

**MID HUDSON ATHLETIC LEAGUE
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
MAY 21,2025 9:30AM
DUTCHESS BOCES**

- 1.APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- 2.SECTIONAL REPORT -GREG RANSOM AND JIM OSBORNE
- 3.PRESIDENT'S REPORT- TOM CASSATA
4. REGIONAL OFFICE REPORT
5. ATHLETIC COORDINATOR'S REPORT - DENNIS BURKETT
Please access meeting materials
6. COMBINING OF TEAMS- FRANK ALFONSO
7. MODIFIED REPORT AND NYSAAA - GREG WARREN
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

NYSPHSAA Voting Items from May Meeting:

Increase High/Cost Venue Ticket Prices beginning with the Fall 2025

- **Motion:** Consider approval for an increase in ticket prices for Football Finals and Boys & Girls Wrestling by \$3.50 from \$10.50 to \$14.

Increase Ticket Prices Beginning in the Fall 2025

- **Motion:** Consider approval for an increase in ticket prices for all events by \$1.50 from \$10.50 to \$12 in order to keep pace with rising expenses.

Handbook Committee - Appeal - Prescribed Penalty *(NYSPHSAA receives a few inquiries from member schools regarding appealing a prescribed penalty. Adding this language would save schools and NYSPHSAA time and money for an appeal that is not able to be overturned.)*

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Handbook Committee - Practice Session, Minimum Practices

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Handbook Committee - Maximum Number of Contests Penalty (No attendance at Games)

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Modified Committee- Revise Sport Standard Chart & Time Interval in NYSPHSAA Handbook

- **Motion:** Consider approval from the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee who is recommending revising the Sports Standard Chart and the Time Interval Regulation in the NYSPHSAA Handbook in the following manner:
Sport Standard Chart-To align the time between contests with the High School Sports Standard Chart.

Time interval – (Remove crossed out language): ~~Unless extenuating circumstances arise, it is recommended that no more than two contests should be scheduled per week. Except in football and cross country, contests may be played with only one night of rest three times per season for rescheduling purposes only. A team may never play three days in a row. There shall not be more than three/ four contests (4 for baseball/ softball) played per calendar week. Baseball and softball shall be permitted to play two games a day twice during the season.~~

Girls & Boys Tennis - Revise Lineup for Team Competition

- Motion: Consider approval of proposal from the NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis State Committees who are seeking to revise the Stacking and Lineup Rule for competition at the Sub-Regional, Regional and Final Four Rounds of the NYSPHSAA Tennis Team Championships. The NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis State Team Championship Stacking and Lineup Rule shall treat singles and doubles as separate entities. NOTE: this rule was initially approved in July 2021 and the committees are seeking to clarify structure and use of challenge matches in determining a team lineup.

Girls Volleyball - Waiver of Administrative Red Card(uniform)

- Motion: Consider approval for proposal from the Girls Volleyball Committee who is recommending waiving the NCAA penalty, administrative red card, for having a non-compliant uniform. This would be a one-year pilot.

Girls Volleyball- Amend 15-point Tiebreaker in deciding Set at State Tournament to advance to finals only)

- Motion: Consider approval for proposal from the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Committee who is seeking an amendment to its current tiebreaker rule when teams split 1 set to 1 in their match up in the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Semifinals. The amendment would be if the last match does not factor into determining a team advancing to the finals, the 15-point tiebreaker will not be played. This is not optional for teams to choose.

Gymnastics- Revise Scoring Changes to Technical Handbook

- Motion: Consider approval for proposal from the NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Committee is seeking approval of scoring and safety changes in its Technical Handbook:
 - A. Handspring Vault - Raise the Start Value of a Handspring Vault to an 8.6 from an 8.5.*
 - B. Floor Exercise Mats -Allow Coaches to place acceptable mats on the Floor Exercise Mat up to 8".*
 - C. Landing Mats -Already accepted in USAG-to adopt up to 20" of matting for Vault, Bars, and Beam Dismounts.*

Boys Wrestling- Increase to 14 Weight Classes

- Motion: Consider approving recommendation from the NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee who is recommending using the following 14 weight classes:
103, 110, 118, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215, 285

Boys Ice Hockey - Game Protocol

- Motion: Approve recommendation from the Boys Ice Hockey Committee who is recommending revising the current Game Protocol under 14.08 #11 letter b in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *"In At-Large, regionals, semi-finals, and finals, each team will have a 12-minute warmup,12-15 minute intermission between each period during ice cut".*

Boys Ice Hockey - Goal Differential/Mercy Rule

- Motion: Approve recommendation from the Boys Ice Hockey Committee who is recommending adding the following language under 14.08 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *"With Section approval, a running clock can be used if there is an 8-goal differential in the third period. If the score differential drops below 8 goals the clock will be stopped".*

