

**MID HUDSON ATHLETIC LEAGUE
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
Wednesday FEBRUARY 24,2021 - 9:30AM
Zoom Meeting**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
2. SECTION REPORT-MR. GREG RANSOM/ MR.JAMES OSBORNE
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT- MR. TOM CASSATA-
 - a. BEACON
4. REGIONAL OFFICE REPORT.- MR. CHRIS MAYO
5. ATHLETIC COORDINATOR'S REPORT- MR. DENNIS BURKETT
 - Please access meeting materials**
 - Prior to meeting on our website**
 - 1.Starting times
 - 2. Updated Section IX protocols
 - 3. Spring
 - 4. 21-22 calendar-
6. Combining of Teams- Mr. Kermit Moyer
7. Modified Report- Mr. Greg Warren
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

NEXT SECTION MEETING :3/16/21 9:30am

NEXT MHAL MEETING : 3/24/21 9:30am



NYSPHSAA Meeting Highlights

1. Dr. Robert Zayas – Executive Director

- (1) At this time, authorization for high risk sports has been approved by New York State officials. The direction of high risk sports will be directed by the Department of Health of each County in New York State.
- (2) NYSED Waiver of Preparticipation Physical Exams:
NYSED has waived the Preparticipation Physical Exam requirement for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. IF the student had a health examination for the 2018-2019 OR the 2019-2020 school year AND has a current health history form within 30 days of the start of the season.
- (3) Required Preparticipation Physical Form:
NYSED memo distributed on December 15, 2020 Attached
- (4) NYSPHSAA 2020 Hall of Fame Ceremony:
2020 Hall of Fame induction ceremony was postponed until July 2021 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting.
- (5) The Officers of NYSPHSAA have approved that practices from the Winter sports season to Fall 2 sports season will carry over.
- (6) NYSPHSAA has cancelled the 2021 Spring Championships.

2. Joe Altieri – Assistant Director

Attached – NYSPHSAA Championships Fall 2020 – Spring 2025

3. Todd Nelson – Assistant Director

NYSPHSAA and SONY are planning on supporting Unified Bowling. Sony held “Relaunch” Webinars this past Fall for all 11 Sections.

4. Kristen Jadin – Assistant Director

- (1) Winter Scholar-Athlete will open on Monday, February 1st. The deadline to submit is Monday, March 15, 2021 (Week#37)
- (2) The Fall Season II and Spring deadline will be Monday, May 24, 2021 (Week#47)
- (3) Participation Survey will be released on April 19, 2021 with a June 21, 2021 deadline.
This is a requirement for NYSPHSAA member schools.
- (4) The Sportsmanship Promotion survey will open on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 with a deadline to submit Monday April 12, 2021
- (5) Community Service Challenge – Winter Challenge deadline is Monday, March 8, 2021.
- (6) Mental Health Awareness Week is May 3-7, 2021
- (7) Hazing Prevention – Free of charge to all NYSPHSAA SCHOOLS

5. Chris Watson – Director of Communications

- (1) Design of New Website – NYSPHSAA is partnering with Sidearm Sports on a new NYSPHSAA Website.

NYSAAA Report to NYSPHSAA:

2021 Virtual AD’s Conference scheduled for February 22-26, 2021

Sectional Concerns:

Section 2 –

- a. Cost of attending NYSPHSAA Regionals and Championships
- b. Clarity and communication regarding responsibilities, certifications/liability issues related to Football helmets
- c. Section IX – Classification cut off numbers for soccer, basketball, baseball and softball (attached)

6. Discussion Items – Back to the leagues

- (1) Handbook Committee- Annually Report Combing of Teams to NYSPHSAA Staff

- (2) Handbook Committee – Annually Report Senior All-Star Contests to NYSPHSAA Staff
 - (3) Important Item – Bid Process After Re-Bid
 - (4) Information Item – School Enrollment Numbers: Using COHORT Data
 - (5) Consideration of approval to modify the selection process for State Sport Coordinators
 - (6) Consideration of approval to eliminate “or a private school within that district’s boundaries” from the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule – Section V
The NYSPHSAA Handbook and Transfer Committee met, separately, and discussed Section V proposal. The Committee did not support this recommended change.
 - (7) Baseball – Eliminate NYSPHSAA P/DH Rule, Utilize NFHS P/DH Rule
7. General Action Items: Approved – Defeated – Tabled See attachment.

NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sportsmanship Committee – Todd Nelson & Kristen Jadin

(A) Consideration of approval to add “including racial or discriminatory comments or slurs” to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Official’s card.

APPROVED

Modified Committee – Jim Rose

(A) Consideration of approval of John Stiso as the Modified Boys Lacrosse Coordinator.

APPROVED

General Action Items

(D) Consideration of approval to modify the selection process for State Sport Coordinators.

*Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA
Assistant Director*

(D) Consideration of approval to eliminate “or a private school within that district’s boundaries” from the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule.

*Section V Executive
Committee
Representatives*

(A) Consider approval of adding Kristen Jadin, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director as a signer on the NYSPHSAA bank account.

APPROVED

*Dr. Robert Zayas,
NYSPHSAA Executive
Director*

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

APPROVED

*Dr. Robert Zayas,
NYSPHSAA Executive
Director*

(A) Consider approval of Friends & Neighbors and new member schools.

APPROVED

*Dr. Robert Zayas,
NYSPHSAA Executive
Director*

(A) Consider approval of 5 classifications following the 20% recommendation.

DEFEATED 2-20

*Todd Nelson,
NYSPHSAA Assistant
Director*

(A) Consider approval of general D1/D2 classifications as 34.47% (D1), 65.62% (D2) recommendation.

DEFEATED 2-20

*Todd Nelson,
NYSPHSAA Assistant
Director*

(A) Consider approval to remove merged team requirement from the School of Distinction and Excellence applications.

