



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

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 - 9:30 AM
Orange Ulster BOCES
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1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (June 17, 2025)
2. NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting Report – Mr. Greg Ransom / Mr. Jim Osborne
3. OCIAA President’s Report: Mr. Michael Bellarosa
 - a. New Athletic Directors
 - b. Section IX Council
 - a. Athletic Council, OCIAA AD Representative
 - b. NYSAAA Representative, NYSPHSAA Foundation Representative
 - c. Sport Chairpeople
 - c. NYSPHSAA Proposals - Discussion
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo
Items of Concern:
 - a. Fall Changes – Added / Dropped Teams for 2025
 - b. OCIAA 2025-2026 Events Risk & Emergency Plan
 - c. OCIAA Sport Chairpeople
 - d. Fall 2025 Rules Interpretations Meetings
 - e. Modified Football Rules Meeting
 - f. Coaching Courses
 - g. Spring Schedules 2025 - Discussion
 - h. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult
5. Group Discussion/Mentoring Topic
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Thursday, September 16, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
at Orange Ulster BOCES – Carl Onken Conference Center
9. NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop - Monday, September 8, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at Otterkill CC
10. Next Section IX Meeting – Thurs, Sept 4, 2025, at Orange Ulster BOCES – Carl Onken Conference Center
11. Adjourn

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Central Committee Meeting – July 29-30, 2025

Handbook – Senior All-Star Contest Records

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Patrick Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to change letter a, under “Senior All-Star Contest” to “These contests must be approved and recorded by the Section in which they are held.”

Effective Start Date:

October 2025

Rationale:

While Sections are still responsible for approving and maintaining records of these contests, NYSPHSAA does not play a role in approving or reviewing this information.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Handbook – Combining of Teams Records

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Patrick Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to change #2, under “Combining of Teams” to “Sections must keep records of approvals.”

Effective Start Date:

October 2025

Rationale:

While Sections are still responsible for approving and maintaining records of the combining of teams, NYSPHSAA does not play a role in approving or reviewing this information.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

Schools Without Boundaries – Sectional Classification Criteria & Oversight Committee Appeal Procedure

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Adam Stoltman, NYSPHSAA 1st Vice President/Schools Without Boundaries Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to establish Sectional Criteria for classifying nonpublic/charter schools and an appeal procedure to the NYSPHSAA Oversight Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2026

Rationale:

See attached proposal.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Schools Without Boundaries Ad Hoc Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The committee voted 10-1 (Section I opposed) at the July 8th meeting.

Attachments:

Full proposal attached.

Classification of Non-Public & Charter Schools



Proposal for Consideration

This proposal outlines criteria and procedures for NYSPHSAA Section Classification Committees to utilize when evaluating the athletic classifications of non-public and charter school sport programs. It establishes performance-based guidelines for potential movement between classifications, defines processes for incorporating updated enrollment data, and sets forth a clear review timeline aligned with seasonal sports. Additionally, the document details the appeal process available to member schools and Sections to ensure transparency, consistency, and fairness in classification decisions. While providing this standardized framework, the proposal affirms that Sections retain the authority to assign classifications for non-public and charter schools, provided such decisions are made in accordance with consistent criteria and within the established timeline.

1) Criteria for Section Classification Committee

Movement Up in Classification:

Non-Public & Charter school sport programs may be subject to annual reclassification based on performance and enrollment data. A Non-Public or Charter school team may be considered for **movement to a higher classification** if at least one of the following criteria is met:

1. The team achieves a winning percentage of .750 or higher in any of the following categories: overall record, league record, or in-class record (with a minimum of four games played).
2. The team is recognized as a league and/or playoff champion.
3. The team is a sectional semifinalist.
4. The team wins a state championship.

Remain in Current Classification:

A Non-Public or Charter school team may **remain in its current classification** if it meets at least one of the following during the season:

1. a winning percentage of .500 or above in-class, overall regular season, or league competition;
2. the team qualifies for sectionals or wins a first-round sectional game.

Move Down in Classification:

If a non-public or charter school team was previously moved up in classification but does not meet any of the criteria listed above (#1 & #2 of *remain in current classification*), the Section Classification Committee will consider moving the team down one classification level. Any exception to this downward reclassification will require clear, objective justification. However, a team may not be placed in a classification lower than the level determined by its BEDS (*Basic Educational Data System*) number under any circumstances.

Changes in BEDS or Sport Variation Numbers

If updated BEDS numbers or changes to NYSPHSAA sport classification cutoff numbers would result in a non-public or charter school's team moving down a classification, a review of the team's placement may be initiated. The criteria used to justify reconvening the Section classification committee will mirror those required to consider a move up in classification.

2) Examination process

Timeline:

The Section Classification Committee will convene three times a year to review the classification of Non-Public and Charter schools and the dissemination of information.

Fall Sports – Section Classification Committee Meeting in January

*To be reported at February NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting

Winter Sports – Section Classification Committee Meeting in April

*To be reported at May NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting

Spring Sports – Section Classification Committee Meeting in June

*To be reported at July NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting

Information to be reviewed:

Relevant information should be submitted to the Section Classification Committee.

1. Sectional tournament brackets, scores and results.
2. Section Transfer information.

Decision to be made for the following school year by the Section Classification Committee.

3) Appeal process

Any NYSPHSAA Section may submit an appeal request to the NYSPHSAA Classification Oversight Committee no less than 15 calendar days following the information being reported to the NYSPHSAA Executive/ Central Committee. Upon receipt of such a request, the Committee will conduct a comprehensive review of all relevant information submitted by both the appealing Section and the Section in which the non-public or charter school is located. Based on the totality of the evidence and circumstances, the Classification Oversight Committee maintains the authority to assign the non-public or charter school to the classification it deems most appropriate.

In instances where a NYSPHSAA member school is directly affected by a decision rendered by its Section's Classification Committee, that school must first exhaust all administrative remedies available to it under its Section's governing documents (e.g., bylaws, constitution, or other applicable policies and procedures). Only after those avenues have been pursued in full may further appeal or review be considered at the state level in accordance with the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

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Central Committee Meeting – July 29-30, 2025

BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING – ADOPT BACKSTROKE STARTING LEDGES STARTING IN FALL OF 2026

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Peter Hugo, NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving Coordinator
Diane Hicks-Hughes, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving Committee is seeking approval to implement NFHS Rule 2-7-3 (this rule can be adopted with State Association approval only). This will allow backstroke starting ledges to be used for high school competition in New York State permitting they meet the guidelines set by NFHS.

Effective:

Fall 2026

Rationale:

This rule would now allow competitors to use backstroke ledges in competition providing the pool meets the minimum of 6' of water depth measured from the starting end through 16'5" from the end wall. It will allow athletes a safer take off from the wall.

Proposal Originated:

At the State Swimming & Diving Committee meetings on May 1, 2025.

Budgetary Impact:

The proposal has been delayed to 2026 so schools have time to purchase the ledges, if necessary. Depending on the facility and who currently uses the facility for practice and meets, the backstroke ledges may need to be purchased. The USA Swimming program and college programs have had the opportunity to use the backstroke ledges for many years and if schools use those facilities, then they will already be equipped with them. If the schools need to purchase, the cost varies from \$75 to \$400 each depending on the brand and style.

