for from the Section 1 State Qualifier which has no classes whatsoever indoors and has "Divisions" (above and below 600) outdoors.

Proposal Originated: After the success of going to four classes last year outdoors (2021), it makes sense from both a team competitiveness and individual entry standpoint to organize the classes into four approximately equal sized meets with more similar entry standards.

Budgetary Impact: Indoors, the budgetary impact of Armory rental would be minimal if pairs of classes ran together in the same session. Outdoors, as in Spring 2021, the budgetary impact would involve expenses from four sites rather than three (officials, timing system, etc...). Going from 3 classes to 4 would also involve budgetary increase in additional medals/awards for the 4th sectional championship.

Notes: One additional benefit in re-configuring the classes is that it affords us additional flexibility in the event of a winter weather cancellation. Currently, the Class A (large school meet) can't be easily combined or rescheduled. By better balancing the sizes of the classes, there is far more flexibility in moving one class if need be.



Attachments: Spreadsheet detailing the proposed reclassification into four roughly equal groups. There were very natural “break points” available for use.

Proposed:

Class AA: 1150 and more

Class A: 800 - 1149

Class B: 450 - 799

Class C: 449 and fewer

2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR		Proposed		
MEMBER NAME	ENROLLMENT	Classification		
Class AA (14) 1150+				
YONKERS (multi school)	4000+	AA		
NEW ROCHELLE HIGH SCHOOL	2751	AA		
MT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL	2180	AA		
NORTH ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL	2106	AA		
ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL	2054	AA		
WHITE PLAINS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1698	AA		
JOHN JAY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1406	AA		
Lakeland/Panas (Combination)	1388	AA		
PORT CHESTER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1319	AA		
MAMARONECK HIGH SCHOOL	1256	AA		
RAMAPO HIGH SCHOOL	1242	AA		* up
ROY C. KETCHAM SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1194	AA		
SUFFERN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1188	AA		* up
SCARSDALE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1155	AA		
Class A (14) 800-1149				
SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	1128	A		
OSSINING HIGH SCHOOL	1115	A		* down
FOX LANE HIGH SCHOOL	1112	A		
CARMEL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1089	A		
CLARKSTOWN SOUTH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1029	A		
MAHOPAC HIGH SCHOOL	956	A		
URSULINE SCHOOL dbi	952	A		
CLARKSTOWN NORTH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	923	A		
HORACE GREELEY HIGH SCHOOL	866	A		
YORKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL	852	A		* up
POUGHKEEPSIE HIGH SCHOOL	827	A		
SOMERS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	809	A		
JOHN JAY HIGH SCHOOL	807	A		
RYE HIGH SCHOOL	807	A		
Class B (15) 450-799				

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL	768	B	
EASTCHESTER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	741	B	
PEEKSKILL HIGH SCHOOL	732	B	
TAPPAN ZEE HIGH SCHOOL	731	B	
BREWSTER HIGH SCHOOL	725	B	
PELHAM MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL	686	B	
SLEEPY HOLLOW MS HIGH SCHOOL	668	B	
NYACK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	641	B	
PEARL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL	614	B	
HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL	561	B	
ARDSLEY HIGH SCHOOL	546	B	
BYRAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL	533	B	
NANUET SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	531	B	
OUR LADY OF LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL	516	B	
EDGEMONT JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	489	B	
Class C (20) 449-			
PUTNAM VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	431	C	
BRIARCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL	425	C	
WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL	419	C	
BRONXVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	416	C	
PLEASANTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	402	C	
IRVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL	401	C	
HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL	392	C	
RYE NECK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	392	C	
DOBBS FERRY HIGH SCHOOL	366	C	
CROTON-HARMON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	353	C	
ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL	351	C	
WOODLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	339	C	
BLIND BROOK MS HIGH SCHOOL	326	C	
VALHALLA HIGH SCHOOL	315	C	
NORTH SALEM MS HIGH SCHOOL	279	C	
PAWLING HIGH SCHOOL	276	C	
ALEXANDER HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL	242	C	