APPROVED 14-8

*Section III Executive
Committee
Representatives*

Sports Action/Discussion Items

FALL

- (A) Consider approval of Visions FCU Veterans Memorial Arena, Binghamton as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Game Day Cheerleading WEST Regional Championships. *Cheerleading Committee*
APPROVED
- (A) Consider approval of Arlington High School as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Game Day Cheerleading EAST Regional Championships. *Cheerleading Committee*
APPROVED
- (A) Consider approval to change the NYSPHSAA Boys (Spring) & Girls (Fall) Tennis Team Championships to Friday dates, beginning in Fall 2021/Spring 2022, corresponding with Week#18/Week #49 and re-bid with the new dates. *Boys/Girls Tennis Committees*
APPROVED

WINTER

- (A) Consider approval to modify the current appeals procedure used in the NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Championships (Dual & Individual). *Wrestling Committee*
APPROVED 20-2
- (A) Consider approval of the Times Union Center (Albany) as the host of the 2023-2025 NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships (Individual). *Wrestling Committee*
APPROVED
- (A) Consider approval of Gore/North Creek (2022), Bristol/Harriett Holister (2023) and Whiteface/Mt. Van Hoevenberg (2024) as the hosts of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Skiing Championships. *Skiing Committees*
APPROVED
- (A) Consider approval of Visions FCU Veterans memorial Arena, Binghamton as the host of the 2023-2025 NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championships. *Cheerleading Committee*
APPROVED
- (A) Consider approval of extending 2021 winter championship venues for one additional year for Wrestling (Duals & Individual), Competitive Cheerleading, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Indoor Track & Field, Girls Ice Hockey, Boys Swimming & Diving, Bowling, Gymnastics. *Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director*
APPROVED
- (A) Consider approval to advance all 2020 Boys and Girls Basketball regional rotations and state tournament rotations to 2022. *Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director*
APPROVED
- (A) Consider approval to advance 2021 Boys Ice Hockey at-large, regional rotations and state tournament rotations to 2022. *Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director*
APPROVED

SPRING

- (D) Consideration of approval to eliminate the NYSPHSAA Pitcher/DH rule and utilize the NFHS Player/DH Rule. *Baseball Committee*
APPROVED 10-2-10
- (A) Consider approval to change the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf State Championships to Sunday and Monday dates, beginning in Spring 2022, corresponding with Week #48. *Girls Golf Committee*
APPROVED



MEMO

TO: NYSPHSAA Section Executive Directors
FR: Dr. Robert J. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
RE: Advocacy Efforts
DATE: November 17, 2020

Re 3-

As we discussed yesterday evening, recent COVID-19 spikes in cluster areas around the state has precluded authorization from state officials to start the high risk winter sports season. Therefore, the elected NYSPHSAA officers have accepted my recommendation to postpone the start date to January 4, 2021 for high risk winter sports. The Association continues to explore ways for student athletes to participate in interscholastic athletics with risk minimization efforts as the focus.

To date, NYSPHSAA has requested approval from state officials for high risk sports to begin contact practices and competition under the following conditions:

- 1) Utilizing the New York "Micro-Cluster" Strategy, all interscholastic athletics will be immediately suspended if a school is located in a Red or Orange Zone. Schools located in a Yellow Zone will be limited to practice only, with no games or contests permitted.
- 2) Interscholastic athletics will be permitted under the direct supervision of a school board approved, New York State Certified coach and under the jurisdiction of a New York State recognized interscholastic athletic association.
- 3) While participating on an interscholastic athletic team, students will be restricted from playing and practicing with any non-school athletic team regardless of sport (i.e. club, AAU, recreational, travel, etc.).
- 4) No interscholastic athletic teams will be permitted to travel outside of the state of New York.
- 5) No interscholastic athletic teams will be permitted to host teams from outside of the state of New York.
- 6) Travel for all interscholastic practice or play will be prohibited outside of a school's COVID-19 region or contiguous regions/counties until January 11, 2021.
- 7) All high risk interscholastic athletic teams will be limited to no more than two contests per week during the regular season. Low/ moderate risk interscholastic athletic teams will be limited to no more than three contests per week during the regular season.

We will continue working with state officials in an effort to receive approval in the coming weeks so we may provide valuable participation opportunities for all student-athletes. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.



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Date: December ____, 2020

To: BOCES District Superintendents, Superintendents of Public School Districts, Principals of Public Schools, Charter School Leaders

From: Kathleen R. DeCataldo

Subject: School Health Examinations in Light of COVID-19 Pandemic

In the May 21, 2020 New York State Education Department memo School Health Examinations in Light of COVID-19 Pandemic, the Department asked schools to continue to accept any physical examination form from students for physicals conducted on or before January 30, 2021, regardless of the form used; allowed parents/guardians additional time to obtain a health exam for school attendance, and allowed students to participate in fall interscholastic athletics if they met the requirements in the memo. In light of the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department is again extending the requirements for a health exam for school attendance and participation in interscholastic athletics. Schools should:

- Allow additional time for parents/guardians to obtain a health examination from a private healthcare provider before scheduling an appraisal with the director of school health services (medical director) if private healthcare providers are unavailable due to the COVID crisis. We encourage schools not to schedule grade level health appraisals with their medical director until April 2021, although that may change depending on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring; and
- Permit student athletes to participate in the 2020-2021 sports seasons if they have previously had a health examination for school attendance in the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 school years and provide a current health history **completed and signed by their parent/guardian** within 30 days of the start of the season, unless a current health examination is deemed necessary by the school district's director of school health services (medical director). Schools should use the revised Interval Health History for Athletics form which includes questions on COVID-19. The Department will provide updated information as needed.

ⓧ Please note - Beginning January 31, 2021 physical examinations for school are to be documented on the NYS Required Health Examination Form or an electronic health record equivalent form. The Instructions for Completion of New York State School Health Examination Form provides direction to healthcare providers on the details of the required components and the required presentation order of those components for an electronic health record form to be an equivalent form. Both of these documents are available on NYSED's School Health Services Webpage.

