



**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 - 9:30 AM
Carl Onken Conference Center

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1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
2. Dr. Brandon Beck – Introduced by Howie Harrison, Monroe Woodbury
3. NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting Report – Mr. Greg Ransom / Mr. Jim Osborne
4. OCIAA President's Report: Mr. Michael Bellarosa
 - a. New Athletic Directors
 - b. NYSPHSAA Proposals
 - c. Cheerleading Proposal
 - d. Section IX Council / Executive Committee Position Appointments
5. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo
Items of Concern:
 - a. Fall Changes – Added / Dropped Teams for 2024
 - b. OCIAA 2024-2025 Events Risk & Emergency Plan
 - c. OCIAA Sport Chairpeople
 - d. Fall 2024 Rules Interpretations Meetings
 - e. Modified Football Rules Meeting
 - f. Coaching Courses
 - g. Spring Schedules 2025 - Vote
 - h. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult
6. Group Discussion/Mentoring Topic: Starting the year prepared. Set yourself up for success.
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Thursday, September 17, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.
at Orange Ulster BOCES – Carl Onken Conference Center
10. NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop - Monday, September 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at Otterkill CC
11. Next Section IX Meeting – Thurs, Sept 5, 2024, at Orange Ulster BOCES – Carl Onken Conference Center
12. Adjourn



NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting Recap

As of July 31, 2024

Last NYSPHSAA Meeting: July 30-31, 2024 (Central Committee)

Next NYSPHSAA Meeting: October 24, 2024 (Executive Committee)

July 30-31, 2024 Central Committee Approved Items:

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to have no admission fees for the Girls & Boys Tennis State Championships (Individual & Team).

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of a \$0.50 increase in NYSPHSAA ticket prices beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to add the following to the note for the Maximum Number of Contests in the NYSPHSAA Handbook, "Exception: In the sport of Football, when a team receives a forfeit win, the forfeit win will *not* count towards the maximum number of contests. The team who accepts the forfeit can reschedule a game that will count towards the maximum number of contests."

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to require the use of the NYSPHSAA Transfer Form for waivers and exemptions only.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of the NYSPHSAA Officials Contract.

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

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

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

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to update the additional required coaching course to reflect the replacement of the AACCA Safety course and the new NFHS Cheerleading Rules course.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval for a new Boys Soccer Regional Rotation for 2024-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval for a new Girls Soccer Regional Rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of a new Field Hockey Regional Rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval for a new Girls Volleyball Regional Rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to revert back to a pool play format for the 2024 NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Championships.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of a new Football (11-Man) regional rotation for 2024-30 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval for the NYSPHSAA Officers to decide on 8-Man football regional rotations and Week # to be hosted, following discussion of the NYSPHSAA Football Committee.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of a revision to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Penalty for Football to be, "Any player disqualified by a sport official for unsportsmanlike behavior or flagrant foul will be ineligible for the next two consecutive halves."

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of Webster Aquatic Center (Webster, NY) as the host of the Girls Swimming & Diving Championships (2025-2027).

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of Roberts Wesleyan University/Finger Lakes Community College (Rochester, NY) as the host of the Boys Volleyball Championship (2025-2027).

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of allowing Sections to have an early weight Certification date starting no earlier than the Monday of Week #16 in Boys Wrestling.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to use an Automatic Qualifier System to complete the 16 person brackets for the 2025 Girls Wrestling Championship.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of amending the representation rule for Girls Wrestling to ***"In the sport of Girls Wrestling, if a school does have a team for both genders the female wrestlers may choose to compete in either the boys post season or the girls post season but not both."***

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to continue the waiver of the 6 max tournament rule in Girls Wrestling.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to waive the NFHS 1.5% weight loss plan for Girls Wrestling.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of removing the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook for Boys Ice Hockey under 14.10 #10 and add ***"Once a goalie enters the game for a substitution, they must remain on the ice until the next stoppage in play. If the goalie leaves the ice before the next stoppage in play, then a delay of game penalty will be called by the official."***

(Passed) (A) Consider approval recommending revising the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook for Boys Ice Hockey under 14.08 #11 letter b to mirror the OT procedure used during the post season. This would only be used when a winner is necessary.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to establish two divisions for Bowling Championships Composite Division (Division 1 and Division 2), beginning in Winter 2025.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval to modify the bowling format of the Division 1 and Division 2 school team events during the Bowling State Tournament to utilize a 6-man format, beginning in Winter 2025.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of classification cut-off numbers for Outdoor Track/Field (B/G), starting in 2025.

(Passed) (A) Consider approval of the Mill Creek Golf Course (Rochester, NY) as the host of the Boys Golf Championships (2025-2027).

(Passed) (A) Consider approval for the following Unified sport offering/ rules modifications:

Unified Soccer – Rules Modifications

Unified Tennis – Rules Modifications

Unified Bocce – Sport Offering/ Rules Modifications

July 30-31, 2024 Central Committee Discussion Items:

(D) Consider approval to add the following language to the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule: *“NOTE: For individual, individual/ team sports, when a school district does not have a team designated for each singular gender, the Section Executive Director may grant a waiver of the Representation Standard for Sectional Competition when a student has met the qualification for participation in the current school year’s NYSPHSAA Championship event. The waiver request must be submitted to the Section Executive Director before the start of Sectional Competition **(team and individual events are treated as separate post-season competitions for the purpose of this aspect of the Representation Rule)**. The athlete must meet all eligibility standards, to receive the waiver.”*

(D) Consider approval to revise the following language **(BOLD)** for the NYSPHSAA Oversight Committee: “NYSPHSAA President will appoint **five six** representatives from the **five six** classifications at the beginning of the two-year term of the presidency, along with a **sixth-seventh** member from a nonpublic/ charter school.

(D) Consider approval of Football Classification Cut-Off numbers for 2025.

(D) Consider approval to implement a 15-point deciding set tiebreaker when teams split 1-1 in the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Championship pool play and semifinals. ****If pool play is approved.**

(D) Consider approval to include Game Day Rules and Regulations in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

(D) Consider approval to regulate and impose a rule that bans choreography development of a routine to be used for Competitions prior to the beginning of the season’s official start date.

(D) Consider approval to create automatic qualifying standards for the Division 2 Indoor Track/Field relays.

(D) Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Boys Basketball for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

(D) Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Girls Basketball for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

(D) Consider approval of Girls Lacrosse Classification Cut-Off numbers for Spring 2025.

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(D) Consider approval of adding a 3rd Classification and Classification Cut-Off numbers for Flag Football for Spring 2025.

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(D) Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Baseball for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

(D) Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Softball for 2025- 29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

(D) Consider approval of NFHS Waivers for Softball playing rules.

(D) Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Boys Lacrosse for 2025-30 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

July 30-31, 2024 Central Committee Tabled Items:

Tabled (A) Consider approval to use the USA Wrestling Junior Rules for Freestyle wrestling in Girls Wrestling.

July 30-31, 2024 Central Committee Postponed Items:

None.

July 30-31, 2024 Central Committee Defeated Items:

(Defeated 1-46) Consider approval to allow Cheerleading programs to start practice on the Wednesday of Week #7.

(Defeated 20-27) Consider approval of 8-Man Regional Rotations (2024-2026) and to move the 8-man Football Regional Championship to Week #22 in order to conduct it at the JMA Wireless Dome during the 11-Man Football Finals.

October 24, 2024 Executive Committee Action Items:

(A) Consider approval to add the following language to the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule:
*“NOTE: For individual, individual/ team sports, when a school district does not have a team designated for each singular gender, the Section Executive Director may grant a waiver of the Representation Standard for Sectional Competition when a student has met the qualification for participation in the current school year's NYSPHSAA Championship event. The waiver request must be submitted to the Section Executive Director before the start of Sectional Competition **(team and***

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(A) Consider approval of Football Classification Cut-Off numbers for 2025.

(A) Consider approval to implement a 15-point deciding set tiebreaker when teams split 1-1 in the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Championship pool play and semifinals. ****Pool play was approved on July 30, 2024.**

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October 24, 2024 Executive Committee Discussion Items:

None at this time.

October 24, 2024 Executive Committee Information Items:

None at this time.

Items of Interest:

NYSPPHSAA Strategic Plan:

The NYSPPHSAA Strategic Plan was approved at the 2022 Central Committee meeting. The priorities of the five-year strategic plan are:

- 1) *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*
- 2) *Increase Student Participation*
- 3) *Long term Financial Stability*
- 4) *Officials Recruitment and Retention*

Fall 2024 Athletic Director Workshops:

Section V	Tuesday, August 20 WFL BOCES Conference Center	@ 8:30 AM
Section VI	Wednesday, August 21 West Hertel Academy	@ 12:00 PM
Section III	Wednesday, August 28 Embassy Suites Destiny USA	@ 9:00 AM
Section IX	Monday, September 9 Otterkill Golf Club	@ 8:30 AM
Section I	Thursday, September 12 Travelers Rest – Ossining	@ 9:30 AM
Section VII	Monday, September 16 High Peaks Resort – Lake Placid	@ 8:30 AM
Section X	Tuesday, September 17 Canton BOCES – Section X Office	@ 8:30 AM
Section 2	Wednesday, September 18 Italian American Community Center	@ 10:30 AM
Section XI	Thursday, September 19 Farmingville – Section XI Office	@ 8:30 AM

Cheerleading - Rule Implementation on Choreography

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Jennifer Simmons, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading State Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval to regulate and impose a rule that bans choreography development of a routine to be used for Competitions prior to the beginning of the season's official start date.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025

Rationale:

Schools are paying and starting team routines well prior to the official start date; as early as May for the Following year, and designating who is on the team (or how many based on established routines).Currently there are 17 schools registered to have their Choreography done prior to the fall start date, and most of it will be used for the Winter Season. 69 schools are registered to date for Choreography. 17 from May 30-8/25. 13 more are scheduled the first three days of the season, and the rest are through 9/30.

The Committee believes allowing this to continue will continue to give teams a distinct advantage for Competitions as well as encourage other schools to also do this. The Committee is firm that this is a violation of the out of season rule as this type of activity is very specific to the team and the upcoming competitions.

Proposal Originated:

Numerous committee meetings over the past several years, most recently June 2024

Budgetary Impact:

Budgetary Impact

Notes:

Notes

Attachments:

Sample registration form for Choreography

2024 VIROC Choreography Registration

School Name *

Please Select One *

City, State *

Full Name (Coach/Advisor) *

First Last

Phone Number *

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Email *

What brand are you competing under: *

If competing under UCA, Please select one: *

Type of Choreography *

- Traditional (\$4850)
- Game Day (\$4850)
- Game Day + 3 hr Skills (\$6350)
- Traditional + 3 hr Skills (\$6350)
- Traditional + GD Add (\$7000)
- Traditional + GD Add + Skills (\$8500)
- Game Day + Skills + SLP (\$6850)
- Traditional + Skills + SLP (\$6850)
- Traditional + GD Add + SLP (\$8000)
- Traditional + GD Add + Skills + SPL (\$9500)
- Cleanup (\$1800 current customer/\$2050 Non Customer)

Number of Female Athletes *

Number of Male Athletes *

Please fill in a preferred month for your choreography *

Are you a returning customer? *

Yes

No

Please Select a Choreographer: *

Please check the box after reading through the following:

-Choreography times and hours are arranged by Choreographer and coach.

There are no SET hours that are guaranteed, but a complete routine. All choreographers work differently - recommended is 5 hours per day.

-It is recommended that you plan for gym space for the entire day of choreography dates so you are protected in the event of travel delay or cancelation.

- New in 2024- a Purchase Order or full payment must be made prior to booking travel for choreographer.

-In the event of cancellation within two weeks of choreography, school will be responsible for all travel expenses that incurred.

-You are not registered for choreography. Within a weeks time, you will be sent an email from the VIROC Manager with a list of names to choose from. You are not registered until you and choreographer have confirmed dates and times. *

I understand

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Central Committee Meeting – July 30-31, 2024

INDOOR TRACK – QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR DIVISION 2 RELAYS

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Kristin Frazer, NYSPHSAA Boys Indoor Track Coordinator
Bob Wallen, NYSPHSAA Girls Indoor Track Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys and Girls Indoor Committees are seeking approval to create automatic qualifying standards for the Division 2 relays which will be added to the State Championship meet in 2025 (approval for that has already occurred).

Girls 4X200 Relay -	1:52.84	Boys 4X200 Relay -	1:36.65
Girls 4X400 Relay -	4:22.46	Boys 4X400 Relay -	3:41.46
Girls 4X800 Relay -	10:30.52	Boys 4X800 Relay -	8:54.50

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2024-25

Rationale:

While creating a second Division for Relays, the state committee did not have historical State Meet data to rely on for a standard. We used a combination of the 6th place performance statewide for Division 2 relays and the rankings over the past 5 years to develop an average that would be utilized for the automatic standard. Moving forward we will be able to utilize data from State Meet results.

Proposal Originated:

Boys and Girls Indoor Track Committees at their June 13, 2024 meeting

Budgetary Impact:

Budgetary impact will not be felt by NYSPHSAA as the 2 divisions were previously approved. Implementing the automatic standard may or may not get extra teams into the meet but no additional awards are needed as our original proposal to move to 2 divisions included the awards.

Notes:

The Girls and Boys State Committee voted 21-0 in favor of this proposal at its June 2024 meeting.

CAC Feedback:

Voted 9-0 in support of this proposal.

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Central Committee Meeting – July 30-31, 2024

BOYS BASKETBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 **Using Guiding Principles**

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Bob Mayo, NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2024-25

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity. NOTE: This rotation follows the same template as Girls Soccer 2024-28.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA State Committee June 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 8-1 (Section 2, 7 absent) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 9-1 in support of this proposal.

