



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

Thursday, May 22, 2025- 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Ms. Amanda Stevens, Fallsburg
Mr. Rich Silverstein, Kingston
Mr. Christopher Hubert, Livingston Manor and Roscoe
Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen, Sullivan West

Guests Present: Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary

The meeting began at 9:44 am.

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (April 22, 2025)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Section IX Report – Mr. Greg Ransom/Mr. James Osborne
 - a. Mr. James Osborne. NYSPHSAA approved Fall and Spring start dates. Please make sure you have the correct dates. The OCIAA calendar is correct.
 - b. Mr. Greg Ransom reviewed NYSPHSAA Agenda items to be voted on:
 - Increase High/Cost Venue Ticket Prices beginning Fall 2025.
Motion: Consider approval for an increase in ticket prices for all events by \$1.50 from \$10.50 to \$12.00 in order to keep pace with rising expenses.
 - Handbook Committee – Appeal - Prescribed Penalty
Motion: Consider approval from the NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee who 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 prescribe penalty”
 - Handbook Committee – Maximum number of Contests Penalty (No attendance at Games)
Motion: Consider approval from the NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee who 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 contest.....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...”

- **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 – A team may never play three days in a row. There shall not be more than four contests played per calendar week.
- **Girls & Boys Tennis – Revise Lineup for Team Competition**
 Motion: Consider approval of proposal from the NYSPHSAA Boys and 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 and 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”.
- 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.
- 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)

3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa

a. NYSPHSAA Items

Ms. Suzanne Lendzian asked for a Consent Agenda to the above motions.

Motion to approve by Mr. David Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. JJ Gass (Port Jervis). All in favor. Motion carried

b. Sharon Delmonico Award

Mr. Christopher Mayo announced this year's winner of the Sharon Delmonico Athletic Trainer of the Year Award. Congratulations to Mr. Robert Coudrey.

4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo

Items of Concern:

a. Winter Schedules 2025-2026

Motion to approve by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Seward) and seconded by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Modified Lacrosse Alignment

The scheduling committee has approved the Modified Lacrosse alignment.

Motion to approve by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Section IX Noise Maker/Sign Policy

A discussion took place asking for more clarification in the policy. The vote will take place in June.

d. Girls Swimming

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

Motion by Ms. Lendzian (Washingtonville) and seconded by Mr. Greg Sirico (Wallkill). Motion defeated.

e. Wrestling

Proposal: Request to increase the Awards for Boys – Division II.

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. Request to make both Divisions the same.

Motion by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.

f. Scholar Athlete Ceremony – June 12, 2025.

Starts promptly at 9:00am. Please remind attendees to arrive early.

The keynote speaker is Mr. Artavius Fisher.

g. Tyler Muise Award

This year's recipient is Wesly Lamber from Middletown.

h. Community Service Challenge

Congratulations to Eldred.

i. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult

Football – Modified and Varsity Red Hook and Germantown

Football- Chester and Seward

Soccer- Modified and Varsity Port Jervis and Eldred

Motion made by Mr. Mike Doucette (Chester) and seconded by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick).

All in favor. Motion carried.

SPORT	LEVEL	HOST SCHOOL	COMB. SCHOOL #1	RECO	RATIONALE	IS#	YEAR	* - Sub Varsity
Football	* Varsity	Red Hook	Germantown	Yes	Team	Germantown -7	Fall 2025	
Football	Modified	Red Hook	Germantown	Yes	Team	Germantown -6	Fall 2025	
Football	Modified A	Chester	Seward/Florida	Yes	Team	Seward-15	Fall 2025	
Football	* Varsity	Chester	Seward/Florida	Yes	Team	Seward-6	Fall 2025	
Boys Soccer	* Varsity	Port Jervis	Eldred	Yes	Team	Eldred -5 total	Fall 2025	
Boys Soccer	Modified	Port Jervis	Eldred	Yes	Team	for Var & Mod	Fall 2025	
			OCIAA Approve Email	5/22/2025				
* No classification change			MHAL Approve Email	5/22/2025	Need MHAL action			
			Section IX Approval					

j. Boys Golf – Move to Fall Discussion

A discussion took place. Athletic Directors were advised to speak with their coaches. A vote will take place in June.

k. Classification Committee Document Proposal

The goal of the Section IX Classification policy and guidelines is to provide structure and consistency in Classifying non-public schools for post season Competition. The Classification Policy and Guidelines serve to classify any new non-public schools and re-classification of present non-public Section IX schools. Classification placement will be sport specific and reviewed annually by the Classification Committee after each sport season.

Motion to approve by Mr. Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Aaron Hasbrouck (Burke).

All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Old Business

- a. Mr. Sirico is looking for clarification on the Cheerleading – Standard Practice for fall and winter Cheer proposal that was approved by NYSPHSAA. He had Todd Nelson on speaker, who clarified that NYSPHAA has no jurisdiction over club. It must be run by an Advisor and not a Coach. Ms. Lendzian will try to get further clarification after the Cheerleading meeting in June.
- b. Mr. Mayo asked athletic directors to review the flyer included in the materials for Instructional Support Services. Please contact OU BOCES if interested.
- c. Mr. Daniel Morse wants to thank Ms. Judy Stalter for the success of the Thrower's Pentathlon hosted at 12th Rock.

6. New Business

- a. A card was handed out with information for Sports Photography, a new program at OU BOCES. A photographer will come to your district and orders for prints and banners may be placed online.
- b. Mr. Osborne reminded us to wait until we have a contract with Vidswap before doing anything. Vidswap will create competition for Huddle.
- c. Student Athletic Council applications are in, and the representative will be announced shortly. Michael Silva from Washingtonville will be a representative at the state level.
- d. Mr. Bult welcomed Ms. Theresa Uhlesky as the new Athletic Director at Valley Central. She officially takes over on June 2, 2025.
- e. We are still in need of a new Boys Golf Chair.

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. @ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C

8. Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., @ Apple Greens Restaurant

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Florida) and seconded by Mr. Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.