Notes:

Both committees voted 11-0 in favor of this proposal on its May 1st Zoom call.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

Not needed

DATE REVISED: May 1, 2025

Competitive Cheerleading: Scoresheet Reorganization

- Action Item
 Discussion Item
 Informational Item

Presenter:

Jennifer Simmons, State Cheerleading Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval to break the current Competitive score sheets into 3, rather than 2. This proposal includes:

- 1 Score Sheet/Judge for all Cheer scoring elements (25)
- 1 Score Sheet/Judge for Jumps/Tumbling/Dance (25)
- 1 Score Sheet 2 Judges for Building (Stunts/Pyramids) (50)

Rationale:

Dividing the scoresheet allows for a more accurate implementation of the scoring system, as it enables judges to focus more closely on each scoring element.

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2025-26

Proposal Originated:

Cheerleading Committee in April 2025.

Budgetary Impact:

Instead of two judges on some of the components, there will be only one, so no additional judges required.

Notes:

The Committee would review the rules every two years for any updates needed.

Attachments:

Current structure and rules

**NEW YORK STATE CHEERLEADING
COMPETITIVE CHEER SCORE SHEET**



TEAM NAME: _____

DIVISION: _____ JUDGE 1 _____

CHEER (25)	POINTS	SCORE
Presentation of Material <i>Clarity of the cheer - Voices had a consistent volume</i> <i>Pace/flow was appropriate to clearly understand all words</i> <i>Consistent/Appropriate energy, for the style presented</i>	2.5	
Formations & Spacing <i>Composition/Effectiveness of formations/transitions, appropriate for the style presented</i> <i>Accuracy of spacing throughout, including placement of skill formations (before the set)</i>	2.5	
Execution & Effective Use of Props & Motions <i>Effective incorporation of motions and/or props for the style presented</i> <i>Execution of Motions - Technique, sharpness, synchronization, and consistency in placement of motions</i> <i>Execution of Props - Technique, sharpness, consistency in placement of props (if applicable)</i>	5	
Effective Use of Skills <i>Crowd Leading Cheer - Uses skills to add levels and enhance crowd participation</i> <i>Performance Cheer - Uses skills to add visuals that enhance entertainment</i>	5	
Difficulty of Skills <i>Difficulty of skills (Stunts, Jumps, and Tumbling) used in cheer</i>	5	
Execution of Skills <i>Evaluate all that apply:</i> <i>Stunts - Top Person</i> <i>Tumbling - Approach</i> <i>Jumps - Arm Placement</i> <i>Stunts - Bases/Spotters</i> <i>Tumbling - Body Control</i> <i>Jumps - Leg Placement</i> <i>Stunts - Transitions</i> <i>Tumbling - Landings</i> <i>Synchronization</i>	5	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	25	

NEW YORK STATE CHEERLEADING
 COMPETITIVE JUMPS/TUMBLING/DANCE SCORE SHEET



TEAM NAME: _____

DIVISION: _____ JUDGE 2 _____

TUMBLING (10)		POINTS	SCORE
Tumbling Execution <i>Approach</i> <i>Body Control</i> <i>Landings</i> <i>Synchronization (if applicable)</i>		5	
Tumbling Difficulty <i>Progression of Skill</i> <i>Number of Participants</i> <i>Synchronization</i>		5	
JUMPS (5)		POINTS	SCORE
Jumps Execution <i>Arm Placement</i> <i>Leg Placement</i> <i>Synchronization</i>		5	
DANCE/COMPOSITION/PERFORMANCE (10)		POINTS	SCORE
Dance <i>Composition</i> <i>Execution</i>		5	
Element Composition, Creativity, & Performance <i>Creativity/Transitions - creative, innovative, & visual elements throughout the jumps/tumbling/dance, including visually creative group tumbling incorporation, that enhance the skills performed</i> <i>Formations - clear/easily seen, variety of formations, appropriate use of floor in jumps/tumbling/dance</i> <i>Showmanship - confident, natural, excited faces and smiles, engaging, energy maintained in jumps/tumbling/dance</i>		5	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS		25	

**NEW YORK STATE CHEERLEADING
COMPETITIVE BUILDING SCORE SHEET**



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

STUNTS (25)		POINTS	SCORE
Stunt Execution Top Person Bases/Spotters Transitions Toss Height (if applicable) Synchronization (if applicable)		15	
Stunt Difficulty Difficulty of Skills Performed Athlete Participation Pace Variety Quantity		10	
Pace Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Variety Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Max Participation Driver <input type="checkbox"/>			
PYRAMIDS (20)		POINTS	SCORE
Pyramid Execution Top Person Bases/Spotters Transitions Toss Height (if applicable) Synchronization (if applicable)		10	
Pyramid Difficulty Difficulty of Skills Performed Athlete Participation Pace Variety Quantity		10	
Pace Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Variety Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Max Participation Driver <input type="checkbox"/>			
COMPOSITION/PERFORMANCE (5)		POINTS	SCORE
Element Composition, Creativity, & Performance Creativity/Transitions - creative, innovative, & visual elements in the entries, transitions, & dismounts of all building skills. Formations - clear/easily seen, variety, appropriate use of floor in building sequences Showmanship - confident, natural, excited faces and smiles, engaging, energy maintained in building sequences		5	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS		50	

Girls Wrestling: Revise the Representation Rule

Action Item
 Discussion Item
 Informational Item

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending revising the current NYSPHSAA Representation Rule that allows female wrestlers to participate in both male and female events during the regular season and then chose to participate in the female NYSPSHAA Championship. **The revision would prohibit any female that participates on a boys team during the regular season from participating in the girls post season.**

Effective Start Date:

2026-2027

Rationale:

The committee has supported the current NYSPHSAA Representation language because it allowed Girls Wrestling to grow and gave athletes the opportunity to wrestle. The committee now feels the time has come for girls to choose which post season they are going to participate in by deciding who they will compete against during the regular season. This change would also help in seeding the girl's tournament because all the results would be from girl only matches. The committee believes this proposal helps level the playing field between all female competitors.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Girls would still be able to practice against the boys if they successfully passed mixed competition. The committee voted 5-4 in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:

None

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Girls Wrestling: Max Number of Matches per Day

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending that girls be allowed to wrestle in a maximum of 7 matches per day.

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026

Rationale:

The current USA Wrestling rules does not specify a maximum number of matches per day. Typically, girls freestyle matches are much quicker the folk style wrestling matches. Some Sections are having difficulty completing the entire tournament with only being allowed to wrestle a maximum of 6 matches in a day.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

Sections and schools could have an added officials expense.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee has not discussed this proposal but will do so at their fall meeting.

Attachments:

None

Girls Wrestling: Multi-School Meet

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending adding the following language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Girls Wrestling for multi-school meets.

Multi school meet: Minimum of three (3) schools and twenty (15) wrestlers. If the wrestler wrestles only one (1) opponent they are charged one (1) point, if they wrestle more than one opponent, they are charged two (2) points. Each wrestler may only wrestle a maximum of four (4) matches. No team scoring is allowed, and no individual prizes are awarded. Multi-school meets can be attached to dual meets on the same day at the same site. A pound allowance is in effect for matches/tournaments preceding and following a multi-school meet.

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026

Rationale:

The Girls Wrestling Committee believes until teams get bigger and can support having dual meets, this option allows schools to get together and have girls wrestle on the mat during the week instead of waiting to attend a tournament on the weekend.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

Boys wrestling has a similar provision in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

Attachments:

None

Girls Wrestling: Expansion of Appeals Procedure

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending an expansion of the appeal procedure by coaches to include all rounds of the NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Championships.