BOYS BASKETBALL 2025-29 (using guiding principles)

	2025		2026		2027		2028		2029	
	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final
Class AAA	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	6 @ 5	5/6 @ 3	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4	4 @ 9	4/9 @ 1
		2 @ 3		9 @ 4		4 @ 9		9 @ 1		6 @ 5
		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		1 @ 2		5 @ 6		8 @ 11
		8 @ 11		3 @ 2		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		2 @ 3
Class AA	8 @ 11	11/8 @ 1	1 @ 4	1/4 @ 9	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 1
		4 @ 9		3 @ 2		9 @ 1		4 @ 9		6 @ 5
		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		1 @ 2		8 @ 11
		2 @ 3		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		3 @ 2
Class A	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4		4 @ 9	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 2	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 9
		8 @ 11	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1		11 @ 8		1 @ 4
		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	10 @ 3						3 @ 7		7 @ 10	
	7 @ 2	10/3 @ 2/7	10 @ 7	10/7 @ 2		7 @ 10	2 @ 10	3/7 @ 2/10	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 7/10
Class B	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4		4 @ 9	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 2	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 9
		8 @ 11	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1		11 @ 8		1 @ 4
		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	10 @ 3						3 @ 7		7 @ 10	
	7 @ 2	10/3 @ 2/7	10 @ 7	10/7 @ 2		7 @ 10	2 @ 10	3/7 @ 2/10	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 7/10
Class C	1 @ 9	1/9 @ 11	11 @ 8**	9/1 @ 11/8**	8** @ 11	8/11** @ 1/9	11 @ 8**	9/1 @ 11/8**	8** @ 11	8/11** @ 1/9
			9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9	
	7 @ 10	2 @ 7/10		10 @ 7		7 @ 10	10 @ 7	7/10 @ 2		7 @ 10
		3 @ 4		3 @ 2	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4		4 @ 3	4 @ 2	2/4 @ 3
		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 4		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	<i>SB will not have a C team in 2025</i>									
	<i>**If 8 does not have a team, 1/9/11 will rotate sub-regional games 2026-29</i>									
Class D	1 @ 9	1/9 @ 11		10 @ 7	10 @ 7	10/7 @ 2		7 @ 10	3 @ 2	3/2 @ 10/7
	7 @ 10	7/10 @ 2		9 @ 1	11 @ 1	11/1 @ 9		9 @ 11	10 @ 7	1 @ 11
		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	2 @ 11		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3		6 @ 5
		3 @ 4	4 @ 3	5/6 @ 4/3		3 @ 4	2 @ 4	2/4 @ 1		9 @ 4
COMMITTEE VOTE:										
8-1 (Section 2, 7 absent)										as of June 24, 2024

BOYS BASKETBALL 2025-29 (using guiding principles)

	2025		2026		2027		2028		2029	
	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final
Class AAA	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	6 @ 5	5/6 @ 3	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4	4 @ 9	4/9 @ 1
		2 @ 3		9 @ 4		4 @ 9		9 @ 1		6 @ 5
		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		1 @ 2		5 @ 6		8 @ 11
		8 @ 11		3 @ 2		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		2 @ 3
Class AA	8 @ 11	11/8 @ 1	1 @ 4	1/4 @ 9	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 1
		4 @ 9		3 @ 2		9 @ 1		4 @ 9		6 @ 5
		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		1 @ 2		8 @ 11
		2 @ 3		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		3 @ 2
Class A	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4		4 @ 9	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 2	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 9
		8 @ 11		11/8 @ 1	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1		11 @ 8		1 @ 4
		6 @ 5		5/6 @ 3	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	10 @ 3						3 @ 7		7 @ 10	
	7 @ 2	10/3 @ 2/7	10 @ 7	10/7 @ 2	2 @ 10	3/7 @ 2/10	2 @ 10	3/7 @ 2/10	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 7/10
Class B	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4		4 @ 9	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 2	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 9
		8 @ 11		11/8 @ 1	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1		11 @ 8		1 @ 4
		6 @ 5		5/6 @ 3	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	10 @ 3						3 @ 7		7 @ 10	
	7 @ 2	10/3 @ 2/7	10 @ 7	10/7 @ 2	2 @ 10	3/7 @ 2/10	2 @ 10	3/7 @ 2/10	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 7/10
Class C	1 @ 9	1/9 @ 11	11 @ 8**	9/1 @ 11/8**	8** @ 11	8/11** @ 1/9	11 @ 8**	9/1 @ 11/8**	8** @ 11	8/11** @ 1/9
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	7 @ 10	2 @ 7/10		10 @ 7		7 @ 10	10 @ 7	7/10 @ 2		7 @ 10
		3 @ 4		3 @ 2	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4		4 @ 3	4 @ 2	2/4 @ 3
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		6 @ 5		2 @ 11		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3		6 @ 5
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COMMITTEE VOTE:										
8-1 (Section 2, 7 absent)										

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Central Committee Meeting – July 30-31, 2024

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 **Using Guiding Principles**

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Tim Lincoln, NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2024-25

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity. NOTE: This rotation follows the same template as Girls Soccer 2024-28.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA State Committee June 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 10-0 (Section 1 absent/no vote) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 9-1 in support of this proposal.

GIRLS BASKETBALL 2025-29 (using guiding principles)

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	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final
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Class AA	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1 4 @ 9 5 @ 6 2 @ 3	1 @ 4	1/4 @ 9 3 @ 2 6 @ 5 8 @ 11	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4 9 @ 1 5 @ 6 11 @ 8	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3 4 @ 9 1 @ 2 8 @ 11	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 1 5 @ 6 11 @ 8 3 @ 2
Class A	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4 11 @ 8 5 @ 6	8 @ 11 6 @ 5	4 @ 9 8/11 @ 1 6/5 @ 3	9 @ 4 11 @ 8 5 @ 6	9/4 @ 2 11/8 @ 1 5/6 @ 3	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9 8 @ 11 6 @ 5	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 9 1 @ 4 5 @ 6
Class B	9 @ 1	10/3 @ 2/7 9/1 @ 4 11 @ 8 5 @ 6	10 @ 7	10/7 @ 2 4 @ 9 8/11 @ 1 6/5 @ 3	9 @ 4 11 @ 8 5 @ 6	9/4 @ 2 11/8 @ 1 5/6 @ 3	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9 8 @ 11 6 @ 5	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 9 1 @ 4 5 @ 6
Class C	11 @ 8** 1 @ 9 7 @ 10	11/8** @ 1/9 2 @ 7/10 3 @ 4 5 @ 6	8 @ 11 9 @ 1 4 @ 3	9/1 @ 8/11** 10 @ 7 4/3 @ 2 6 @ 5	11 @ 8** 1 @ 9 2 @ 3	11/8** @ 1/9 7 @ 10 2/3 @ 4 5 @ 6	8 @ 11 9 @ 1 10 @ 7	9/1 @ 8/11** 9 @ 1 7/10 @ 2 4 @ 3 6 @ 5	11 @ 8** 1 @ 9 4 @ 2 5 @ 6	11/8** @ 1/9 7 @ 10 2/4 @ 3 5 @ 6
Class D	11 @ 2**	11/2 @ 9 10 @ 7 3 @ 4 5 @ 6	11 @ 9**	11/9 @ 2 7 @ 10 4 @ 3 6 @ 5	2 @ 11**	2/11 @ 9 10 @ 7 3 @ 4 5 @ 6	9 @ 11**	9/11 @ 2 7 @ 10 4 @ 3 6 @ 5	11 @ 2**	11/2 @ 9 10 @ 7 3 @ 4 5 @ 6
as of June 17, 2024										
COMMITTEE VOTE:										
10-0 (Section 1 did not vote)										
**This is a placeholder in case there is a										
Class C & D team from Section 1, 8, 11										
GBB ONLY:										

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Girls Lacrosse: Classification Cut-Off Numbers

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Liz Parry, NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee is recommending the following change to the Classification Cut-Off numbers.

Class A	1036 and Up	79 schools
Class B	1035 – 728	80 schools
Class C	727 – 450	84 schools
Class D	449 and Down	83 schools

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

This proposal evens the number of teams in each class and is the same classification cut-off numbers as Boys Lacrosse.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

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GIRLS LACROSSE: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 Using Guiding Principles

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Liz Parry, NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA State Committee June 2024; this proposal was brought forward by Section 1 for consideration. Additionally, the proposed boys lacrosse regional rotation was brought forward for consideration at the committee's June meeting.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 5-4 (Section 4 absent) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted to DEFEAT this proposal 6-3.

Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotation Proposal 2025-2034 (Guiding Principles Applied)

2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030-2034
Sub Regional	Regional	Sub Regional	Regional	Sub Regional	Regional	Sub Regional	Regional	Sub Regional	Regional	
8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1 2 @ 9	1 @ 2	1/2 @ 8 11 @ 9	9 @ 8	9/8 @ 2 1 @ 11	11 @ 2	11/2 @ 9 8 @ 1	9 @ 1	1/9 @ 11 2 @ 8	* Begin back at 2025
5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3 4 @ 10	3 @ 4	3/4 @ 5 6 @ 10	10 @ 5	10/5 @ 4 3 @ 6	6 @ 4	6/4 @ 10 5 @ 3	10 @ 3	10/3 @ 6 4 @ 5	* Flip Home/Away for Sub-Reg
Number of Byes to Regional Final = 3/Section										
Number of Times a Section Hosts = 3/Section										
Committee Vote:										
5-4 (S4 absent)										
NOTE: This proposal was brought forward by Section 1										

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Flag Football: Additional Classification and Classification Cut-Off Numbers

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Jen Lapinski, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Coordinator
Marissa Dauria, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee is recommending a third classification be established using the following classification cut-off numbers.

Class A	1018 – Up	75 schools
Class B	1017 - 601	75 schools
Class C	600 - Down	75 schools

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

Flag Football has seen a tremendous amount of growth across the state over the past 3 years. This past school year we had 185 teams competing across 10 sections. In the 2025 season 225 teams have committed to compete in 10 sections. The 225 exceeds the criteria of a team sport needing 201 teams to compete in 3 classes for a NYSPHSAA State Championship.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

An additional class will increase the number of games needed at the NYSPHSAA semifinal and finals. NYSPHSAA anticipated the growth and requested a second location for the NYSPHSAA semifinals to hold 2 semifinal games. Homer was part of the bid submitted by Cortland and would host the additional class semifinal games. All 3 finals would be played at Cortland High School. The total cost to NYSPHSAA for facilities on the Cortland/Homer bid is \$2900. There would be an increase in officials for the additional semifinal and final games. Sections would also see an increase with 3 additional games and an additional regional game.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 10-0 in support of 3 classes but asked the state committee to meet and discuss re-considering using a more balanced distribution.

DATE REVISED: July 9, 2024

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FLAG FOOTBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-30 Using Guiding Principles

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Marissa Dauria, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator
Jen Lapinski, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-30 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA State Committee May 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 9-1 (Section 1 opposed) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 8-1 in support of this proposal.

**BASEBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29
Using Guiding Principles**

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA State Committee May 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 8-0 in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 8-1 in support of this proposal.

BASEBALL 2025-29 (GUIDING PRINCIPLES APPLIED)

	2025		2026		2027		2028		2029	
	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final
Class AAA	1 @ 4	9 @ 1 or 4 2 @ 3 6 @ 5 11 @ 8	8 @ 11	1 @ 8 or 11 9 @ 4 5 @ 6 3 @ 2	6 @ 5	3 @ 6/5 4 @ 9 1 @ 2 11 @ 8	3 @ 2	4 @ 3 or 2 9 @ 1 5 @ 6 8 @ 11	4 @ 9	2 @ 4 or 9 6 @ 5 11 @ 8 3 @ 1
Class AA	11 @ 8	1 @ 11 or 8 9 @ 4 6 @ 5 3 @ 2	1 @ 4	9 @ 1 or 4 2 @ 3 5 @ 6 8 @ 11	3 @ 2	4 @ 3 or 2 9 @ 1 6 @ 5 11 @ 8	5 @ 6	3 @ 5 or 6 4 @ 9 2 @ 1 8 @ 11	9 @ 4	2 @ 9 or 4 6 @ 5 11 @ 8 3 @ 1
Class A	8 @ 11	9 @ 8 or 11 4 @ 7 or 10 6 @ 5 1 @ 2 or 3	5 @ 6 2 @ 9 7 @ 10	4 @ 5 or 6 1 @ 2 or 9 3 @ 7 or 10 11 @ 8	8 @ 11 4 @ 1 10 @ 3	4/1 @ 8 or 11 7 @ 10 or 3 6 @ 5 9 @ 2	5 @ 6 11 @ 8 2 @ 1	10 @ 7 3 @ 5 or 6 9 @ 8 or 11 4 @ 2 or 1	1 @ 3 9 @ 4 7 @ 10	3/1 @ 4 or 9 2 @ 7 or 10 6 @ 5 8 @ 11
Class B	6 @ 5 3 @ 9 2 @ 7	4 @ 6 or 5 1 @ 3 or 9 10 @ 2 or 7 11 @ 8	1 @ 2 8 @ 11 3 @ 10	9 @ 1 or 2 4 @ 8 or 11 7 @ 3 or 10 5 @ 6	6 @ 5 4 @ 3 10 @ 7	3/4 @ 6 or 5 2 @ 10 or 7 9 @ 1 11 @ 8	8 @ 11 1 @ 9 7 @ 10	11/8 @ 9 or 1 3 @ 7 or 10 5 @ 6 4 @ 2	11 @ 8 6 @ 5 9 @ 4	1 @ 8 or 11 10 @ 7 3 @ 6 or 5 2 @ 9 or 4
Class C	11 @ 9	1 @ 11 or 9 7 @ 2 or 10 6 @ 5 3 @ 4	5 @ 6 4 @ 3 2 @ 10 9 @ 1	5/6 @ 4 or 3 7 @ 2 or 10 11 @ 9 or 1	1 @ 4 3 @ 7 10 @ 3 or 7 6 @ 5 9 @ 2	7 @ 10 5 @ 6 4 @ 5 or 6 11 @ 9 2 @ 1	3 @ 7 or 10 4 @ 5 or 6 11 @ 9 2 @ 1	9 @ 11 9 @ 11 7 @ 2	1 @ 9 or 11 4 @ 3 10 @ 2 or 7 6 @ 5	
Class D	2 @ 7	11 @ 9 10 @ 2 or 7 6 @ 5 3 @ 4	2 @ 4 5 @ 6 3 @ 7 or 10 9 @ 11	2 @ 4 5 @ 6 3 @ 7 or 10 9 @ 11	2 @ 3 7 @ 10 4 @ 6 or 5 9 @ 11	9 @ 11 4 @ 3 or 10 5 @ 6 7 @ 2	7 @ 10 4 @ 3 or 10 5 @ 6 7 @ 2	7 @ 10 4 @ 7 or 10 11 @ 9 2 @ 3 6 @ 5		
<i>as of May 9, 2024</i> 1:18 PM If no Section 11 then 2 @ 9 If no Sec 11 then 9 @ 2, 3 @ 4 If no Sec 11 then 4 @ 9 If no Sec 11 then 4 @ 9 and 7 @ 10 Saturday										

NOTES:

8-0 in support of this rotation

-Class C NO Section 8 teams / Class D NO Section 1 OR 8 and possibly NO Section 11 teams

-The bye team will travel. The baseball committee believes it is not fair to have a school potentially travel twice, the cost to the school for travel and their fans is an additional financial burden. Section coordinators always have had the site ready for the bye team

-The Baseball committee believes being the home team is very important. The bye school should not have the advantage of being home resting & having their #1 available

**SOFTBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29
Using Guiding Principles**

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Jim Wright, NYSPHSAA Softball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Softball Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA State Committee May 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 9-0 in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 8-2 in support of this proposal.