HALDANE JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	237	C	
TUCKAHOE HIGH SCHOOL	228	C	
KEIO ACADEMY	189	C	
No Track Team			
LEFFELL SCHOOL	195		
LINDEN HILL SCHOOL	78		
CAROL & FRANK BIONDI EDUC CENTER	81		
MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGH SCHOOL	47		
GREENBURGH ELEVEN HIGH SCHOOL	100		
MT. PLEASANT - COTTAGE SCHOOL	74		
CLARK ACADEMY	47		
Merged School			
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL	860		
YONKERS MS HIGH SCHOOL	858		
SAUNDERS TRADES & TECH HIGH SCHOOL	836		
GORTON HIGH SCHOOL	771		
LAKE LAND HIGH SCHOOL	758		
RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL	747		
WALTER PANAS HIGH SCHOOL	705		
ROOSEVELT EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL	657		
YONKERS MONTESSORI ACADEMY	290		
PALLISADE PREPARATORY SCHOOL	390		



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SPORT/PROPOSAL TITLE:

Field Hockey Seeding Criteria

☒ Action Item

☐ Discussion Item

Presenter: *List presenter(s)* Rebecca DiSisto-Leslie, Sue Hughes & FH Conference Schedulers

Proposal: *State the proposal*

LEAGUE	INDEX (+)	ALL LEAGUE ALLOCATIONS
A	0.5	30
B	0.5	36
C	0.25	19
D	0.25	19
E	0.25	19
F	0.25	23
G	0	16
H	0	16
I	0	16

Effective Start Date: *Season, year, etc.* Fall 2021

Rationale: *State the rationale of the proposal*

Given the strength of the cross-conference leagues, we are proposing additional value for the purpose of seeding to accommodate strength of schedule. We are also proposing the adjustments to All League allocations.

Proposal Originated: *e.g. League, Conference, AD, Sport Chair*

Conference Schedulers

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:



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SPORT/PROPOSAL TITLE:



Action Item



Discussion Item

Football - NYSPHSAA 10.08 RULE

Presenter: *List presenter(s)*

Susan Reid Dullea

Proposal: *State the proposal*

Follow the NYSPHSAA Rule - from the NYSPHSAA Handbook

1. With Section approval a contestant (or team) may participate in no more than ten (10) interschool football contests, excluding sectional championships. For those sections involved in the state championship three additional games are permitted for a total of fourteen (14) games for the season: (1) game for regionals, (1) game for semifinals, and (1) game for championships. (May 2020)

Effective Start Date: *Season, year, etc.*

Fall 2021 Season

Rationale: *State the rationale of the proposal*

Follow the state rule. A school can choose to scrimmage or play a game on September 3, 2021 after the appropriate number of practices (10). This would allow classifications to schedule a "week zero" in the future if they choose. For now, individual schools may choose scrimmage, game, or nothing.

Proposal Originated: *e.g. League, Conference, AD, Sport Chair*

State Football Committee - NYSPHSAA

Budgetary Impact:

officials- school supervision etc

Notes:



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SPORT/PROPOSAL TITLE:

☐ Action Item

☒ Discussion Item

Season Sports Participation

Presenter: *List presenter(s)* Rob Barrett

Proposal: *State the proposal*

This proposal is to make an ammendment to the Section 1 Constitution under Section 5e, allowing students to participate in 2 sports within the same season if a school so chooses to allow.

Effective Start Date: *Season, year, etc.* 2021-22

Rationale: *State the rationale of the proposal*

Currently the NYSPHSAA allows students to participate in two different sports within a given season. Section 1 historically has opted to be more restrictive. There are times when an athlete has the ability to participate in two sports, impact both teams positvely but the current rules make them select between two sports they have a passion for and may have played throughout their youth. This has the potential to impact at least one team negatively. It also has the potential to impact an athletes recruitment. By allowing students to participate in two sports you are providing them additional opportunities. Additionally, schools should be allowed to decide what is best for its students and how to best manage the potential conflicts that could arise.