Boys Ice Hockey - Players in Uniform

- Motion: Approve recommendation from the Boys Ice Hockey Committee who is recommending adding the following language to rule 14.08 number 4 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *"If a team drops below the minimum number of players, 9 and 1 goalie, during a game then the contest will be stopped and the offending team will forfeit".*
- Motion: Approve recommendation from the Boys Ice Hockey Committee who is recommending adding the following language to rule 14.08 number 4 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *"If a team drops below the minimum number of players, 9 and 1 goalie, during a game then the contest will be stopped and the offending team will forfeit".*

Boys Ice Hockey - Regular Season OT Procedure

- Motion: Approve recommendation from the Boys Ice Hockey Committee who is recommending revising the current regular season OT procedure under 14.08 #10 letter b in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *"During the regular season tournament where a winner is necessary, play shall be continued not to exceed 10 minutes of sudden victory. If after this overtime period, there is no goal scored, the game will be considered a tie, and the shootout procedure will decide tournament advancement".*

Girls & Boys Bowling - Establish At-Large Rotation for D1 from 2026-2034

- Motion: Approve recommendation from the NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Bowling State Committee who is seeking approval for a rotation for the Division 1 At-Large to fill the pacer teams from 2026-34.

Indoor Track & Field - Expand State Tournament to Two Days

- Motion: Approve recommendation from the NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Indoor Track State Committees who are seeking approval to expand the state tournament to a two-day meet.

Indoor Track & Field- Reduce Relays from 8 to 6 Athletes for the State Meet

- Motion: Approve recommendation from the Boys and Girls Indoor Committees who are seeking approval to reduce relays from 8 to 6 athletes at the State Championship. Note, the NFHS rule (Page 38, Section 10, Article 2) allows up to 8 athletes for relays but the track committee is seeking to be more restrictive.

Indoor Track & Field - Request Revised Qualifying Standards for D 2 Relays

- Motion: Approve recommendation from the Boys and Girls Indoor Committees who are seeking approval to revise automatic qualifying standards for the Division 2 relays at the State Championship meet in 2026 (number of teams/athletes that would not have competed had these been the standards in 2025).

Girls 4X200 Relay - 1:50.34(3/24)

Boys 4X200 Relay - 1:34.18 (6/48)

Girls 4X400 Relay - 4:15.25(4/32)

Boys 4X400 Relay - 3:37.42 (7/56)

Girls 4X800 Relay - 10:09.01 (7/56)

Boys 4X800 Relay- 8:36.26 (6/48)

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Executive Committee Meeting – May 7, 2025

Increase High-Cost Venue Ticket Prices Beginning in Fall 2025

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

Presenter:

Adam Stoltzman, Vice President/Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval for an increase in ticket prices for Football Finals and Boys & Girls Wrestling by \$3.50 from \$10.50 to \$14.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025

Rationale:

The JMA Wireless Dome and MVP Arena are excellent venues with premium amenities, but they come with very high costs. The 2024 Football Championships ended with a net loss of over \$11,600 (8-man expenses were excluded from this figure), and the 2025 Boys Wrestling Championships ended with a net loss of over \$12,100. Both events will begin new bids in 2026, bringing even higher rent and other costs. The NYSPHSAA staff has explored ways to reduce expenses, but given the average paid attendance it is not possible to conduct profitable events at these venues with the current ticket prices.

Using a 3-year average for attendance and expected expenses, a \$14 ticket will net approximately \$2.30 per ticket at each event. If referencing the lowest attendance since COVID, a \$14 would have represented a near breakeven with a net \$0.02 for Football and \$0.44 for Wrestling.

Proposal Originated:

Budget/Audit Committee, January meeting

Budgetary Impact:

Increase of approximately \$75,000 to help offset high rent and event management costs.

Notes:

Both events are currently held at Ticketmaster venues with a per-ticket building fee, which is passed along to the spectator. Final purchase price at each event would be \$16.

The 2025 Girls Wrestling Championships were conducted as an 'add-on' to an existing Boys Wrestling venue agreement, making expenses an anomaly and therefore they were excluded from

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Increase Ticket Prices Beginning in Fall 2025

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

Presenter:

Adam Stoltman, Vice President/Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval for an increase in ticket prices for all events by \$1.50 from \$10.50 to \$12 in order to keep pace with rising expenses.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025

Rationale:

Costs continue to rise, and with flat attendance figures we are not able to generate enough revenue to offset the increases in expenses. In Fall 2024, only 5 of the 11 ticketed championship events were profitable. When adding in Girls Tennis and Girls Team Tennis as unticketed events, the Fall 2025 season had a net loss of nearly \$20,000. In addition, NYSPHSAA has struggled to find staffing at events due to a standard pay rate of \$15 per hr/\$30 per game, which is lower than every section currently pays. Going forward, NYSPHSAA will use rates in the host section as a basis for determining pay for that event. In some cases pay rates may double. Overall, we expect see an increase in staffing costs of approximately \$18,000. To offset these expected increases, in conjunction with other rising costs across the board, we are looking for a modest increase to ticket prices.