Please contact the Office of Student Support Services if you have questions by email at studentsupportservices@nysed.gov or at 518-486-6090.

NYSPHSAA Championships - Fall 2020 thru Spring 2025

FALL		FALL 2020	FALL 2021	FALL 2022	FALL 2023	FALL 2024
Girls Tennis	Date	October 29-31, 2020	October 28-30, 2021	October 27-29, 2022	October 26-28, 2023	October 31-November 2, 2024
	Site	Sportime, Schenectady	Sportime, Schenectady	Sportime, Schenectady	**Sportime, Schenectady	
Girls Tennis (Team)	Date		**November 5, 2021	**November 4, 2022	**November 3, 2023	**November 8, 2024
	Site		Out for bid	Out for bid	Out for bid	
Cheer (Game Day-WEST)	Date		October 30, 2021	October 29, 2022	October 28, 2023	November 2, 2024
	Site		Visions FCU Memorial Arena	Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena	Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena	
Cheer (Game Day-WEST)	Date		October 30, 2021	October 29, 2022	October 28, 2023	November 2, 2024
	Site		Arlington High School	Arlington High School (option)	Arlington High School (option)	
B/G Cross Country	Date	November 14, 2020	November 13, 2021	November 12, 2022	November 11, 2023	November 16, 2024
	Site	Vernon Verona Sherrill HS	Chenango Valley State Park	Vernon Verona Sherrill HS	**Vernon Verona Sherrill HS	
Boys Soccer	Date	November 14-15, 2020	November 13-14, 2021	November 12-13, 2022	November 11-12, 2023	November 16-17, 2024
	Site	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	**Middletown High School
Girls Soccer	Date	November 14-15, 2020	November 13-14, 2021	November 12-13, 2022	November 11-12, 2023	November 16-17, 2024
	Site	SUNY Cortland, TC3, Homer	SUNY Cortland, TC3, Homer	SUNY Cortland, TC3, Homer	**SUNY Cortland, TC3, Homer	
Field Hockey	Date	November 14-15, 2020	November 13-14, 2021	November 12-13, 2022	November 11-12, 2023	November 16-17, 2024
	Site	Centereach High School	Centereach High School	Centereach High School	**Centereach High School	
Girls Swimming	Date	November 20-21, 2020	November 19-20, 2021	November 18-19, 2022	November 17-18, 2023	November 22-23, 2024
	Site	Ithaca College	**Ithaca College			
Boys Volleyball	Date	November 21, 2020	November 20, 2021	November 19, 2022	November 18, 2023	November 23, 2024
	Site	Capital Center, Albany	**Capital Center, Albany	Capital Center, Albany	Capital Center, Albany	Capital Center, Albany
Girls Volleyball	Date	November 21-22, 2020	November 20-21, 2021	November 19-20, 2022	November 18-19, 2023	November 23-24, 2024
	Site	Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls	**Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls	Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls	Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls	Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls
Football EAST	Date	November 27-28, 2020	November 26-27, 2021	November 25-26, 2022	November 24-25, 2023	Nov. 29-Dec 1, 2024
	Site	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	**Middletown High School		
Football WEST	Date	November 27-28, 2020	November 26-27, 2021	November 25-26, 2022	November 24-25, 2023	Nov. 29-Dec 1, 2024
	Site	Union Endicott HS	Cicero North Syracuse HS	**Union Endicott HS		
Football FINALS	Date	December 4-6, 2020	December 3-5, 2021	December 2-4, 2022	December 1-3, 2023	December 6, 7, 8, 2024
	Site	The Dome	The Dome	**The Dome		
WINTER		WINTER 2021	WINTER 2022	WINTER 2023	WINTER 2024	WINTER 2025
Wrestling Dual Meet	Date	January 30, 2021	January 29, 2022	January 28, 2023	January 27, 2024	February 1, 2025
	Site	SRC Arena (Onondaga CC)	SRC Arena (Onondaga CC)	SRC Arena (Onondaga CC)	**SRC Arena (Onondaga CC)	
Girls Ice Hockey	Date	February 12-13, 2021	Date TBA	Date TBA	Date TBA	Date TBA
	Site	SUNY Canton	**SUNY Canton or Potsdam	Section 1 or 2		
B/G Skiing	Date	February 22-23, 2021	February 28-March 1, 2022	February 27-28, 2023	February 26-27, 2024	February 24-25, 2025
	Site	Whiteface Mountain	Gore Mtn/North Creek	Bristol Mtn/Harriett Hollister	Whiteface Mtn/Mt. Vanhoeben	Whiteface Mtn/Mt. Vanhoeben
Girls Gymnastics	Date	February 27, 2021	March 5, 2022	March 4, 2023	March 2, 2024	March 1, 2025
	Site	Kenmore West HS	Kenmore West HS	Kenmore West HS	Kenmore West HS	**Kenmore West HS
Wrestling	Date	February 26-27, 2021	February 25-26, 2022	February 24-25, 2023	February 23-24, 2024	February 28 - March 1, 2025
	Site	Times Union Center, Albany	**Times Union Center, Albany	Times Union Center, Albany	Times Union Center, Albany	Times Union Center, Albany
B. Swimming & Diving	Date	March 5-6, 2021	March 4-5, 2022	March 3-4, 2023	March 1-2, 2024	March 7-8, 2025
	Site	Ithaca College	Ithaca College	Ithaca College	**Ithaca College	
B/G Bowling	Date	March 12-14, 2021	March 11-13, 2022	March 10-12, 2023	March 9-10, 2024	March 14-16, 2025
	Site	Strike N Spare Lanes	Strike N Spare Lanes	Strike N Spare Lanes	**Strike N Spare Lanes	
B/G Indoor Track	Date	March 6, 2021	March 5, 2022	March 4, 2023	March 2, 2024	March 8, 2025
	Site	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	**Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex		
Competitive Cheer	Date	March 6, 2021	March 5, 2022	March 4, 2023	March 2, 2024	March 8, 2025
	Site	RIT, Rochester	**RIT, Rochester	Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena	Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena	Visions FCU Veterans Mem Arena
Ice Hockey	Date	March 13-14, 2021	March 12-13, 2022	March 11-12, 2023	March 9-10, 2024	March 15-16, 2025
	Site	LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo	LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo	LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo	LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo	
Girls Basketball	Date	March 19-21, 2021	March 18-20, 2022	March 17-19, 2023	March 15-17, 2024	March 21-23, 2025
	Site	HVCC, Troy	HVCC, Troy	**HVCC, Troy	**HVCC, Troy	
Boys Basketball	Date	March 19-21, 2021	March 18-20, 2022	March 17-19, 2023	March 15-17, 2024	March 21-23, 2025
	Site	Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls	Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls	**Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls	**Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls	
B/G Federation Basketball	Date	March 26-28, 2021	March 25-27, 2022	March 24-26, 2023	March 22-24, 2024	March 28-30, 2025
	Site	Fordham University	Fordham University	Fordham University		
		CANCELLED DUE TO COVID				
SPRING		SPRING 2021	SPRING 2022	SPRING 2023	SPRING 2024	SPRING 2025
Boys Tennis	Date	June 3-5, 2021	June 2-4, 2022	June 1-3, 2023	May 30 - June 1, 2024	June 5-7, 2025
	Site	USTA National Tennis Center				
Boys Tennis (Team)	Date	Begins in Spring 2022	** June 3, 2022	**June 2, 2023	**May 31, 2024	**June 6, 2025
	Site		Out for bid	Out for bid	Out for bid	
Boys Golf	Date	June 5-7, 2021	June 4-6, 2022	June 3-5, 2023	June 1-3, 2024	June 7-9, 2025
	Site	Mark Twain Golf Course	Mark Twain Golf Course	**Mark Twain Golf Course		
Girls Golf	Date	June 4-6, 2021	**June 4-6, 2022	**June 3-5, 2023	**June 1-3, 2024	June 7-9, 2025
	Site	Deerfield Country Club	Out for 2nd re-bid	Out for 2nd re-bid	Out for 2nd re-bid	
B/G Outdoor Track	Date	June 11-12, 2021	June 10-11, 2022	June 9-10, 2023	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025
	Site	Middletown High School	Cicero North Syracuse High Sch	Middletown High School	**Cicero-North Syracuse (3)	
Girls Lacrosse	Date	June 11-12, 2021	June 10-11, 2022	June 9-10, 2023		June 13-14, 2025
	Site	SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	**SUNY Cortland		
Boys Lacrosse EAST	Date	June 9, 2021	June 8, 2022	June 7, 2023	June 5, 2024	June 11, 2025
	Site	U Albany	U Albany	**U Albany		
Boys Lacrosse WEST	Date	June 9, 2021	June 8, 2022	June 7, 2023	June 5, 2024	June 11, 2025
	Site	SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	**SUNY Cortland		
Boys Lacrosse FINALS	Date	June 12, 2021	June 11, 2022	June 10, 2023	June 8, 2024	June 14, 2025
	Site	Hofstra University	Hofstra University	**Hofstra University		
Baseball	Date	June 11-12, 2021	June 10-11, 2022	June 9-10, 2023	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025
	Site	Binghamton	**Binghamton			
Softball	Date	June 12, 2021	June 11, 2022	June 10, 2023	June 8, 2024	June 14, 2025
	Site	Moriches Athletic Complex	Moriches Athletic Complex	**Moriches Athletic Complex		