Proposal Originated: *e.g. League, Conference, AD, Sport Chair*

Rob Barrett, Yorktown Central School District

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:



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SPORT/PROPOSAL TITLE:

☐ Action Item

☒ Discussion Item

***Constitution Change- NYSPHSAA Executive
Committee***

Presenter: *List presenter(s)* Susan Reid Dullea

Proposal: *State the proposal*

Within the Section One Constitution there is a section with representation for the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee that presently reads: Section One representation to the Executive Committee shall consist of two (2) Central Committee members as appointed by the Section One Executive Committee in accordance with the NYSPHSAA Constitution.

The amended to read:

Section One representation to the Executive Committee shall consist of the Male Physical Education Representative and the Female Physical Education Representative

Effective Start Date: *Season, year, etc.* Oct 2021

Rationale: *State the rationale of the proposal*

The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meetings are held throughout the year. These meetings contain many discussion and action items that involve local athletics. As Athletic Administrators (Physical Education Representatives) it is imperative that we are represented appropriately. Within the state committee a vast majority of sections send their Male and Female Physical Education Representatives. Section Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Ten, and Eleven all follow this representation consistently. The only time when another Central Committee member represents the above sections, is when the Male or Female Physical Education Representative cannot attend the scheduled meeting.

Proposal Originated: *e.g. League, Conference, AD, Sport Chair*

Conference Two, Constitution Committee

Budgetary Impact:

zero

Notes:

I am extremely grateful for our Central Committees representation. I simply feel we should be

STANDING COMMITTEES

Each Conference shall have the opportunity to be represented on all standing committees. The President and/or Executive Director will select the Committee Chairs with final approval of the Executive Committee.

All standing committees will be reviewed at the September re-org meeting and all vacancies should be filled in accordance with the defined manner of selection and appointment. If there are no nominations for Committee, the Conference President has the authority to appoint a representative.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has oversight of the following Standing Committees.

Championship Committee

Composition: Two Athletic Directors from each Conference.

Manner of Selection: Nominated and voted upon at the Conference level. Selected using the following process: Follow a voting process. Nominations that need to be seconded, with a majority vote. The President, in consultation with the Executive Director will appoint the Chairperson based on the recommendation(s) from the committee.

Duties & Responsibilities:

1. Assure all championship Section I tournaments and contests are consistent and equitable for all participating schools and their student athletes.
2. Assure that all Section I tournaments and competition is planned, programmed, administered and staged at the highest level possible.
3. Review Sport Chair tournament plan recommendations. Responsible for endorsing Sport Chair Tournament plans and championship sites/venues for Sectional & Regional events.
4. Review pertinent information in sport-specific handbooks.
5. Responsible for the development, oversight and proper application of the qualifying and seeding standards for post-season play.

[Add to Appendix copy of site selection/RFP process](#)

Duties & Responsibilities:

1. Hear and rule on all cases of extended eligibility and mixed competition for all schools and leagues in Section One based on the rules as set forth by the Commissioner of Education.
2. Hear and rule on all transfer and eligibility waivers, exemptions and hardships as outlined by NYSPHSAA.

Alignment Committee

Composition: Three Athletic Directors from each Conference. In addition, there shall be representation from each five-sport classification and if possible, each county within Section One. Additionally, the Committee should have an At large Athletic Director who represents the Non-Public, Charter and/or Special Act schools.

Manner of Selection: Nominated and voted upon at the Conference level. Selected using the following process: Follow a voting process. Nominations that need to be seconded, with a majority vote. The President, in consultation with the Executive Director will appoint the Chairperson based on the recommendation(s) from the committee.