Proposal Originated:

Budget/Audit Committee, March meeting

Budgetary Impact:

Increase of approximately \$122,000 to help offset an increase in staffing and event management costs.

Notes:

Fees at events are passed along to the spectator. For example, a \$12 ticket on GoFan would be a final cost of \$13.60. Spectators currently pay \$12 for NYSPHSAA to net \$10.50.

Attachments:

None

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Handbook Committee: Appeal – Prescribed Penalty

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

Presenter:

Pat Pizzarelli, Chair of the Handbook Committee

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee is recommending the following note be added to the 3. Appeal Procedure letter c in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

Note: There is no appeal to the NYSPHSAA Appeal Committee for a prescribed penalty.

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026 season

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA receives a few inquiries from member schools regarding appealing a prescribed penalty. Adding this language would save schools and NYSPHSAA time and money for an appeal that is not able to be overturned.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

Budgetary Impact:

Save schools money paying for an appeal.

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Handbook Committee: Practice Session – Minimum Practices

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

Presenter:

Pat Pizzarelli, Chair of the Handbook Committee

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee is recommending the following language be added to the Practice Regulation, minimum number of practices, of the NYSPHSAA Handbook under letter b.

The student must be fully cleared for participation in order for the practice to be counted toward the minimum number of practices required.

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026 season

Rationale:

This language clarifies that interpretation the NYSPHSAA staff has on the requirement for the minimum number of practices. A student has to be cleared to have vigorous activity that is specific to the sport.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Handbook Committee: Max number of Contests Penalty – No attendance at Games

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

Presenter:

Pat Pizzarelli, Chair of the Handbook Committee

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee is recommending the following language be added to the Penalty Regulation of the NYSPHSAA Handbook under letter c.

*Any member school that exceeds the maximum number of contests suspend the head coach activities (including but not limited to practice, scrimmage, conditioning/weight training, film session and **attendance at a game**) from the date of violation*

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026 season

Rationale:

This language clarifies that the coach cannot attend any game that the team they have been suspended from for the rest of the year.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Modified – Revise Sports Standard Chart and Time Interval in the NYSPHSAA Handbook

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

Presenter:

Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending revising the Sports Standard Chart and the Time Interval Regulation in the NYSPHSAA Handbook in the following manner.

Sport Standard Chart – To align the time between contests with the High School Sports Standard Chart.

Time interval – Remove: Unless extenuating circumstances arise, it is recommended that no more than two contests should be scheduled per week. Except in football and cross country, contests may be played with only one night of rest three times per season for rescheduling purposes only. A team may never play three days in a row. There shall not be more than three four contests (4 for baseball/ softball) played per calendar week. Baseball and softball shall be permitted to play two games a day twice during the season.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025 season

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA currently allows teams to play back-to-back three times during the season for rescheduling purposes. Allowing schools to schedule games with 1 night rest will give schools more flexibility in scheduling due to facilities constraints. Schools are still restricted from playing 3 days in a row and can never play more than 4 contests in one calendar week.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee had no concerns with this recommendations.

Attachments: None

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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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BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS – Revise Lineup Rule for Team Competition (Stacking)

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

Presenters

Quan Huynh NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Coordinator
Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis State Committees are seeking approval to revise the Stacking and Lineup Rule for competition at the *Sub-Regional, Regional* and *Final Four Rounds* of the NYSPHSAA Tennis Team Championships. The NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis State Team Championship Stacking and Lineup Rule shall treat singles and doubles as separate entities. NOTE: this rule was initially approved in July 2021 and the committees are seeking to clarify structure and use of challenge matches in determining a team lineup.

Rationale:

To offer fair conditions of competition for the NYSPHSAA Tennis Team State Championships, a more uniform rule that governs the structure of the team lineup for the team state championship contests must be established. The current rule does not provide clarity on use of challenge matches as the main determinant in creating a lineup in addition to clarifying protocols for submissions and protests.

Components of this revised stacking and lineup rule proposed are already implemented in some sections and will continue to allow all coaches to allocate their team talent in a manner that can create a competitive option for their teams.

While the proposed team lineup rule may require Sectional Team Champions to adapt to the *Sub-Regional, Regional* and *Final Four* State Team Tournament lineup guidelines, the structure proposed provides fair opportunity for NYSPHSAA teams statewide, with disparity of UTR ratings and ability, the best opportunity to compete with competitive balance. Bylaws and rules governed at each sectional level will not supersede the rule established for the NYSPHSAA state team tournament.

The proposed lineup rule provides equal recognition to singles and doubles events which commensurate with the team scoring system. This awards one point to a team that wins a position match whether it's a singles or doubles match. Division I teams must win four of seven matches to win the contest, while Division II teams will require winning three of five matches to win the contest.

Stacking

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While the term “stacking” is not defined in the USTA Rules and Regulations “Friend at Court”, it is considered a fundamental ethical standard in tennis which requires coaches to have their players compete in the proper order of ability from top to bottom at the singles and doubles positions for team matches. Stacking occurs when a coach violates this principle.