SOFTBALL– WAIVERS OF NFHS RULES FOR PLAY

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Jim Wright, NYSPHSAA Softball State Coordinator

Proposal:

Due to NYSPHSAA Softball adopting NFHS rules, the state committee is seeking approval of the following waivers of the NFHS rules for the start of the spring 2025 season:

1. **Adding Player/Sub to Line Up Card**
 - a. Drop NFHS (3-1-3): If a player/sub is added to the lineup card after being submitted, the umpire shall issue a team warning to the head coach. Any further changes made to a player/sub name or number result in the head coach being restricted to the dugout/bench area for the remainder of the game.
 - b. Keep USA (1 4.1): No penalty or restriction
2. **Extra Player**
 - a. NFHS: NO such rule
 - b. USA (4.1C.1): Has the option of using an Extra Player-(EP)-
3. **Shorthanded**
 - a. Drop NFHS (4-3-1f): Must have nine (9) players to start the game.
 - b. USA (4.1D 1-2): Teams can play shorthanded to start or continue a game. The game can start or finish with one less player than required to start (8)
4. **Fitness of the Grounds**
 - a. Drop NFHS (4-1-1): The home coach shall decide whether the grounds and other conditions are suitable for starting the game.
 - b. USA (5.2): Fitness of the grounds for a game shall be decided solely by the plate umpire.
5. **Tie Games**
 - a. Drop NFHS: If a regulation game has a tie score, as in 4-2-2, it is a tie game.
 - b. USA (5.3F): Regulation tie game-games that are regulation tie games shall be resumed at the exact point where they were stopped.

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BOYS LACROSSE: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-30 Using Guiding Principles

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Jim Amen, NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-30 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA State Committee May 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 5-3 in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 8-1 in support of this proposal.

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6. Tie-Breaker Procedure

- a. Drop NFHS (4-2-5....4-2-6): A regulation-called game has a tie score when ended as in 4-2-2 it is tie game unless the State Association has a tie-breaker procedure.
- b. USA (5.11 A/B): Starts at the top of the 10th(state wavier from the 8th inning). Place the person who is scheduled to bat last in the inning on second base.

7. American Disability Act Rule

- a. NFHS: No Rule
- b. USA: ADA Rule 4-2

8. Double First Base

- a. NFHS: By state association adoption, a double first base is permitted.
- b. USA (2-3 H): The base is required to be 15 x 30.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA adopted the NFHS Rules in May 2024 (after using USA Softball Rules), and the state committee would like to utilize some of the current USA Softball Rules.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Softball Committee in June 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

Provided after October meeting.

	# Sub Reg Games		A/B	C/D
	A/B	C/D	# Home	# Home
1	2	4	7	8
2	3	4	7	8
3	2	4	6	6
4	3	8	9	8
5	3	6	6	6
6	3	6	6	6
7				
8	3	6	6	6
9	2	4	7	6
10		4		8
11	3	6	6	6
NOTES:				
* Balance for # of sub was primary focus. Best efforts				
If A/B was 4 games then C/D was 6 games, viceversa.				
* Home/Away was balanced for 6 years, all classes				
* A/B are mirror image of each other thru 2029				
* C/D are mirror image of each other thru 2030				
* Outlier odd travel 10/2 @ 1. Necessary for balance, Reasonable because its on a Saturday (2028 & 2030)				
* Class A - 2030 repeat of 2025 with 5/6 switched				
* Class B - 2030 repeat of 2028				
** Class A and B repeats are necessary to make a 6-year rotation and balance rest of rotation.				
*A/B and C/D grouped due to same # of sections				



2024-25 NYSPHSAA
Championship Dates & Sites



Fall 2024

Oct 28-30*	Girls Tennis Individual	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Flushing
Nov 8	Girls Tennis Team	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Flushing
Nov 10 (Sunday)	Gameday Cheer	Hudson Valley Community College, Troy (2)
Nov 16	B/G Cross Country	Queensbury High School, Queensbury (2)
Nov 15-17	Boys Soccer	Middletown High School, Middletown (IX)
Nov 16-17	Girls Soccer	SUNY Cortland, Homer HS, Tompkins Cortland CC (III)
Nov 16-17	Field Hockey	Arlington High School, Arlington (I)
Nov 22-23	Girls Swimming/Diving	Webster Aquatic Center (V)
Nov 23	Boys Volleyball	Capital Center, Albany (2)
Nov 23-24	Girls Volleyball	Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls (2)
Nov 24	Federation Cross Country	Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls (1)
Nov 29-30	Football East Semifinals	Middletown High School, Middletown (IX)
Nov 29-30	Football West Semifinals	Vestal High School, Vestal (IV)
Dec 6-7	Football Finals	JMA Wireless Dome, Syracuse (III)

*Event on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Winter 2025

Feb 1	Wrestling Dual Meet	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC, Syracuse, NY (III)
Feb 21-22	Girls Ice Hockey Regional	Nexus Center, Utica (III)
Feb 24-25	B/G Skiing	Gore Mountain & North Creek Bowl (2)
Feb 27	Girls Wrestling Individual	MVP Arena, Albany (2)
Feb 28-Mar 1	Boys Wrestling Individual	MVP Arena, Albany (2)
March 1	Girls Gymnastics	Clarence High School, Buffalo (VI)
March 7-8	Boys Swimming/Diving	Ithaca College, Ithaca (IV)
March 8	B/G Indoor Track/Field	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex (NYC)
March 8	Cheerleading	Visions FCU Memorial Arena, Binghamton (IV)
March 14-16	B/G Bowling	Strike N Spare Lanes, Syracuse (III)
March 15-16	Ice Hockey	LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo (VI)
March 20-23	Girls Basketball	Hudson Valley CC, Troy (2)
March 20-23	Boys Basketball	Visions FCU Memorial Arena, Binghamton (IV)

Spring 2025

June 6-8	Boys Tennis Individual	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (NYC)
June 7-8	Flag Football	Cortland High School, Homer High School (3)
June 8-9	Girls Golf	Wild Wood Country Club, Rush (V)
June 8-9	Boys Golf	Mill Creek Golf Club, Churchville (V)
June 11	Boys Lacrosse East Semis	Middletown High School, Middletown (IX)
June 11	Boys Lacrosse West Semis	SUNY Cortland, Cortland (III)
June 14	Boys Lacrosse Finals	Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva (V)
June 13	Boys Tennis Team	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Flushing
June 13-14	B/G Track & Field	Middletown High School, Middletown (IX)
June 13-14	Baseball	Mirabito Stadium, Union Endicott HS, Binghamton Univ (IV)
June 13-14	Girls Lacrosse	SUNY Cortland, Cortland (III)
June 13-14	Softball	Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park, Binghamton (IV)
June 15	Federation Golf Championships	Bethpage State Park Golf Course, Farmingdale (VIII)

NYSPHSAA Championships - 5-YEAR CALENDAR - Fall 2023 thru Spring 2028

FALL		FALL 2023	FALL 2024	FALL 2025	FALL 2026	FALL 2027
Girls Tennis (Individual)	Date	October 26-28, 2023	October 28-30, 2024 (M,T,W)	October 27-29, 2025 (M,T,W)	October 26-28, 2026 (M,T,W)	October 25-28, 2027 (M,T,W)
	Site	**Sportime, Schenectady	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center
Girls Tennis (Team)	Date	November 3, 2023	November 8, 2024	November 7, 2025	November 6, 2026	November 5, 2027
	Site	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center
Cheer (Game Day)	Date	SUNDAY, November 5, 2023	SUNDAY, November 10, 2024	SUNDAY, November 9, 2025	SUNDAY, November 8, 2026	SUNDAY, November 7, 2027
(state tourney in 2023)	Site	Visions Veterans Arena	Hudson Valley CC	Hudson Valley CC	Hudson Valley CC	
B/G Cross Country	Date	November 11, 2023	November 16, 2024	November 15, 2025	November 14, 2026	November 13, 2027
	Site	**Vernon Verona Sherrill HS	Queensbury High School	Letchworth State Park	Queensbury High School	
Boys Soccer	Date	November 10-12, 2023	November 15-17, 2024	November 14-16, 2025	November 13-15, 2026	November 12-14, 2027
	Site	Middletown High School	**Middletown High School	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	Middletown High School
Girls Soccer	Date	November 11-12, 2023	November 16-17, 2024	November 15-16, 2025	November 14-15, 2026	November 13-14, 2027
	Site	**SUNY Cortland, TC3, Homer	Cortland	Cortland	Cortland	
Field Hockey	Date	November 11-12, 2023	November 16-17, 2024	November 15-16, 2025	November 14-15, 2026	November 13-14, 2027
	Site	**Centereach High School	Arlington High School	Arlington High School	Arlington High School	
Girls Swimming & Diving	Date	November 17-18, 2023	November 22-23, 2024	November 21-22, 2025	November 20-21, 2026	November 19-20, 2027
	Site	Webster Aquatic Center	Webster Aquatic Center	Webster Aquatic Center	Webster Aquatic Center	Webster Aquatic Center
Boys Volleyball	Date	November 18, 2023	November 23, 2024	November 22, 2025	November 21, 2026	November 20, 2027
	Site	Capital Center, Albany	Capital Center, Albany	Roberts Wesleyan/Finger Lakes CC	Roberts Wesleyan/Finger Lakes CC	Roberts Wesleyan/Finger Lakes CC
Girls Volleyball	Date	November 18-19, 2023	November 23-24, 2024	November 22-23, 2025	November 21-22, 2026	November 20-21, 2027
	Site	Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls	Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls			
Football EAST	Date	November 24-25, 2023	November 29-30, 2024	November 28-29, 2025	November 27-28, 2026	November 26-27, 2027
	Site	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	Middletown High School		
Football WEST	Date	November 24-25, 2023	November 29-30, 2024	November 28-29, 2025	November 27-28, 2026	November 26-27, 2027
(includes 8-man @ west site)	Site	Cicero North Syracuse HS	Vestal High School	Cicero North Syracuse HS		
Football FINALS	Date	December 2 & 3, 2023	December 6-7, 2024	December 5-7, 2025 (tentative)	December 4-6, 2026 (tentative)	December 3-5, 2027 (tentative)
	Site	JMA Wireless Dome	JMA Wireless Dome	JMA Wireless Dome		
WINTER		WINTER 2024	WINTER 2025	WINTER 2026	WINTER 2027	WINTER 2028
Wrestling Girls (Invitational)	Date	January 26, 2024	February 27, 2025			
	Site	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC	MVP Arena, Albany			
Wrestling Dual Meet	Date	January 27, 2024	February 1, 2025	January 31, 2026	January 30, 2027	January 29, 2028
	Site	**SRC Arena at Onondaga CC	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC	
Girls Ice Hockey Regional	Date	February 16-17, 2024	February 21-22, 2025	February 20-21, 2026	February 19-20, 2027	February 18-19, 2028
	Site	Nexus Center, Utica	Nexus Center, Utica	Nexus Center, Utica	Nexus Center, Utica	
Wrestling (Boys)	Date	February 23-24, 2024	February 28 - March 1, 2025	February 27-28, 2026	February 26-27, 2027	February 25-26, 2028
	Site	MVP Arena, Albany	MVP Arena, Albany			
B/G Skiing	Date	February, 26-27, 2024	February 24-25, 2025	February 23-24, 2026	February 22-23, 2027	February 28-29, 2028
	Site	Whiteface/Mt. Vanhoebenber	Gore Mountain/North Creek	Bristol Mtn/Harriet Hollister	Whiteface/Mt. Vanhoebenber	
Boys Swimming & Diving	Date	March 1-2, 2024	March 7-8, 2025	March 6-7, 2026	March 5-6, 2027	March 4-5, 2028
	Site	**Ithaca College	Ithaca College	Ithaca College	Ithaca College	
Competitive Cheer	Date	March 2, 2024	March 8, 2025	March 7, 2026	March 6, 2027	March 4, 2028
	Site	Visions FCU Memorial Arena	Visions FCU Memorial Arena			
Girls Gymnastics	Date	March 2, 2024	March 1, 2025	February 28, 2026	February 27, 2027	March 4, 2028
	Site	Clarence HS (Kenmore withdrew)	Clarence High School	Whitesboro High School		
B/G Indoor Track	Date	March 2, 2024	March 8, 2025	March 7, 2026	March 6, 2027	March 4, 2028
	Site	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex		
B/G Bowling	Date	March 8-10, 2024	March 14-16, 2025	March 13-15, 2026	March 12-14, 2027	March 10-12, 2028
	Site	**Strike N Spare Lanes	Strike N Spare Lanes	Strike N Spare Lanes	Strike N Spare Lanes	
Ice Hockey	Date	March 9-10, 2024	March 15-16, 2025	March 14-15, 2026	March 13-14, 2027	March 11-12, 2028
	Site	LECOM Harborcenter	LECOM Harborcenter	LECOM Harborcenter	LECOM Harborcenter	
Girls Basketball	Date	March 14-17, 2024	March 20-23, 2025	March 19-22, 2026	March 18-21, 2027	March 16-19, 2028
	Site	**Hudson Valley CC	Hudson Valley CC	Hudson Valley CC	Hudson Valley CC	
Boys Basketball	Date	March 14-17, 2024	March 20-23, 2025	March 19-22, 2026	March 18-21, 2027	March 18-21, 2028
	Site	**Cool Insuring Arena, G. Falls	Visions FCU Memorial Arena	Visions FCU Memorial Arena	Visions FCU Memorial Arena	
SPRING		SPRING 2024	SPRING 2025	SPRING 2026	SPRING 2027	SPRING 2028
Boys Tennis (Individual)	Date	May 31 - June 2, 2024	June 6-8, 2025	June 5-7, 2026	June 4-6, 2027	June 2-4, 2028
	Site	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center
Flag Football	Date	June 1-2, 2024	June 7-8, 2025	June 6-7, 2026	June 5, 2027	June 3, 2028
	Site	Cortland High School	Cortland High School	Cortland High School		
Boys Golf	Date	June 2-3, 2024	June 8-9, 2025	June 7-8, 2026	June 6-7, 2027	June 4-5, 2028
	Site	**Mark Twain Golf Course	Mill Creek Golf Club	Mill Creek Golf Club	Mill Creek Golf Club	
Girls Golf	Date	June 2-3, 2024	June 8-9, 2025	June 7-8, 2026	June 6-7, 2027	June 4-5, 2028
	Site	The Edison Club	Wild Wood Country Club	Wild Wood Country Club	Wild Wood Country Club	
Boys Lacrosse Semis EAST	Date	June 5, 2024	June 11, 2025	June 10, 2026	June 9, 2027	June 7, 2028
	Site	**UAlbany	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	
Boys Lacrosse Semis WEST	Date	June 5, 2024	June 11, 2025	June 10, 2026	June 9, 2027	June 7, 2028
	Site	**SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	
Boys Lacrosse FINALS	Date	June 8, 2024	June 14, 2025	June 13, 2026	June 12, 2027	June 11, 2028
	Site	**Hofstra University	Hobart & William Smith College	Hobart & William Smith College	Hobart & William Smith College	
Boys Tennis (Team)	Date	June 7, 2024	June 13, 2025	June 12, 2026	June 11, 2027	June 9, 2028
	Site	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center	USTA National Tennis Center
Girls Lacrosse	Date	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027	June 9-10, 2028
	Site	**SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	
B/G Outdoor Track	Date	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027	June 9-10, 2028
	Site	**Cicero-North Syracuse	**Middletown High School			
Baseball	Date	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027	June 9-10, 2028
	Site	Binghamton	Binghamton	Binghamton		
Softball	Date	June 7-8, 2024	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027	June 9-10, 2028
	Site	**Martha Avenue Rec Park	Greenlight Networks GS Park	Greenlight Networks GS Park	Greenlight Networks GS Park	