SECTIONAL CONCERN

Presenter:

Greg Ransom Executive Director Section IX

Sectional Concern:

Classification cutoff numbers 2021 for soccer, basketball, baseball, softball

Addressing the Sectional Concern:

- 1) Freeze the 2021 cut-off numbers in the sports of Baseball, Softball, Soccer, and Basketball for two (2) years (therefore, you would be using the 2020-2021 numbers).
- 2) Convene a NYSPHSAA Committee to review the data of the Combining of Teams so that the accurate number of teams, not schools, are used in the classification cut-off numbers.

Rationale:

Dropping AA from 965 to 800 is too drastic a change. We need to look at combining of teams, differential numbers within each class, and the current enrollment trends to determine an equitable distribution of schools within in each class. Just dividing our schools into 20% groups no longer works in our opinion.

Since state ed is not providing the BEDS numbers until September is also problematic. This means NYSPHSAA presents the 20% breakdown for discussion in October to be voted on in February and then implementation for September. In Section IX we have most of our fall schedules in place by February. It is time for us to think differently.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Does the philosophy of NYSPHSAA need to change?

For the Committee to look at what's important:

- 1) Competitive balance or the number of schools in each class;
- 2) The differential in the classification;
- 3) To review the data of the Combining of Teams related to the number of teams participating, not the number of schools.

Attachments:

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

Handbook Committee – Annually Report Combining of Teams to NYSPHSAA Staff

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:
Handbook Committee

Proposal:
Consideration of approval to change #2, under "Combining of Teams" to "Section approval must be reported annually to the NYSPHSAA Inc. Staff."

COMBINING OF TEAMS:

The joining together of students from two or more-member schools in the same district or proximity to form a single team shall be permitted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permission must be obtained from their league and section on an annual basis.

2. Section approval must be reported to the NYSPHSAA, Inc., Executive Committee. NOTE: If a combined school team goes beyond sectional level competition their boys and girls grade 9-11 enrollment shall be combined, using the below criteria, for state level competition.

Effective Start Date:
July 2021

Rationale:
The Combining of Teams is currently reported to the Executive/Central Committees at each meeting. An annual report would allow for the information to be reported in a consistent, organized manner to allow for data manipulation and analysis.

Proposal Originated:
Handbook Committee Meeting on January 8, 2021.