Stacking is prohibited. The definition of stacking is:

- * Positioning players out of ability order
- * Positioning greater skilled singles players below lesser skilled singles players and/or positioning greater skilled doubles teams below lesser skilled doubles teams;
- * Stacking is not allowable for any reason and any team that stacks its line-up faces

forfeiture

of the match. Penalty for stacking is forfeiture from a Sub-Regional or Regional or State Tournament match.

Should any participant refuse to compete for any reason other than injury, illness or extenuating personal circumstances, then the participant(s) shall become ineligible to participate in a later round.

Submission of Lineups

Coaches are required to submit the singles and doubles lineup to the Section Coordinator 24 hours prior to the start of the *Sub-Regional Round* and/or *Regional Round*. The Section Coordinator will complete the NYSPHSAA Google Spreadsheet and will share the singles and doubles lineup with the opposing coaches.

The completion of the *Regional Round* must be completed 48 hours prior to the scheduled *Final Four Round*. Upon completion of the *Regional Round*, coaches are required to submit the singles and doubles lineup to the Section Coordinator prior to the start of the *Final Four Round*. The Section Coordinator will complete the NYSPHSAA Google Spreadsheet 48 hours prior to the start of the *Final Four Round*. The Section Coordinator will share the singles and doubles lineup to the opposing coaches.

Lineups are created as follows:

The best singles player on a team is required to play first singles in the team lineup. The second-best singles player on the team is required to play second singles. Challenge match results will be the basis of ranking players on a team and used to place players appropriately into the lineup. Likewise, all doubles teams placements in the team lineup should be based on challenge match results with the top team playing first doubles, the second-best team at second doubles, and the third best team at third doubles, and the fourth best team at fourth doubles. Doubles lineup must be in order of higher skilled doubles team to lesser skilled doubles teams. All players must be playing in their proper order of ability from top to bottom in both the singles and doubles lineup.

A challenge match used to determine varsity lineup positions should consist of a minimum of an 8-game pro-set with ad scoring with the 7-point tiebreaker played at 8-8. Challenge matches may be played throughout the season. All challenge match results should be recorded and available for review by the appropriate officials upon request. All challenge matches must be reported to

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UTR (or a platform designated by NYSPHSAA) within 24 hours.

In the event that several challenge matches have been played between singles players and doubles teams, the player/team with the highest total of wins will retain the higher ranking.

Lineup Changes

At the conclusion of the *Sub-Regional Round*, coaches are permitted to make changes to their lineups. Any changes to a submitted lineup for the *Regional Round* must be approved by the Section Coordinators involved.

At the conclusion of the *Regional* and *State Semi-Final Round*, coaches are permitted to make changes to their lineups. Changes to the lineup after the *State Semi-Final Round* must be submitted to the NYSPHSAA State Coordinator at least one hour before the start of the scheduled *Final*. Any changes to a submitted lineup for the *State Semi-Final Round* and *Final Round* must be approved by the NYSPHSAA State Coordinator.

Filing Protests

Should any *Sub-Regional* or *Regional* lineup protest be presented after lineups have been submitted, a written protest must be filed to the NYSPHSAA State Coordinator at least 24 hours before the next scheduled contest for any consideration. A written protest may be filed by an opposing coach and/or any Section Coordinator.

Should any *Final Four Semifinal* lineup protest be presented after lineups have been submitted, a written protest must be filed to the NYSPHSAA State Coordinator at least 24 hours before the next scheduled contest for any consideration.

Should any *Finals* lineup protest be presented after lineups have been submitted, a written protest must be filed to the NYSPHSAA State Coordinator one hour prior to the next scheduled contest for any consideration.

A written protest may be filed by an opposing coach and/or any Section Coordinator. Upon receiving such a protest, the NYSPHSAA State Coordinator will convene a meeting of members of the State Committee as well as members of the NYSPHSAA office to review the protest.

At any time, coaches may be required to provide the team's roster, singles ranking ladder, doubles ranking ladder, season challenge matches, participant USTA/UTR rankings and team/individual records of season contests, to a Section Coordinator and/or State Coordinator/Tournament Director.

Ruling on Protests

The NYSPHSAA State Coordinator will review all protests for the *Sub-Regional* and *Regional Rounds* and make a decision on the protest after speaking to both Section Coordinators involved. A decision will be made at least 2 hours prior to the start of the match.

The NYSPHSAA Tennis State Tournament Committee, consisting of Section Coordinators and NYSPHSAA staff will review and decide on all lineup protests for the *Final Four rounds*. All Section

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Coordinators and NYSPHSAA staff will take part in the discussion of the protest. Upon each party providing their view of the protest and a discussion taking place, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director will render a decision immediately following. All decisions made by the State Tournament Committee are final.

Proposal Originated:

During the NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis Joint Committee meeting on December 14, 2020.