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yellow box indicates RECOMMENDED and will be voted on at the next Executive/Central Committee meeting

** due to COVID-19 canceling these events, an additional year was granted by the Venue & Executive Committee to host these events again

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Central Committee Meeting – July 30-31, 2024

State Championship Tennis Admission

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Information:

The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved charging admission at the NYSPHSAA State Tennis Championships (Individual & Team; Girls & Boys) at the February 26, 2024, meeting; see minutes below:

<p>(A) A motion to approve the USTA National Tennis Center as the host of the Boys & Girls Individual and Team Championships for Fall 2024 - Spring 2028 as ticketed events.</p> <p>Dr. Zayas – Asked if the committee would be willing to allow the Budget/Audit Committee to examine logistics of the events becoming ticketed before approval. If profit is minimal, are the operational procedures worth the small profit? The logistics of the facility need to be considered. The facility is an open facility. Josh H. – Is not open to motion to be changed. Ticket sales should take place at the event and revenue can be generated.</p>	<p><i>Harrica/Keane</i></p>	<p><i>Carried</i></p>
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Following the meeting, the USTA National Tennis Center informed NYSPHSAA that TicketMaster has exclusivity for ticket sales at the venue. Because of TicketMaster service fees, the \$10.50 NYSPHSAA ticket will cost spectators approximately \$18.00.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



MEMO

To: Section Executive Directors
Fr: Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
Re: Anyone Can Save a Life program
Date: July 10, 2024

Re: 3-

The Anyone Can Save a Life program **will no longer be required** for all NYSPHSAA teams as determined by the NYSPHSAA Central Committee in July 2023.

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has informed me the mandate to require all NYSPHSAA teams to implement the Anyone Can Save a Life program, starting in the Fall 2024, is a violation of NYS Education Law.

The following was provided by NYSED:

“Education Law §901/902 requires public schools outside of New York City to provide “school health services” from a medical director (qualified physician, nurse practitioner, etc.), whose duties include but are not limited to informing parents and teachers of a student’s health condition subject to federal and state confidentiality laws; instructing school personnel in procedures to take in case of accident or illness; and making necessary recommendations concerning the health and safety aspects of school facilities and the provision of health information [see also 8 NYCRR 136.1(d);(e)].

Additionally, Education Law §2801-a and Commissioner’s Regulations §155.17 require boards of education of public school districts, BOCES, and the chancellor of New York City (NYC) to adopt and amend a comprehensive district-wide school safety plan and building-level emergency response plans regarding crisis intervention and emergency response and management. The plans shall be developed by the district-wide school safety team and a building-level school safety team and shall be in the form developed by the commissioner in consultation with the division of criminal justice services, the superintendent of the state police and any other appropriate state agencies. District wide safety plans are available for public comment prior to board of education adoption, and staff are trained on these plans.”

The NYSPHSAA Officers, in accordance with the NYSPHSAA Handbook, have rescinded the Central Committee’s vote to avoid a violation of NYS Education Law. The NYSPHSAA Handbook states:

“2. A committee of officers in consultation with the staff shall have the authority to act on all matters not provided for in this constitution and bylaws, and on such emergency business as may arise between regular meetings of the Executive Committee.”

Finally, NYSED has said the Center for School Health will develop a sample health emergency plan for afterschool programs and will highlight the requirement that plans include afterschool programs and health emergencies. NYSPHSAA schools can certainly use the Anyone Can Save a Life program if implemented in accordance with NYS Education Law.

If additional information becomes available on this topic, I will certainly let you know.

Thank you.



Report to NYSPHSAA Executive Committee July 30, 2024

Grants Opportunities:

After two years of fundraising, we're thrilled to be awarding our first grants in the 2024-25 school year. Any NYSPHSAA member school or partner organization is eligible to apply. For more information, visit nysphsaa.org/grants.

Golf Tournament:

The inaugural NYSPHSAA Foundation Golf Tournament is/was at the Cherry Creek Golf Links in Riverhead on July 29th. A special thank you to all the golfers and diners that participated, and to all the sections that sponsored the event or donated to the raffle. All proceeds will go towards grant funding. A more detailed report will be provided on July 30.

We are already planning next year's tournament for Monday, July 28, 2025 at a location to be determined near the meeting in Schenectady. We hope to see you there!

Ticketing Donations:

Starting with the winter championships, a fundraising element was added to the NYSPHSAA event ticketing on GoFan and fans now have the option to donate \$1 with each ticket purchase. During the winter and spring seasons we were able to raise over \$5,000, and we will begin utilizing this method for the fall championships as well. If any sections are interested in testing this feature for sectional or regional events, please contact Chris Joyce in the NYSPHSAA office.

Foundation Reports:

Reminder to sections to please include your Foundation representative in your regular athletic councils or section meetings so they can give timely updates and reports. Each section representative is expected to conduct one fundraiser in their section this year so stay tuned for more information from your rep.

Save the Date:

The NYSPHSAA Foundation Annual Day of Giving is October 14. Plan an event in your district or participate in the statewide annual fund campaign to support our grant programs.

New Board Members:

We welcome new board members this year from Sections III, V, and VII. We would like to thank Pete Mahunik (III), Tony Carusone (V), and Jess Barnhart (VII) for their past service to the Foundation.

Next Meeting:

August 23, 2024

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Central Committee Meeting – July 30-31, 2024

SECTIONAL CONCERN

Presenter:

Jeff Roth, Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty, Section VI Representatives

Sectional Concern:

The current NYSPHSAA Foreign Exchange policy reads, “No member of the school’s coaching staff or athletic director, paid or voluntary, shall serve as a host family. School districts may apply to the Section for a waiver if the student is living with a member of the school’s coaching staff or athletic director and if the student has not played the sport competitively.”

Addressing the Sectional Concern:

Add the language “This only applies to students participating at the Varsity Level. Those students that play at the sub-varsity level are not held to this regulation.

Rationale:

Section VI members feel that this should not and does not have to apply to those students playing at the JV level.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None.



NYSPHSAA Guiding Principles for Regional Rotations

1. No Section will play in a sub-regional classification for more than two consecutive years.
2. If there is a bye for sub-regionals, the “bye” will always host the regional game.
3. One Section will not host more than 75% of Regional games in a given year in a sport.
4. At-Large teams will have no travel restrictions.
5. The term of rotations should reflect equity for all sections; with a minimum of at least 6 years.
6. Mid-week travel should be limited/ minimized.
7. Contiguous sectional competition should be considered.
8. The number of participating teams in each Region should be considered.
9. If any of the above guiding principles cannot be met, the sport committee must provide rationale as to why.

Process:

- 1) NYSPHSAA Sport Committee meets to develop regional rotation using established guiding principles.
 - 2) NYSPHSAA Staff examines regional rotation for equity and fairness.
 - 3) NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee examines regional rotation and votes to recommend to NYSPHSAA Executive Committee.
 - 4) NYSPHSAA Executive Committee examines regional rotation provides approval or denial

Note:

The current NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy states:

“NYSPHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY: “NYSPHSAA will sponsor Championships that represent excellence achieved in each sport. In the interest of equitable competition, minimal loss of academic time, financial impact and logistical concerns including, but not limited to, travel, lodging, meals and facilities for competition, the NYSPHSAA will sponsor one championship experience in a sport when six or more of its sections having four (4) or more of their member teams each sponsor that sport. Championships will be conducted according to established guidelines. All sports will be recognized by the NYSPHSAA as either a team sport or an individual sport, or a combination team/individual sport. Variations will be permitted in the NYSPHSAA classification system.”

DATE REVISED:
12/20/23



Regional Championship Weekend

Selection of At-Large Teams

1. Only 2nd place Sectional teams will be considered for at-large bids.
2. At-large teams will remain on the same side of the state as the Sectional Champion.
3. At-Large teams will compete in the opposite side of the regional bracket than their Sectional Champion.
4. If an At-Large team needs to be selected between multiple Sections the point system below will be used to select the best 2nd place team from those Sections.
 - a. Only Section Champions will be used.
 - b. Points will be based on results over the previous 3-year period.
 - c. The following point system will be used:
 - i. 1 point for sub-regional/semifinal win
 - ii. 3 points for regional final win
 - iii. 5 points for a semifinal win
 - iv. 7 points for a state championship
5. Sectional Champions will play at-large teams in the semifinals unless there are more than two Section Champions in a bracket, or all competing Sections agree to have Section Champions play each other in the semifinals.

Breakdown of Responsibilities

NYSPHSAA

1. NYSPHSAA will collect all gate receipts through the GoFan platform.
2. NYSPHSAA will pay all expenses using the current voucher system at the current NYSPHSAA Championship pay rates. (PA announcers, officials, site supervisors, clock operators, athletic trainers, etc)
3. Will provide minimum NYSPHSAA Championship signage.

Sections

1. Secure sites to host the Regional Championship Weekend. Sites must be willing to host a minimum of 4 games on day 1 and 2 games on day 2. Participating teams can be the host. Games can be played on Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday.
2. Work with local host site to ensure the event is properly staffed.
3. Set up the GoFan Ticketing system for the Regional Championships
4. Select a Field Supervisor to work with the host Site Supervisor and communicate with the participating teams.
5. Assign or officials for all regional semi and final games.



Site Host

1. Secure a Site Supervisor to work with the Field Supervisor and handle operations outside of the field.
2. Secure staff to work the event (ticket takers, PA announcer, scoreboard operators, security)
3. Provide necessary equipment (locker rooms, tables, scoreboard, field equipment, water)
4. Site Supervisors and Field Supervisors will collect and mail all vouchers to NYSPHSAA.

Financial Breakdown

After collecting all revenue and paying all expenses NYSPHSAA will distribute profits to the host Sections and host NYSPHSAA schools based on the following percentages.

NYSPHSAA – ____ of profits

Host Sections – ____ of profits

Host NYSPHSAA School – ____ of profits

Pros and Cons of Regional Championship Weekend

Pros

1. All teams are playing a semifinal regional game in all regional brackets.
2. Eliminates any weekday travel and games to other Sections.
3. Makes the games part of a Championship event.
4. Provides more teams and communities the opportunity to participate in a NYSPHSAA Championship event through the at-large bids.
5. Provides TPG more opportunities to offer sponsors exposure
6. Keeps traditional and geographic rivalries.
7. More consistent format from year to year.
8. Removes financial responsibilities from the Sections

Cons

1. Teams may choose to stay overnight between the semifinal and finals
2. At-large teams may increase costs to Sections.
3. Increase workload on NYSPHSAA Staff

6-Class Sports

Class	East Region 1	Host	East Region 2	Host	West Region 1	Host	West Region 2	Host
AAA 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 4AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-3	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL	4-5-6
AA 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	3 v 4 2 v 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 2AL or 3AL or 4AL	5-6
A 11 Sections	8 v 11 1AL or 9AL or 2AL	8 - 11	1 v 9 2 v 8AL or 11AL	1-2-9	3 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL 7 v 10	3-7-10	5 v 6 4 v 3AL or 7AL or 10AL	4-5-6
B 11 Sections	8 v 11 1AL or 9AL or 2AL	8-11	1 v 9 2 v 8AL or 11AL	1-2-9	3 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL 7 v 10	3-7-10	5 v 6 4 v 3AL or 7AL or 10AL	4-5-6
C 10 Sections	1 v 9 11 v 2AL or 7AL or 10AL	1-9-11	2 v 1AL or 9AL or 10AL 7 v 10	2-7-10	3 v 4 5AL v 6AL	3-4	5 v 6 3AL v 4AL	5-6
D 8 Sections 9 Sections	2 v 9 9 v 11 2 v 7AL or 10AL	2-9 2-9-11	7 v 10 7 v 10 2AL or 9AL or 11AL	7-10 7-10	3 v 4 3 v 4 5AL v 6AL	3-4 3-4	5 v 6 5 v 6 3AL v 4AL	5-6 5-6

Girls Volleyball

Class	East Region 1	Host	East Region 2	Host	West Region 1	Host	West Region 2	Host
AAA 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 4AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-3	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL	4-5-6
AA 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	3 v 4 2 v 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 2AL or 3AL or 4AL	5-6
A 10 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 10 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-3-10	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL or 10AL	4-5-6
B 11 Sections	8 v 11 1AL or 2AL or 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 2 v 8AL or 11AL	1-2-9	3 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL 7 v 10	3-7-10	5 v 6 4 v 3AL or 7AL or 10AL	4-5-6
C 11 Sections	8 v 11 1AL or 2AL or 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 2 v 8AL or 11AL	1-2-9	3 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL 7 v 10	3-7-10	5 v 6 4 v 3AL or 7AL or 10AL	4-5-6
D 10 Sections	1 v 9 11 v 2AL or 7AL or 10AL	1-9-11	2 v 1AL or 9AL or 11AL 7 v 10	2-7-10	3 v 4 5AL v 6AL	3-4	5 v 6 3AL v 4AL	5-6

Field Hockey

Class	East Region 1	Host	East Region 2	Host	West Region 1	Host	West Region 2	Host	Notes
A 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	3 v 4 2 v 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 2AL or 3AL or 4AL	5-6	
B 8 Sections 9 Section	8 v 11 1AL v 2AL	8-11	1 v 2 8AL v 11AL	1-2	3 v 4 5AL v 6AL	3-4	5 v 6 3AL v 4AL	4-5-6	If Section 9 has a Class B school
C 8 Sections 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 4 3AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-4	3 v 6 3 v 5 6 v 2AL or 4AL	3-5-6	If Section 5 has a Class C school

Flag Football

Class	East Region 1	Host	East Region 2	Host	West Region 1	Host	West Region 2	Host	Notes
A 9 Sections	8 v 11 1A1 v 9AL	8 - 11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	3 v 4 2 v 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 2AL or 3AL or 4AL	5-6	
B 8 Sections	8 v 11	8-11	1 v 9	1-9	2 v 4	2-4	5 v 6	5-6	
9 Section	8 v 11 1A1 v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	3 v 4 2 v 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 2AL or 3AL or 4AL	5-6	If Section 3 has a Class B school
C 10 Sections	8 v 11 1A1 v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 7 v 5AL or 6AL	2-4	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL or 7AL	3-6	

Girls Lacrosse

Class	East Region 1	Host	East Region 2	Host	West Region 1	Host	West Region 2	Host
A 10 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8 - 11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 10 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL or 10AL	5-6
B 9 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 4 v 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 2AL or 3AL or 4AL	5-6
C 10 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 10 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL or 10AL	5-6
D 10 Sections	8 v 11 1AL v 9AL	8-11	1 v 9 8AL v 11AL	1-9	2 v 3 10 v 4AL or 5AL or 6AL	2-3-4	5 v 6 4 v 2AL or 3AL or 10AL	5-6

3 Region Concept

At-Large Selection:

Only Sections with 4 or more participating teams during a season shall receive an at-large.