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026

Rationale:

The current USA Wrestling rules allow coaches to challenge officials calls during a bout in all USA Wrestling events. The current NYSPHSAA regulation limits appeal to the semi and final rounds only. The girls committee believes that all matches are important and should get the right calls for all bouts. The coach would get one challenge per match. If they are successful they would keep their challenge but if they are unsuccessful then the opponent would receive one point and the coach would lose the challenge for the remainder of the bout.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None

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Boys Wrestling: Revise the Current Appeals Procedure

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending revising the current NYSPHSAA Appeals Procedure to allow “Officials Only” the ability to review video replay to determine if a scoring situation occurred after time had expired at the end of a period.

Effective Start Date:

2026-2027

Rationale:

Currently, only the Appeals Committee can request a video replay on a misapplication of a rule. This proposal would allow “officials only” to utilize video replay only to determine if a scoring play occurred before the end of a period. The only video that would be used would be the NYSPHSAA sponsored video as currently is written.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Boys Wrestling: Expand the Current Appeals Procedure

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending expanding the current NYSPHSAA Appeals Procedure to allow the Appeals Committee to review video during the Blood and Placement Rounds.

Effective Start Date:

2026-2027

Rationale:

These rounds, as well as the semifinal and final rounds, are highly competitive and this proposal would allow the Appeals Committee the ability to ensure that application of rules are being administered correctly by the working officials.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The provision that only the Appeals Committee would request the video replay would still be intact.

Attachments:

None

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Boys Wrestling: Revise Penalty for Cheating on Hydration Test

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending revising the current penalty for getting caught on the hydration test, which is part of the NYSPHSAA Weight Management Program. The revised penalty would be ineligibility to participate in a match until after January 1st and all post season events.

Effective Start Date:

2026-2027

Rationale:

The current penalty is ineligibility for the entire season. The Boys Wrestling Committee feels that this penalty is too harsh and that being ineligible for the early part of the season and for the post season is a more reasonable penalty.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

Boys Wrestling: Revise Penalty for Maximum Number of Tournaments

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending revising the current penalty for going over the maximum number of tournaments in a season. The revised penalty would mirror the current penalty of going over the maximum number of points/games in a season for all sports.

c. If an individual or team exceeds the maximum number of contests permitted, the penalty is team ineligibility from the date of violation for the rest of the season. In the sports of wrestling, cross country, indoor track & outdoor track, swimming & diving, and bowling, when an individual exceeds the maximum number of contests, only the individual would no longer be eligible for that season. When an athlete exceeds the maximum number of contests the level in which the student-athlete participated as an ineligible competitor will be affected.

Any member school that has exceeded the maximum number of contests has the option to utilize the existing penalty outlined above (c) or may elect to suspend the head coach from all team related functions and activities (including, but not limited to, practices, scrimmages, conditioning/weight training, film sessions, and games) from the date of the violation for the remainder of the season and forfeit additional contests. The use of this option must be submitted to the Section Executive Director and State Executive Director in writing from the Superintendent of Schools or Headmaster self-reporting the violation prior to the next game/contest being played (July 2020)

Effective Start Date:

2026-2027

Rationale:

This proposal provides a consistent penalty to similar situations that may arise by going over the maximum number of tournaments but staying within the maximum number of points during the season.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee

No Budgetary Concerns. No Notes or attachments.

Boys Wrestling: Penalty for Not Bringing a Track Wrestling Weigh-In Form to a Dual Meet

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending the following penalty for a team that does not provide a Track Wrestling Weigh-In Sheet at a dual meet.

The team without the Track Wrestling Weigh-In Sheet will forfeit the dual meet. The host school will make every effort to provide the school without the weigh-in sheet to print one.

Effective Start Date:

2026-2027

Rationale:

Wrestling teams are required to use the Track Wrestling Weigh-In Sheet. Schools cannot print out weigh-in sheet unless they have updated their weigh-ins. All teams need to have updated weigh-ins in order for the wrestlers to adhere to the 1.5% weight loss plan. If a team cannot print out the weigh-in sheets the 1/5 % weight loss plan could be manipulated by the coach.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Concerns:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING – Establish a Team State Championship

- Action Item
 Discussion Item
 Informational Item

Presenters:

Peter Hugo, NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming/Diving State Coordinator
Scott Warner, NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming/Diving Assistant Coordinator
Diane Hicks-Hughes, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming/Diving State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving State Committees propose reclassifying swimming and diving from an individual sport to an individual/team sport. This change would introduce a Team State Championship alongside the existing individual championship. Each of the 11 NYSPHSAA sections may send one team, consisting of 8 athletes plus 1 alternate (including divers), to compete on Day 1 of the state tournament. Athletes would compete in their individual events, earning points toward their team's total. The team with the highest points would be crowned the NYSPHSAA Team State Champion, with awards presented to the top four teams.

Note: Most top teams in each section already have athletes participating in the state meet, minimizing the need for additional qualifiers.

Effective Start Date:

2027-2028 school year

Rationale:

The NYSPHSAA Swimming & Diving Committees have long discussed adding a team championship. With stable qualifier numbers at recent state meets, now is an opportune time to implement this change. New York is the only state that does not crown a single-school swimming and diving champion. Aligning with other NYSPHSAA sports, such as girls' golf, this proposal would establish equity by recognizing team achievements. The team championship would enhance competition and engagement, mirroring regular-season dual meets.

Impact on Participation:

The team championship would slightly increase the number of athletes at the state meets while remaining manageable:

- Boys State Meet (2025 Data): 377 participants; with teams, 407–422 athletes (25–40 additional swimmers, 5–6 divers).
- Girls State Meet (2024 Data): 360 participants; with teams, 390–405 athletes (25–40 additional swimmers, 5–6 divers).
- Coaches: No increase in the number of coaches.
- Fans: An estimated 50–150 additional spectators per meet.

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Each section's team would consist of 9 athletes (8 competitors + 1 alternate), following a format similar to the Girls Golf Team/Individual Championship. Scoring would extend to 16 places for swimming and be based on the order of finish in an 11-dive competition for diving.

Entry Guidelines:

Athletes entered in the individual championship would automatically be entered in the team championship for the same events.

Budgetary Impact:

NYSPHSAA Costs:

- **Awards:**
 - Plaques for 1st–4th place: \$180 per meet.
 - Medals for champion and runner-up teams (9 per team): \$55 per meet.
- **Venue Costs:** Up to \$400 per meet due to extended time (20–30 minutes for swimming, 60–90 minutes for diving on Day 1).

Revenue Offset:

- Additional ticket sales from 50–150 fans at \$10.50 each would generate \$525–\$1,575 per meet.
- Venues (Ithaca, Webster, Erie, and Nassau) can accommodate the increased attendance.

Section/School Costs:

- Minimal travel costs, as most top teams already have athletes at the state meet. The proposal adds 1–6 athletes per section (30–45 total across all sections).