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

Handbook Committee – Annually Report Senior All-Star Contests to NYSPHSAA Staff

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:
Handbook Committee

Proposal:
Consideration of approval to change letter a, under “Senior All-Star Contest” to “These contests must be approved first by the Section in which the contest is to be held and *reported annually to the NYSPHSAA Inc. Staff.*”

27. SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTEST:

A senior all-star contest shall be any athletic contest for which admission is charged or donations accepted in which one or more of the competing teams is composed of one or more players who during the school year was a member of the high school team in the same sport, and whose participation in the senior all-star contest is based on outstanding performance as a member of the high school team.

- a. The only senior all-star contests approved by the NYSPHSAA, Inc., are those approved by a section. These contests must be approved first by the Section in which the contest is to be held and reported to the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:
July 2021

Rationale:
The Senior All-Star Contests are currently reported to the Executive/Central Committees at each meeting. An annual report would allow for the information to be reported in a consistent, organized manner to allow for data manipulation and analysis.

Proposal Originated:
Handbook Committee Meeting on January 8, 2021.

Budgetary Impact:
Budgetary Impact

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

Bid Process After Re-Bid

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Chris Joyce, Director of Foundation & Marketing

Notes:

The current NYSPHSAA Championship Bid process was approved in October 2015 and has been effective for the past five years. Recently, we have had to re-bid several events and have now for the first time failed to receive submissions on a second bid attempt. The next step will be for the NYSPHSAA staff to contact facilities around the state to secure a venue for the championship. Once a venue has been selected, the sport committee will be informed and the CAC will provide feedback before Central/Executive Committee approval. If the staff is unsuccessful, revisions will be made to the terms of the RFP and it will be redistributed as a new bid.

While the recent issues are likely due in part to COVID-19, we will be taking a more proactive approach with bids moving forward. If we do not receive submissions for a particular bid, the committee will convene to discuss potential issues with the RFP. Dates, event specifications, schedule concerns, etc may be changed in an attempt to make the event more appealing to bidders. Proper approval processes will be followed for those changes as necessary. If no changes are required, the RFP will be redistributed with an emphasis on outreach. Only after two failed RFP attempts will the NYSPHSAA staff reach out to venues to select a location.

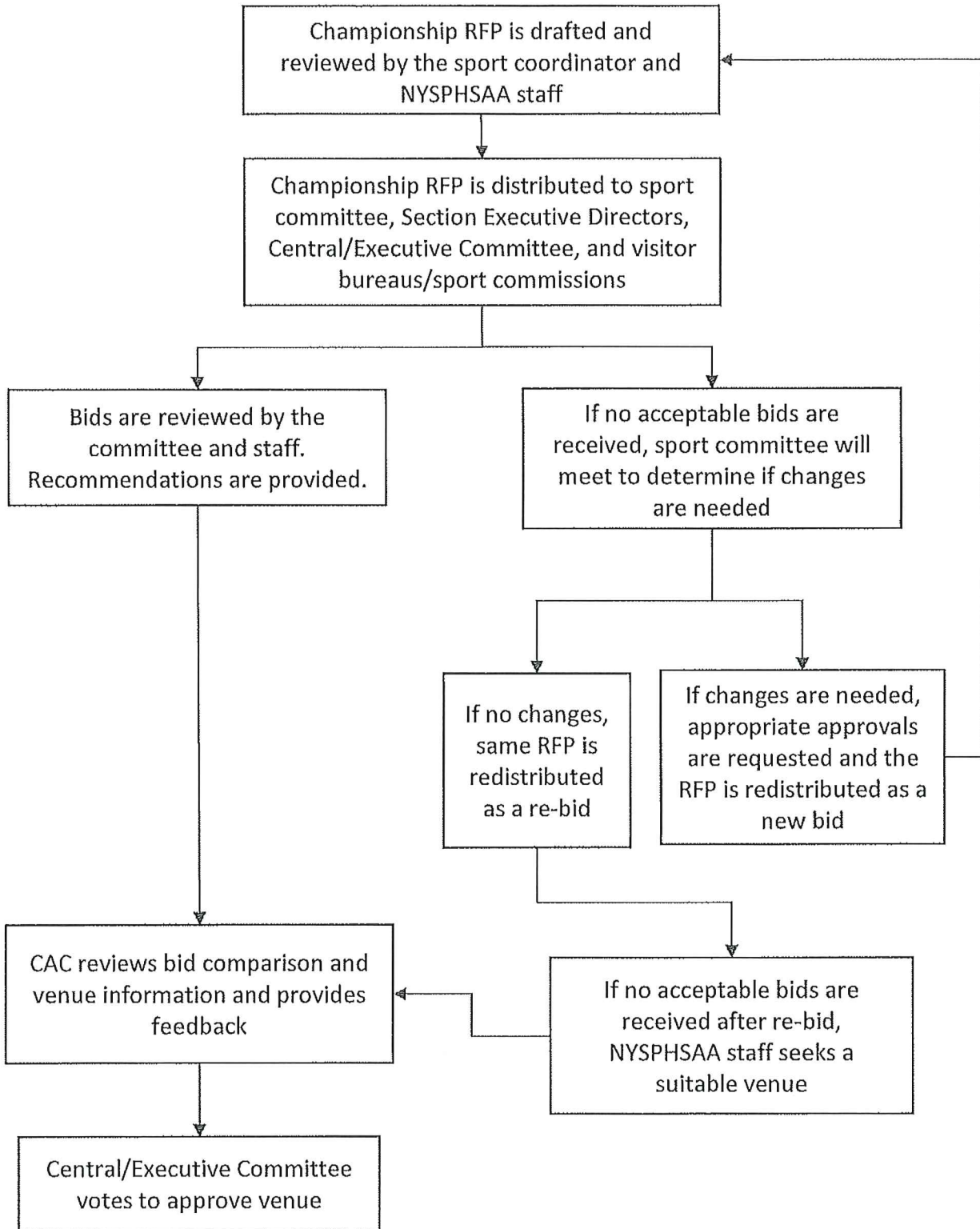
Attachments:

Flow chart outlining full process

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021



New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

School Enrollment Numbers: Using COHORT Data

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Monica Tooley – Section III Executive Committee Rep
Todd Nelson – NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

NYSPHSAA would use school COHORT data instead of BEDS data to determine the Schools Enrollment Numbers for all member schools.