At-large would rotate through the Sections with 4 or more participating teams.

If At-Large wins sub-regional, the winner of the "other" Sub-Regional would host Regional Final.

Host:

Sections would follow current system for hosting (i.e., Section responsibility)

Pros:

Reduces overall travel costs and time.

Reduces mid-week travel.

Reduces school time missed during Regionals.

All Sections have a consistent geographic opponent on an annual basis.

At-large selection is minimized or eliminated.

Limits the number of At-Large teams needed to reduce travel costs & school time missed.

Simplicity & consistency!

Concerns:

Some Sections always host the At-Large.

Potential for At-Large to play their own Section Champion.

Extensive travel for At-Large is possible; mileage restriction could be implemented for these rare cases.

Volleyball

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	No Teams	NOTES	
AAA	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	5 v. 6		Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)	
		AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (11) v. 4	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host	
	Region 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	7 & 10		
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8					
	Region 3		9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1			
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11		8 v. 11	11 v. 8			
	AA	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	5 v. 6		Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
			AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (11) v. 4	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
		Region 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	7 & 10	
			1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
Region 3			9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1			
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11		8 v. 11	11 v. 8			
A		Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
			AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
		Region 2	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3		*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
			2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1			
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8			
	B	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
			AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
		Region 2	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3		*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
			2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2		
Region 3		1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1			
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8			
C		Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
			3 v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	4 v. 3	AL (8) v. 4	3 v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
		Region 2	AL (5) v. 2	2 v. 3	AL (7) v. 2	3 v. 2	AL (9) v. 2	2 v. 3		
			7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1			
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8			
	D	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
			3 v. 4	AL (3) v. 4	4 v. 3	AL (7) v. 4	3 v. 4	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
		Region 2	AL (1) v. 2	2 v. 3	AL (5) v. 2	3 v. 2	AL (11) v. 2	2 v. 3		
			7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7		
Region 3		1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	8		
		At (2) v. 11	At (4) v. 11	At (6) v. 11	At (9) v. 11	At (10) v. 11	At (2) v. 11		*Match up concern	

Baseball

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	No Teams	NOTES
AAA 1 At-Large 10 Teams	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	5 v. 6	Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
		AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (11) v. 4	AL (1) v. 4	Denotes Regional Final Host
Region 2		2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	7 & 10
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8			
Region 3			9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	

AA 1 At-Large 10 Teams	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	5 v. 6	Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
		AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (11) v. 4	AL (1) v. 4	Denotes Regional Final Host
Region 2		2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	7 & 10
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8			
Region 3			9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	

A 1 At-Large 12 Teams	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
		AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4	Denotes Regional Final Host
Region 2		3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
		2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	
Region 3		1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	

B 1 At-Large 12 Teams	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
		AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4	Denotes Regional Final Host
Region 2		3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
		2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	
Region 3		1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	

C 2 At-Large 12 Teams	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
		3 v. 4	AL (3) v. 4	4 v. 3	AL (7) v. 4	3 v. 4	AL (1) v. 4	Denotes Regional Final Host
Region 2		AL (1) v. 2	2 v. 3	AL (5) v. 2	3 v. 2	AL (11) v. 2	2 v. 3	
		7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	
Region 3		1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	8
		AL (2) v. 11	AL (4) v. 11	AL (6) v. 11	AL (9) v. 11	AL (10) v. 11	AL (2) v. 11	*Match up concern

D 1 At-Large 10 Teams	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	5 v. 6	Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
		3 v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	4 v. 3	AL (9) v. 4	3 v. 4	AL (11) v. 4	Denotes Regional Final Host
Region 2			2 v. 3	AL (7) v. 2	3 v. 2	AL (10) v. 2	2 v. 3	
		7 v. 10	7 v. 10	10 v. 7		7 v. 10	7 v. 10	
Region 3		9 v. 11	11 v. 9	9 v. 11	11 v. 9	9 v. 11	11 v. 9	1, 8
		AL (5) v. 2			10 v. 7			

Basketball (Girls & Boys)

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	No Teams	NOTES	
AAA 1 At-Large 10 Teams	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	5 v. 6		Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)	
		AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (11) v. 4	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host	
	Region 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	7 & 10		
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8					
	Region 3		9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1			
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11		8 v. 11	11 v. 8			
	AA 1 At-Large 10 Teams	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	5 v. 6		Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
			AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (11) v. 4	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
		Region 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	7 & 10	
			1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
Region 3			9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1			
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11		8 v. 11	11 v. 8			
A 1 At-Large 12 Teams		Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
			AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
		Region 2	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3		*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
			2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1			
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8			
	B 1 At-Large 12 Teams	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
			AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
		Region 2	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3		*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
			2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2		
Region 3		1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1			
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8			
C 1 At-Large 12 Teams		Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
			3 v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	4 v. 3	AL (8) v. 4	3 v. 4	AL (10) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
		Region 2	AL (5) v. 2	2 v. 3	AL (7) v. 2	3 v. 2	AL (9) v. 2	2 v. 3		
			7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7		
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1			
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8			
	D 2 At-Large 10 Teams	Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
			3 v. 4	AL (3) v. 4	4 v. 3	AL (7) v. 4	3 v. 4	AL (1) v. 4		Denotes Regional Final Host
		Region 2	AL (1) v. 2	2 v. 3	AL (5) v. 2	3 v. 2	AL (10) v. 2	2 v. 3		
			7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7		
Region 3		1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1			
		At (2) v. 11	At (4) v. 11	At (6) v. 11	At (9) v. 11	At (11) v. 11	At (2) v. 11	8	*Match up concern	

Ice Hockey (Boys)

Division I

1 At-Large
8 Teams

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	No Teams
Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	
WEST	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	
Region 2	2 v. 10	10 v. 2	2 v. 10	10 v. 2	2 v. 10	10 v. 2	
EAST	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	7
Region 3							
							8 & 11

NOTES

Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)

Division II

1 At-Large
8 Teams

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Region 1	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	
WEST	AL (1) v. 3	AL (2) v. 3	AL (3) v. 3	AL (4) v. 3	AL (5) v. 3	AL (6) v. 3	4
Region 2	2 v. 1	1 v. 2	2 v. 1	1 v. 2	2 v. 1	1 v. 2	
EAST	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10	10 v. 7	
Region 3							9
							8 & 11

Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)

*Match up concern

3 Region Template Example

9 Sections 1 At-Large No 7/10 10 Team Bracket Ex. AAA & AA	Region 1	2 Straight		2 Straight		Automatic Path	4	Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)	
		5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5				5 v. 6
		AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (11) v. 4	AL (1) v. 4	4	Denotes Regional Final Host
	Region 2	2 Straight (2 team region)				2 Straight (2 team region)		Automatic Path	4
		2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	2 v. 3	3 v. 2		
		1 v. 9			11 v. 8				
	Region 3	2 Straight						Automatic Path	3
			9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1		
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11		8 v. 11	11 v. 8		

11 Sections 1 At-Large 12 Team Bracket Ex. A & B	Region 1	Automatic Path						2	Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
		5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		
		AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4	2	Denotes Regional Final Host
	Region 2	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	2	*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
		2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2	
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	2	
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	2	

9 Sections No 8/11 10 Team Bracket Ex. C & D	Region 1	2 Straight		2 Straight		Automatic Path	4	Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)	
		5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5				5 v. 6
		3 v. 4	4 v. 3	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	4	Denotes Regional Final Host
	Region 2	2 Straight						Automatic Path	3
			AL (4) v. 2	AL (5) v. 2	AL (6) v. 2	AL (7) v. 2	AL (9) v. 2		
		7 v. 10	10 v. 7	7 v. 10		7 v. 10	10 v. 7		
	Region 3	2 Straight (2 team region)				2 Straight (2 team region)		Automatic Path	4
		1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1		
		AL (3) v. 2			10 v. 7				

9 Sections No 1/8 10 Team Bracket Ex. D Baseball	Region 1	Automatic Path						4	Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
		5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	5 v. 6		
		3 v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	4 v. 3	AL (9) v. 4	3 v. 4	AL (11) v. 4	4	Denotes Regional Final Host
	Region 2		2 v. 3	AL (7) v. 2	3 v. 2	AL (10) v. 2	2 v. 3	3	
		7 v. 10	7 v. 10	10 v. 7		7 v. 10	7 v. 10	3	
	Region 3	9 v. 11	11 v. 9	9 v. 11	11 v. 9	9 v. 11	11 v. 9	4	
		AL (5) v. 2			10 v. 7				

10 Sections No 7 10 Team Bracket Ex. C/D Boys LAX	Region 1	Automatic Path						4	Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)
		5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	5 v. 6		
		3 v. 4	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	4 v. 3	3 v. 4	3 v. 4	4	Denotes Regional Final Host
	Region 2		2 v. 3	AL (7) v. 2	3 v. 2	AL (10) v. 2	2 v. 3	3	
		7 v. 10	7 v. 10	10 v. 7		7 v. 10	7 v. 10	3	
	Region 3		1 v. 9	9 v. 1	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	1 v. 9	3	
		8 v. 11	8 v. 11	11 v. 8		8 v. 11	8 v. 11	3	

11 Sections 1 At-Large Ex. A/B Soc, VB, BB	Region 1	Automatic Path						2	Denotes Regional Final
		5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	5 v. 6	6 v. 5		
		AL (5) v. 4	AL (6) v. 4	AL (7) v. 4	AL (8) v. 4	AL (9) v. 4	AL (10) v. 4	2	Denotes Regional Final Host
	Region 2	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	3 v. 10	10 v. 3	2	*Region 2 match ups non-traditional
		2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2 v. 7	7 v. 2	2	
	Region 3	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	1 v. 9	9 v. 1	2	
		8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	8 v. 11	11 v. 8	2	

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Representation Rule – Mixed Competition

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Pat Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to add the following language (**BOLD**) to the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule:

*(D) Representation Rule: “NOTE: For individual, individual/ team sports, when a school district does not have a team designated for each singular gender, the Section Executive Director may grant a waiver of the Representation Standard for Sectional Competition when a student has met the qualification for participation in the current school year's NYSPHSAA Championship event. The waiver request must be submitted to the Section Executive Director before the start of Sectional Competition (**team and individual events are treated as separate post-season competitions for the purpose of this aspect of the Representation Rule**). The athlete must meet all eligibility standards, to receive the waiver.”*

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

Currently, when girls participate via mixed competition they are required to decide if they will participate in the boys post season or the girls post season. When the sport offers a “team” and an “individual” championship, the girls often miss the team event to participate in the individual event. This revision will afford the girls the opportunity to participate as a member of the boys team they have played with during the regular season as well as the individual girls championship.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Appeal

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

HANDBOOK - Oversight Committee

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Pat Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to revise the following language (**BOLD**) for the NYSPHSAA Oversight Committee:

*NYSPHSAA President will appoint ~~five~~ **six** representatives from the ~~five~~ **six** classifications at the beginning of the two-year term of the presidency, along with a ~~sixth~~ **seventh** member from a nonpublic/ charter school.*

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

Since adding a sixth classification, the Oversight Committee structure needs to be revised.

The NYSPHSAA Handbook states:

“An Oversight committee shall review the classification placement of non-public and charter schools and have the ability to remand the item back to the Section for rationale and further review. The Oversight Committee shall not have the ability to place non-public and charter schools in a classification.”

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA staff

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Football: Classification Cut-Off Numbers

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Gary VanDerzee, NYSPHSAA Football Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is recommending the following change to the classification cut-off numbers.

Class AA	1025 and Up	58 schools
Class A	1024 – 651	87 schools
Class B	650 – 402	87 schools
Class C	401 - 273	86 schools
Class D	272 – down	59 schools

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025

Rationale:

This proposal keeps the Class AA and Class D consistent with the philosophy of not getting too wide of a margin in the top and bottom classifications and equally dividing the middle classifications. There is a relative small increase in the class D number to ensure that the Class D stays larger than the number of 8 man football teams.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Implement 15-Point Tie-Breaker in Deciding Set at State Tournament

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Peggy Seese, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator
Karla Prince, Section Girls Volleyball Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Committee is seeking approval to implement a 15-point deciding set tie-breaker when teams split 1-1 in the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Championship pool play and semifinals. This tie-breaker would determine the winner of that match up. Win/loss records would now be determined by overall match ups instead of overall win/loss or individual sets.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

This proposal aims to reasonably align the pool play format with the current NCAA practices established in the regular season and postseason leading up to the NYSPHSAA State Championship Semifinals. The tie-procedures have not been updated since the inception in 1996. The committee feels this is a good compromise between bracket play and pool play, and better reflects how tournaments are run in 2024.

Current System and Issues:

The current pool-play structure utilizes a single set to 25 points tiebreaker among teams with the same win/loss record upon completion of pool play. This raises concerns:

- **Incomplete Matches:** A single set may not accurately represent a team's overall performance.
- **Disruption of Flow:** By implementing a deciding set in pool play, we can ensure each matchup concludes with a clear winner, mirroring the best-of-three format that fosters a truly competitive and definitive outcome, just like every match in the regular season.
- **NYSPHSAA Handbook:** The existing handbook supports tie-breaker deciding sets. Page 93 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook reads, "A tournament is 4 or more teams that participate in a pool play and bracket format is not a match. A bracket can consist of best 2 out of 3 or single set rounds. Scoring options are starting at 0-0 or 4-4 going until 25 points or a cap. The total number of tournament games played in one day shall not exceed fifteen (15) games. An additional 15-point game is permitted only to break ties in pool play to advance to finals as per tie breaking procedures."

Proposed Solution:

This proposal recommends adopting a 15-point deciding set as a tiebreaker for split matches (1-1) in pool play. You will then have a winner of that match up. This aligns with the following justifications:

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- **Consistency with Regular Season:** Volleyball matches throughout the regular season follow a best-of-five format, ensuring a definitive winner. This proposal extends a similar and reasonable structure to the NYSPHSAA Championship Weekend.
- **Preserving Flow and Momentum:** A 15-point set maintains the competitive intensity and momentum present in a standard set while offering a clear path to determine a winner within a reasonable timeframe.
- **Fairness and Representation:** A best-of-three format provides a more comprehensive picture of a team's abilities, minimizing the impact of chance occurrences in a single set.