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving State Committees on May 1, 2025

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming/Diving State Committee voted in support of this proposal at their June 10, 2025 meeting. (8 Yes, 1 No, 2 Absent)

The NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming/Diving State Committee voted in support of this proposal at their June 10, 2025 meeting. (9 Yes, 1 abstention, 1 Absent)

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback/Vote:

Refer to CAC Report

NYSPHSAA
CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director
 - Regional Rotations – Approved for 2025. Final details provided as soon as possible.
 - Transgender Student Participation – NYSPHSAA continues to advise its member schools to place students on teams that most appropriately align with the student’s gender identity.
 - NYSED First Aid/CPR – As part of amendments to Section 135.5 of the Commissioner’s Regulations, coaches will be required to complete a valid and nationally recognized First Aid course that includes training in recognizing signs of cardiac arrest, administering adult CPR and use an AED. This replaces the NYSED specific curriculum.
 - Boys Lacrosse East / West Semi Finals – NYSPHSAA has approved to revise the dates for Boys Lacrosse in the Spring (2026) to avoid a scheduling conflict with the NYSED Regents exams. Regional, June 11th and Finals June 14th.
 - NFHS Rule Update: Double First Base
Beginning with the 2027 high school baseball season, the NFHS will require the use of a double first base, all levels.
 - Thursday, August 7, 2025 – New Athletic Director’s Workshop
 - Monday, September 8, 2025 – Mandated Athletic Director’s Workshop
2. Joe Altieri – Assistant Director
 - 2026 Outdoor Track Championship will be held at Webster Schroeder High School (Section V)
 - Championship Dates and Sites (enclosed)
3. Kristen Jadin – Assistant Director
 - Spalding Ball Adoption
This agreement remains in effect through 2029.
 - NYSPHSAA Participation Survey is scheduled for release this fall.
 - Scholar/Athlete – NYSPHSAA recognized 3,149 Scholar Athlete teams and 48,917 individual Scholar Athletes.
 - NYSPHSAA Student Leadership Conference will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026.

4. Todd Nelson – Assistant Director
 - At the October 21, 2025 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting the 2026-2027 Classification Cut-off Numbers for Girls/Boys Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Softball and Girls Volleyball will be approved.
 - August 2025 Sections will be requested to submit a current list of all teams (schools) participating in the above sports, including merged teams (schools) and reclassified non-public schools.
 - Heat Acclimatization - Reminder about the importance of preventing heat related illnesses.
 - Interstate Sanctioning – Schools are reminded that they must complete the Notice of Entry Submission Forms on the sanctioning page of the NYSPHSAA website.
5. 2024-2025 NFH Coach of the Year Nomination for New York State
 - Boys Soccer – Michael Kelly – Goshen High School
 - Boys Swimming and Diving – Chris Sammons – Kingston High School
 - Nordic Skiing – Ann Gregory – New Paltz High School
6. Sectional Concerns:
 - Section III – Spalding Baseball
 - Section VI – Governance Practices
 - Section VIII – Excessive number of student-athletes qualifying for track and swimming state championships
 - Section VIII – Cheerleading subjected to additional restrictions beyond NYSPHSAA out of season workout guidelines
7. Championship Advisory Committee
 - Girls/Boys Swimming and Diving – Team Championship
8. Championship Philosophy Committee
 - The NYSPHSAA staff will review the current 5-8% qualifying standard for individual/teams sports and return in fall with findings.

9. NYSPHSAA Discussion Items:

- Handbook – Senior All-Star Contest Records
- Handbook – Combining of Teams Records
- Schools Without Boundaries – Sectional Classification Criteria and Oversight Committee Appeal Procedure
- Girls and Boys Swimming and Diving – Adopt Backstroke Starting Ledges starting in Fall 2026
- Competitive Cheerleading – Scoresheet Reorganization
- Girls Wrestling – Revise the Representation Rule
- Girls Wrestling – Maximum Number of Matches per Day
- Girls Wrestling – Multi School meet
- Girls Wrestling – Expansion of Appeals Procedure
- Boys Wrestling – Revise the current Appeals Procedure
- Boys Wrestling – Expand the current Appeals Procedure
- Boys Wrestling – Revise Penalty for Cheating on Hydration Test
- Boys Wrestling – Revise Penalty for Maximum Number of Tournaments
- Boys Wrestling – Penalty for not bringing a Track Wrestling Weigh-In Form to a Dual Meet

