

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



Tuesday, February 11, 2025 - 9:30 AM

**Orange Ulster BOCES
Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C**

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AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting Dated January 14, 2025
2. NYSPHSAA Meeting Report – Mr. Greg Ransom/Mr. Jim Osborne
3. OCIAA President’s Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
 - a. Section IX / NYSPHSAA Voting Items
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo
Items of Concern:
 - A. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Awards – June 12, 2025 @ Otterkill CC
 - B. Tyler Muise Award
 - C. Section IX Football – David Coates
 - D. Fall Schedules 2025 – Discussion
 - E. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult
 - F. NYSAAA – John Giametta
 - G. Boys Volleyball
5. Discussion: Spectator Conduct
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 9:30 am
via Zoom

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom
9. Adjourn

(A) Information Items:

- (1) 3 Region Concept – A Committee is being formed by NYSPHSAA to implement for the Fall 2025
- (2) Membership Dues
- (3) Ticket Prices

(B) Sectional Concern – Section IX

(C) Discussion Items:

- (1) Establish Three (3) Night's Rest Rule for Regional Competition
- (2) Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Definitions
- (3) Pathways to Promote Diversity on Committees
- (4) Championship Philosophy: Consistency Among Championship Awards
- (5) Championship Philosophy: Regional Plaques
- (6) Fall Start Dates, effective 2025-2026
- (7) Spring Start Dates, effective 2025-2026
- (8) Football – Establish 8 Man Football Regional Championship- Week #21
- (9) Cheerleading – Game Day Scoring Adjustment
- (10) Cheerleading – Standard Practice for Fall & Winter Cheerleading
- (11) Girls Lacrosse- Artificial Noise Makers
- (12) Baseball – Allow Scrimmages after the 6th practice day

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3-Region Concept

- ☐ Action Item
- ☐ Discussion Item
- ☒ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Details:

As shared with the Executive Committee in October, the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy Committee voted to support additional exploration and examination of a 3-Region concept to address long standing membership concerns related to regional rotations.

The basis of the 3-Region Concept is for Sections to have consistent geographic opponents, to reduce regional travel, school time missed, and travel expenses associated with regional participation. It is important to note that any regional rotation format will have challenges; no format will be perfect.

The NYSPHSAA staff is currently working to identify issues with the 3 Region Concept and potential solutions.

Attachments:

- [3-Region Concept Process & Sport Rotation Examples \(Link\)](#)

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3 Region Rotation Process

Regional Rotation Format for Post-Season Play

The following format establishes regional rotations for sports/ classification with 9 or more teams for post-season play, dividing sections into three regions with specific guidelines:

Region Assignments

Region 1:

- Includes Section 4, Section 5, and Section 6.
- Note: Section 4 will host the at-large team when required to complete the bracket (e.g., Class AAA and AA).

Region 2:

- Includes Section 2, Section 3, Section 7, and Section 10.

Region 3:

- Includes Section 1, Section 8, Section 9, and Section 11.

Key Guidelines

- Sections will maintain consistent geographic opponents to minimize disruptions and ensure fairness.
- The specific post-season format will be declared annually during an Executive/ Central Committee meeting (Fall – May meeting, Winter – July meeting, and Spring – October meeting) prior to its implementation in the following school year.
- Formats will be based on the number of participating sections and may be adjusted annually to reflect changes in participation.
- The 3 Region format will only be used for sports/ classification with 9 or more teams.

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Sports and Classification Declarations and Representation Policy

Sections will be required to declare the sports and classifications in which they will have representation. During this meeting, the Regional Rotation format will be determined and approved by the Executive Committee based on these declarations.

Sections must finalize their declarations prior to the meeting listed below for each sports season. After this deadline, Sections will not be permitted to add teams to any sport or classification.

Fall Sports

February - Fall Sports Classification Cut-Off Numbers approved

May - Section Declaration for Fall Sports & Classifications

Winter Sports

May - Winter Sports Classification Cut-Off Numbers approved

July - Section Declaration for Winter Sports & Classifications

Spring Sports

July - Spring Classification Cut-Off Numbers approved

October - Section Declaration for Spring Sports & Classifications

If a Section determines, after the declaration meeting but before the start of the season, that they will no longer have representation in a specific sport or classification, the gap in the format will be filled by an At-Large team. The At-Large team will be selected through the established "At-Large" process, which rotates among Sections with four or more participating teams in the respective sport or classification.

In cases where an At-Large team is already part of the format, travel considerations will be taken into account. To reduce unnecessary travel, the At-Large team will be assigned to the closest Section competing against the At-Large team.

If a Section withdraws representation in a sport or classification after the declaration meeting and after the season has started, the format will accommodate this by introducing a bye.

To ensure Sections can make sport and classification declarations based on the most accurate information, all revisions to classification numbers must be approved at the meeting prior to the declaration meeting (e.g., February Executive Committee meeting for Fall sports).

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At-Large Selection

At-large selections will rotate among Sections with four or more teams participating in a specific sport and classification. The NYSPHSAA staff will oversee and maintain this rotation for each sport and classification. Annually, at the declaration meeting, Sections must report the number of teams participating in each sport and classification to determine their eligibility for the rotation.

The rotation will proceed in chronological order (e.g., Sections 1 through 11) and will be updated each year based on the reported data. If a Section qualifies for inclusion, it will receive the At-Large selection when its position in the order is reached.

At-large teams will not host a sub-regional or regional final. The At-Large team will be the Sectional runner-up.

If a Section falls below the required threshold of four participating teams following the declaration meeting, including during Sectional tournament play, the At-Large selection will automatically advance to the next eligible Section in the established rotation. If a Section chooses not to accept the At-Large selection, it will automatically be offered to the next Section in line. This ensures a seamless and equitable reassignment of the At-Large selection.

No changes will be made if a Section increases the number of participating teams to four or more after the declaration meeting. Similarly, if a Section moves a non-public or charter school to a higher classification or approves a merged team for a higher classification after the declaration, the pre-determined at-large rotation will remain unchanged.

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Membership Dues

- ☐ Action Item
- ☐ Discussion Item
- ☒ Informational Item

Presenter:

Adam Stoltman, NYSPHSAA Vice President

Details:

The base fee of NYSPHSAA membership dues will continue to increase \$50 annually . This began in the 2024-2025 school year. The Executive Committee expressed interest in incorporating structural growth of membership dues within the association's budget structure. Schools can continue to budget a \$50 annual increase. The \$50 annual increase will be included within the NYSPHSAA Budget, which will be voted on at the May Executive Committee meetings. A schedule increase is below. The increase will continue until the Budget/Audit Committee proposes a revision based upon membership feedback and input.

2025-2026

\$1100 + \$1/student over 300

2026-2027

\$1150 + \$1/student over 300

2027-2028

\$1200 + \$1/student over 300

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Ticket Prices

- ☐ Action Item
- ☐ Discussion Item
- ☒ Informational Item

Presenter:

Adam Stoltman, NYSPHSAA Vice President

Details:

The current ticket price for NYSPHSAA events is \$10.50 per ticket plus fees. Some of our premier venues, such as the JMA Wireless Dome and MVP Arena, charge a high rental fee that significantly impacts NYSPHSAA's ability to earn revenue. Additionally, rising costs for staffing, travel and meals have added financial strain without corresponding increases in revenue.

The Budget/Audit Committee discussed the possibility of increasing ticket prices for events held at more expensive venues to offset these higher costs. While there was agreement on the need to address this disparity, concerns were raised about fairness to specific sports, such as football and wrestling, and the perception that some events generate substantial revenue when they do not.

The next steps are as follows:

- NYSPHSAA staff will gather data on the cost structure of specific venues and propose a model for incremental ticket price increases to balance events at high-cost venues like football and wrestling.
- Draft proposals will be presented for review at the next committee meeting, aiming to balance financial sustainability.

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SECTION IX – SECTIONAL CONCERN **Mandatory Timeline for Classification Changes**

Presenter:

Section IX: Dave Coates, Suzanne Lendzian

Sectional Concern:

Current classification timeline

Addressing the Sectional Concern:

Section IX is proposing that any sport committee changing their classification numbers or number of classes must receive approval by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee by the May meeting prior to the next school year. Example: proposed change for the 2026/2027 school year would need approval by May of 2026.

Rationale:

For sectional planning of tournaments, alignments, and scheduling this allows for effective preparation for each sports season. This past October the Executive Committee approved new classification numbers for Girls Lacrosse and Flag Football. Section IX's alignments and schedules had already been approved and published to our member schools. Commitments were made for non-league contests and sites for sectional championships agreed to.