Effective Start Date:

2022-23 or 2023-2024

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA has used BEDS data supplied by the SIRS Department at SED to establish school enrollment numbers for their member schools. Currently schools have flexibility in what grades students are placed within the BEDS report. Students are placed in a particular COHORT once they enter the 9th grade. Students stay in this COHORT all the way through their scholastic career unless they change schools which could affect their COHORT placement. The COHORT reports are certified by the district to the state in August of each year. There is no public COHORT report available to NYSPHSAA. Each school would have to submit an official COHORT document to either the Section or NYSPHSAA.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Executive Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Currently we are determining if non-public schools have this COHORT information and if they are required to certify the data to NYSED. We will have a finalized proposal for the May Executive Committee meeting for discussion.

Attachments:

List any attachments

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

Modify State Sport Coordinator Selection Process

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

Consider approval to modify the selection process for State Sport Coordinators. The process would entail the creation of a Sport Coordinator Appointment Committee, consisting of the NYSPHSAA Executive Director, two staff members, an officer, and a committee representative selected by the state committee. The appointment committee would then recommend an individual to the Central Committee for a five-year term. The following timeline will be followed:

- May 1st Current Coordinator Announces Intent to Seek Re-Appointment
- June 1st All letters of interest and resumes due
- June 15th Review of letters & resumes by Sport Coordinator Appointment Committee; Interviews conducted if necessary
- July 1st Recommended candidate submitted for Central Committee packet
- Late July Central Committee approves Sport Coordinator for five-year term

Effective:

July 2021

Rationale:

It is necessary to approve coordinators for each sport when a five-year term expires. The current process is the state committee nominates any individual they choose, which may include the current coordinator. Members of the committee may nominate any individual (on or off the state committee). There are no qualifications required nor is a resume required to be submitted. Committee votes are tallied then the selection is forwarded to the Central Committee without any outside input. Frequently, numerous state committee members do not submit votes during the process. Effective leadership, communication and style are a necessity when working with the NYSPHSAA staff, state committee, coaches, and athletes around the state.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Office/Central Committee in July 2020

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The process of Sport Coordinator appointments was brought up by Section I during Section Concerns at the July Central Committee meeting.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

Private Schools within Public School District Boundaries

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Section V Executive Committee Representatives

Proposal:

Consideration of approval to eliminate “or a private school within that district’s boundaries” from the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule. See below.

31.b. A student who transfers without a corresponding change in residence of his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months prior) is ineligible to participate at the varsity level in any interscholastic athletic contest in a particular sport for a period of one (1) year if as a 9-12 student participated in that sport during the one (1) year period immediately preceding his/her transfer. A student’s period of ineligibility begins with the date of registration at the student’s new school. (May 2020) NOTE: Students in grades 7-10, shall be eligible to participate at the sub-varsity level and practice at all levels, while students in grades 11-12 shall be limited to practice (all levels) only. (July 2019). At no time during the one-year period of ineligibility at the varsity level should a student participate in a scrimmage or be an exhibition participant at the varsity level.

Students who transfer from any school to the public-school district of the residence of his/her parents (or other persons whom the student has resided for at least six months) ~~or a private school within that district’s boundaries~~ shall receive a waiver from the Transfer Rule. Such a transfer without penalty will only be permitted once in a high school career. Schools must submit the required transfer form to the Section office. Athletes are not permitted to practice before the form has been submitted. Athletes are not permitted to compete without approval. NOTE: A student in a foreign exchange program listed by CSIET has a one-year waiver of the Transfer Rule. If such a student elects to stay a second year he/she becomes a foreign student at the start of the school year with item (b) in effect.

Effective Start Date:

2021-2022 School Year

Rationale:

The verbiage creates an unfair advantage for the private school of transfer and public schools without a private school within their boundaries. All other transfers from a public school district to a private school are subject to the transfer rule in any sport a student participated in for one (1) year. As a result of the current language, students can transfer to a private school within their district’s boundaries for athletic purposes for no penalty. This only impacts districts with private school within their boundary and it should be consistent across the state regardless of the location of the private school.

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Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

Proposal Originated:

Section V Sectional Concern

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee and NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee do not support this recommended change.

Attachments:

None

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

BASEBALL – ELIMINATE NYSPHSAA P/DH RULE; UTILIZE NFHS P/DH RULE

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee seeks approval to eliminate the NYSPHSAA Pitcher/Designated Hitter Rule (#11 in NYSPHSAA Handbook) and utilize the NFHS Player/Designated Hitter Rule.

Effective Start Date:

March 2021.

Rationale:

This proposal will eliminate the more restrictive NYSPHSAA Pitcher/Designated Hitter Rule, adopted in January 2019, and allow teams to use a more flexible NFHS Rule which was written following the 2019 season. The NFHS Rule allows the pitcher to play any other defensive position whereas the NYSPHSAA Rule does not allow that.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee on June 8, 2018. The NYSPHSAA P/DH Rule was approved in January 2019 and adopted for the 2019 season. The NFHS Rule was written after the 2019 season.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee voted 9-2 in favor of this proposal at its meeting on January 6, 2021.

Attachments:

None

Section IX Contest Guidelines Fall Two - 2020-2021

In an effort to bring consistency throughout our member districts, Section IX has developed a “Framework for Success” of best practices for interscholastic athletic contests for the Fall 2 season of 2020 - 2021.