10. Information Item

- Girls and Boys Swimming and Diving – Establish a Team Championship

NYSPHSAA Championships - 5-YEAR CALENDAR - Fall 2024 thru Spring 2029

FALL		FALL 2024	FALL 2025	FALL 2026	FALL 2027	FALL 2028
Girls Tennis (Individual)	Date	October 28-30, 2024 (M,T,W)	October 27-29, 2025	October 26-28, 2026	October 25-28, 2027	October 24-26, 2028
Week #17	Site	USTA National Tennis Center				
Girls Tennis (Team)	Date	November 8, 2024	November 7, 2025	November 6, 2026	November 5, 2027	November 3, 2028
Week #18	Site	USTA National Tennis Center				
Cheer (Game Day)	Date	Sunday, November 10, 2024	Sunday, November 9, 2025	Sunday, November 8, 2026	Sunday, November 7, 2027	Sunday, November 5, 2028
Week #18 (state tour in 2023)	Site	Hudson Valley CC				
B/G Cross Country	Date	November 16, 2024	November 15, 2025	November 14, 2026	November 13, 2027	November 11, 2028
Week #19	Site	Queensbury High School				
Boys Soccer	Date	November 15-17, 2024	November 14-16, 2025	November 13-15, 2026	November 12-14, 2027	November 10-12, 2028
Week #19	Site	**Middletown High School	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	Middletown High School	Middletown High School
Girls Soccer	Date	November 16-17, 2024	November 15-16, 2025	November 14-15, 2026	November 13-14, 2027	November 11-12, 2028
Week #19	Site	Cortland	Cortland	Cortland	Cortland	Cortland
Field Hockey	Date	November 16-17, 2024	November 15-16, 2025	November 14-15, 2026	November 13-14, 2027	November 11-12, 2028
Week #19	Site	Arlington High School				
Girls Swimming & Diving	Date	November 22-23, 2024	November 21-22, 2025	November 20-21, 2026	November 19-20, 2027	November 17-18, 2028
Week #20	Site	Webster Aquatic Center				
Boys Volleyball	Date	November 23, 2024	November 22-23, 2025	November 21-22, 2026	November 20-21, 2027	November 18, 2028
Week #20	Site	Capital Center, Albany	Roberts Wesleyan/Finger Lakes CC			
Girls Volleyball	Date	November 22-24, 2024	November 21-23, 2025	November 20-22, 2026	November 19-21, 2027	November 18-19, 2028
Week #20	Site	Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls				
Football EAST	Date	November 29-30, 2024	November 28-29, 2025	November 27-28, 2026	November 26-27, 2027	November 24-25, 2028
Week #21	Site	Middletown High School				
Football WEST	Date	November 29-30, 2024	November 28-29, 2025	November 27-28, 2026	November 26-27, 2027	November 24-25, 2028
Week #21	Site	Vestal High School	Cicero North Syracuse HS			
Football FINALS	Date	December 6-7, 2024	December 5-6, 2025	December 4-6, 2026 (tentative)	December 3-5, 2027 (tentative)	December 1-3, 2028
Week #22	Site	JMA Wireless Dome				
WINTER		WINTER 2025	WINTER 2026	WINTER 2027	WINTER 2028	WINTER 2029
Wrestling Duals	Date	February 1, 2025	January 31, 2026	January 30, 2027	January 29, 2028	January 27, 2029
Week #30	Site	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC				
Girls Ice Hockey Regional	Date	February 21-22, 2025	February 20-21, 2026	February 19-20, 2027	February 18-19, 2028	February 16-17, 2029
Week #33	Site	Nexus Center, Utica				
B/G Skiing	Date	February 24-25, 2025	February 23-24, 2026	February 22-23, 2027	February 21-22, 2028	February 20-21, 2029
Week #34/35	Site	Gore Mountain/North Creek	Bristol Mtn/Harriet Hollister	Whiteface/Mt. Vanhoenoberg	Whiteface/Mt. Vanhoenoberg	Whiteface/Mt. Vanhoenoberg
Girls Wrestling	Date	February 27, 2025	February 26, 2026	February of 2027	February of 2028	February of 2029
Week #34	Site	MVP Arena, Albany				
Boys Wrestling	Date	February 28 - March 1, 2025	February 27-28, 2026	February 26-27, 2027	February 25-26, 2028	February 23-24, 2029
Week #34	Site	MVP Arena, Albany				
Boys Swimming & Diving	Date	March 7-8, 2025	March 6-7, 2026	March 5-6, 2027	March 4-5, 2028	March 2, 2029
Week #35	Site	Ithaca College				
Cheer (Competitive)	Date	March 8, 2025	March 7, 2026	March 6, 2027	March 4, 2028	March 3, 2029
Week #35	Site	Visions Veterans Memorial Arena				
Girls Gymnastics	Date	March 1, 2025	February 28, 2026	February 27, 2027	March 4, 2028	March 3, 2029
Week #34/35	Site	Clarence High School	Valley Gymnastics	Cold Spring Harbor High School	Cold Spring Harbor High School	Cold Spring Harbor High School
B/G Indoor Track	Date	March 8, 2025	March 6-7, 2026	March 6, 2027	March 4, 2028	March 3, 2029
Week #35	Site	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex				
B/G Bowling	Date	March 14-16, 2025	March 13-15, 2026	March 12-14, 2027	March 10-12, 2028	March 9-11, 2029
Week #36	Site	Strike N Spare Lanes				
Boys Ice Hockey	Date	March 15-16, 2025	March 14-15, 2026	March 13-14, 2027	March 11-12, 2028	March 10-11, 2029
Week #36	Site	LECOM Harborcenter				
Girls Basketball	Date	March 20-23, 2025	March 19-22, 2026	March 18-21, 2027	March 16-19, 2028	March 15-18, 2029
Week #37	Site	Hudson Valley CC				
Boys Basketball	Date	March 20-23, 2025	March 19-22, 2026	March 18-21, 2027	March 18-21, 2028	March 15-18, 2029
Week #37	Site	Visions Veterans Memorial Arena				
SPRING		SPRING 2025	SPRING 2026	SPRING 2027	SPRING 2028	SPRING 2029
Boys Tennis (Individual)	Date	June 6-8, 2025	June 5-7, 2026	June 4-6, 2027	June 2-4, 2028	June 1-3, 2029
Week #48	Site	USTA National Tennis Center				
Flag Football	Date	June 7-8, 2025	June 6-7, 2026	June 5, 2027	June 3, 2028	June 2, 2029
Week #48	Site	Cortland High School				
Boys Golf	Date	June 8-9, 2025	June 7-8, 2026	June 6-7, 2027	June 4-5, 2028	June 3-4, 2029
Week #48	Site	Mill Creek Golf Club				
Girls Golf	Date	June 8-9, 2025	June 7-8, 2026	June 6-7, 2027	June 4-5, 2028	June 3-4, 2029
Week #48	Site	Wild Wood Country Club				
Boys Lacrosse Semis EAST	Date	June 11, 2025	June 10, 2026	June 9, 2027	June 7, 2028	June 6, 2029
Week #49	Site	Middletown High School				
Boys Lacrosse Semis WEST	Date	June 11, 2025	June 10, 2026	June 9, 2027	June 7, 2028	June 6, 2029
Week #49	Site	SUNY Cortland				
Boys Lacrosse FINALS	Date	June 14, 2025	June 13, 2026	June 12, 2027	June 11, 2028	June 9, 2029
Week #49	Site	Hobart & William Smith College				
Boys Tennis (Team)	Date	June 13, 2025	June 12, 2026	June 11, 2027	June 9, 2028	June 8, 2029
Week #49	Site	USTA National Tennis Center				
Girls Lacrosse	Date	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027	June 9-10, 2028	June 8-9, 2029
Week #49	Site	SUNY Cortland				
B/G Outdoor Track	Date	June 13-14, 2025	Sat, June 13-Sun, June 14, 2026	June 11-12, 2027	June 9-10, 2028	June 8-9, 2029
Week #49	Site	**Middletown High School	Webster Schroeder High School	Cicero North Syracuse HS	Icahn Stadium	Icahn Stadium
Baseball	Date	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027	June 9-10, 2028	June 8-9, 2029
Week #49	Site	Binghamton	Binghamton	Binghamton	Binghamton	Binghamton
Softball	Date	June 13-14, 2025	June 12-13, 2026	June 11-12, 2027	June 9-10, 2028	June 8-9
Week #49	Site	Greenlight Networks GS Park				

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



2025-26 NYSPHSAA
Championship Dates & Sites



Fall 2025

Oct 27-29 (Mon, Tue, Wed)	Girls Tennis Individual	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Flushing
Nov 7.....	Girls Tennis Team	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Flushing
Nov 9 (Sunday).....	Gameday Cheer	Hudson Valley Community College, Troy (2)
Nov 15.....	B/G Cross Country	Queensbury High School, Queensbury (2)
Nov 14-16	Boys Soccer	Middletown High School, Middletown (IX)
Nov 15-16	Girls Soccer	SUNY Cortland, Homer HS, Tompkins Cortland CC (III)
Nov 15-16	Field Hockey	Arlington High School, Arlington (I)
Nov 21-22	Girls Swimming/Diving	Webster Aquatic Center (V)
Nov 22-23	Boys Volleyball	Roberts Wesleyan/Finger Lakes CC
Nov 21-23	Girls Volleyball.....	Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls (2)
Nov 23.....	Federation Cross Country	Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls (1)
Nov 28.....	8-Man Football Regional	Cicer North Syracuse HS, Syracuse (III)
Nov 28-29	Football West Semifinals.....	Cicero North Syracuse HS, Syracuse (III)
Nov 28-29	Football East Semifinals.....	Middletown High School, Middletown (IX)
Dec 5-6.....	Football Finals	JMA Wireless Dome, Syracuse (III)

Winter 2026

Jan 31.....	Wrestling Dual Meet.....	SRC Arena at Onondaga CC, Syracuse, NY (III)
Feb 20-21.....	Girls Ice Hockey Regional.....	Nexus Center, Utica (III)
Feb 23-24.....	B/G Skiing	Bristol Mtn/Harriet Hollister
Feb 26	Girls Wrestling Individual	MVP Arena, Albany (2)
Feb 27-28.....	Boys Wrestling Individual.....	MVP Arena, Albany (2)
Feb 28	Girls Gymnastics	Whitesboro High School, Whitesboro (III)
March 6-7	Boys Swimming/Diving	Ithaca College, Ithaca (IV)
?March 6-7.....	B/G Indoor Track/Field	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex (NYC)
March 7.....	Competitive Cheer.....	Visions Veterans Memorial Arena, Binghamton (IV)
March 13-15	B/G Bowling.....	Strike N Spare Lanes, Syracuse (III)
March 14-15	Ice Hockey	LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo (VI)
March 19-22	Girls Basketball	Hudson Valley CC, Troy (2)
March 19-22	Boys Basketball.....	Visions Veterans Memorial Arena, Binghamton (IV)