Budgetary Impact:

Notes:

Attachments:

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CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Establish Three (3) Night's Rest Rule for Regional Competition

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee (Greg Ransom, Chair)

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee is seeking approval to establish a three-nights rest rule for all regional competition for all sports. The following language is being proposed for this rule.

Regional rounds immediately following Sectional Finals shall be scheduled, in advance of the postseason, with a minimum of three nights rest. Each subsequent round of regional games shall be scheduled, in advance of the postseason, with a minimum of three nights rest. Weather related issues shall not change any of the scheduled regional contests and delays may result in less than three nights rest. It is also recommended to conclude regional play the Saturday prior to the state final four.

Sample Schedule Set Up in Advance of Postseason:

Saturday or Sunday – Sectional Final
Tuesday or Wednesday – Sub-Regional
Saturday – Regional Final

Effective Start Date:

2025-26 school year

Rationale:

Three nights rest would allow for teams to get proper rest, schedule practice and be able to plan travel for regional competition.

Proposal Originated:

The number of nights rest a team gets in regional competition was brought forward as a concern by Section 1 at the Executive Committee meeting in May 2024. The CAC formed a sub-committee to discuss this on September 11th then present it to the full CAC on October 10th and January 16th.

Budgetary Impact:

None

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 7-1 in support of this proposal at its January 16th meeting.

DATE REVISED: January 18, 2025

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) DEFINITIONS

- ☐ Action Item
- ☒ Discussion Item
- ☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Carlos Cotto, DEI Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to add the definitions for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

Effective Start Date:

Immediately

Rationale:

Defining DEI aligns the association's efforts with its broader mission and values, demonstrating a commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable environment.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA DEI Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

Definitions

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) for NYSPHSAA

Diversity:

Diversity at NYSPHSAA encompasses the recognition and inclusion of differences among student-athletes, schools, and communities, including but not limited to, different races, weights, national origins, ethnic groups, religions, religious practices, mental or physical abilities, disabilities, sexual orientations, gender identity or expression, and sexes.

Equity:

Equity at NYSPHSAA means ensuring fair treatment, equal access to opportunities, and addressing barriers to participation for all student-athletes, schools, and communities.

Inclusion:

Inclusion at NYSPHSAA means fostering a welcoming environment where all student-athletes, schools, and communities feel valued, respected, and empowered to participate fully.

By prioritizing diversity, equity, and inclusion, NYSPHSAA is committed to creating a culture of belonging that enhances the experiences and success of everyone involved.

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Pathways to Promote Diversity on Committees

- ☐ Action Item
- ☒ Discussion Item
- ☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Carlos Cotto, DEI Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval for NYSPHSAA Constitutional revisions to address representation on the Central and Executive Committees, as well as NYSPHSAA Sport Committees, Standing Committees, and Ad Hoc Committees.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025

Rationale:

The current NYSPHSAA committee structure requires Sections to elect representatives to serve on the Executive and Central Committees, sport committees, standing committees, and ad hoc committees. As an association working for the betterment of all students within the structure of NYSPHSAA, providing representation for the Big 5 to have a voice on NYSPHSAA committees will ensure all students truly represented.

The Big 5 currently has representatives from the five city school districts of Buffalo, New York City, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers and Affiliate Members Albany, Mount Vernon and Utica. Note: New York City schools would not have the ability to serve on NYSPHSAA committees since New York City schools are not part of the NYSPHSAA membership structure.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA DEI Committee.

Budgetary Impact:

Additional representation at 3 Executive Committee meetings and 1 Central Committee per year; approximately \$3000-\$4000 annually.

Any expenses associated with Sport Committee representation will be incurred by the Big Five as the NYSPHSAA Constitution states:

“Necessary expenses for each delegate to attend sports committee meetings shall be paid by the section.”

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Notes:

This proposal would require a revision to the NYSPHSAA Constitution. The procedures for revisions to the Constitution are clearly stipulated in the NYSPHSAA Constitution (Article VIII):

“ARTICLE VIII

Constitutional Amendments

1. A majority vote of the Central Committee or Executive Committee at any duly authorized meeting is required to propose an amendment to the Constitution.

Amendments may be initiated by the Central Committee, Executive Committee, a section athletic council, or the officers of the NYSPHSAA, Inc. Proposals shall be submitted to the executive director by January 15 to allow sectional athletic councils adequate time for their consideration.

2. A referendum is required to approve amendments. During a referendum, each school shall have one vote on a signed ballot. To be valid, this vote shall represent the collective judgment of and include the signatures of the chief school officer, principal, and the director of athletics. An Executive Committee member representing the section shall serve as teller to canvass all ballots to amend the Constitution or amend any other rule or regulation, which was put forth for the referendum.

3. During the referendum, a majority vote of the member schools voting in each section shall be required for the adoption of the amendment in the section. Approval of at least seven sections and approval of two-thirds of the member schools casting valid ballots shall be required for the final adoption of the amendment as a statewide rule or policy or as an amendment to the Constitution, as the case may be.

4. All amendments to this Constitution, which are approved by a referendum vote, shall not become effective until August 1 of the next school year.”

The Conference of the Big 5 currently has voting representation on the New York State School Boards Association as well as the New York State Coalition of School Superintendents.

The Conference of Big 5 School Districts was founded in 1958 as a membership organization representing the school systems of New York State’s five largest cities of Buffalo, New York City, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers. The Big 5 organization was expanded in 2014 to include Affiliate Members that are other urban school districts with comparable student demographics and local fiscal capacity issues.

The Conference of Big 5 School Districts was founded for the purpose of identifying both the common and unique problems of the city school districts and to advance solutions to such problems. Central to the Big 5’s uniqueness is the diversity among the students they serve, the high concentrations of poverty in which they live, and the fiscal constraints imposed to meet their educational needs.

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The Conference of Big 5 School Districts seeks to promote a more equitable and adequate funding system and the delivery of a high quality education to all children.

The Big 5 mission is accomplished by a strong advocacy and public information campaign representing the needs of urban education systems. Advocacy efforts include representation before all appropriate governmental entities as a proactive organization presenting budget initiatives and policy recommendations and reactive in analyzing and responding to various proposals.

In carrying out their mission, the Conference of Big 5 School Districts also acts as a public relations center communicating with State and local media and networking with other advocacy organizations in the promotion of urban school districts. The Big 5 maintains a data information center for collection and dissemination of information for member districts and act as a research center conducting fiscal and programmatic analyses and reporting on urban education issues.

Representatives of the five city school districts of Buffalo, New York City, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers and Affiliate Members Albany, Mount Vernon and Utica, work together through the organization of the Conference of Big 5 School Districts to speak with one voice on the needs and strengths of urban education in New York State.

Attachments:

Proposed Constitutional revisions.

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Proposed NYSPHSAA Constitutional revisions to address diversity on the Central and Executive Committees, as well as Sport Committees.

ARTICLE III

Central Committee

1. The corporation shall be administered by a board of directors, known as the Central Committee, consisting of representatives from each of the sections **and representatives of the Big Five**, elected from the **NYSPHSAA** member schools in accordance with the following plan:
 - a. The state shall be divided into geographic areas called sections, each of which shall elect four representatives to the Central Committee: one chief school officer, one principal, one male representative of athletics and one female representative of athletics from the member schools of the section.