Potential Concerns:

- **Extension of Time:** The committee has approved a 3-day tournament format, so the pool-play waves will no longer take place on the same day, allowing for the occasional 3 set match to align with the integrity of our current NCAA practices throughout the regular season and postseason.
- **Number of Sets:** The maximum number of sets allowed in 1 day established in the NYSPHSAA Handbook is 15. This proposal will not exceed a maximum of 9 sets per team.

Adopting a 15-point deciding set for tiebreakers in pool play fosters a more consistent, fair, and representative competition that reasonably aligns with the current practices of NCAA, our governing body. This change will elevate the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Championship experience for players, coaches, and spectators alike by ensuring the top two teams compete in the championship match.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee on April 24, 2024.

Budgetary Impact:

With the addition of a tie-breaker game there could potentially be one for every single match which is 36 total. There have been very few tie-breakers over the years. If there were tie-breakers for every single game, then it would result in 2 hours of additional facility rental costs (\$500) and officials game fees totaling approximately \$2,628.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

Voted 9-0 to support this proposal.

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HANDBOOK – Game Day Cheerleading

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Jennifer Simmons, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading State Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval to include Game Day Cheerleading Rules and Regulations in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025

Rationale:

NFHS does not have a rules book for Game Day Cheerleading. The rules and guidelines NYSPHSAA has been following are from UCs Organization. UCA changes its rules throughout the year and it is difficult to maintain, nor change rules mid-stream. Additionally, all of the changes do not fit within the spirit of what NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee is looking to do. As a new Competition, the Committee and NYSPHSAA Staff thought it best to produce our own.

Proposal Originated:

June Cheerleading Committee meeting

Budgetary Impact:

Budgetary Impact

Notes:

Committee will finalize the handbook and submit it to the Executive Committee for approval.

Attachments:

Sample documents to be included

**NEW YORK STATE CHEERLEADING
GAME DAY/ CROWD LEADING SCORE SHEET**



TEAM NAME: _____
 DIVISION: _____ JUDGE 1 &
 2 _____

SITUATIONAL SIDELINE (20)		POINTS	SCORE
Game Day Situation <i>Proper use of material and skills relative to a Game Day environment</i>		5	
Crowd Effectiveness <i>Voice, Pace, Flow, Maximum Crowd Coverage Ability to elicit a crowd response</i>		5	
Motion Technique & Crowd Leading Tools <i>Technique, Sharpness and placement of motions Proper use of signs, poms, megaphones and flags</i>		5	
Execution of Stunt/Tumbling relevant to a Game Day environment <i>Clean and crowd effective stunts/tumbling Technique, stability, synchronization and spacing</i>		5	
CROWD LEADING (20)		POINTS	SCORE
Game Day Material <i>Proper use of material and skills relative to a Game Day environment</i>		5	
Crowd Effectiveness <i>Voice, Pace, Flow, Maximum Crowd Coverage Ability to elicit a crowd response</i>		5	
Motion Technique & Crowd Leading Tools <i>Technique, Sharpness and placement of motions Proper use of signs, poms, megaphones and flags</i>		5	
Execution of Stunt/Tumbling relevant to a Game Day environment <i>Clean and crowd effective stunts/tumbling Technique, stability, synchronization and spacing</i>		5	
OVERALL IMPRESSION (10)			
Leadership to engage and connect with the crowd <i>Genuine School Spirit and Energy Transitions between Game Day Components (minimal and clean)</i>		10	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS		50	

**NEW YORK STATE CHEERLEADING
GAME DAY/ BAND CHANT/ FIGHT SONG SCORE SHEET**



TEAM NAME: _____
 DIVISION: _____ JUDGE 3 & 4 _____

BAND CHANT (20)		
	POINTS	SCORE
Game Day Visual Appeal <i>Crowd Coverage, formation, synchronization and spacing</i>	5	
Material Relevant to Game Day Environment <i>Was crowd encouraged to participate?</i>	5	
Motion Technique <i>Technique, Sharpness and placement of motions</i>	5	
Crowd Leading Tools <i>Proper use of signs, poms, megaphones and flags</i>	5	
FIGHT SONG (20)		
	POINTS	SCORE
Game Day Visual Appeal <i>Crowd Coverage, formation, synchronization and spacing</i>	5	
Effectiveness of Incorporation (Stunts/Tumbling) <i>Stunts and tumbling relevant to a game day environment Clean and crowd effective stunts and tumbling</i>	5	
Motion Technique & Crowd Leading Tools <i>Technique, Sharpness and placement of motions Proper use of signs, poms, megaphones and flags</i>	5	
Execution of Skills Relevant of Game Day Environment <i>Technique, Stability, Synchronization and Spacing</i>	5	
OVERALL IMPRESSION (10)		
<i>Leadership to engage and connect with the crowd Genuine School Spirit and Energy Transitions between Game Day Components (minimal and clean)</i>	10	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS		
	50	



NYSPHSAA Game Day - Safety Deductions & Violations Score Sheet

Team: _____ Division: _____ Judge: _____

Violations

Performance Errors (2.0) *Non-Choreographed NFHS violations (PE) – cited per occurrence*

Apparel, Jewelry, and Prop Violations (0.5) *NFHS violations involving apparel, jewelry, or props – cited per occurrence (AV, JV, PV)*

Choreographed Violations (3.0) *Violations that were intended to be performed in the routine – Cited once per rule (CV)*

Format Violations (1.0) *Game Day Format Violations – Cited once per occurrence (FV)*

Rule Citation	Category	# Of Violations	Deduction Value	Violations Total

Comments:

NYS Deductions

Overall Time	Time Deductions	Deduction Assessed	Time Deduction Total
	Overall 4-5 Sec Over (-1.0)		
	Overall 6+ Sec Over (-2.0)		

	Out of Bounds	Athlete Bobble	Building Bobble	Athlete Fall	Minor Building Fall	Major Building Fall	Pyramid Collapse
<i># Of Infractions</i>							
<i>Value</i>	x 0.5	x 0.25	x 0.25	x 0.5	x 1.0	x 2.0	x 3.0
<i>Sub-Total</i>							

Grand Total

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Proposed NYS Deductions 2023 - 2025

Both Competitive and Game Day

Timing - Timing will begin with the first movement, voice or note of the music, whichever comes first. Teams may start in a load position or choreographed position before timing begins. The timing will end when the music ends or the team is done chanting. If teams end in stunts, the timing stops but can still receive applicable deductions. Judges will not issue a deduction until 2:34 for the full routine and less than 29 seconds for the cheer.

- Cheer Minimum (-5.0)
- Overall Routine 4 - 5 seconds over (-1.0)
- Overall Routine 6 seconds or more over (-2.0)
- Game Day timing will not include the team spiring, rallying, jumping, kicking, or tumbling prior to the start of the routine. Game Day Routine timing will end with the last synchronized voice or note of music. This would include call backs after the music has ended.

Performance Error (2.0) – NFHS rules violations that were not choreographed into the routine. Performance error skills are still counted toward difficulty and execution scoring. Cited per occurrence.

Apparel/Jewelry & Prop Violations (0.5) - Cited per occurrence

Choreographed Violations (3.0) – Any NFHS rule violation that was choreographed into the routine. Choreographed Violation skills do NOT count towards difficulty and execution scoring.

**If it is not clear whether it is a choreographed Violation or Performance error (such as when there is a single stunt group) then the official will err on the side of the athlete and give a performance error.*

Out of Bounds (0.5) – One entire hand, foot or body part is completely outside of the performance Surface. Assessed per occurrence.

Athlete Bobble (0.25)

- Landing on hands during tumbling or jumps.
- Tumbling in/out of a stunt transition

Building Bobble (0.25)

- Stunts, tosses, or pyramids that almost drop or fall.
- Excessive movement of the bases.
- Dropping from below prep level skill.
- Dropping from an extended or prep level skill where at least one foot of support is at/above prep level.
- Dropping from an extended/prep level to a level where at least one foot of support is below prep level.
- Top person incorrectly becomes weight bearing on the bracer(s) of a pyramid/middle layer or base(s) of a stunt.



- Foot/feet/hand/hands coming in contact with performance surface during a cradle/prone.
- Dropping of a body position.

Athlete Fall (0.5)

- Landing on head, shoulders, back or other compromising positions during tumbling or jumps
- Drops from airborne tumbling skills to knees

Pyramid Collapse (3.0)

- Building bobbles and falls will be used until a single pyramid has received 3.0 in deductions. Once the pyramid has received 3.0 or more points in deductions, the Pyramid Fall deduction will be used.
- When multiple pyramids are built at the same time, each pyramid will be treated separately.
- If additional deductions are a result of the initial fall/falls, only 1 Pyramid Fall will be issued for that pyramid.
- Once a pyramid is rebuilt and shows stability, additional deductions can be given.

Minor Building Fall (1.0)

Stunt/Pyramid skills that almost fall or drop but are saved include:

- Lowering/Dropping from prep, extended or level in between to a load in, cradle, prone or flat back position.
- Top person incorrectly becomes weight bearing on a spotter.
- Base or spot landing on the performance surface anytime during a stunt, transition, or dismount.
- Dismounts - Incomplete twisting that lands in a prone (on stomach) position.

Major Building Fall (2.0)

Drops to the performance surface from a stunt, pyramid or toss by the top person a base or spotter or more than 1 base and/or spotter. Uncontrolled lowering or drops to a compromising position not listed under building fall. Major Building Fall will include:

Stunts

- Lowering of a falling top person to the performance surface.
- Dropping from a skill and support is below prep level (both feet in a 2-foot stunt or the foot of support in a 1-foot stunt)
- Initiating a skill but never establishing contact.
- Dropping to a load in, cradle, prone/flatback position or compromising positions with the top's head going toward the performing surface.
- Multiple bases/spotters or a base/spot and top landing on the performance surface.

Dismounts/Tosses

- Dismounts that land in upright (feet down) or inverted (head down) position.
- Tosses that land in prone (on stomach), upright (feet down) or inverted (head down) position.

Pyramid

- Lowering of a falling top person back to the performance surface.
- Middle layer falling prior to loading the top person.

Game Day Format Violations (1.0 per occurrence)

- Skills that do not meet the additional skill restrictions for a Game Day Performance:
 - Tosses (basket, sponge or elevator) are NOT allowed.
 - Inversions are NOT allowed.
 - Twisting Released Dismounts are NOT allowed.
 - Single leg stunts are limited to liberties and liberty hitches.
 - Running Tumbling is NOT allowed.
 - Standing Tumbling is allowed. Connected tumbling skills are NOT allowed and a back tuck is the most elite tumbling skill allowed. Examples: Standing full is not allowed. Rippled Single Back Handsprings would be allowed. Jump tumble (single skill) would be allowed.
 - Tumbling during the Band Chant.
- The performance will follow this order: Band Chant, Situational Sideline, Cheer, followed by the Fight Song.
- Exceeding 3 consecutive 8-counts of incorporation during the fight song (High School and Below)
 - Building Skills that are stationary prior to the end of the 3rd 8-count may remain stationary until the end of the routine.
 - Dismounts following the completion of the routine will not be included for timing purposes.
- Stunting outside the allotted restrictions (before a routine begins and in between sections)
- Incorrect Situational Sideline response including calling a general sideline.

GAME DAY GUIDELINES

1. The Game Day Championship showcases what traditional cheerleading is all about – leading the crowd! Teams will be evaluated on their ability to lead the crowd, proper game day skill incorporations / performance, motion/dance and overall routine.
 2. The performance will follow this order: Band Dance, situational sideline into Cheer, Fight Song. Collectively the sideline and cheer section will be defined as the Crowd Leading portion of the routine.
 3. The use of crowd leading tools such as signs, poms, flags and/or megaphones is encouraged.
 4. The incorporation of skills (Stunts and tumbling are allowed in the fight song, sideline and cheer) Stunts and Tumbling are not allowed in the band dance.
 5. The Band Dance should have an emphasis on crowd appeal and practicality – No stunts or tumbling permitted however jumps and kicks will be allowed.
 6. Following completion of the band dance, the announcer will give squads a game scenario indicating an offense or defense situation. Teams should show their definitive understanding of the situation with an offense or defense crowd-leading response, which transitions the squad into the crowd leading portion.
 7. Each section should have a beginning and end. Note: Spirited crowd leading interaction between each section is encouraged to continue the game day feel.
 8. Traditional game day uniform is required.
 9. Total Time is limited to 3 minutes.
 10. Additional Skill Restrictions • No Tosses (basket, sponge or elevator) are allowed. • No Inversions are allowed. • No Twisting Dismounts are allowed. • Single leg stunts are limited to liberties and liberty hitches. • No Running Tumbling is allowed. • Standing Tumbling is limited to one tumbling skill and a back tuck is the most elite tumbling skill allowed.
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Game Day Rules & Regulations 2023-2024

<https://www.varsity.com/uca/school/competitions/game-day/>

The format for GAME DAY Cheer (as adopted from UCA/Varsity) is inspired by what teams do at home and is similar to camp with the addition of Fight Song as a fourth element. Teams are permitted, but not required, to use camp material to demonstrate the game day environment at their school. With all four elements combined, the Game Day performance cannot exceed a 3 minute time limit. All skill restrictions below will be enforced. Check out the Game Day Competition – Video Tips <https://www.varsity.com/uca/school/competitions/game-day/> for more information.

BAND CHANT: The Band Chant will be consistent with the summer camp format. Teams should demonstrate spirit and enthusiasm while entering the performance floor and before the music begins. A cue will **not** be given to start the Band Chant. Once the music begins, the teams cannot incorporate any skills other than kicks and jumps, just like summer camp. Squads should utilize spirit raising props and focus on creative movements such as level changes or ripples, execution of the material and encouraging the crowd to participate.

SITUATIONAL SIDELINE: Following the Band Chant, the announcer will provide a cue for offense or defense. Teams should wait until the announcer finishes the cue and show the proper response to the game day situation. **Starting this year, teams will not pick which situational sideline they will perform. An offense or defense cue will be given at random. Each competition will use the same cues throughout the season.** Squads should focus on crowd effectiveness, motion technique and skills relevant to a game day environment. NOTE: It is a **requirement** to incorporate skills into the Sideline (stunts and/or tumbling, if the division allows). Please review skill restrictions below.

CROWD LEADING: Following the Sideline, teams must return to the performance surface and show a clear separation between elements. Teams can show spirited interaction as a clear transition into the Crowd Leading material but are not allowed to stunt. Crowd Leading can include a cheer reflective of a timeout, general sideline / spell-out or other cheer material with minimal words, inciting a response and encouraging a crowd to yell along. Teams are required to incorporate spirit props and practical skills (stunts and/or tumbling, if the division allows).