Other:

The Boys Tennis Committee voted 6-0 favor of this proposal at its December 2024 Zoom meeting
The Girls Tennis Committee voted 6-0 in favor of this proposal at its December 2024 Zoom meeting.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Attachments: None

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

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Girls Volleyball: Waiver of Administrative Red Card (uniform)

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

Presenter:

Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball Coordinator

Proposal:

The Girls Volleyball Committee is recommending waiving the NCAA penalty, administrative red card, for having a non-compliant uniform. This would be a one-year pilot.

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026 school year

Rationale:

If a team has a non-compliant uniform the NCAA penalty is an administrative red card which means the team starts the match losing one point. There is no further penalty assessed for the team and the match proceeds. NYSPHSAA does provide a waiver to schools that cannot purchase new uniforms to become compliant. If a school has a waiver, then an administrative red card is not issued. NYSPHSAA directs the school that when they purchase new uniforms, they must buy ones that are compliant with the rules.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This is rule 6.5.1 and 6.5.1.2 referencing rule 7.1.1.1 and 7.1.2.

The Girls Volleyball Committee was in favor of this proposal 10-1 at their March 25, 2025 meeting.

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Amend Current 15-Point Tiebreaker in Deciding Set at State Tournament (to Advance to Finals Only)

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

Presenter:

Peggy Seese, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Committee is seeking an amendment to its current tie-breaker rule when teams split 1 set to 1 in their match up in the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Semifinals. The amendment would be if the last match does not factor into determining a team advancing to the finals, the 15-point tiebreaker will not be played. This is not optional for teams to choose.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025

Rationale:

All teams are guaranteed six pool play games. Teams that finish third and fourth in their pool will receive awards that state "finalists". Awards do not state the place finish. Furthermore, the top two teams advance, so there is no need determining who placed first and who placed second. Allowing teams to forego the final 15 point tie breaker, since it has no implication in advancing to the next round would allow teams to get on the road sooner and save on officials fees as well as additional facility hours.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee on April 24, 2024. An amendment was proposed March 25, 2025.

Budgetary Impact:

With the addition of a tiebreaker game there could potentially be one for every single match totaling 36, despite there being only a few tiebreakers over the years. If there were tiebreakers 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. This amendment allows a possible savings in official fees, staffing costs and facility time.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee voted to approve this amendment 11-0 on March 25, 2025.

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

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GYMNASTICS – Revise Scoring Changes to Technical Handbook

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

Presenter:

Marbry Gansle, NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Coordinator
Kim Rhatigan, NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Assistant Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Committee is seeking approval of scoring and safety changes in its Technical Handbook:

- A. Handspring Vault – Raise the Start Value of a Handspring Vault to an 8.6 from an 8.5.
- B. Floor Exercise Mats – Allow Coaches to place acceptable mats on the Floor Exercise Mat up to 8”.
- C. Landing Mats – Already accepted in USAG – to adopt up to 20” of matting for Vault, Bars, and Beam Dismounts.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025

Rationale:

- A. The proposed changes for Part A above are already approved by USAG, the governing body of rules our Technical Handbook is based on. Our committee would like to change the Start Value of the Handspring vault back to the original value of 8.6 to benefit the high school gymnast. We did a one year pilot program at 8.5.
- B. Allow a coach to have the option to go onto the floor exercise mat to move matting as needed and add any matting up to 8” for safety reasons.
- C. These changes for landing dismount mats are not required, but allows schools the capability to add up to 20” of matting for dismounts only for safety reasons.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Committee on March 27, 2025

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Gymnastics State Committee was unanimously (10-0) in favor of this proposal at its March 2025 meeting. The committee and staff consulted with Maria DeCristoforo, longtime gymnastics rules interpreter and current editor of the Gymnastics Technical Handbook.

CAC Feedback:

Not applicable

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Boys Wrestling – Increase to 14 Weight Classes

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

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, Boys Wrestling State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending using the following 14 weight classes:

103, 110, 118, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215, 285

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026 Season

Rationale:

The NFHS allows state associations to use 12, 13, or 14 recommended weight classes. Currently NYSPHSAA uses 12 NFHS weight classes plus the 101lb weight class. After researching what other states from around the country, the committee determined 41 states were using the NFHS 14 weight classes. This recommendation would modify the bottom three weight classes to match what Montana has done in their state. This recommendation addresses three areas that the committee wanted to address. First it preserved a lower weight class that has traditional been in place for many years in NYS. Second, it added a weight class in the middle to allow more students to participate. Third, it addresses the wide gap between the 170lb weight class and the 190lb weight class. The committee has discussed the weight classes for several years and they feel this recommendation will meet all the expectations for our student athletes.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee on April 3, 2025

Budgetary Impact:

This will increase the number of weight classes by one for each Section and at the State Tournament. This increase will increase the time of the tournament by 30-40 minutes.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee voted 8-2-1 in favor of this proposal at its April 3rd meeting.