The Big Five shall also appoint four representatives to the Central Committee: one chief school officer, one principal, one male representative of athletics and one female representative of athletics from the member schools of the section.
 - b. On or before December 15th of each year, each section secretary shall inform the section athletic council as to the branch of service in which a vacancy by expiration of term shall occur, and each section shall elect a replacement by a method of their choice.
 - c. In the event of the positive unwillingness to serve on the part of any duly elected person, election shall go to the nominee having the second highest number of votes.
 - d. Newly elected Central Committee representatives will assume their positions September 1.
 - e. In case of a vacancy in the membership on the Central Committee arising in any section, it shall be the duty of the three remaining members in such section to choose, with the advice and consent of the section athletic council, the fourth representative from a member school in the section and from that position of service in which the vacancy has occurred. Appointments shall be made for the full period of the unexpired term. **The Big Five shall determine their process for filling a vacancy.**
 - f. Persons retiring from active public education employment, currently serving on the NYSPHSAA Central Committee, shall be permitted to continue for the duration of their tenure and also be permitted to serve in that capacity if so elected by the section.
 - g. Should any member of the Central Committee be unable to attend a meeting of the Central Committee, then a section athletic council officer shall be designated to represent that section. **If a Big Five representative is unable to attend a meeting, then the Big Five shall designate a representative.**

ARTICLE V

Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of ~~twenty-two~~ **twenty-four** members, each of eleven sections and **the Big Five** being represented by one member of the Central Committee who shall receive the position in any manner the section **and the Big Five** shall determine, and by the female representative of athletics on the Central Committee. This selection shall be made prior to the annual meeting of the Central Committee. The NYSPHSAA President and Vice Presidents shall not represent their respective sections. Sectional **and Big Five** representatives constitute the voting body of the committee and the president, first vice president, and second vice president shall not be entitled to vote except in the case of a tie with only one of said officers being entitled to vote in the order indicated. Should any member of the Executive Committee be unable to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee, then another member of the Central Committee from the section **or Big Five** not so represented, or a section athletic council officer **or Big Five representative** shall be designated to represent that section.
2. The Executive Committee shall have general management of the affairs of the association in the interval between meetings of the Central Committee and shall have the power to act in all matters not covered by this constitution and bylaws. It shall have jurisdiction in all appeals, protests, and questions of eligibility when the Central Committee is not in session.
3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three times each year. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the president or at the request of a majority of the members.
4. Any action which needs the approval of the Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting, if authorized by the president, by conducting mail or electronic vote.
5. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for properly administering meets, tournaments, or games in which individuals or teams, determined as winners of sectional contests from two or more sections, participate. The secretaries of the sections to be represented in regional, intersectional, and state contests shall provide a complete list of sports in which that section intends to compete in the ensuing year to the NYSPHSAA, Inc. Executive Director for the approval of the Executive Committee at its spring meeting. Notice of withdrawal from a regional intersectional and state contest must be received at least sixty days prior to the date of the contest. Otherwise the section will be required to pay the proportionate share of the administration and insurance charges involved in the program.

ARTICLE VII

State Sport Committees

1. Each section **and the Big Five** may elect or appoint one representative to each state sports committee. Necessary expenses for each delegate to attend sports committee meetings shall be paid by the section **and the Big Five**.
 - a. Each state sports committee shall hold an annual meeting and shall elect a vice chairman, and a secretary, who will be representatives on that state's sports committee, and who will hold office for the ensuing year. State sports committee meetings must have

the approval of Association staff. Notice of the time and place of state committee meetings shall be given to members at least two months prior to the meeting.

b. Minutes of all meetings shall be provided to committee members, association officers and staff, section presidents and section executive directors/secretaries.

c. The coordinator of the state sports committee shall submit an annual written report to the Central Committee. If requested to attend, the necessary expenses to attend the Central Committee meeting will be paid by the association.

d. There shall be a biennial meeting of all state sports coordinators.

2. Each state sports committee shall encourage participation in that sport, require observation of the rules, regulations, and sports standards, provide measures of safety, answer questions and receive suggestions pertaining to that sport.

a. Each section sports committee representative shall conduct studies when needed, review games rules, conduct interpretation meetings, present demonstrations, secure the cooperation of officials, improve game administration in the section, and act as the liaison between the section and the state sports committee coordinator.

b. Each state sports committee may make investigations and surveys, and conduct other research to ensure that playing rules are adapted to the needs and abilities of the high school student and submit recommendations to the Executive Committee.

c. Each state sports committee shall be responsible for informing the sections of the correct procedure to be followed in making changes in policy, regulations, rules or sports standards in that sport.

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Championship Philosophy: Consistency Among Championship Awards

- ☐ Action Item
- ☒ Discussion Item
- ☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider approval to create a consistent approach to championship awards for NYSPHSAA Championship events, enhancing clarity, equity, and recognition across all sports.

This proposal suggests the following updates to the awards structure:

- **Individual Sports:**
 - Award up to ten (10) places for individual sports as determined by the NYSPHSAA Staff in consultation with the Sport Committee.
 - **If a sport has more than 75 athletes competing in an event, per division/class, then the individual sport can award up to 20 places.**
- **Team Sports:**
 - Award up to four (4) places in team championships as determined by the NYSPHSAA Staff in consultation with the Sport Committee.
 - **1st Place:** Receives the championship plaque and gold medals.
 - **2nd Place:** Receives a finalist plaque and silver medals.
 - **3rd and 4th Places:** Recognized with a plaque
- **Eliminate the Section Team Award:**

Recognition should be focused on the individual or team performance at the championship level. No shirts, champion boards, medals or plaques shall be awarded to Section Champions.

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026

Rationale:

Streamlining the awards process allows for consistency and equity in recognizing athletes' achievements in both team and individual sports. Consistency ensures that the integrity of competition remains intact.

Proposal Originated:

Championship Philosophy Committee

DATE REVISED: December 10, 2024

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Budgetary Impact:

The proposed changes to streamline the championship awards system will result in a cost savings. Below is a breakdown of the estimated financial impact:

Medals/Plaques: Estimate a savings of approximately \$1,979. (Note: Shipping costs are not included in this estimate as they vary by location.)

Champion Boards:

Eliminating Section Champion boards will save approximately \$1,300.

Champion Shirts:

Estimate a cost savings of approximately \$1,000.

Total Estimated Savings:

\$4,279

These changes represent an opportunity to allocate resources more efficiently while maintaining the prestige and recognition associated with the championships.

Notes:

All impacted sports have been notified. The following sports do NOT support the proposal;

- B/G Cross Country – In support of the revision for individuals but still would like to award Section Champions.
- Gymnastics – Does not support the proposal. Would like to continue awarding Section medals.
- B/G Swimming – Does not support the proposal. Would like to continue awarding 11th – 20th place in all events.
- B/G Bowling – Does not support the proposal. Would like to continue awarding Composite team medals.

If sports are not listed, proposal is being discussed at the sport committee's next meeting.

Attachments:

Sports Impacted Document

Sport	Divisions/Classes	Current Awards	How Impacted
Bowling (Boys)	2 + Composite	Medals 1st - 3rd High Game 1st - 3rd High Series 1st - 3rd Place Team (8) 1st - 3rd Place Composite (6) Composite - no plaque, just shirts/boards/medals Plaques 1st - 3rd Place Teams	Adding -1st-10th place Individuals - Composite -Add 4th place plaque for HS team Removing -No longer award Composite Teams (Section) with plaques or medals -No longer award High Game & High Series (top 3) -No longer award 3rd place HS team with medals, only plaque
Bowling (Girls)	2 + Composite	1st - 3rd High Game 1st - 3rd High Series 1st - 3rd Place Team (8) 1st - 3rd Place Composite (6) Composite - no plaque, just shirts/boards/medals Plaques 1st - 3rd Place Teams	Adding -1st-10th place individuals - Composite -Add 4th place plaque for HS team Removing -No longer award Composite Teams (Section) with plaques or medals -No longer award High Game & High Series (top 3) -No longer award 3rd place HS team with medals, only plaque
Competitive Cheerleading	5	Medals - 1st & 2nd Place (A/B/Coed) - (24) Medals - 1st & 2nd Place (C/D) - (20) Plaques - 1st - 5th Place Team	Removing - 5th place team plaque
Cross Country (Boys)	4	1st-20th - Individual 1st - High School Team (7 medals) Plaques - 1st & 2nd place The top sectional team will receive mini boards and champion t-shirts.	Adding if committee desires: - Add medals for second place high school team - Add plaques for 3rd and 4th place teams Removing - No longer recognize Section Teams
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Game Day Cheerleading	3	Medals - 1st & 2nd Place (32) Plaques - 1st - 3rd Place Team	Adding -Add 4th place plaque
Golf (Boys)	1	1st - 10th Place 1st - 3rd Place Section Team (9 medals)	Adding if committee desires: - 10th-20th place medals Removing - Medals for Section teams
Golf (Girls)	1	1st - 10th Place (Individual) 1st - 3rd Place High School Team (6 medals) 1 - 3rd Place Section Team (10 medals)	Adding if committee desires: - 10th - 20th place medals - Add 4th place HS team plaque Removing - No medals for 3rd place HS team, just plaque - No longer award Section Teams
Gymnastics	1	1st - 6th Place in all events 1st - 3rd Place Section Team (15 medals)	Removing - Section team medals
Skating (Boys)	1	Medals 1st - 10th Individual (Nordic) 1st - 3rd Relay (Nordic - 3 medals) 1st - 10th (Alpine - Slalom) 1st - 10th (Alpine - Giant Slalom) Plaques 1st Place - High School Team (Nordic) 1st Place - Individual overall (Nordic) - small plaque 1st Place - High School Team (Alpine) 1st Place - Individual overall (Alpine) - small plaque	Adding if committee desires: Add medals for HS 1st & 2nd Place team (Nordic) Add plaques for 3/4 HS teams (Nordic) Add medals for HS 1st & 2nd Place team (Alpine) Add plaques for 3/4 HS teams (Alpine) Changing Providing a medal for the individual overall champion (Alpine/Nordic)
Skating (Girls)	1	Medals 1st - 10th Individual (Nordic) 1st - 3rd Relay (Nordic - 3 medals) 1st - 10th (Alpine - Slalom) 1st - 10th (Alpine - Giant Slalom) Plaques 1st Place - High School Team (Nordic) 1st Place - Individual overall (Nordic) - small plaque 1st Place - High School Team (Alpine) 1st Place - Individual overall (Alpine) - small plaque	Adding if committee desires: Add medals for HS 1st & 2nd Place team (Nordic) Add plaques for 3/4 HS teams (Nordic) Add medals for HS 1st & 2nd Place team (Alpine) Add plaques for 3/4 HS teams (Alpine) Changing Providing a medal for the individual overall champion (Alpine/Nordic)
Swimming & Diving (Boys)	1	1st - 20th Place in all events	Removing -11th-20th medals in all events
Swimming & Diving (Girls)	1	1st - 20th Place in all events	Removing - 11th-20th medals in all events