Duties & Responsibilities:

1. Review and design the *Basic Concepts of Athletic Alignment* document for Section One member schools to abide by.
2. Establish the class placement of all Non-Public schools for post season play including Sectional, Regional, Intersectional, or State competition in accordance with the Section One Alignment document.

OCF Committee

Composition: Two Athletic Directors from each Conference. Chaired by nominee of Certified Officials Association and Presidents of the Officials Associations.

Manner of Selection: Nominated and voted upon at the Conference level. Selected using the following process: Follow a voting process. Nominations that need to be seconded, with a majority vote. Nominations that need to be seconded, with a majority vote.

Duties & Responsibilities:

1. Review concerns from member schools and/or Presidents of the Certified Officials Associations within Section One.
2. Serve as the conduit between the Section One office and members of the Certified Officials Associations of Section One.
3. Assist in resolving matters brought forth by member schools and/or Certified Officials Association.

Athletic Council

The Athletic Council has oversight of the following Standing Committees.

Safety Committee

Composition: Two Athletic Directors from each Conference.

Manner of Selection: Nominated and voted upon at the Conference level. Selected using the following process: Follow a voting process. Nominations that need to be seconded, with a majority vote. Nominations that need to be seconded, with a majority vote. The President, in consultation with the Executive Director will appoint the Chairperson based on the recommendation(s) from the committee.

Duties & Responsibilities:

1. To oversee, review and address any safety concerns or issues coming from the section, state or nationally.
2. To provide professional development support and oversee that all schools have opportunities to meet the NYS safety and liability workshop mandates.
3. To review, discuss, and make any needed recommendations regarding safety and liability matters. Such matters include, but are not limited to, policies, emergencies, facilities, rules, procedures, weather, etc.

Sport Standards Committee

Composition: Two Athletic Directors from each Conference.

Manner of Selection: Nominated and voted upon at the Conference level. Selected using the following process: Follow a voting process. Nominations that need to be seconded, with a majority vote. The President, in consultation with the Executive Director will appoint the Chairperson based on the recommendation(s) from the committee.

Duties & Responsibilities:

1. Annually review and update Section One Operational Standards inclusive of the desire for Section One to be more restrictive than NYSPHSAA bylaws and eligibility standards.

Modified Committee:

Composition: Three Athletic Directors from each Conference.

Manner of Selection: Nominated and voted upon at the Conference level. Selected using the following process: Follow a voting process. Nominations that need to be seconded, with a majority vote. The Assistant Director will serve as the liaison to the Section One office. The President, in consultation with the Executive Director will appoint the Chairperson based on the recommendation(s) from the committee

Duties & Responsibilities: Solicit input from membership to develop modified guidelines, review sport-specific rule changes, maintain and distribute seasonal modified newsletter, and generate groupings for the purpose of scheduling.

Merger/Combining of Team Committee:

Composition: Three Athletic Directors from each Conference.

Manner of Selection: Nominated and voted upon at the Conference level. Selected using the following process: Follow a voting process. Nominations that need to be seconded, with a majority vote. The Assistant Director will serve as the liaison to the Section One office. The President, in consultation with the Executive Director will appoint the Chairperson based on the recommendation(s) from the committee

Duties:

1. Oversees the philosophy of merger/combining of teams and the application process throughout Section One.
2. Annually reviews the adopted general merger/combining of team procedures as an expansion of the NYSPHSAA eligibility standards.

Sportsmanship & Ethics Committee

Composition: Three Athletic Directors from each Conference.

Manner of Selection: Nominated and voted upon at the Conference level. Selected using the following process: Follow a voting process. Nominations that need to be seconded, with a majority vote. The President, in consultation with the Executive Director will appoint the Chairperson based on the recommendation(s) from the committee

Duties & Responsibilities: *(cross reference language in S1 Sportsmanship Handbook)*

1. Responsible for the general oversight of interscholastic athletics event management matters in Section One.
2. Annually reviews and maintains the Section One Sportsmanship Handbook.
3. Promotes and facilitate the Section One Team Sportsmanship Awards and Officials Stripes Awards.
4. Supports NYSPHSAA's slogan, "to be loud, be proud, be positive" while promoting participation and sportsmanship to develop good citizens through interscholastic activities which provide equitable opportunities, positive recognition and learning experiences to students while maximizing the achievement of educational goals.
5. Encourages the promotion and engagement in NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship initiatives, such as the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship survey and Coaches and Officials Appreciation Day.