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

DATE REVISED: April 7, 2025

Boys Ice Hockey: Game Protocol

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys Ice Hockey Committee is recommending revising the current Game Protocol under 14.08 #11 letter b in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *"In At-Large, regionals, semi-finals, and finals, each team will have a 12-minute warmup, 12-15 minute intermission between each period during ice cut".*

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026 season

Rationale:

The current game day protocol does not address the warm-up time. This recommendation would provide consistency through out the state.

Proposal Originated:

Boys Ice Hockey Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Boys Ice Hockey: Goal Differential – Mercy Rule

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

Presenter:

Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys Ice Hockey Committee is recommending adding the following language under 14.08 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *"With Section approval, a running clock can be used if there is an 8-goal differential in the third period. If the score differential drops below 8 goals the clock will be stopped".*

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026 season

Rationale:

The Boys Ice Hockey Committee believes this rule will help eliminate issues that arise toward the end of games when the score gets out of hand. The rule also helps teams stay within the time frame that they are renting ice rinks.

Proposal Originated:

Boys Ice Hockey Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

DATE REVISED: 4/14/2025

Boys Ice Hockey: Players in Uniform

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys Ice Hockey Committee is recommending adding the following language to rule 14.08 number 4 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *"If a team drops below the minimum number of players, 9 and 1 goalie, during a game then the contest will be stopped and the offending team will forfeit".*

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026 season

Rationale:

The current rule states that a team must have 9 players and 1 goalie to start a game. The rule does not state what happens if a team falls below the minimum number of players. This rule falls in line with many NFHS rules that address the minimum number of players during a game.

Proposal Originated:

Boys Ice Hockey Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

Boys Ice Hockey: Regular Season OT Procedure

- ☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys Ice Hockey Committee is recommending revising the current regular season OT procedure under 14.08 #10 letter b in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *“During the regular season tournament where a winner is necessary, play shall be continued not to exceed 10 minutes of sudden victory. If after this overtime period, there is no goal scored, the game will be considered a tie, and the shootout procedure will decide tournament advancement”.*

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026 season

Rationale:

The current regular season rule is the same as the post season overtime rule, but this causes teams to extend their rental time. This revised rule allows teams to advance a team in the tournament will minimally affect on ice time.

Proposal Originated:

Boys Ice Hockey Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING – Establish At-Large Rotation for Division 1 from 2026-2034

- ☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Mike O'Connell, NYSPHSAA Boys Bowling State Coordinator
Eileen Shultis, NYSPHSAA Girls Bowling State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Bowling State Committee is seeking approval the following Division 1 At-Large Rotation to fill the pacer teams from 2026-34:

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

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2026

Rationale:

The at-large replaces the pacer teams at the tournament and the state committee felt it was the most cost effective for Section III to provide the at-larges in 2025 since there would be no travel/cost with a local team and the committee can see how the new tournament format plays out. Division 2 currently has an even # of teams.

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Proposal Originated:

Section VI- Dan Kaplan at the NYSPHSAA Boys/Girls Bowling State Committee meeting on October 13, 2023.

Budgetary Impact:

There is no cost to NYSPHSAA as the lineage for the at-large teams would be the same as the pacer teams. There would be typical travel costs (lodging, transportation, meals) for sections to send an additional team.

Notes:

The Bowling State Committees supported this proposal with a 18-0 vote at their March 15th meeting.

Attachments:

None.

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

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INDOOR TRACK & FIELD – EXPAND STATE TOURNAMENT TO TWO DAYS

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

Presenter:

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

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Indoor Track State Committees are seeking approval to expand the state tournament to a two-day meet.

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2025-26

Rationale:

While being in line with NYSPHSAA's State Championship Philosophy, we exceeded our participation numbers and ultimately the venue's capacity in 2025 for a one-day event. The NYSPHSAA Staff suggested a two-day schedule to address overall athlete and fan capacity and our committee agreed so that we can maintain the integrity and equity of this event, while also being cognizant of safety and capacity issues. In addition, we want to be respectful of the potential for a cost increase for sections so we have set up a schedule that allows sections to travel home following completion of the Friday portion of the meet.

Proposal Originated:

Boys and Girls Indoor Track State Committee Meeting at their April 1, 2025 meeting

Budgetary Impact:

NYSPHSAA will endure additional personnel expenses associated with an extra day of competition however they will not be charged additional facility costs as the venue was already reserved for a practice day and now there will not be a practice. Even though there is an added day on the schedule, many sections will be able to send a bus home after competition Friday since those athletes will be done competing. This will help minimize cost increases for a two-day meet.

Notes:

The Girls and Boys State Committee voted 19-2 in favor of this proposal at its April 2025 meeting.

Attachments:

The tournament would now start at 1:00 Friday (warmups) followed by competition at 2:15 pm and the final event finishing at 6:30 pm. On Saturday, the event would start at 10 am and finish at 3 pm.
[2026 NYSPHSAA Schedule-PROPOSED.xlsx](#)

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

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INDOOR TRACK – REDUCE RELAYS FROM 8 TO 6 ATHLETES FOR THE STATE MEET

- ☐ 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 reduce relays from 8 to 6 athletes at the State Championship. Note, the NFHS rule (Page 38, Section 10, Article 2) allows up to 8 athletes for relays but the track committee is seeking to be more restrictive.