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Championship Philosophy: Regional Plaques

- ☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider approval of consistent approach for awards at Regional Championship events in team sports by standardizing the presentation of only the Regional Champion plaque.

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026

Rationale:

Historically, both a Regional Champion plaque and a Regional Finalist plaque have been awarded at Regional Championship events. The Championship Philosophy Committee believes only the champion should be awarded at regional rounds.

Proposal Originated:

Championship Philosophy Committee

Budgetary Impact:

There is no budgetary impact for NYSPHSAA. It will be a cost savings to the Sections as Sections currently cover the cost of all Regional Champion and Finalist plaques. Finalist plaques cost \$45 per plaque.

Notes:

- Only team sports would be affected by this change.
- The Championship Philosophy Committee supported the proposal 11-1 (Section VII voted no, Section IX was absent).
- Sport Committee Feedback is listed below for the committees who have met thus far. Committees not listed will provide feedback after their meetings.
 - Field Hockey (0-10 OPPOSED) – No additional information/comments.
 - Football (0-10 OPPOSED) – Would like to keep current regional plaque system.
 - Baseball (0-11 OPPOSED) – No additional information/comments.
 - Girls Lacrosse (0-10 OPPOSED) – No additional information/comments.

Attachments:

None

DATE REVISED: December 10, 2024

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FALL START DATES

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Debra Ferry, NYSPHSAA 2nd VP, Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval for all Fall sports to start 2 weeks before Labor Day and Football to start on the Monday of Week #7.

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026

Rationale:

Utilizing the National Federation of High School's (NFHS) Standard Calendar of Weeks provides a helpful framework. However, the NYSPHSAA designated fall sport start date has, at times, been either too early or too late to meet the needs of member schools. Allowing the start date to begin two weeks prior to Labor Day ensures consistency for the NYSPHSAA membership.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Start Date Ad Hoc Committee on January 14, 2025

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

It is important to note that a football start date of the Monday of Week #7 will require support from the New York State Education Department (NYSED), as Fall sports are currently limited to a 15-week season. Implementing this start date for football would extend the season to 16 weeks, necessitating a formal exception as was previously granted for the 2024 football season.

Vote Outcome: Motion Passed, 10-1

Vote Breakdown: I – No, 2 – Yes, III – Yes, IV – Yes, V – Yes, VI – Yes, VII – Yes, VIII – Yes, IX – Yes, X – Yes, XI – Yes

Sport Committee Feedback:

- Girls Tennis (10-0 in favor) – No additional information/comments.
- Boys FALL Golf (7-2 in favor) – No additional information/comments.
- Cheer Game Day (10-0 in favor) – Noted this was their original proposal from a year ago that got defeated.
- Cross Country (22-0 in favor) – No additional information/comments.

Date Revised: January 14, 2025

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- Field Hockey (6-3 in favor) – Had concerns about extended contracts, vacations, family, short notice for 2025. Liked proposal due to extra week of conditioning, spread out schedule, more time for team building.
- Boys Soccer (8-0 in favor) – Noted they like the flexibility; possibly concern of summer school/vacations.
- Girls Soccer (6-1 in favor) – Did not get responses from all state committee members.
- Girls Swimming & Diving (in favor) – No objection at their state tourn. meeting but did not formally vote.
- Girls Volleyball (11-0 in favor) – No additional information/comments.
- Boys Volleyball (4-3 in favor) – Only concern was the time off between Sectionals and States but that can be solved with adjustments in schedule if necessary or not starting on the proposed earlier dates.
- Football (11-0 in favor) – Proposing football start date on the Monday of week #7 permanently, regardless of how the calendar falls.

Attachments:

Start Date Document

NYSPHSAA Start Dates

Year	Current Fall			Proposed Football Start		Proposed All Other Fall Start
	Football Request (Wk. #7)	Fall Sports (Wk. #8)	Labor Day	Monday Week #7	2 Wks. Before Labor Day	
2025-2026	Aug. 18, 2025 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 25, 2025 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 1, 2025	Aug. 18, 2025 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 18, 2025 (Wk. #7)	
2026-2027	Aug. 17, 2026 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 24, 2026 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 7, 2026	Aug. 17, 2026 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 24, 2026 (Wk. #8)	
2027-2028	Aug. 16, 2027 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 23, 2027 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 6, 2027	Aug. 16, 2027 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 23, 2027 (Wk. #8)	
2028-2029	Aug. 14, 2028 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 21, 2028 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 4, 2028	Aug. 14, 2028 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 21, 2028 (Wk. #8)	
2029-2030	Aug. 13, 2029 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 20, 2029 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 3, 2029	Aug. 13, 2029 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 20, 2029 (Wk. #8)	
2030-2031	Aug. 19, 2030 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 26, 2030 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 2, 2030	Aug. 19, 2030 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 19, 2030 (Wk. #7)	
2031-2032	Aug. 18, 2031 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 25, 2031 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 1, 2031	Aug. 18, 2031 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 18, 2031 (Wk. #7)	

Note: No Championship dates will be revised.

NYSPHSAA will need approval from NYSED to start football on Week #7.

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SPRING START DATES

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Debra Ferry, NYSPHSAA 2nd VP, Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval for all Spring Sports to start on the 2nd Monday of March.

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026

Rationale:

Although the NFHS Standard Calendar of Weeks provides a helpful framework, the NYSPHSAA-designated start date for spring sports has occasionally been misaligned with the needs of member schools. Establishing the start date as the second Monday in March creates a consistent approach that better accommodates the varying needs of Sections and ensures alignment across the NYSPHSAA membership.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Start Date Ad Hoc Committee on January 14, 2025

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Vote Outcome: Motion Passed, 7-4

Vote Breakdown: I – No, 2 – Yes, III – Yes, IV – No, V – Yes (Wants Executive Committee members to make their actual vote), VI – No, VII – No, VIII – Yes, IX – Yes, X – Yes, XI – Yes.

Sport Committee Feedback:

- Boys Tennis (10-0 in favor) – No additional information/comments.
- Boys SPRING Golf (7-2 in favor) – No additional information/comments.
- Girls Golf (10-1 **OPPOSED**) – No additional information/comments.
- Outdoor Track (6-4 in favor) – No additional information/comments.
- Boys Lacrosse (10-1 in favor) – Starting earlier allows for flexibility of scheduling games. Prefer Week #36.
- Girls Lacrosse (8-1 in favor) – No additional information/comments.
- Softball (11-0 in favor) – No additional information/comments.
- Baseball (11-0 in favor) – Is strongly in favor of Week #36 for all years, for consistency & allowing more time in preseason.
- Flag Football (6-2 in favor) – No additional information/comments.

Attachments:

Start Date Document

Date Revised: January 14, 2025

NYSPHSAA Start Dates

Year	Current Spring Week #37	Proposed Spring Start 2nd Week of March
2025-2026	Mar. 16, 2026 (Wk. #37)	Mar. 9, 2026 (Wk. #36)
2026-2027	Mar. 15, 2027 (Wk. 37)	Mar. 8, 2027 (Wk. #36)
2027-2028	Mar. 13, 2028 (Wk. #37)	Mar. 13, 2028 (Wk. #37)
2028-2029	Mar. 12, 2029 (Wk. #37)	Mar. 12, 2029 (Wk. #37)
2029-2030	Mar. 11, 2030 (Wk. #37)	Mar. 11, 2030 (Wk. #37)
2030-2031	Mar. 17, 2031 (Wk. #37)	Mar. 10, 2031 (Wk. #36)
2031-2032	Mar. 15, 2032 (Wk. #37)	Mar. 8, 2032 (Wk. #36)

Note: No Championship dates will be revised.