Awards Committee

Composition: Two Athletic Directors from each Conference.

Manner of Selection: Nominated and voted upon at the Conference level. Selected using the following process: Follow a voting process. Nominations that need to be seconded, with a majority vote. The President, in consultation with the Executive Director will appoint the Chairperson based on the recommendation(s) from the committee

Duties:

1. Annually review the award allocation formula for Section sponsored post-season awards (For example: All-League and All-Section)
2. Annually review the Section sponsored championship awards.

3. Annually review the process for award allocation and distribution.

Constitution

Composition: President of Section One (or Officers), one Athletic Director from each Conference, a Principal rep and one at-large Athletic Director rep.

Manner of Selection: Nominated and voted upon at the Conference level. Selected using the following process: Follow a voting process. Nominations that need to be seconded, with a majority vote. The President, in consultation with the Executive Director will appoint the Chairperson based on the recommendation(s) from the committee.

Duties & Responsibilities

1. Meet annually, and/or as needed to review the Section 1 Constitution and Bylaws.
2. The Committee will evaluate proposed amendments and modifications, and recommend any revisions, modifications or amendments required to meet current legal statutes.

Do we need to outline process for changes to Constitution versus bylaws – Where would this go?

Section 1 Postseason Protocols



Championship Committee

<p>Standard Start Time</p>	<p>Start times may be mutually agreed upon by each school. If a time cannot be agreed upon, the standard time would be:</p> <p>Monday thru Friday: 4:30pm Saturday and Sunday: 11:00am SATs / ACTs: 2:00pm (<i>non-lighted facility</i>) 3:00pm (<i>lighted facility</i>) <i>*Does not include Section Finals*</i></p> <p>When daylight is an issue for a weekday game (at a non-lighted facility), standard start time is 2:00 pm.</p> <p>Schools that must host multiple games on the same date at the same site, the host school will determine start times.</p> <p>Football: Friday: 6:00pm, Saturday, 1:00pm Ice Hockey: Start time subject to rink availability</p>
<p>Date of Game</p>	<p>The postseason calendar is recommended by the Sport Chair and endorsed by the Championship Committee. It is reviewed by the Athletic Council and approved by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The date a game is to be played is not up to the participating schools. All games must be played on the pre-determined date.</p> <p>During post-season play there is the possibility of contests being played in the evening, early afternoon, as well as on the weekends, including Sundays, to complete the tournament.</p>
<p>Weather/COVID Related Postponement of Post Season Games</p>	<p>If a contest is postponed due to a COVID positive with you or your opponent, and if not resolved by the next scheduled round of the tournament, the school will forgo their opportunity to advance and/or participate in the tournament.</p> <p>Similarly, if an individual or school is unable to participate due to a COVID positive, and if not resolved by the date of the scheduled event, the school/individual would forgo their opportunity to participate.</p> <p>A weather/COVID related cancellation or postponement to one side of the bracket does not impact that round of the tournament. Whenever possible, games should be played on the dates outlined in the approved tournament calendar.</p>

	If the host cannot secure an alternate site due to unplayable conditions, but the “visiting team” can host, the game is to be played at the opponent’s site (with home and away designations remaining).
Suspended Games	Postseason games that are suspended must follow that sport’s suspended play protocol exactly. The time/date it is resumed will be approved by Sports Chair/Section 1 Office.
Travel	Involvement in the post season may potentially result in your school district having to travel outside of their geographic region and/or league. Travel to other counties within Section One is possible. In the event you choose not to travel, your school would forgo their opportunity to advance in the tournament.