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2025-26

Rationale:

While being in line with NYSPHSAA's State Championship Philosophy, we exceeded our participation numbers and ultimately the venue's capacity in 2025 for a one-day event.

Our committee wants to be respectful of sections/schools that transport and house athletes for the Indoor Track and Field State Championships and therefore has made this proposal to reduce the # of non-participating athletes. The committee felt strongly that in order to help lessen the financial burden on sections and allow for better safety and meet management, we would reduce from 8 to 6 athletes for relays. Allowing 2 alternates to be listed on a relay card is sufficient for a team's needs.

Proposal Originated:

Boys and Girls Indoor Track State Committees at their April 1, 2025 meeting

Budgetary Impact:

If this is approved, there will be fewer athletes to transport to the state meet which will save sections travel expenses. In 2024, 243 athletes held the #7 and #8 spots on relay teams. There is a potential of 36 athletes per section that could hold those spots but it is anticipated to fall between 200-250 athletes again this year if this proposal does not get approved.

Notes:

The Girls and Boys Committee voted in favor of this proposal at its April 1, 2025 meeting with a 20-0 vote with 1 abstention.

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

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INDOOR TRACK – REQUEST REVISED 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 revise automatic qualifying standards for the Division 2 relays at the State Championship meet in 2026 (number of teams/athletes that would not have competed had these been the standards in 2025).

Girls 4X200 Relay -	1:50.34(3/24)	Boys 4X200 Relay -	1:34.18 (6/48)
Girls 4X400 Relay -	4:15.25(4/32)	Boys 4X400 Relay -	3:37.42 (7/56)
Girls 4X800 Relay -	10:09.01 (7/56)	Boys 4X800 Relay -	8:36.26 (6/48)

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2025-26

Rationale:

While being in line with NYSPHSAA's State Championship Philosophy, we exceeded our participation numbers and ultimately the venue's capacity in 2025 for a one-day event. 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. We were able to utilize data from the 2025 State Meet results for the 4th place finishing team from NYSPHSAA. We then averaged the current standard with the 4th place finisher (to stay consistent with our procedures for our standards). When we proposed the standards last year, we reserved the right to make adjustments immediately based on data collected at this year's championship event. This proposal reduces the number of athletes participating in the 2026 state meet.

Proposal Originated:

Boys and Girls Indoor Track Committees at their April 1, 2025 meeting

Budgetary Impact:

Compared to 2025, sections will have fewer athletes to transport to the state meet (264 athletes).

Notes:

The Girls and Boys State Committee voted 21-0 in favor of this proposal at its April 2025 meeting.

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 9-0 in support of this proposal at its April 16th meeting.

DATE REVISED: April 17, 2025

Modified Lacrosse Existing Alignment vs. Proposed level-based Alignment – Updated 4/30

<u>Boy's Modified Lacrosse – 12 games Maximum - Existing</u>		
<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>
1. Newburgh 2. Monroe Woodbury 3. Middletown 4. Pine Bush 5. Warwick 6. Del. Valley Pa.	1. Valley Central 2. Washingtonville 3. Minisink Valley 4. Cornwall 5. Goshen 6. Wallkill	1. Kingston 2. Red Hook 3. Highland 4. Rondout 5. Saugerties 6. New Paltz 7. FDR

Boys Lacrosse – Modified A - Proposed

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>
1. Monroe Woodbury 2. Middletown 3. Washingtonville 4. FDR	1. Saugerties 2. Red Hook 3. Rondout 4. New Paltz 5. Highland

Boys Lacrosse – Modified B - Proposed

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>
1. NFA 2. Kingston 3. Pine Bush 4. Valley Central 5. Wallkill	1. Warwick 2. Minisink 3. Cornwall 4. Goshen 5. DV PA

<u>Girl's Modified Lacrosse – 12 games Maximum - Existing</u>			
<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>	<u>Division 4</u>
1. Newburgh 2. Monroe Woodbury 3. Middletown 4. Del. Valley Pa. 5. Pine Bush	1. Valley Central 2. Washingtonville 3. Warwick 4. Minisink Valley	1. Cornwall 2. Goshen 3. Beacon 4. Chester	1. Kingston 2. Highland 3. Rondout 4. Red Hook 5. Saugerties 6. New Paltz 7. FDR

Girls Lacrosse – Modified A - Proposed

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>
1. Monroe Woodbury 2. Middletown 3. Washingtonville 4. Chester 5. FDR	1. Saugerties 2. Red Hook 3. Rondout 4. New Paltz 5. Highland

Girls Lacrosse – Modified B - Proposed

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>
1. NFA 2. Kingston 3. Pine Bush 4. Valley Central 5. Beacon	1. Warwick 2. Minisink 3. Cornwall 4. Goshen 5. DV PA

Section IX Athletics Policy on Noise Makers and Signs

Effective Date: [Insert Date]

To ensure a safe, respectful, and sportsmanlike environment at all Section IX athletic events both during the regular season and postseason, the following policy regarding the use of noise makers and signs is hereby enacted:

Policy Statement

The use of **artificial or natural noise makers** and **signs** is **strictly prohibited** at **all indoor and outdoor events** sanctioned by Section IX Athletics for both regular and postseason contests.