FIGHT SONG: The final element should reflect your school's traditional Fight Song. Teams should incorporate crowd effective skills (stunts and/or tumbling, if the division allows) and can include spirit raising props to enhance the overall effect. Fight Song incorporation is limited to three (3) consecutive 8-counts of stunts and/or tumbling. Counting will begin with the initiation of a skill and continue until either the incorporation is complete or the end of the 3rd 8-count. (If the Fight Song repeats, the incorporation will only be permitted both times if the skills are repeated exactly the same.) For teams that do not have an official Fight Song, it is recommended to use a second selection of band chant music. Music guidelines are available at [varsity.com/music](https://www.varsity.com/music).



REGIONAL OFFICE OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS
LEAGUE CONTACT BY SPORT/COUNTY

OCIAA	OCIAA	MHAL	MHAL
ORANGE	SULLIVAN	ULSTER	DUTCHESS



FALL

Cheerleading	Heather	Heather	Heather	Heather
Cross Country	Dan	Dan	Dan	Dan
Field Hockey	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug
Football	Dan	Dan	Dan	Dan
Soccer	Patrick	Dan*	Doug	Doug
	Doug*	Patrick*		
Swimming/Girls	Heather	Heather	Heather	Heather
Tennis/Girls	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug
Volleyball	Patrick	Patrick	Patrick	Patrick

*** Boys Soccer**

Patrick - Boys ONLY - Monticello
Dan - all other Sullivan
Doug - B/G Beacon & Kingston

WINTER

Alpine Skiing	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug
Basketball	Patrick	Dan	Doug	Doug
	Doug*			
Bowling	Dan	Dan	Dan	Dan
Cheerleading	Heather	Heather	Heather	Heather
Gymnastics	Heather	Heather	Heather	Heather
Indoor Track	Dan	Dan	Dan	Dan
Nordic Skiing	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug
Swimming/Boys	Heather	Heather	Heather	Heather
Wrestling	Chris/Pat	Chris/Pat	Chris/Pat	Chris/Pat

*** B/G Basketball**

Doug - Kingston

SPRING

			Dan*	
Baseball	Heather	Dan	Doug*	Dan
Flag Football/Girls	Dan	Dan	Dan	Dan
Golf/Boys	Doug	Doug	Doug (FALL)	Doug (FALL)
Golf/Girls	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug
Lacrosse/Boys	Patrick	Patrick	Patrick	Patrick
Lacrosse/Girls	Patrick	Patrick	Patrick	Patrick
Outdoor Track	Dan	Dan	Dan	Dan
Softball	Heather	Dan	Doug	Dan
	Doug*			
Tennis/Boys	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug
Unified Basketball	Patrick	n/a	Doug	Doug

*** Ulster County Baseball**

Doug - six (6) schools: Ellenville, Kingston, Onteora, Rondout, Saugerties, Walkkill
Dan - three (3) schools: Highland, New Paltz, Marlboro

*** Softball**

Doug - Kingston

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ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2024-2025 CALENDAR – UPDATED 06/30/24

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY/EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
TBA	5:00 PM	Football Rules Interp. Meeting (Varsity/JV/Freshmen)	Middletown H.S. Capstone Room
19 Aug (Mon)		Football may start (Varsity/JV/Freshmen)	
20 Aug (Tue)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
26 Aug (Mon)		All Other Sports may start (Varsity/JV/Freshmen)	
19-23 Aug		Fall Sports Rules Interp. Meeting (Varsity/JV/Mod)	Virtual
2 Sept (Mon)		Holiday (Labor Day) - Office closed	
4 Sept (Wed)		First Day - Modified Fall Sports may start if school is open	
TBA Sept	6:00 PM	Modified Football Rules Meeting	Middletown H.S. Capstone Room
9 Sept (Mon)	8:30 AM	NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop	Otterkill Golf Club
17 Sept (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
2-4 Oct. (Sunset to Sunset) (Wed-Fri)		Holiday (Rosh Hashanah) – No league scheduled games	
3 Oct (Thurs)		Holiday (Rosh Hashanah) – Office Closed	
9 Oct (Wed)	9:00 AM	Executive Committee Meeting	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
11-12 Oct. (Sunset to Sunset) (Fri-Sat)		Holiday (Yom Kippur) – No league scheduled games	
14 Oct (Mon)		Holiday (Columbus Day) - Office closed	
15 Oct (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
6 Nov (Wed)		Wrestling Rules Interp. Meeting	Virtual
11 Nov (Mon)		Holiday (Veterans Day) – Office closed	
12-15 Nov		Winter Rules Interpretation Meeting (Varsity/ JV/Mod)	Virtual
12 Nov (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
18 Nov (Mon)		Winter Sports may start (Varsity/ JV)	
25 Nov (Mon)		Modified Winter Sports may start	
27-29 Nov (Wed-Fri)		Thanksgiving Holiday – Office closed	
10 Dec (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
11 Dec (Wed)	9:00 AM	Executive Committee Meeting	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
23 Dec- 5 Jan		Winter Recess	
14 Jan (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
20 Jan (Mon)		Holiday (Martin Luther King Day) – Office closed	
21-24 Jan (Tue-Fri)		Regents Week	
29 Jan (Wed)		Lunar New Year – Office Closed	
11 Feb (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
14-17 Feb (Mon)		President’s Day – Office Closed	
5 Mar (Wed)	9:00 AM	Executive Committee Meeting	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
10-14 Mar		Spring Rules Interpretation Meeting (Var/JV/Modified)	Virtual
17 Mar (Mon)		Spring Sports may start (Varsity/JV)	
18 Mar (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
24 Mar (Mon)		Modified Spring Sports may start	
14-21 April		Spring Recess	
22 Apr (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
20 May (Tues)	-----	School Budget Vote Day	
22 May (Thurs)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
26 May (Mon)		Holiday (Memorial Day) – Office closed	
28 May (Wed)	9:00 AM	Executive Committee Meeting	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
5 June (Thurs)	9:00 AM	OCIAA Scholar Athlete Breakfast	TBA
17 June (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
17-27 June		Regents Exams	
SECTION IX MEETING DATES			Section IX Start Dates – High School
Thurs. Sept. 5, 2024	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken – 9:30 AM		Football - Mon., Aug. 19, 2024
Mon. Sept. 9, 2024	Otterkill Golf Club (NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop) – 8:30 AM		Other Fall Sports – Mon., Aug. 26, 2024
Tues. Oct. 8, 2024	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken – 9:30 AM		All Winter Sports - Mon., Nov. 18, 2024
Thurs. Nov. 7, 2024	Zoom Meeting – 9:30 AM		All Spring Sports - Mon, March 17, 2025
Tues. Jan. 7, 2025	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken – 9:30 AM		
Tues. March 11, 2025	Zoom Meeting – 9:30 AM		Section IX Start Dates – Modified
Tues. April 8, 2025	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken – 9:30 AM		All Fall Sports – Sept. 4 or 1 st day school
Tues. May 13, 2025	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken – 9:30 AM		All Winter Sports - Mon., Nov. 25, 2024
Tues. June 10, 2025	TBA (In-person)		All Spring Sports - Mon, March 24, 2025
NYSPHSAA Meetings:	SAT Test Dates	ACT Test Dates	PSAT Test Dates
Oct. 24, 2024	October 5, 2024	Sept 7, 2024	Oct. 9, 2024
Feb. 5, 2025	November 2, 2024	Oct 26, 2024	Oct. 23, 2024
May 7, 2025	December 7, 2024	Dec 7, 2024	
July 29-30, 2025	March 8, 2025	Feb 8, 2025	AP Exams
	May 3, 2025	April 12, 2025	April 28 – May 2, 2024
	June 7, 2025	June 7, 2025	May 5 – 9, 2024



Meeting Dates 2024 - 2025



MHAL	MHAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	OCIAA	OCIAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	SECTION IX
<p>August 21, 2024 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES</p> <p>September 18, 2024 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES</p> <p>October 16, 2024 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES</p> <p>November 13, 2024 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES</p> <p>December 11, 2024 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES</p> <p>January 15, 2025 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES</p> <p>February 12, 2025 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES</p> <p>March 19, 2025 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES</p> <p>April 23, 2025 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES</p> <p>May 21, 2025 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES</p> <p>June 18, 2025 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES</p>	<p>October 16, 2024 11:00 am Dutchess BOCES</p> <p>January 15, 2025 11:00 am Dutchess BOCES</p> <p>May 23, 2025 11:00 am Dutchess BOCES</p>	<p>August 20, 2024 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>September 17, 2024 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>October 15, 2024 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>November 12, 2024 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>December 10, 2024 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>January 14, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>February 11, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>March 18, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>April 22, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>May 22, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>June 17, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p>	<p>October 9, 2024 9:00 am Zoom Meeting</p> <p>December 11, 2024 9:00 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>March 5, 2025 9:00 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>May 28, 2025 9:00 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p>	<p>September 5, 2024 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>September 9, 2024 NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop 8:30 Otterkill Golf Club</p> <p>October 8, 2024 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>November 7, 2024 9:30 am Zoom Meeting</p> <p>January 7, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>March 11, 2025 9:30 am Zoom Meeting</p> <p>April 8, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>May 13, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES</p> <p>June 10, 2025 8:00 am TBA In-Person</p>



2024-2025



Fall Scrimmage / Game Chart

High School Fall Practice (Except Football*) Starts: August 26, 2024

*HS Football Starts – Saturday, August 19, 2024

Modified Fall Practice Starts: First Day of School (Sept. 4th)

Sport	Practices for Scrimmage / Game	HS Maximum Contests	1 st Possible HS Game/ Scrim.	Modified Maximum Contests	1 st Possible Modified Game/Scrim
Cross Country	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	9/2/2024	10	9/11/2024
Field Hockey	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	9/2/2024	12	9/11/2024
Football	Team 10; Ind. 10	10	8/30/2024	7	9/16/2024
Soccer	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	9/2/2024	12	9/11/2024
Game Day Cheerleading	Team 6; Ind. 6	12	9/2/2024	12	9/11/2024
Swimming	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	9/2/2024	14	N/A
Tennis	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	9/2/2024	14	N/A
Volleyball	Team 6; Ind. 6	20	9/2/2024	14	9/11/2024

Winter Scrimmage / Game Chart

High School Winter Practice Starts: November 18th, 2024/ Modified Winter Practice Starts: November 25, 2024

Sport	Practices for Scrimmage / Game	HS Maximum Contests	1 st Possible HS Game/ Scrim.	Modified Maximum Contests	1 st Possible Modified Game/Scrim
Basketball	Team 6; Ind. 6	20	11/25/2024	14	12/2/2024
Competition Cheerleading	Team 6; Ind. 6	12	11/25/2024	12	12/2/2024
Gymnastics	Team 10; Ind. 10	16	11/29/2024	10	N/A
Indoor Track	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	11/25/2024	10	N/A
Skiing	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	11/25/2024	12	N/A
Swimming	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	11/25/2024	14	N/A
Wrestling	Team 10; Ind. 10	20 points	11/29/2024	14pts.	12/6/2024

Spring Scrimmage / Game Chart

High School Spring Practice Starts: March 17th, 2025 / Modified Spring Practice Starts: March 24, 2025

Sport	Practices for Scrimmage / Game	HS Maximum Contests	1 st Possible HS Game/ Scrim.	Modified Maximum Contests	1 st Possible Modified Game/Scrim
Baseball	Team 10; Ind. 10	20	3/28/2025	14	4/4/2025
Baseball Battery	Team 10; Ind. 10				
Golf	Training	16	3/24/2025*	14	N/A
Lacrosse	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	3/24/2025	12	3/31/2025
Softball	Team 6; Ind. 6	20	3/24/2025	14	3/31/2025
Tennis	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	3/24/2025	14	N/A
Flag Football	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	3/24/2025	12	N/A
Outdoor Track	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	3/24/2025	10	3/31/2025

*Golf - Assuming one week of Practices. NYSPHSAA Handbook states merely that practice sessions should precede first match./

**OCIAA and MHAL
MAXIMUM CONTESTS**

<u>HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS</u>	<u>LEAGUE MAXIMUM VARSITY/JV/FROSH)</u>
Baseball	20
Basketball (Boys / Girls)	20
Bowling	20
Cross Country (Boys /Girls)	16
Field Hockey	16
Football	10
Golf (Boys / Girls)	16
Gymnastics	16
Ice Hockey	20
Lacrosse (Boys / Girls)	16
Skiing (Boys / Girls)	16
Soccer (Boys / Girls)	16
Softball	20
Swim (Boys / Girls)	16
Tennis (Boys / Girls)	16
Track (Boys / Girls)	16
Indoor Track (Boys / Girls)	16
Volleyball	20
Wrestling	20 points

- ❖ Varsity Scrimmages - Schools should follow the most current edition of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Handbook.
- ❖ JV/Freshmen Scrimmages – OCIAA Schools are allowed two (2) scrimmages per team.

<u>MODIFIED SPORTS</u>	<u>MAXIMUM CONTESTS</u>
Baseball	14
Basketball (Boys)	14
Basketball (Girls)	14
Cross Country (Boys)	10
Cross Country (Girls)	10
Football (Modified A)	7
Football (Modified B)	7
Lacrosse (Boys)	12
Lacrosse (Girls)	12
Soccer (Boys)	12
Soccer (Girls)	12
Softball	14
Track (Boys)	10
Track (Girls)	10
Volleyball	14
Wrestling	14 points



FALL COACHING COURSES 2024

Please email Amanda Zampini at CoachingCourses9@gmail.com to receive registration information and online course materials. This is a blended learning format. All coaches are required to come in for the in person skills component of the course.

Location:

53 Gibson Road, Goshen
Carl Onken Conference Center Room
BEHIND CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
BACK OF PARKING LOT NEXT TO O&M

Course Dates

September 9
September 23
October 7
November 4
November 13



Section IX Athletics

Greg Ransom, Executive Director

Spectator Code of Conduct

Section IX Athletics recognizes the importance of behavior and personal character in our student athletes. As such, we ask our spectators to:

1. Demonstrate a high degree of sportsmanship.
2. Show team support by making only positive comments.
3. Show respect for the judgment of coaches, officials, and referees.
4. Acknowledge fields, courts and equipment as the player's domain during contests.
5. Monitor the safety of children in the bleachers and stands.
6. Respect the law. All public schools and Section IX venues are smoke-free, substance free environment.
7. Athletic contests home, away or at a neutral site are an extension of the classroom. Therefore, all school rules are in effect.
8. Spectators will respect and obey all school officials, supervisors and site personnel at contests.
9. There will be no ringing of bells, sounding of horns, or other noise makers at indoor contests.* Outdoor use will be at the discretion of the site personnel.

*This does not apply to spirit groups including school approved pep bands or cheerleaders.

10. The throwing of debris, confetti, or other objects from the stands is prohibited. Offending individuals will be asked to leave the premises.
11. Exceptions to this behavior will lead to ejection from the event.

Please note that individual schools may have more stringent policies.

Please see next page for NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Policy.