? indicates being voted on July 30th as a 1 day or 2 day event

Spring 2026

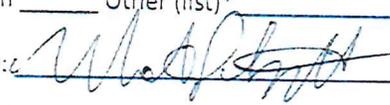
June 5-7	Boys Tennis Individual.....	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (NYC)
June 6-7	Flag Football	Cortland High School, Homer High School (3)
June 7-8 (Mon/Tue)	Girls Golf	Wild Wood Country Club, Rush (V)
June 8-9 (Mon/Tue)	Boys Golf	Mill Creek Golf Club, Churchville (V)
June 10	Boys Lacrosse East Semis	Middletown High School, Middletown (IX)
June 10.....	Boys Lacrosse West Semis.....	SUNY Cortland, Cortland (III)
June 13.....	Boys Lacrosse Finals	Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva (V)
June 12.....	Boys Tennis Team.....	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Flushing
June 12-13	Baseball	Mirabito Stadium, Union Endicott HS, Binghamton Univ (IV)
June 12-13	Girls Lacrosse	SUNY Cortland, Cortland (III)
June 12-13	Softball	Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park, Binghamton (IV)
June 13-14 (Sat/Sun).....	B/G Track & Field	Webster Schroeder High School, Webster (V)
June 15	Federation Golf Championships.....	TBA



NEW YORK STATE
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTEST
Application

PLEASE NOTE: PARTICIPANTS MAY ONLY BE THOSE SENIORS WHO ARE NO LONGER INVOLVED IN SECTIONALS, REGIONALS OR STATE COMPETITION. ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN THIS CONTEST ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE IN THIS SPORT.

Sport or Activity Field Hockey

1. Name of Contest Senior All Star Game 2025 Date Nov.13. 2025
2. Site of Contest Our Lady of Lourdes High School. Poughkeepsie. NY
3. Co-sponsoring school, league or section Section IX
(for events sponsored with any outside organization, college or university)
4. School personnel responsible for contest supervision: Name Deborah A. Beam
Address 180 Willow Glen Rd Red Hook NY Zip 12571 Phone 5188199813
5. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of contestants: _____
All Seniors playing Field Hockey . and are not in a state contest. are eligible.
6. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of coaches: _____
Referees and Coaches are volunteers who are able to attend the event.
7. Net profit to be donated to the following charitable or educational programs: _____
8. Contestants will be insured by: _____ Own School
_____ Other (list)
Liability insurance supplied by sponsor: Section _____ Other (list)* _____
***Attach certificate of insurance**
9. Signature of host Athletic Administrator (if applicable): 
10. Uniforms are to be supplied by: Section has T-shirts we provide to the two teams
11. Official's organization to assign contest officials: Section 9 Jim Areno
12. Within two weeks of completion of the contest, all of the following must be mailed to Secretary/Treasurer of the Section sanctioning the contest:

1. Complete roster of participants	3. Injury report
2. Complete financial report	4. Complete awards report

Completed application presented and approved by Section _____

Date _____ Section Executive Director _____

NOTE: A list of Sr. All-Star Contests approved by the Section must be emailed for recording to:
Robert Zayas, Executive Director (rzayas@nysphsaa.org)
New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.



EVENTS RISK AND EMERGENCY PLAN

AUGUST 2025

I. Philosophy

Interscholastic athletics is an integral part of the total secondary educational program. Its purpose is to offer educational experiences not otherwise provided in the curriculum which will promote the student athlete's physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being.

Interscholastic athletics shall be primarily for the benefit of the students who participate directly or as spectators. The interscholastic athletic program shall exist for the value which it has for students and for the benefit of the sponsoring institutions.

II. Purpose

A. A school's academic program and athletic program need to work together to achieve the overall goals of the education system. The purpose of a school's athletic program is diverse:

1. To subordinate it to the academic program which is the basis and prime reason for establishment of an educational institution;
2. To protect the good name of the school in the community;
3. To promote the principles of good citizenship; and
4. To recognize participation in athletics is a privilege.

III. Objectives

- A. To provide safe athletic events and a meaningful experience for student athletes, coaches and spectators alike.
- B. To prevent a crisis from beginning or escalating.
- C. To focus on risk management and emergency plan for athletic events.

IV. Code of Ethics

- A. It is the duty of all concerned with high school athletics:
1. TO EMPHASIZE the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
 2. TO ELIMINATE all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.
 3. TO STRESS the values derived from playing the game fairly.
 4. TO SHOW cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
 5. TO ESTABLISH a happy relationship between visitors and hosts.
 6. TO RESPECT the integrity and judgment of the sport officials.
 7. TO ACHIEVE a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and standards of eligibility.
 8. TO ENCOURAGE leadership, use of incentive, and good judgment by the players on the team.
 9. TO RECOGNIZE that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the individual players.
 10. TO REMEMBER that an athletic contest is only a game...not a matter of life or death for player, coach, school, official, fan, community, state or nation.

V. Strategies

As a course of action, the Safety Committee has developed the following steps:

- A. Clarify chaperones' duties and expectations with regard to crowd control.
- B. Clarify police involvement at event OCIAA Championships.
- C. Construct an event checklist so as to identify potential risks and to note coverage areas.
- D. Share this developed plan and review it annually during the scheduled September Athletic Directors Workshop.
- E. Share information and review procedures annually for NYSPHSAA Thunder and Lightning Policy during the first Athletic Directors Workshop held each school year. (attached).

- F. Share the Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) program and review it annually during the scheduled September Athletic Directors Workshop.
- G. Pursuant to the Commissioner of Education and Education Law (section 136.4) regarding the requirement for AED's in Public Schools it is required that:
 - 1. Whenever an instructional school facility is used for a school sponsored or school approved curricular or extracurricular event or activity, the public school officials and administrators responsible for such facility ensure the presence of at least one staff person who is trained, pursuant to Public Health Law section 3000-b (3)(a), in the operation and use of automated external defibrillator.
 - 2. During any school-sponsored athletic contest or school-sponsored competitive athletic event held at any location, the host school shall ensure that automated external defibrillator equipment is provided on-site and that at least one staff person who is trained, pursuant to Public Health Law section 3000-b (3)(a), in its use is present during such contest or event. If an event is sponsored by the OCIAA (League Championships, multi-school events held at a neutral site, etc.), the ROIA will ensure that an automated external defibrillator is provided on-site.

VI. Guidelines

The OCIAA provides the following general guidelines for crowd control at hosted events.

A. Precrisis Indicators

- 1. Unusual movement is noted as:
 - a. Athletic teams or groups not moving together;
 - b. Groups of students not in their territory;
 - c. Absence of groups not in their territory; and
 - d. Sudden clustering of students.
- 2. Student attendance can point to a potential problem:
 - a. By those students who most likely would not attend; and
 - b. By those students who have been suspended.
- 3. Warning signs are suggested when:
 - a. Graffiti is increased;
 - b. Students carry items into events;
 - c. Nonprofessional staff mention hearsay; and
 - d. Rumors are not dealt with as if they are true.