1. The Host School shall abide by the district’s building plan for Covid-19 screening. Prior to entering the athletic venue, all athletes and support personnel (coaches, administrators, officials) will be subject to additional temperature check by site personnel.
2. The Visiting School will provide a roster to the Host School of all in attendance with contact information including current phone and email for purposes of contact tracing. The roster will include a box confirming each individual student has answered the Section IX health-screening questionnaire and has been temperature scanned prior to departure from their campus (they will be temperature checked again by the Host School before attending the athletic venue).
3. Officials will arrive dressed with completed printed Section IX health screening form to be handed in upon arrival. They will be subject to temperature scan prior to entering the venue.
4. Section IX Mask Policy is as follows:
 - Any Section IX contest played at a member school facility will follow that districts mask policy.
 - Any Section IX contest played at a neutral venue will follow the venues mask policy or NYSPHSAA mask policy whichever is more restrictive.
 - Sport specific policy: The only sport specific mask policy is boys and **girls** swimming which states: Swimmers will not wear a mask from the time they enter the starting block until the race is over and they exit the pool.
5. Sanitizing stations will be placed by entry, exits, benches and bathrooms. Personal Protective Equipment (masks, gloves, etc...) will be made available by the host school.
6. **Separate and/or staggered entrances and exits for outdoor venues** will be established (enter one-way, exit another when possible).
7. In an attempt to keep athletic events up and running, no spectators will be allowed at **any indoor venue on or off school district property.**
8. **Outdoor events will allow spectators based on the recommendations of the NYS Department of Health. A maximum of two spectators per athlete will be permitted. All spectators must maintain social distancing and are required to wear a mask at all times. Family members will be permitted to sit next to each other. Responsible Parties must**

ensure that, among all spectators, no individual group exceeds the gathering limit that is currently in place for the region. Any Section IX School District has the right to be more restrictive with their spectator policy.

9. Athletes and coaches will arrive with their own water bottles clearly marked by individual names. Home schools will be required to provide water-refilling stations. Each team is responsible for one designated person to refill the bottles and sanitize their team's refill station (one person only touching the surface of the refill station).
10. Isolation area will be established for anyone developing symptoms during the contest. In the event visiting coaches, athletes or game personnel develop a high temperature of 100 F or greater, that person will be directed to the predetermined isolation area of the home district until a ride home can be secured (parent/ guardian etc...)
11. Locker rooms will be used as changing rooms only; teams are encouraged to come dressed for the contest. Personal items will not be stored in the locker rooms. Department of Health capacity guidelines will be followed in regard to student use of changing areas. Changing areas will be supervised by visiting team coaches and home personnel.
12. All shared equipment and spaces (benches) will be disinfected prior to and between contests.
13. Athletes should come taped and prepared. Injury to a visiting athlete is first evaluated by their coach. In consideration of social distancing guidelines, if additional medical care is needed, the coach will step away from the athlete to allow the athletic trainer, doctor or site personnel to attend to the athlete.
14. Due to current Department of Health recommendations, athletes and coaches must refrain from pre and post-game hugging, high fives, shaking hands or fist bumps.
15. Visiting athletes arriving to a contest separate from the school bus must enter with their team. The visiting coach will be responsible for health screening questionnaire, timely arrival (entry) with full team and accurate record keeping for all visiting athletes (regardless of method of travel).
16. In extenuating circumstances where an athlete or coach does not enter with the full team, prior arrangements must be made by the visiting Athletic Director with the home Athletic Director to ensure the visiting athlete or coach can be temperature checked then escorted to the proper location.

Section IX Football Alignments 2021 – 2022

<u>Class AA: (1025 and up)</u> <u>Division 1</u> 1. NFA 2. Middletown 3. Monroe-Woodbury 4. Kingston 5. Pine Bush 6. Warwick	<u>Enrollment</u> 2619 1958 1769 1476 1245 1029	<u>Class A: (630-1024)</u> <u>Division 1</u> 1. Valley Central 2. Washingtonville 3. Minisink 4. FDR 5. Cornwall <u>Division 2</u> 6. Wallkill 7. Goshen 8. Beacon 9. Saugerties *Monticello Independent	<u>Enrollment</u> 1002 938 861 858 830 749 731 672 653 698
<u>Class B: (397-629)</u> <u>Division 1</u> 1. Port Jervis 2. New Paltz 3. Red Hook 4. Rondout 5. Marlboro 6. Liberty 7. Burke** **Burke moved to class B by Section IX Classification Committee	<u>Enrollment</u> 572 489 459 458 450 411 315**	<u>Class C: (261 – 396)</u> <u>Division 1</u> 1. Highland 2. O’Neill 3. Chester <u>Class D: (up to 260)</u>	<u>Enrollment</u> 386 380 267
<u>Football (5 Classes)</u> AA 1025 and Up A 630 – 1024 B 397 - 629 C 261 – 396 D 260 and Below	<u>8 Man Football</u> <u>Division 1</u> 1. Ellenville 374 – Class C 2. Fallsburg 353 – Class C 3. Tri Valley 225 – Class D 4. Sullivan West 225 – Class D 5. Liv. Manor/Roscoe/Downs 126 – Class D 6. Eldred 102 – Class D <u>Division 2</u> 1. Spackenkill 369 – Class C 2. Dover 324 – Class C 3. Onteora 309 – Class C 4. Pine Plains/Rhinebeck 307 – Class C 5. Pawling 276 – Class C 6. Millbrook 225 – Class D		

Baseball Rules Changes

By on February 09, 2021

baseball

NOTE: Due to the cancellation of spring sports last year because of the Coronavirus, the 2020 NFHS Baseball Rules will be used for the 2021 season. The Rules Changes written last year will apply for the 2021 season. These changes, which all reference the 2020 NFHS Baseball Rules Book, will be in effect for the 2021 season.

3-1-4: Designated Hitter (DH) can be used in two ways. The DH can be listed as the tenth starter replacing one of the other nine players when it is their turn to bat. The other method is that any one of the starting defensive players can be their own DH (in effect having two positions) within the confines of the rule requirements.

Rationale: This rule change assists coaches with an alternative to keep their better players in the game to contribute to the offensive output of the team and give another player a chance to participate on defense. In addition, considering the pitch count rules, this change would help pitchers to keep their bat in the game, but can come out of the game defensively to protect their arms from overuse.