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FOOTBALL – Establish 8-Man Football Regional Championship on Week #21

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider approval for the 8-man Regional Championship to be held on Week #21 (11-Man Football Semifinal weekend).

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025

Rationale:

The 2024 8-Man Regional Championship was held on Week #22 (11-Man State Football Championship weekend) resulting in several issues related to inclement weather, location of the game and confusion and concerns from schools and the general public.

In accordance with the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy 8-Man does not meet the threshold for Championship status (6 Sections with 4 participating schools).

Proposal Originated:

Internal staff discussion

Budgetary Impact:

Moving the event to week #21 reduces the cost of the game being played week #22 by itself or at the JMA Wireless Dome with the 11-man finals.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee does not support moving the 8-Man Regional Championship to Week #21 (11-Man Football Semifinal weekend); the Committee prefers hosting the 8-Man Regional Championship at the same venue as the 11-Man State Championship.

Attachments:

None.

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 8-0 in support of this proposal at its January 16th meeting.

DATE REVISED: January 21, 2025

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Cheerleading – Game Day Scoring Adjustment

_____ Action Item
 X Discussion Item
_____ Informational Item

Presenter:

Jennifer Simmons, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading State Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval to adjust Game Day Score Sheets for 2025-2027.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025 season

Rationale:

- These new score sheets better align NYS with the rest of the country in terms of the Game Day format and scoring categories.
- These new score sheets make each scoring element more clear to both coaches and judges, by just reorganizing and breaking down the scoring categories, while NOT changing any of the elements that we currently score in NY Game Day. The only true difference from what we are currently doing is requiring dismounts from stunts between the Sideline and Cheer.
- The scoring categories reflect both the UCA and NCA scoring elements.
- The point spread is a better representation of the length of elements in each section of the Game Day routine. For example, the current score sheet equally spreads 20 points across 4 sections, however, the situational sideline is significantly shorter than the other sections.
- There are minimal “combined” scoring elements. The current score sheet has scoring categories such as “Motion Technique & Crowd Leading Tools”. It is difficult for judges to appropriately account for both of these elements in a single score and 5 points is not appropriate for 2 elements that are used throughout a given section of the routine. The new score sheet breaks these elements into 2 separate categories. Breaking these elements down also helps coaches to better understand the areas in which they excel or need improvement.
- No category is over 5 points, making it easier and more consistent for officials to score.

Proposal Originated:

Cheerleading Committee – after reviewing the first two State Competitions.

Attachments:

Proposed score sheets

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



TEAM NAME: _____

DIVISION: _____ JUDGE 1 & 2 _____

CROWD LEADING (40)	POINTS	SCORE
Game Day Relevance of Situational Sideline <i>Sideline effectively conveyed an offense/defense situation.</i>	5	
Crowd Effectiveness <i>Clarity of the cheer - Voices had a consistent volume. Pace/flow was appropriate to clearly understand all words.</i>	5	
Formations & Spacing <i>Choreography of formations and transitions</i> <i>Crowd coverage & effectiveness of formations.</i> <i>Formations allowed for maximum crowd coverage. Ability to elicit a crowd response.</i>	5	
Motion Technique <i>Execution of Motions - Technique, sharpness, synchronization, and consistency in placement of motions.</i>	5	
Crowd Leading Tools <i>Choreography and Execution of Props - Proper use of signs, poms, megaphones and flags. Technique, sharpness, consistency in placement of props.</i>	5	
Effectiveness of Stunt/Tumbling <i>Choreography of Skills - Skills chosen were effective and appropriate for the Game Day environment. Clean and crowd effective stunts and tumbling.</i>	5	
Execution of Stunt/Tumbling <i>Execution of Skills - Technique, stability, synchronization and spacing</i>	5	
Overall Impression <i>Leadership, School Spirit & Energy in the sideline/crowd leading cheer and transition entering that section.</i> <i>Leadership to engage and connect with the crowd. Genuine School Spirit and Energy. Transition going into the sideline/crowd leading section, maintained crowd coverage/engagement and was minimal/clean.</i>	5	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	40	

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



TEAM NAME: _____

DIVISION: _____ JUDGE 3 & 4 _____

BAND CHANT (30)		POINTS	SCORE
Game Day Material & Crowd Effectiveness <i>Choreography of material - Crowd was engaged, entertained and/or encouraged to respond in all material. Creative visuals (levels/ripples/synchronization) entertained and engaged the crowd. Voices were clear and the chant fit the music.</i>		5	
Formations & Spacing <i>Choreography of formations and transitions</i> <i>Crowd coverage & effectiveness of formations.</i> <i>Variety/spacing of formations. Synchronization/visuals during transitions.</i>		5	
Motion Technique <i>Execution of Motions - Technique, sharpness, synchronization, and consistency in placement of motions.</i>		5	
Crowd Leading Tools <i>Choreography and Execution of Props - Proper use of signs, poms, megaphones and flags. Technique, sharpness, consistency in placement of props.</i>		5	
Game Day Visual Appeal <i>Creative movements and musicality (dance/chant/call-back matches the beat of the music).</i> <i>Use of level changes, ripples, & other techniques.</i>		5	
Overall Impression <i>Leadership, School Spirit & Energy in the band chant and transitions entering that section. Leadership to engage and connect with the crowd. Genuine School Spirit and Energy. Transition into the band chant maintained crowd coverage/engagement and were minimal/clean.</i>		5	
FIGHT SONG (30)		POINTS	SCORE
Game Day Material & Crowd Effectiveness <i>Choreography of material - Crowd was engaged, entertained and/or encouraged to respond in all material. Creative visuals (levels/ripples/synchronization) entertained and engaged the crowd. Voices were clear and the chant fit the music.</i>		5	
Formations & Spacing <i>Choreography of formations and transitions</i> <i>Crowd coverage & effectiveness of formations.</i> <i>Variety/spacing of formations. Synchronization/visuals during transitions.</i>		5	
Motion Technique <i>Execution of Motions - Technique, sharpness, synchronization, and consistency in placement of motions.</i>		5	
Crowd Leading Tools <i>Choreography and Execution of Props - Proper use of signs, poms, megaphones and flags. Technique, sharpness, consistency in placement of props.</i>		5	
Effectiveness & Execution of Stunt/Tumbling <i>Choreography of Skills - Skills chosen were effective and appropriate for the Game Day environment. Clean and crowd effective stunts and tumbling.</i> <i>Execution of Skills - Technique, stability, synchronization and spacing</i>		5	
Overall Impression <i>Leadership, School Spirit & Energy in the Fight Song and transitions entering that section. Leadership to engage and connect with the crowd. Genuine School Spirit and Energy. Transition into the Fight Song maintained crowd coverage/engagement and were minimal/clean.</i>		5	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS		60	

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Cheerleading – Standard Practice for Fall and Winter Cheer

- _____ Action Item
X Discussion Item
_____ Informational Item

Presenter:

Jennifer Simmons, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee is seeking approval to set the following standard practice guidelines for competing teams in all sections.

- Fall Cheerleading - Teams are restricted to only practicing those skills allowable in Game Day Cheerleading. This then does not limit those teams who do not wish to compete, but allows schools to still have teams. It does restrict those schools from working on the more advanced skills and routines for the Winter Competitive Season in advance of the season, thereby negating any unfair advantage. It allows for schools building programs to do so in a safe manner.
- Winter Cheerleading- Since skills are more advanced for Competitive Cheer, there would be no restrictions for schools doing the lesser skills of Game Day during this season.
- Any school found violating this rule and practicing skills beyond what is allowed in Game Day during the Fall Season, would be ineligible for the postseason for the Winter Season.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025 season

Rationale:

While NYSPHSAA defines the seasons as “Fall Cheerleading” and “Winter Cheerleading” with Game Day and Competitive being “Events” within each of those, sections are interpreting this differently. Some are allowing both in each season. Some are allowing only Game Day in the fall and only Competitive in the winter. Some are allowing teams to forego competing in the fall and just prepare/practice their competitive routines/skills for the winter. As a result, the State Committee is concerned with the following:

- The differences from section to section are creating extremely unfair advantages and disadvantages for certain teams/sections in competitive cheer. These disadvantages are causing coaches and athletes to leave cheerleading and as this grows, it will likely cause entire sections of NYS to withdraw from competing in NYS cheerleading.
- Schools that allow teams to not compete in the fall but practice/prepare for the winter season are paying for a coach that isn’t competing at all.
- Sections that do not allow Game Day in the winter prohibit teams from competing in Game Day nationally, as all national competitions for both Game Day and Competitive occur in January - March.