Hand held signs are not permitted. Signs that can be hung will be permitted at the discretion of the home school. ie) senior day, recognizing booster club sponsors etc.

Exceptions

- **Pep Bands:** Pep bands are **not considered noise makers** under this policy and are **permitted with venue permission**. All pep band performances must be coordinated in advance with the host school or event organizer.

Enforcement

- Event staff, game officials, and school administrators are authorized to enforce this policy. PA announcements can be made during pre game announcements.
- Violators may be required to surrender prohibited items and/or may be removed from the venue.
- Repeated or egregious violations may result in further disciplinary action, including exclusion from future events.

Rationale

This policy is designed to promote a positive and distraction-free atmosphere for student-athletes, coaches, officials, and fans. It aligns with Section IX's commitment to sportsmanship, safety, and equity at all interscholastic competitions.

Proposal: Section 9 creates two separate qualifying times for the Section 9 Championships to increase participation, and fill out the preliminary competition to four full heats of athletes.

"A Cuts" are automatic Section 9 qualifying times. "B cuts" represent swimmers that **COULD** compete, if there are less than 32 "A Cut" athletes in an event. "B cuts" are not an automatic entry into the Section 9 Championships. (For example, if 27 "A Cut" athletes are entered in the Section 9 Championships in the 100 Freestyle, then the next 5 fastest "B Cut" qualifiers entered into the meet will be able to compete at the Section 9 Championships.)

Process of Meet Entry Entry:

1. Coaches will submit their Section 9 Championship lineup via SwimCloud, adhering to the current limit of 36 entries per team.
2. All athletes that meet the "A Cut" time standard are automatically in the meet, once entered into their events.
3. Once the psych sheet is published on SwimCloud, the top **32** entries in each event are entered into the Section 9 Championship meet, including "B Cuts."
4. No alternates will be "scratched into" the meet. (For example, the 33rd seed cannot replace the 32nd swimmer, if someone in the top 32 scratches.)
5. Coaches will be responsible for notifying athletes about this process.

Section 9 Girls Time Standards		
Event	A Cuts	B Cuts
200 Medley Relay	1 Per Team	
200 Free	2:12.87	2:15.87
200 IM	2:31.50	2:34.50
50 Free	27.70	28.45
6 Dive	140	--
11 Dive	250	--
100 Fly	1:10.38	1:11.88
100 Free	1:01.00	1:02.50
500 Free	5:59.09	6:06.59
200 Free Relay	1 Per Team	
100 Back	1:09.83	1:11.33
100 Breast	1:18.80	1:20.30
400 Free Relay	1 Per Team	

For Meeting Date:	MAY 2025
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Sport:	WRESTLING
Chairman:	JEFF CUILTY

Issues for Discussion	<u>Request to increase the Awards for Boys -Division 2:</u> The current procedure is to recognize the Top 6 placers in Division 1 with the Top 4 earning medals. The current procedure is to recognize the Top 4 placers in Division 2 with the Top 3 earning medals. We request to make both Divisions the same. For Division 2 this would mean purchasing 13 additional bronze medals and it would add one additional round (approx. 45 minutes) to the D2 tournament. Even though D2 has less participants, officially placing only the top 4 puts them at a disadvantage in going to tournaments the following year. Only Sections 7 and 10 do not award 6 place winners. As all the other sections do, our D2 wrestlers are at a seeding criteria disadvantage when they attend tournaments outside of Section 9. Sectional place earned the prior year is a common criteria used in seeding. As our D2 wrestlers don't have the chance to earn 5th or 6th Sectional places, they are behind in seeding criteria to all of the other sections whose wrestlers have this option. For very little cost and time we can rectify this and put our D2 wrestlers on the same level as the rest of the state.
Written Proposals Requiring a Vote	<u>NYSWC proposal for New Weight Classes:</u> To be sent to Exec com agenda for May meeting with a vote in July for implementation for the 2025-26 season. NYS would increase from 13 to 14 wts This would add a new weight class in the middle to help get more participation from what are usually upperclassmen. The 20 lb discrepancy between 170 and 190 is now reduced to just 15 lbs. We still have a "light" weight class for our "future stars" to compete at. (There was a lot of talk of removing the first wt class altogether but moving up to 103 is a compromise). Note- NYS was the only state that only had 12 wt classes above 108 These new wts are actually used only by Montana, however the new wts from 126 up are used by 41 states.



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