2020 BASEBALL EDITORIAL CHANGES

1-3-2b1, 3-1-1, 4-1-3b, 4-2-4, 5-1-1f5, 7-4-1, 8-3-3c, Dead Ball and Delayed Dead Ball Table, Baserunning Awards Table and Rules by State Association Adoption

2020 BASEBALL POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Game Ending Procedures
2. Player/Designated Hitter
3. Proper Pitching Positions
4. Force Play Slide Rule
5. Enforcement of NFHS Jewelry Rule
6. Compliance of Player's Equipment

MID HUDSON ATHLETIC LEAGUE 2021-2022 CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY/EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
8 June (Tues)	4:00 PM	Football Rules Interp. Meeting (Varsity/JV/Freshmen)	Middletown H.S. Capstone Room
23 Aug (Mon)		All Sports Start Practice (Varsity/JV/Freshmen)	
23 Aug (Mon)		8 Man Football Practice starts	
25 Aug (Wed)	9:30 AM	MHAL Athletic Directors Workshop	BSN Sports
26 Aug (Thurs)		Fall Sports Rules Interp. Meeting (Varsity/JV/Mod)	Virtual
6 Sept (Mon)		Holiday (Labor Day) - Office closed	
7 Sept (Tues)		Holiday (Rosh Hashanah) - Office closed	
8 Sept (Wed)		Modified Fall Sports may start	
8 Sept (Wed)	6:00 PM	Modified Football Rules Meeting	Middletown H.S. Capstone Room
13 Sept (Mon)	9:30 AM	NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop	Walkill High School
16 Sept (Thurs)		Yom Kippur – Office closed	
22 Sept (Wed)	9:30 AM	MHAL Athletic Directors Workshop	BSN Sports
11 Oct (Mon)		Holiday (Columbus Day) - Office closed	
20 Oct (Wed)	9:30 AM	MHAL Athletic Directors Workshop	BSN Sports
20 Oct (Wed)	11:00 AM	MHAL Executive Committee Meeting	BSN Sports
10 Nov (Wed)	7:00 PM	Wrestling Rules Interp. Meeting	Virtual
10 Nov (Wed)	7:30 PM	Winter Rules Interpretation Meeting (Varsity/ JV/Mod)	Virtual
11 Nov (Thurs)		Holiday (Veterans Day) – Office closed	
15 Nov (Mon)		Winter Sports may start (Varsity/ JV)	
22 Nov (Mon)		Modified Winter Sports may start	
24 Nov (Wed)	9:30 AM	MHAL Athletic Directors Workshop	BSN Sports
25-26 Nov (Thurs/Fri)		Thanksgiving Holiday – Office closed	
22 Dec (Wed)	9:30 AM	MHAL Athletic Directors Workshop	BSN Sports
24 Dec- 2 Jan		Winter Recess	
17 Jan (Mon)		Holiday (Martin Luther King Day) – Office closed	
20 Jan (Wed)	9:30 AM	MHAL Athletic Directors Workshop	BSN Sports
20 Jan (Wed)	11:00 AM	MHAL Executive Committee Meeting	BSN Sports
25-28 Jan (Tues-Fri)		Regents Week – No Games Scheduled by League	
14-18 Feb (Mon-Fri)		February Recess	
23 Feb (Wed)	9:30 AM	MHAL Athletic Directors Workshop	BSN Sports
14 Mar (Mon)		Spring Sports may start (Varsity/JV)	
14 Mar (Mon)	7:30 PM	Spring Rules Interpretation Meeting (Var/JV/Modified)	Virtual
21 Mar (Mon)		Modified Spring Sports may start	
23 Mar (Wed)	9:30 AM	MHAL Athletic Directors Workshop	BSN Sports
Apr ?- April ?		Spring Recess	
21 Apr (Wed)	9:30 AM	MHAL Athletic Directors Workshop	BSN Sports
17 May (Tues)	-----	School Budget Vote Day	
18 May (Wed)	9:30 AM	MHAL Athletic Directors Workshop	BSN Sports
18 May (Wed)	11:00 AM	MHAL Executive Committee Meeting	BSN Sports
27-30 May (Fri-Mon)		Holiday (Memorial Day) – Office closed	
9 June (Wed)	9:30 AM	MHAL Athletic Directors Workshop	BSN Sports
___ June		Regents Exams	

<u>SECTION IX MEETING DATES</u>		<u>Section IX Start Dates</u>
Thurs. Sept. 9, 2021	Orange-Ulster BOCES – 9:30 AM	All Fall Sports - Mon., Aug. 23, 2021
Mon. Sept. 13, 2021	NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop at Wallkill High School 9:30am	All Winter Sports - Mon., Nov. 15, 2021
Tues. Oct. 5, 2021	Orange-Ulster BOCES – 9:30 AM	All Spring Sports - Mon, March 14, 2022
Tues. Nov. 9, 2021	Orange-Ulster BOCES – 9:30 AM	
Tues. Jan. 4, 2022	Orange-Ulster BOCES – 9:30 AM	
Tues. March 15, 2022	Orange-Ulster BOCES – 9:30 AM	
Tues. April 12, 2022	Orange-Ulster BOCES – 9:30 AM	
Tues. May 10, 2022	Monroe Woodbury Education Center – 9:30 AM	
Wed. June 15, 2022	TBA	

<u>S.A.T. DATES</u>	<u>A.C.T. DATES</u>	<u>P.S.A.T. DATES</u>	<u>A.P. EXAM DATES</u>
October 2, 2021	September 11, 2021	October 13, 2021	May 2 – 6, 2022
November 6, 2021	October 23, 2021	October 16, 2021	May 9 – 13, 2022
December 4, 2021	December 11, 2020/21		
March 12, 2022	February 5, 2022		
May 7, 2022	April 9, 2022		
June 4, 2022	June 11, 2022		

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