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- If we were to move to only allow Game Day in the fall and Competitive in the winter, it would set us back nationally and affect our athletes ability to compete for college scholarships.

Proposal Originated:

This was a topic of discussion at the Cheer State Committee meeting at the State Competition and discussed at prior state committee meetings. While NYSPHSAA Executive Committee agreed to approve limiting beginning choreography prior to the start date, teams are not foregoing the fall Game Day season, and working on their winter season from August forward when the season truly for State Competition does not begin until November. This proposal gets all sections on the same page as to what is allowed and what isn't.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Section representatives felt this yearly course was important training given the complexity of new skills added each year. They felt that the needed progression and trainings was a safety issue that needed to be addressed.

The Cheerleading State Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at its December meeting.

Attachments:

None

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Girls Lacrosse: Artificial Noise Makers

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse Coordinator

Proposal:

The Girl's Lacrosse Committee is recommending prohibiting all artificial noise makers at NYSPHSAA Regional, Semifinal and Final games.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

The Girl's Lacrosse Committee has received concerns that artificial noise makers can be distracting to the players and officials on the field, especially when used by spectators that are standing closest to the field.

Proposal Originated:

Girls Lacrosse Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Currently Boys and Girls Basketball ban artificial noise makers during the state championship (NYSPHSAA rule) and the sport of Volleyball (NCAA rule). The committee was unanimous in this recommendation. The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee will discuss at their Spring meeting.

Attachments:

None

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BASEBALL: Allow Scrimmage after 6th practice day

- ☐ Action Item
- ☒ Discussion Item
- ☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee is seeking approval to allow scrimmages to be conducted after the 6th practice day.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2026

Rationale:

If this proposal is approved, we would implement a restriction on the # of pitches (30) a pitcher is allowed to throw during any scrimmage that takes place on days 7-10 of the first 10 required practice days. This is after 6 days of practice are completed by the individual player.

30 pitch-count limit on all pitchers in scrimmages that occur on practice days 7-10*
1-30 pitches thrown: 2 nights rest*****

The same rules for tracking pitch count during the season would apply to scrimmages (home team is the official counter). Teams are responsible for keeping track of their pitch counts and checking in between innings. The penalty for going over the pitch limit would be determined by the section.

Once 10 days of practice have been reached, the current pitch limit rule would be in effect.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA State Committee January 8, 2025 from Section VIII (Sean Burns)

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 11-0 in favor of supporting this proposal at its January meeting.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

Not necessary

DATE REVISED: January 8, 2025

VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS SOCCER – 16 GAMES (CLASS AA/A/B/C/D)
2025 – 2026

Practice Starts: August 18th

Practices required prior to 1st Scrimmage: 6 | Date of First Scrimmage: Aug. 25

Practices required prior to 1st Game: 6 | Date of First Game: Aug. 25

Labor Day: September 1st

Rosh Hashanah: **Sunset Monday, Sept. 22 to Sunset Wed, Sept. 24**

Yom Kippur: **Sunset Wed, Oct. 1st to Sunset Thurs. Oct. 2nd**

Columbus Day: October 13th

Seed Meeting: **10/23/2025**

Sectionals: Start: 10/24/2025

Regionals: 11/3 – 11/8

States: November 14-16, 2025 @ Middletown HS

<u>Boys Soccer – 16 Games Maximum</u>					
<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>	<u>Division 4</u>	<u>Division 5</u>	<u>Division 6</u>
<u>Class AAA</u> <u>(1096 +)</u>	<u>Class AA</u> <u>(691-1095)</u>	<u>Class A</u> <u>(407-690)</u>	<u>Class B</u> <u>(247-406)</u>	<u>Class C</u> <u>(143-246)</u>	<u>Class D</u> <u>(up to 142)</u>
1. NFA 2. Middletown 3. Monroe Woodbury 4. Kingston 5. Pine Bush	1. Valley Central 2. Washingtonville 3. Warwick 4. Minisink 5. Goshen 6. Cornwall	1. Monticello 2. Beacon 3. Liberty 4. Port Jervis	1. Fallsburg 2. O'Neill 3. Sullivan West*	1. Chester 2. Tri Valley* 3. Burke* 4. S.S. Seward *No JV	1. Eldred* 2. Chapel Field

*** = NO JV**

Dates:

August: 28

September: 2, 4, 10, 12, 16, 18, 25, 29,

October: 3, 7, 9, 15, 17, 20, 22

Notes:

All schools play two times in division. Any additional are non-league games. Div. 5 and Div. 6 combine to play two times. JV Schedules for Divisions 3-6 are matched up based on who is open for a JV game since there are so few JV teams in Div. 5/6.

Below is a link to the Soccer: Boys Varsity Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.

[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

Below is a link to the Soccer: Boys JV Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.

[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER – 16 GAMES (CLASS AA/A/B/C/D)

2025 – 2026

Practice Starts: August 18th

Practices required prior to 1st Scrimmage: 6 | Date of First Scrimmage: Aug. 25

Practices required prior to 1st Game: 6 | Date of First Game: Aug. 25

Labor Day: September 1st

Rosh Hashanah: **Sunset Monday, Sept. 22 to Sunset Wed, Sept. 24**

Yom Kippur: **Sunset Wed, Oct. 1st to Sunset Thurs. Oct. 2nd**

Columbus Day: October 13th

Seed Meeting: **10/23/2025**

Sectionals: Start: 10/24/2025

Regionals: 11/3 – 11/8

States: November 14-16, 2025 @ SUNY Cortland

<u>Girls Soccer – 16 Games Maximum</u>					
<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>	<u>Division 4</u>	<u>Division 5</u>	<u>Division 6</u>
<u>Class AAA</u> <u>(1065 +)</u>	<u>Class AA</u> <u>(681-1064)</u>	<u>Class A</u> <u>(382-680)</u>	<u>Class B</u> <u>(237-381)</u>	<u>Class C</u> <u>(129-236)</u>	<u>Class D</u> <u>(up to 128)</u>
1. NFA 2. Middletown 3. Monroe Woodbury 4. Kingston 5. Pine Bush	1. Valley Central 2. Washingtonville 3. Warwick 4. Minisink 5. Goshen 6. Cornwall 7. Monticello	1. Beacon 2. Port Jervis 3. Liberty	1. Fallsburg* 2. O'Neill 3. Sullivan West 4. Chester *No JV	1. Tri Valley 2. Burke* 3. SS Seward* *No JV	1. Eldred* 2. LM/Rosc* 3. Chapel Field *No JV

*** = NO JV**

Dates:

August: 29

September: 3, 5, 9, 11, 17, 19, 26, 30

October: 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 21

NOTES:

All schools play two times in division. Any additional games vs. each other are non-league games. Div. 5 and Div 6 will combine and play two times. Varsity has 12 – 14 games. JV schedule is a combination for the lower divisions due to lack of teams. But JV Teams have about 10-12 contests.

Below is a link to the Soccer: Girls Varsity Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.

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Below is a link to the Soccer: Girls JV Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.

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GIRLS VARSITY SWIMMING – 16 GAMES

2025 – 2026

Practice Starts: August 18th

Practices required prior to 1st Scrimmage: 6 | Date of First Scrimmage: Aug. 25

Practices required prior to 1st Game: 6 | Date of First Game: Aug. 25

Labor Day: September 1st

Rosh Hashanah: **Sunset Monday, Sept. 22 to Sunset Wed, Sept. 24**




Yom Kippur: **Sunset Wed, Oct. 1st to Sunset Thurs. Oct. 2nd**

Columbus Day: October 13th

OCIAA's: Diving: Oct 23 @ Wash'ville | Swimming Oct. 24, 2025 @ Wash'ville and NFA

Sectionals: Nov. 6, 7, 8, 2025 @ Valley Central

States: Nov. 21-22 @ Webster Aquatic Center

<u>Girls Swimming / Diving – 16 Matches Maximum</u>	
 = Pool Diving/Swim	 = Pool Swim only
	 = No Pool/College Pool
<u>Division I</u>	<u>Division II</u>
1. NFA	1. Middletown
2. Kingston	2. Monroe Woodbury
3. Pine Bush	3. Warwick***
4. Valley Central	4. Washingtonville
5. Beacon	5. Minisink
6. Marlboro	6. Cornwall
7. Rhinebeck	7. Goshen**
8. Red Hook	8. FDR
9. Lourdes	9. Wallkill
	10. New Paltz
% Spackenkill to shadow Beacon	***SS Seward to shadow Warwick
* Rondout / Onteora to shadow Kingston	**Chester Shadows Goshen

Dates:

September: 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 25, 26, 26, 30,

October: 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15

Notes:

Two divisions. 8 or 9 league meets, 2 – 3 non-league, + Division Championship meet = 11-12

Lack of pools – FDR, Wallkill, – no pools. Goshen uses Goshen Community Pool sparingly. New Paltz uses SUNY New Paltz. Red Hook and Rhinebeck uses Bard College for minimal home meets. Lourdes pool situation TBD but scheduled all away.