It continues to be the practice of Section One and the NYSPHSAA, to not amend championship schedules so that fairness and equity to all participating teams and students can be sustained. In other words, we will not change dates and will be playing contests that may conflict with SAT/ACT dates and/or culminating events such as awards ceremonies, proms, concerts, etc.

Post Season COVID Protocols



Up until the Section 1 Championship game, all postseason contests must be played on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday of the originally scheduled round/week.

If a school has a confirmed COVID positive that could potentially impact a postseason contest, every effort should be made to play the contest on its originally scheduled date.

Once a school is made aware of a COVID related issue, they must notify their opponent and the Section 1 Executive Director immediately. A final decision as to whether they will play or reschedule must occur within a reasonable time frame.

If a contest must be rescheduled, due to COVID, and the two teams cannot mutually agree on a date and time (within the permissible days of that round), the default arrangements will be Sunday, at 2:00pm (pending official availability).

The following variables should be considered when determining if the contest can be played on the scheduled date.

- Has the COVID related issue reduced the roster size below the minimum number of required athletes needed to compete (in accordance with NFHS and/or NYSPHSAA rules) for the sport of football?
- Has the school exhausted all eligible JV player call ups to complete the game on its originally scheduled date?

****According to the NYSPHSAA Handbook, Football Rule 10.08, "Interscholar contacts (both scrimmages and contests) in football shall be permitted only in those schools which have an adequate number of students on the squad who are physically fit, eligible and prepared for each game as follows: Eleven (11) man football – sixteen (16) or more..."**

If a school cannot meet their obligation to participate, the team will forgo their opportunity to advance in the Section Tournament. If a team is withdrawing from the tournament, written notification must be provided to the Section 1 office. This could potentially result in a BYE for their opponent.

The Section 1 Championships will not be altered. All games will be played on the predetermined date and time, as approved by the Executive Committee.

February 2022

January '22							March '22						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	13	14	15	16	17	18
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31			27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30		31	1 Wrest: LDTP (Div 1)	2 Fencing: LDTP	3 Fencing: Seeding Mtg.	4 GIH: LDTP	5 Wrest: Div. 1 (Qualifier) / Div. 2 (LDTP) Fencing: Semis GIH - Finals
6		7	8	9	10	11	12 Wrestling: Finals - Div. 1 & 2 Fencing: Finals
13 Wrestling: Finals - Div. 1		14	15 BIH: LDTP	16 BIH: Seeding Mtg.	17	18 BIH: 1st Rd. Div. 1	19 BBB: LDTP GBB: LDTP
			Bowling: Girls Finals BBB: Seeding Mtg. GBB: Seeding Mtg.	BBB: Outbracket (AA/B) GBB: Outbracket (A)	BBB: Outbracket (A) GBB: Outbracket (AA/B)	BBB: 1st Rd. (AA/B) GBB: 1st Rd. (A)	BBB: 1st Rd. (A) GBB: 1st Rd. (AA/B)
20		21 President's Day	22 Winter Recess	23 Winter Recess	24 Winter Recess	25 Winter Recess	26
		BIH: Quarters - Div. 2	BIH: Quarters - Div. 1		BIH: Semis - Div. 1 & 2		
			BBB: Quarters (C)	BBB: Quarters (B) GBB: Quarters (C)	BBB: Quarters (AA) GBB: Quarters (A)	BBB: Quarters (A) GBB: Quarters (AA/B)	Competitive Cheer: Finals
27	BIH: Finals - Div. 1 & 2	28	1	2	3	4	5
		BBB: Semis (C/D)	GBB: Semis (B/C)	BBB: Semis (A/B)	GBB: Semis (AA/A)	BBB: Semis (AA)	BBB: Finals (B/C/D) GBB: Finals (B/C)
6		7	Recommended by Sport Chair Endorsed by Championship Committee - Reviewed by Athletic Council - Approved by Executive Committee -				
	BBB: Finals (AA/A) GBB: Finals (AA/A)						DRAFT updated 9/26/21