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Spectator Sportsmanship Policy

[NYSPHSAA Handbook Link:](https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_082123.pdf)

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2. Spectator Regulation: Any negative, inappropriate, derogatory comments or actions that draw the direct attention of a supervisor or school administrator by a spectator or group of spectators are required to be addressed by the host school, Sectional or NYSPHSAA representative in the following non-sequential order depending on the comments or behavior:

- First warning – Directing the spectator or group of spectators to refrain from any negative comments or actions.
- Second warning – A personal discussion with the spectators or group of spectators on the above NYSPHSAA expectations and reminding the spectators or group of spectators of the next step, removal of the game or event, will be utilized if the behavior continues.
- Removal from the contest – The spectator or group of spectators will be directed to leave the facility for the remainder of the game or event. If spectators or group of spectators refuse to leave the game or event, play will be stopped until they vacate the premise.

Penalty for being removed from a game or event:

Any spectator removed from a game or event **will have a minimum penalty of completing the NFHS Parent Credential course or a one game suspension before they are allowed to attend any interscholastic event.** Once the course is completed the spectator will provide a certificate of completion to the athletic department office. Schools are required to communicate with the offending spectator on the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Expectations.

• Depending on the severity of the behavior/comments or future disqualifications by the offending spectator NYSPHSAA and the Section may get directly involved in the situation. (May 2023)

NFHS Parent Credential Course Link: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/positive-sport-parenting>

SECTION IX

Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rule

Sportsmanship: The NYSPHSAA and Section IX recognizes and appreciates that the influence and responsibility of the school administration with regard to good sportsmanship extends to all levels of competition. However, it must also be seen that the NYSPHSAA AND Section IX has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all contests under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily. This standard applies to all regular season and post schedule play.

As of July 1, 2013, the Dignity for All Students Act (Dignity Act-Section 52.2, Part 80 and 57-4) is to provide all public-school students with an environment free from harassment, bullying (including cyber bullying) and discrimination, as well as to foster civility in public schools. The Dignity Act focuses on the prevention of discrimination behaviors, including harassment/bullying through the promotion of educational measures meant to positively impact school culture and climate, which includes the interscholastic programs.

Use of derogatory or racially explicit language; discriminatory harassment or bias conduct that creates a hostile environment that is disruptive to the educational environment. Spectators shall not be permitted to use vulgar/offensive or racially/culturally insensitive language or engage in any racially/culturally insensitive action. NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction, censure or place schools on probation that fail to address derogatory or inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being for those involved in interscholastic activities. (July 2023)

I. **Coach (There is no appeal to a coach ejection. The official's decision is final). (Please refer to the NYSPHSAA Handbook – Sportsmanship; Standard 28):**

1. Any coach excluded by a certified official from an interschool competition for unsportsmanlike conduct is ineligible to coach any interschool competition in that sport until after the next previously scheduled contest at the same level (e.g. junior varsity, varsity, etc.) has been completed. Disqualification from one season carries over to the next season of participation. **The coach may not be present at the game site** nor communicate in any manner during the contest with any person present at the site. **NOTE:** “Not being physically present at the site” means the disqualified coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game/meet.

Any coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the Sportsmanship Standard will be ineligible to participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests. If the coach continues to not serve the penalty, the matter will be referred to the Section for further action. If the coach is involved in the NYSPHSAA play-offs, the matter will be referred to the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA.

Any coach:

- A. Who receives a disqualification penalty in a sport shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest;
- B. Who receives a second disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests;
- C. Who receives a third disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season (regular season or post schedule play), the Section Athletic Council will assess the penalty carrying over into the next season of participation.

D. The Section IX Athletic Council will have the authority to extend the period of ineligibility in those cases where the actions of the individual that was disqualified from a contest or scrimmage are warranted. The period of ineligibility cannot exceed one year from the date of the disqualification.

2. A coach who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to another person (e.g. official, another coach, player, fan) shall be expelled immediately and banned from further participation or coaching in all sports for one year from the date of the offense.
3. The coach that was ejected will notify his/her Athletic Director of the incident on the same day that it occurred. The Athletic Director will then contact the League Coordinator as the coach(s) will not be allowed to participate in the school's next scheduled game/games as above.

II. Player Ejections: **(There is no appeal to a player ejection. The official's decision is final).**

1. Any member of a squad ruled out of a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct (flagrant foul, two technical fouls in basketball, two yellow cards, red card, inappropriate language or taunting, fighting, etc.), the following action is **required** by the NYSPHSAA Regulations detailed in Standard #28:
 - A. First Ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled contest **in that sport**. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled contest in his/her next season of participation. **NOTE:** In the sport of football, a player who is disqualified for “targeting” (by a certified official) may not participate in the next two halves. **(May 2022)**
 - B. Second Ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests **in that sport**. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests in his/her next season of participation.
 - C. Third Ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in any remaining scheduled contests for the remainder of that sports season – including sectional, regional and state contests. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next three scheduled contests in his/her next season of participation.
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Please note: Disqualifications from one season will carry over to the next season of participation.

2. Any member of the squad who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to an official shall be expelled from the game immediately and banned from further participation in all sports for one year from the date of the offense. **NOTE:** “Member of the squad” includes player, manager, scorekeeper, timers, and statisticians.
 - A. Communication Responsibilities regarding ejections: The coach of the player(s) who was/were ejected will notify his/her Athletic Administrator by 12 noon the following day. The Athletic Administrator must report the ejection to their respective League Coordinator by 12 noon the following day.

3. **Misidentified Player:** Disqualification of a player may only be challenged on the basis of misidentification. The misidentification must be established by clear and concise evidence. The school shall identify the offending player who will serve the prescribed penalty. **(Dec. 2010)**

III. Official:

1. Unprofessional conduct on the part of official such as, but not limited to, taunting, baiting, use of profanity, shall be reported by a school administrator from the aggrieved school to the Section Executive Director. A request will be made to the appropriate sport officials' chapter to investigate the incident and to report their action to the Section in a timely manner.
2. The official who ejected the player(s) or coach shall notify the League Coordinator prior to 12:00 Noon the following day of the name(s) of the player(s) or the coach and the infraction(s). The League Coordinator shall notify the Athletic Director of the offending school.

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Athletic Department
Registration Transfer Form
NYSPPHSAA Eligibility Review

*To be used by Guidance Offices for all Transfers & Forwarded to Athletic Director

DATE: _____ Student #: _____
Entering Grade: _____ MALE / FEMALE Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
NEW Address: _____

With whom do you currently reside within this District?: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Will you be enrolling in the General school population or are you enrolled or enrolling in a GED (General Education Diploma) Program? _____

Previous School Information

Previous School: _____

Sports Played in Previous School

Fall Sport Played:	Level: Varsity, JV or Modified
Winter Sport Played:	Level: Varsity, JV or Modified
Spring Sport Played:	Level: Varsity, JV or Modified

Previous Address: _____

With whom did you reside with at your previous address: _____

Are you an Amateur as defined by the NYSPPHSAA Handbook? _____



THUNDER & LIGHTNING POLICY:

Applied to regular season through NYSPHSAA Finals:

1. Thunder and lightning necessitates that contest be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion- thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning.

a. With your site administrator, set up a plan for shelter prior to the start of any contest.

2. When thunder is heard and /or lightning is seen or if lightning is detected within 15 miles of the event location by using the My Lightning Tracker App (Jan. 2024), the following procedures should be adhered to:

a. Suspend play and direct participants to go to shelter, a building normally occupied by the public or if a building is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g. bus, van, and car).

b. Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree; and have all stay away from poles, antennas, towers and underground watering systems.

c. After the last boom is heard, strike is seen or lightning has not been detected within 15 miles of the event by using the My Lightning Tracker App (Jan. 2024), wait 30 minutes before resuming play or competition.



Tornado Policy

- Tornado Watch-indicates tornados are possible. Event staff must continue to monitor the situation.
- Tornado Warning-Tornado siren sounds signaling tornado sighted or tornado indicated by radar

GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES

- If a tornado warning is initiated, immediate event delay shall be implemented, and all participants, spectators and athletic staff shall seek shelter immediately. Once inside a secure location, tune to local weather alert radio to be informed of the storm location, path and duration of tornado warning.
- Warning may be extended, or a new warning issued at any time, so continue to monitor.
- Safe shelter from tornado inside lowest building level, away from exterior walls/windows, with windows closed.

All Clear-tornado warning will expire after duration specified by the National Weather Service and the site director will notify all involved that the warning has ended, and the event may resume.

July 2022



HEAT INDEX PROCEDURES

Administration of Heat Index Procedures:

- Feels Like Temperature (Heat index) or THI using a Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Indicator (see chart below) on the field will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 80 degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into www.weatherbug.com. Schools may also use a Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Indicator (see chart below) on the field that will be used.
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line or determine the THI by using a Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Indicator.
- If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Indicator is in the recommended range (yellow – WeatherBug or green, yellow, orange, red – WBGT), the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb Temperature Indicator at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb Temperature Indicator is in the required range (red – WeatherBug or black – WBGT), the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart when using **Weather Bug app**, to take the appropriate actions:

	Feels Like Temp(Heat Index) under 79 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
RECOMMENDED	Heat Index Caution: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) 80 degrees to 85 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session.
	Heat Index Watch: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) 86 degrees to 90 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when Feels Like temp is lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time).
	Heat Index Warning: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) 91 degrees to 95 degrees	Provide ample water and water breaks every 15 minutes. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when Feels Like temp is much lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time). Light weight and loose fitting clothes should be worn. For Practices only Football Helmets should be worn. No other protective equipment should be worn.
REQUIRED	Heat Index Alert: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) 96 degrees or greater	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held. Inside activity should only be held if air conditioned.

Please refer to the following chart when using **Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Indicator**, to take the appropriate actions:

Cat 3	Cat 2	Cat 1	Activity Guidelines
< 82.0°F <27.8°C	< 79.7°F <26.5°C	< 76.1°F <24.5°C	Normal Activities – Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 3 min each during the workout.
82.2 - 86.9°F 27.9-30.5°C	79.9 - 84.6°F 26.6-29.2°C	76.3 - 81.0°F 24.6-27.2°C	Use discretion for intense or prolonged exercise; Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 4 min each.
87.1 - 90.0°F 30.6-32.2°C	84.7 - 87.6°F 29.3-30.9°C	81.1 - 84.0°F 27.3-28.9°C	Maximum practice time is 2 h. <u>For Football:</u> players are restricted to helmet, shoulder pads, and shorts during practice. If the WBGT rises to this level during practice, players may continue to work out wearing football pants without changing to shorts. <u>For All Sports:</u> Provide at least four separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 4 min each.
90.1 - 91.9°F 32.2-33.3°C	87.8 - 89.6°F 31.0-32.0°C	84.2 - 86.0°F 29.0-30.0°C	Maximum practice time is 1 h. <u>For Football:</u> No protective equipment may be worn during practice, and there may be no conditioning activities. <u>For All Sports:</u> There must be 20 min of rest breaks distributed throughout the hour of practice.
≥ 92.1°F ≥ 33.4°C	≥ 89.8°F ≥32.1°C	≥ 86.2°F ≥30.1°C	No outdoor workouts. Delay practice until a cooler WBGT is reached.

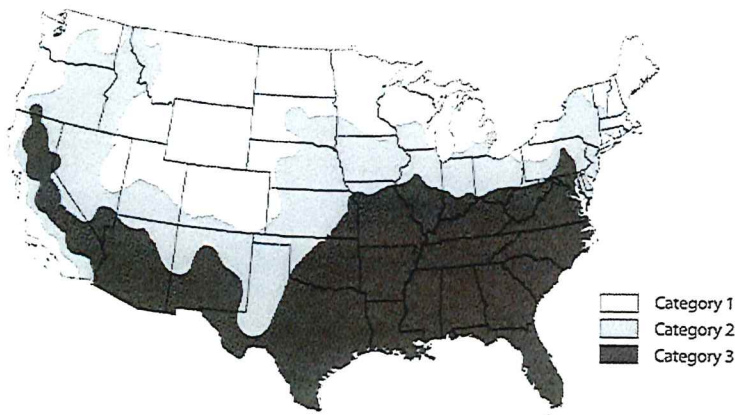


Fig. 2. Heat safety regions.

Use this link to determine the category of your location.

Link: <http://www.castlewilliams.com/wbgt-regions.html>

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WIND CHILL PROCEDURES

Administration of Wind Chill Procedures:

- Feels Like Temperature (Wind Chill) will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 39 degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into www.weatherbug.com.
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line.
- If the Feels Like temperature (wind chill) is 10 degrees or below, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like (wind chill) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like (wind chill) temperature is -11 degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower, the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:

	Feels Like Temp (wind chill) above 40 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
R E C O M M E N D E D	Wind Chill Caution: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 39 degrees to 20 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing.
	Wind Chill Watch: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 19 degrees to 10 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss.
	Wind Chill Warning: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 9 degrees to -10 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss. Consider postponing practice to a time when the Feels Like temp is much higher. Consider reducing the amount of time for an outdoor practice session.
REQUIRED	Wind Chill Alert: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) -11 degrees or lower	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held.

Special Note: Alpine Skiing will be exempt from this policy and will follow the regulations of the host ski center where the practice or event is being held.

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Permission for Special Accommodations

Every situation requesting permission for special accommodations (including religious apparel) is evaluated on an individual basis.

The procedure is as follows:

SPECIAL DEVICES AND PROSTHESIS

1. Written approval by the school physician to participate in a specific sport while wearing the device.
2. Review of the NYSPHSAA approved sport specific rules to determine if there is a prohibition.
3. The member school requests, in writing from the Athletic Director on school stationery, a review and evaluation by the Assistant Director responsible for safety. All requests are to be accompanied by photos of the device being worn by the student taken from several different angles. Additionally, documentation of school physician approval is to be sent.
4. NYSPHSAA review consists of reviewing the game rules, evaluating if the student would be safe participating while wearing the device, evaluating if teammates and opponents are placed at risk, and possible consultation with our medical advisors.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

1. Review of the NYSPHSAA approved sport specific rules to determine if there is a prohibition.
2. For a special accommodation the member school requests, in writing, a review and evaluation by the Assistant Director responsible for safety.
3. Written explanation of the special accommodation needed from the student's religious leader.
4. NYSPHSAA review consists of reviewing the game rules, evaluating if the student would be safe participating while wearing the device, evaluating if teammates and opponents are placed at risk, and possible consultation with our medical advisors.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION

1. Review of the NYSPHSAA approved sport specific rules to determine if there is a prohibition.
2. The member school requests, in writing, a review and evaluation by Assistant Director responsible for safety.
3. Written documentation from school physician outlining the student's physical limitations and need for a special accommodation.
4. NYSPHSAA review consists of reviewing the game rules, evaluating if the student would be safe participating while wearing the device, evaluating if teammates and opponents are placed at risk, and possible consultation with our medical advisors.

The NYSPHSAA will provide written notice of approval or denial to the school district in a timely manner.