Scheduling is either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday depending on division.

Shadows: SS Seward Shadows Warwick. Chester shadows Goshen. Rondout/Onteora Shadows Kingston?

Below is a link to the Swimming & Diving: Girls Varsity Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.

[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY CROSS-COUNTRY – 16 MEETS (CLASS AA/A/B/C/D)

2025 – 2026

Practice Starts: August 18th

Practices required prior to 1st Scrimmage: 6 | Date of First Scrimmage: Aug. 25

Practices required prior to 1st Game: 6 | Date of First Game: Aug. 25

Labor Day: September 1st

Rosh Hashanah: **Sunset Monday, Sept. 22 to Sunset Wed, Sept. 24**

Yom Kippur: **Sunset Wed, Oct. 1st to Sunset Thurs. Oct. 2nd**

Columbus Day: October 13th

OCIAA's: Oct. 25 @ Warwick

Sectionals: Nov. 5 @ Bear Mtn.

States: Nov. 15 @ Queensbury HS

Cross Country – 16 Meets Maximum				
<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>	<u>Division 4</u>	<u>Division 5</u>
<u>Class A</u> <u>(815+)</u>	<u>Class A</u> <u>(815+)</u>	<u>Class B</u> <u>(450-814)</u>	<u>Class C /Class D</u> <u>C (255-449)</u> <u>D (up to 254)</u>	<u>Non-Scoring</u> <u>Teams</u>
1. NFA 2. Middletown 3. Monroe Woodbury 4. Kingston	1. Pine Bush 2. Valley Central 3. Washingtonville 4. Warwick	1. Minisink 2. Monticello 3. Cornwall 4. Goshen 5. Beacon	1. Fallsburg 2. O'Neill 3. <u>Sullivan West</u> 4. Burke 5. Tri Valley	1. Port Jervis 2. Liberty 3. SS Seward 4. Eldred 5. Liv. Manor/Rosc 6. Tuxedo 7. Homestead

Dates:

September: 9, 25, 30

October: 7, 14,

Notes:

Division scheduling. If schools run each other more than once in division, 1st meet will be Non-League, 2nd meet will count as League meet.

*Tuxedo to shadow Burke, *Chester to shadow SS Seward

Below is a link to the Cross Country: Boys Varsity Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.

[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS – 16 MATCHES
2025 – 2026

Practice Starts: August 18th
 Practices required prior to 1st Scrimmage: 6 | Date of First Scrimmage: Aug. 25
 Practices required prior to 1st Game: 6 | Date of First Game: Aug. 25
 Labor Day: September 1st
 Rosh Hashanah: **Sunset Monday, Sept. 22 to Sunset Wed, Sept. 24**
 Yom Kippur: **Sunset Wed, Oct. 1st to Sunset Thurs. Oct. 2nd**
 Columbus Day: October 13th
 OCIAA's: Oct. 15-17 @ Match Point
 Sectionals: Oct. 22-24 @ Match Point
 Sectional Team Championship:
 States: Individual: Oct. 27, 28, 29, 2025 @ **BJK Tennis Center, Flushing, NY** | Team: Nov. 7

<u>Girls Tennis – 16 Matches Maximum</u>		
<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>
<u>Large Schools</u> <u>(600+)</u>	<u>Large Schools</u> <u>(600+)</u>	<u>Small Schools</u> <u>(up to 599)</u>
1. NFA 2. Middletown 3. Monroe Woodbury 4. Kingston 5. Pine Bush 6. Valley Central	1. Warwick 2. Washingtonville 3. Minisink 4. Goshen 5. Cornwall 6. Monticello 7. Beacon	1. Port Jervis 2. Liberty 3. O'Neill 4. Tri Valley 5. Burke Catholic

<u>Girls JV Tennis – 16 Matches Maximum</u>	
1. Newburgh 2. Monroe-Woodbury 3. Middletown 4. Kingston 5. Pine Bush 6. Valley Central	7. Washingtonville 8. Minisink 9. Warwick 10. Cornwall 11. Goshen 12. Beacon

Dates:

August: 27, 29

September: 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 25, 26, 29, 30,

October: 3, 6, 8, 10

NOTES: Div. 1 and 2 are large school division. Div. 3 is small school division. Everyone plays 2 times in division, then plays non-league matches for a total of 12 to 14 contests. JV has 12 teams, they have 10 -11 contests. JV opposite Varsity.

Below is a link to the Tennis: Girls Varsity Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.

[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

Below is a link to the Tennis: Girls JV Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.

[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL – 20 GAMES (CLASS AA/A/B/C)

2025 – 2026

Practice Starts: August 18th

Practices required prior to 1st Scrimmage: 6 | Date of First Scrimmage: Aug. 25

Practices required prior to 1st Game: 6 | Date of First Game: Aug. 25

Labor Day: September 1st

Rosh Hashanah: **Sunset Monday, Sept. 22 to Sunset Wed, Sept. 24**

Yom Kippur: **Sunset Wed, Oct. 1st to Sunset Thurs. Oct. 2nd**

Columbus Day: October 13th

Seed Meeting: October 30th, 2025

Sectionals: Possible Start: Sat. Nov. 1; Finals: November 7th - 9th

Regionals: Nov. 10 - 15

States: Nov. 21-23 @ Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls

<u>Volleyball – 20 Games Maximum</u>					
<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>	<u>Division 4</u>	<u>Division 5</u>	<u>Division 6</u>
<u>Class AAA</u> <u>(1041 +)</u>	<u>Class AA</u> <u>(733-1040)</u>	<u>Class A</u> <u>(453-732)</u>	<u>Class B</u> <u>(283-452)</u>	<u>Class C</u> <u>(174-282)</u>	<u>Class D</u> <u>(up to 173)</u>
1. NFA 2. Middletown 3. Monroe Woodbury 4. Kingston 5. Pine Bush 6. Valley Central	1. Washingtonville 2. Warwick 3. Minisink 4. Goshen 5. Cornwall	1. Monticello 2. Beacon 3. Port Jervis 4. Liberty	1. Fallsburg 2. O'Neill	1. Chester 2. Sullivan West 3. Tri Valley (JV) 4. Burke 5. SS Seward	1. Chapel Field 2. Eldred (JV) 3. LM/Rosc (JV) 4. Tuxedo

Dates:

August:

September: 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 26, 29,

October: 3, 6, 8, 10, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24

NOTES:

All teams play twice in division. Div 3 and 4 combine to play each other twice, Div. 5/6 combine to play each other twice. With non-league matches schools have between 14-16 contests. Three schools are JV Only – Tri Valley, Liv. Manor, Eldred. Chapel Field is Varsity and JV this year, and will play all away.

Below is a link to the Volleyball: Girls Varsity Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.

[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

Below is a link to the Volleyball: Girls JV Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.