B. Chaperone and/or Crowd Control Duties

- 1. To maintain a high level of conduct by:
 - a. Being courteous;
 - b. Not running to the scene of action;
 - c. Dealing with a threat as an act of violence; and
 - d. Following the chain of command.

2. To remain highly visible by:
 - a. Wearing arm bands or other identifiers;
 - b. Assisting in finding rest rooms, seats or concessions;
 - c. Enforcing event rules about spectator behavior;
 - d. Removing unruly students or spectators; and
 - e. Being able to identify associated event personnel.
3. To keep moving by:
 - a. Not viewing or taking an active role in the athletic event;
 - b. Asking spectators to move into assigned seating areas; and
 - c. Asking spectators to not to loiter in exit or fire lanes.

C. Police

1. Police are essential in championship events, because they:
 - a. Add to the decorum of the contest;
 - b. Help with spectator ejection or removal;
 - c. Aid in traffic control; and
 - d. Provide a safe atmosphere.
2. Techniques that police bring to events are:
 - a. The diffusion of large crowds;
 - b. The diffusion of a possible situation;
 - c. When to call for help; and
 - d. Hands on to help.

D. Activating Event Safety Plan

1. Designate a site administrator or event manager. Persons authorized to take actions are chaperones, coaches and school administrators. Person in charge shall notify or direct notification as needed:
 - a. Emergency providers – police, ambulance, fire, poison ctr.
 - b. Superintendent of Schools
 - c. Building Administrator, Athletic Administrator
 - d. Site chaperones
2. Response to medical emergency will follow a sequence of steps:
 - a. Assess the injury. If life threatening to player, cancel the game;
 - b. Send contact person to activate emergency medical response personnel. If injured party is a minor, call parents;
 - c. Administer first aid. Prepare to transport to medial facility; and
 - d. Complete an injury report.
3. Response to a crowd control incident will use a four layer approach that is:
 - a. Prevent any incident from escalating;
 - b. Keep crowd back;
 - c. Witness and document incident; and
 - d. Remain in the area until all is clear
4. Sequential responses will include:
 - a. Monitoring of weather stations and/or scanners.

- b. Event evacuation or cancellation instructions told during prevent announcement. Potential causes are: severe weather, fire, bomb threat, and sustained power outage.
 - c. Event rules that serve notice to no alcohol, no smoking and improper spectator behaviors and consequences told also during prevent announcement.
5. Individuals designated as site administrator, event manager, chaperone, coach or other trained individual whom has been trained in the use of AED units should:
- a. Immediately check the scene for safety, then verify sudden cardiac arrest;
 - b. Perform proper steps according to training;
 - c. Allow AED unit to analyze and determine if shock is advised;
 - d. If shock needed perform as instructed and trained;
 - e. If NO shock is advised begin CPR training skills and procedures;
 - f. Follow Post – Use Procedures.

E. Chain of Command

1. The chain of command at athletic events is defined as:
- a. OCIAA Sport Chairs or their designees;
 - b. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator;
 - c. Host site Athletic Directors or their designees;
 - g. Sponsoring Coach;
 - h. Security Personnel.

VII. Checklist of Event Risks

A. This checklist of event risks is used to pragmatically prepare for interscholastic athletic events and/or championships:

- _____ 1. Proper supervision in all areas is used
- _____ 2. Plan for the occurrence of bad weather
- _____ 3. Prevent inspection of playing and spectator access areas
- _____ 4. Facility maintenance
- _____ 5. Event announcement which covers rules and evacuation routes
- _____ 6. Injury reporting forms on hand
- _____ 7. Medical personnel and supplies arranged
- _____ 8. Officials, scorekeepers, timers and announcer in place
- _____ 9. Forms completed: insurance, pay vouchers, etc.

- _____ 10. Public address system and/or megaphones available to warn
- _____ 11. Telephone and/or cell phone available
- _____ 12. Ancillary help duties are defined for: ticket takers, custodial, etc.

VIII. The following is the recommended OCIAA Medical Emergency Action Plan for OCIAA contests and schools in which a certified approved athletic trainer is assigned. In addition, guidelines for responsibilities of an emergency care team are recommended in situations when a doctor or ambulance is not present.

Responsibilities of Emergency Care Team:

❖ Athletic Trainer:

1. Coordinates care
2. Assist injury/illness
3. Provide initial first aid care if necessary
4. Activate EMS *911* when necessary
5. Release student athlete to EMS if necessary for transport
6. Complete necessary accident reports

❖ Head Coach/Assistant Coach:

1. Send team members to assigned benches
2. Provide emergency medical/contact card to athletic trainer
3. Contact parent/guardian
4. Complete necessary accident report forms
5. Contact athletic director

❖ Security Staff:

1. Scene control (limit injury scene to first aid providers and move bystanders away from area)
2. Go to designated location to flag down emergency vehicle
3. Have keys to gate/doors for emergency vehicle access
4. Direct EMS/vehicle to injury site
5. Complete necessary accident report forms

A. Emergency Personnel:

Certified athletic trainer and student athletic trainers on site for practice and competitive events.

B. First Aid Equipment:

1. All interscholastic sports teams are provided with first aid kits, ice packs and CPR masks.

2. Athletic trainer has medical kit, AED, oxygen, vacuum splints, backboard, and cervical collars.

C. Communication:

1. All interscholastic sports teams have a two-way radio to communicate with athletic trainer.
2. All interscholastic sports teams have the athletic trainer's cell phone number.

D. Appropriate Medical Forms:

1. Accident reports to be completed after incident occurs.
2. Emergency Medical/Contact Information to be completed for every student athlete and given to athletic trainer.



Meeting Dates 2025 - 2026



MHAL	MHAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	OCIAA	OCIAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	SECTION IX
August 20, 2025 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES	October 15, 2025 11:00 am Dutchess BOCES	August 19, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES	October 1, 2025 9:00 am Orange-Ulster BOCES	September 4, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES
September 17, 2025 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES	January 14, 2026 11:00 am Dutchess BOCES	September 16, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES	December 17, 2025 9:00 am Orange-Ulster BOCES	September 8, 2025 NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop 8:30 Otterkill Golf Club
October 15, 2025 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES	May 20, 2026 11:00 am Dutchess BOCES	October 14, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES	March 18, 2026 9:00 am Orange-Ulster BOCES	October 7, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES
November 19, 2025 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES		November 18, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES	May 27, 2026 9:00 am Orange-Ulster BOCES	November 6, 2025 9:30 am Zoom Meeting
December 10, 2025 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES		December 9, 2025 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES		January 6, 2026 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES
January 14, 2026 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES		January 13, 2026 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES		March 10, 2026 9:30 am Zoom Meeting
February 11, 2026 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES		February 10, 2026 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES		April 9, 2026 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES
March 18, 2026 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES		March 17, 2026 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES		May 12, 2026 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES
April 22, 2026 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES		April 21, 2026 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES		June 10, 2026 8:00 am TBA In-Person
May 20, 2026 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES		May 21, 2026 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES		
June 17, 2026 9:30 am Dutchess BOCES		June 16, 2026 9:30 am Orange-Ulster BOCES		

ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2025-2026 CALENDAR – Approved