Alignment Committee - Geographical, Mixed Classification League/Conference Structure

Current Conference I

ARLINGTON	MAMARONECK	SOUTH	OSSINING
JEF	NEW ROCHELLE	NORTH ROCKLAND	FOX LANE
RCK	MT. VERNON	SUFFERN	PORTCHESTER
CARMEL	SCARSDALE	RAMAPO	WHITE PLAINS
		SPRING VALLEY	

Current Conference II

ARDSLEY	BREWSTER	HENDRICK HUDSON	NORTH	GORTON
BYRAM HILLS	HORACE GREELEY	LAKELAND	NANUET	LINCOLN
EASTCHESTER	JJCR	OLL	NYACK	RIVERSIDE
HARRISON	MAHOPAC	WALTER PANAS	TAPPAN ZEE	ROOSEVELT
PELHAM	SOMERS	PEEKSKILL	PEARL RIVER	SAUNDERS
RYE	YORKTOWN	POUGHKEEPSIE		YONKERS
SLEEPY HOLLOW				
URSULINE				

Proposed

RYE	MAMARONECK	GORTON	ARLINGTON	LAKELAND	JJCR
HARRISON	NEW ROCHELLE	LINCOLN	JEF	WALTER PANAS	BYRAM HILLS
EASTCHESTER	SCARSDALE	RIVERSIDE	RCK	YORKTOWN	FOX LANE
PELHAM	MOUNT VERNON	ROOSEVELT	CARMEL	HENDRICK HUDSON	OSSINING
ARDLEY	WHITE PLAINS	SAUNDERS	MAHOPAC	PEEKSKILL	SOMERS
EDGEMONT	URSULINE	YONKERS	OLL	POUGHKEEPSIE	HORACE GREELEY
SLEEPY HOLLOW	PORTCHESTER		BREWSTER?	BREWSTER?	
SOUTH	NORTH		SOUTH	NORTH	
NORTH ROCKLAND	NANUET		NORTH ROCKLAND	NANUET	
SUFFERN	NYACK		SUFFERN	NYACK	
RAMAPO	TAPPAN ZEE		RAMAPO	TAPPAN ZEE	
SPRING VALLEY	PEARL RIVER		SPRING VALLEY	PEARL RIVER	



MEMO

TO: NYSPHSAA Section Executive Directors
FR: Dr. Robert J. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
RE: NYSDOH Determination (Officials)
DATE: September 22, 2021

Re 3-

On September 2, 2021, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) released the Commissioner's Determination on COVID-19 Testing Pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.62. The full directive is linked below:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/09/2.62-determination.pdf>

New York State officials have provided clarification that the above referenced determination does apply to interscholastic sports officials, judges, umpires, etc. who work as independent contractors in P-12 school districts.

The September 2nd NYSDOH determination included the following:

"Teachers and Staff. This determination applies to all P-12 (public or non-public) school district faculty or staff, including all teachers, substitute teachers, student teachers, school administrators, paraprofessional staff, and support staff, including bus drivers. This determination also applies to contractors working in a P-12 school (public or non-public) or school district setting, including contracted bus drivers." ...

"Testing Requirement for teachers and staff: P-12 schools are required to ensure teachers and staff, as outlined above, have testing performed for COVID-19 at least once per week when a school is in a geographic area identified by the CDC as having low, moderate, substantial, or high transmission rates. Teachers and staff may be permitted to opt-out of mandatory weekly screening testing if they provide documentation of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, as set forth in 10 NYCRR 2.62. Teachers and staff who work at multiple schools do not need to receive multiple tests; they may use one weekly test result to demonstrate to any number of schools where they work that they have fulfilled this requirement."

I continue to encourage school districts to work in collaboration with local health officials to address risk minimization efforts associated with interscholastic athletic participation during this public health crisis.