[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

2025 – 2026

MODIFIED FOOTBALL - 7 GAMES

Practice Starts: Sept. 3 or whenever first day of School takes place
Practices required prior to 1st Scrimmage: 10 | Date of First Scrimmage: Sept. 17th
Practices required prior to 1st Game: 10 | Date of First Game: Sept. 17th
Labor Day: September 1st
Rosh Hashanah: **Sunset Monday, Sept. 22 to Sunset Wed, Sept. 24**
Yom Kippur: **Sunset Wed, Oct. 1st to Sunset Thurs. Oct. 2nd**
Columbus Day: October 13th

MODIFIED B FOOTBALL 11 MAN (7-8) - 7 GAMES

1. Newburgh	1. Washingtonville
2. Monroe-Woodbury	2. FDR
3. Middletown	3. Minisink
4. Kingston	4. Goshen
5. Pine Bush	5. Port Jervis
6. Warwick	6. Beacon

Dates:

September: 18, 25, 30
October: 7, 14, 21, 28
November:

MODIFIED A FOOTBALL 11 MAN (7-8-9)

1. Valley Central	1. New Paltz
2. Monticello	2. Highland
3. Liberty	3. Marlboro
4. Chester/Florida	4. Red Hook
5. O'Neill	5. Rondout
6. Burke Catholic	6. Saugerties
7. Ellenville	7. Spackenkill
8. Wallkill	8. Dover

Modified A 8 Man Football (7,8,9)

1. Fallsburg	6. Pine Plains
2. Liv Manor/Roscoe	7. Pawling
3. Tri Valley	8. Onteora
4. Sullivan West	9. Millbrook
5. Eldred	10. Haldane

11 man Mod A Dates:

September: 18, 25, 30
October: 8, 15, 22, 29
November:

8 man Dates:

September: 20, 25, 30,
October: 4, 8, 14, 18, 22, 28,
November: 4

Below is a link to the Football: Modified B Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.
[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

Below is a link to the Football: Modified A Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.
[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

MODIFIED BOYS SOCCER (7-8) - 12 GAMES
2025 – 2026

Practice Starts: Sept. 3 or whenever first day of School takes place
Practices required prior to 1st Scrimmage: 6 | Date of First Scrimmage: Sept. 11th
Practices required prior to 1st Game: 6 | Date of First Game: Sept. 11th
Labor Day: September 1st
Rosh Hashanah: **Sunset Monday, Sept. 22 to Sunset Wed, Sept. 24**
Yom Kippur: **Sunset Wed, Oct. 1st to Sunset Thurs. Oct. 2nd**
Columbus Day: October 13th

MODIFIED BOYS SOCCER (7-8) - 12 GAMES

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>	<u>Division 4</u>
1. NFA (B) 2. MW (P) 3. Middletown (M) 4. Pine Bush 5. Valley Central 6. Washingtonville 7. Warwick 8. MW(W)	1. NFA (G) 2. Middletown (TT) 3. Minisink 4. Goshen 5. Cornwall 6. Beacon 7. Monticello	1. Port Jervis 2. Chapel Field 3. Greenwood Lake 4. SS Seward 5. O'Neill 6. Chester 7. Burke 8. Tuxedo 9. West Point MS	1. Liberty 2. Tri Valley 3. Eldred 4. Fallsburg 5. Sullivan West 6. Liv Manor/Roscoe

DATES:

September: 16, 18, 26, 29

October: 7, 9, 15, 17, 21, 23, 27, 29,

November: 3

NOTES:

All divisions play 12 games. Dates vary between divisions depending on # of teams. **Different days of week for boys and girls soccer because teams are different between boys and girls - so the divisions do not match up. Also gives us better coverage of officials.**

Below is a link to the Soccer: Boys Modified Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.

[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

MODIFIED GIRLS SOCCER (7-8) - 12 GAMES

2025 – 2026

Practice Starts: Sept. 3 or whenever first day of School takes place

Practices required prior to 1st Scrimmage: 6 | Date of First Scrimmage: Sept. 11th

Practices required prior to 1st Game: 6 | Date of First Game: Sept. 11th

Labor Day: September 1st

Rosh Hashanah: **Sunset Monday, Sept. 22 to Sunset Wed, Sept. 24**

Yom Kippur: **Sunset Wed, Oct. 1st to Sunset Thurs. Oct. 2nd**

Columbus Day: October 13th

MODIFIED GIRLS SOCCER (7-8) - 12 GAMES

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
1. NFA (B)	1. NFA (G)	1. Port Jervis	1. Liberty
2. MW (P)	2. MW (W)	2. Chester	2. Tri Valley
3. Middletown	3. Minisink	3. Greenwood Lake	3. Eldred
4. Pine Bush	4. Cornwall	4. SS Seward	4. Fallsburg
5. Valley Central	5. Goshen	5. Chapel Field	5. Sullivan West
6. Warwick	6. Beacon	6. Burke	6. Liv Manor/Roscoe
7. Washingtonville	7. Monticello	7. West Point MS	

DATES:

September: 15, 17, 25, 30,

October: 3, 6, 8, 14, 16, 20, 22, 28, 30

November: 4

NOTES:

All divisions play 12 games. Girl's does not line up same as boy's schedule due to less teams in girls.

Different days of week for boys and girls soccer because teams are different between boys and girls - so the divisions do not match up. Also gives us better coverage of officials.

Below is a link to the Soccer: Girls Modified Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.

[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

MODIFIED BOYS/GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY (7-8) - 10 MEETS
2025 – 2026

Practice Starts: Sept. 3 or whenever first day of School takes place
Practices required prior to 1st Scrimmage: 6 | Date of First Scrimmage: Sept. 11th
Practices required prior to 1st Game: 6 | Date of First Game: Sept. 11th
Labor Day: September 1st
Rosh Hashanah: **Sunset Monday, Sept. 22 to Sunset Wed, Sept. 24**
Yom Kippur: **Sunset Wed, Oct. 1st to Sunset Thurs. Oct. 2nd**
Columbus Day: October 13th

MODIFIED BOYS/GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY (7-8) - 10 MEETS

Modified Cross Country – 10 Contests Maximum	
1. NFA	13. Goshen
2. Monroe-Woodbury	14. Port Jervis
3. Middletown	15. Liberty
4. Kingston	16. Fallsburg
5. Pine Bush	17. Sullivan West
6. Valley Central	18. Tri-Valley
7. Washingtonville	19. S.S. Seward
8. Minisink	20. Eldred
9. Warwick	21. Greenwood Lake
10. Cornwall	22. West Point
11. Monticello	23. Livingston Manor
12. Beacon	24. Burke Catholic

Dates:

September: 16, 25, 30,
October: 7, 14, 21

Notes:

9/16 and 10/21 are multi-meets at Orange County Park.

- **Travel to same location as Varsity where possible.**

Below is a link to the Cross Country: Modified Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.
[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

OCIAA MODIFIED VOLLEYBALL (7-8) – 14 GAMES (7 dates, two games each day)

2025 – 2026

Practice Starts: Sept. 3 or whenever first day of School takes place

Practices required prior to 1st Scrimmage: 6 | Date of First Scrimmage: Sept. 11th

Practices required prior to 1st Game: 6 | Date of First Game: Sept. 11th

Labor Day: September 1st

Rosh Hashanah: **Sunset Monday, Sept. 22 to Sunset Wed, Sept. 24**

Yom Kippur: **Sunset Wed, Oct. 1st to Sunset Thurs. Oct. 2nd**

Columbus Day: October 13th

Modified Volleyball – 14 Games Maximum				
<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>	<u>Division 4</u>	<u>Division 5</u>
1. NFA (B)	1. NFA (G)	1. Minisink	1. Chester	1. Liberty
2. Mdn. Twin Towers	2. Mdn. MNHGN	2. Beacon	2. West Point	2. Sull West
3. MW (P)	3. MW (W)	3. Goshen	3. Tuxedo	3. Fallsburg
4. Pine Bush	4. Warwick	4. Port Jervis	4. O'Neill	4. LM/Rosc
5. Valley Central	5. Washingtonville	5. Cornwall	5. G.L.	5. Eldred
		6. Monticello	6. SS Seward	
			7. Burke	

Teams play a double match and are either 3 home and 4 away or 4 home and 3 away. All Schools have 7.

Dates:

September: 16, 18, 25, 30,

October: 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

Below is a link to the Volleyball: Girls Modified Fall 2025 Schedule for Section IX Athletics.

[Click here for the latest schedule](#)

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 5, 2025

Dr. Robert Zayas Executive Director

Key Initiatives:

During the Executive Committee meeting, updates will be presented on several key initiatives, including the 3-Region Rotation concept, the location and date of the 8-Man Regional Football Championship, the recommendations of the Start Date Ad Hoc Committee, and an update from the Schools Without Borders Ad Hoc Committee.

NYS Temperature Bill:

In December 2024, Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation establishing temperature regulations for New York State public school classrooms, effective September 1, 2025.

Classrooms and support service spaces must not exceed 88 degrees Fahrenheit. If temperatures reach this threshold, schools are required to relocate students and staff to cooler areas, when feasible.

When classroom temperatures reach 82 degrees Fahrenheit, schools must implement strategies to alleviate heat-related discomfort. These measures include turning off overhead lights, lowering shades or blinds, activating fans, opening windows and doors, and providing water breaks.

While the legislation primarily addresses classroom environments, it has implications for high school athletics. Gyms and other indoor sports venues used for physical education and athletic events are subject to the same temperature regulations. Schools must monitor these spaces and may need to adjust practice schedules or relocate activities if temperatures exceed the established limits.

The new law does not directly regulate outdoor temperatures.