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY/EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
18 Aug (Mon)		Football may start (Varsity/JV/Freshmen)	
18 Aug (Mon)		All Other Sports may start (Varsity/JV/Freshmen)	
19 Aug (Tue)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
18-22 Aug		Fall Sports Rules Interp. Meeting (Varsity/JV/Mod)	Virtual
1 Sept (Mon)		Holiday (Labor Day) - Office closed	
3 Sept (Wed)		First Day - Modified Fall Sports may start if school is open	
8 Sept (Mon)	8:30 AM	NYSPPHSAA Mandated Workshop	Otterkill Golf Club
16 Sept (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
22-24 Sept. (Sunset to Sunset)		Holiday (Rosh Hashanah) – No league scheduled games	
1 Oct (Wed)	9:00 AM	Executive Committee Meeting	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
1-2 Oct (Thurs)		Holiday (Yom Kippur) – No league scheduled games	
13 Oct (Mon)		Holiday (Columbus Day) - Office closed	
14 Oct (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
11 Nov (Tues)		Holiday (Veterans Day) – Office closed	
10-14 Nov		Winter Rules Interpretation Meeting (Varsity/ JV/Mod)	Virtual
18 Nov (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
17 Nov (Mon)		Winter Sports may start (Varsity/ JV)	
24 Nov (Mon)		Modified Winter Sports may start	
27-28 Nov (Thurs-Fri)		Thanksgiving Holiday – Office closed	
9 Dec (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
17 Dec (Wed)	9:00 AM	Executive Committee Meeting	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
22 Dec- 2 Jan		Winter Recess	
13 Jan (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
19 Jan (Mon)		Holiday (Martin Luther King Day) – Office closed	
20-23 Jan (Tue-Fri)		Regents Week	
10 Feb (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
16-18 Feb (Mon-Wed)		President’s Day / Lunar New Year	
17 Mar (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
18 Mar (Wed)	9:00 AM	Executive Committee Meeting	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
9-13 Mar		Spring Rules Interpretation Meeting (Var/JV/Modified)	Virtual
9 Mar (Mon)		Spring Sports may start (Varsity/JV)	
16 Mar (Mon)		Modified Spring Sports may start	
30 Mar -3 April		Spring Recess	
21 Apr (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
19 May (Tues)	-----	School Budget Vote Day	
21 May (Thurs)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
25 May (Mon)		Holiday (Memorial Day) – Office closed	
27 May (Wed)	9:00 AM	Executive Committee Meeting	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
11 June (Thurs)	9:00 AM	OCIAA Scholar Athlete Breakfast	TBA
16 June (Tues)	9:30 AM	OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken
9, 10, 17, 18, 22-26 June		Regents Exams	
19 June (Fri)		Juneteenth – Office Closed	

<u>SECTION IX MEETING DATES</u>		<u>Section IX Start Dates – High School</u>	
Thurs. Sept. 4, 2025	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken – 9:30 AM	Football - Mon., Aug. 18, 2025	
Mon. Sept. 8, 2025	Otterkill Golf Club (NYSPPHSAA Mandated Workshop) – 8:30 AM	Other Fall Sports – Mon., Aug. 18, 2025	
Tues. Oct. 7, 2025	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken – 9:30 AM	All Winter Sports - Mon., Nov. 17, 2025	
Thurs. Nov. 6, 2025	Zoom Meeting – 9:30 AM	All Spring Sports - Mon, March 9, 2026	
Tues. Jan. 6, 2026	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken – 9:30 AM		
Tues. March 10, 2026	Zoom Meeting – 9:30 AM		
Thurs. April 9, 2026	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken – 9:30 AM	<u>Section IX Start Dates – Modified</u>	
Tues. May 12, 2026	Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken – 9:30 AM	All Fall Sports – Sept. 3 or 1 st day school	
Wed. June 10, 2026	TBA (In-person)	All Winter Sports - Mon., Nov. 24, 2025	
		All Spring Sports - Mon, March 16, 2026	
<u>NYSPPHSAA Meetings:</u>	<u>SAT Test Dates</u>	<u>ACT Test Dates</u>	<u>PSAT Test Dates</u>
Oct. 31, 2025	October 4, 2025	Sept 6, 2025	Oct. 11, 2025
Feb. 3, 2026	November 1, 2025	Oct 25, 2025	
May 6, 2026	December 6, 2025	Dec 6, 2025	
July 28-29, 2026	March 7, 2026	Feb 6, 2026	<u>AP Exams</u>
	May 2, 2026	April 10, 2026	May 4-8, 2026
	June 6, 2026	June 6, 2026	May 11 – 15, 2026



Fall Coaching Courses 2025

Interested in completing your coaching certification this fall?
Our 2025 Coaching Courses will be offered in a **blended learning format**, combining online coursework with an **in-person skills session** (attendance is mandatory for in-person dates).

To Register:

Email **Amanda Zampini** at CoachingCourses9@gmail.com to receive registration details and access to the online course materials.

In-Person Location:

Carl Onken Conference Center Room
53 Gibson Road, Goshen, NY

Located behind the Career and Technical Education building, at the back of the parking lot next to O&M

In-Person Skills Session Dates:

- **September 8**
- **September 24**
- **October 7**
- **October 20**
- **November 3**
- **November 5**



Fall Coaching Course 2025
Philosophies and Principles of Coaching

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/NDs6WbxfEGSQ1M9>

In-Person Location:

Cornwall High School
10 Dragon Drive, New Windsor, NY
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Contact Information

Contact Information:

Jason Semo
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Must Attend All Sessions

- **October 20**
- **October 22**
- **October 27**
- **October 29**

NYSPHSAA
THUNDER & LIGHTNING POLICY

(Effective 10/25/04)
(Revised October 20, 2008)

Applies to regular season through NYSPHSAA Finals:

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

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

2) When thunder is heard and/or when lightning is seen, the following procedures should be adhered to:

- a) Suspend play and direct participants to go to shelter, a building normally occupied by the public or if a building is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g. bus, van, car).
- b) Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree; and have all stay away from poles, antennas, towers and underground watering systems.
- c) After thunder and/or lightning have left the area, wait 30 minutes after the last boom is heard or strike is seen before resuming play or competition.



HEAT INDEX PROCEDURES

Administration of Heat Index Procedures:

- Feels Like Temperature (Heat index) or THI using a Wet Bulb indicator on the field will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 80 degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into www.weatherbug.com. Schools may also use a Wet Bulb indicator on the field that will be used.
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line or determine the THI by using a Wet Bulb indicator.
- If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or the Wet Bulb Indicator is 90 degrees or above, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb indicator at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb indicator is 96 degrees (Fahrenheit) or more, the contest will be suspended.

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

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

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Updated July 27, 2016



WIND CHILL PROCEDURES

Administration of Wind Chill Procedures:

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

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

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

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

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Updated July 27, 2016



Tornado Policy

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

GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES

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

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

July 2022



New York State Public High School Athletic Association Drone Policy

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association prohibits the use or possession of unmanned aircraft or aerial systems (UAS), also known as drones, for any purpose by any person or entity at all scrimmages, regular season and post season events.

This prohibition applies to the area above and upon all spectator areas, fields of play, courts, arenas, stadiums, mats, gymnasiums, pools, practice facilities, parking areas and or other property being utilized for the purpose of the interscholastic activity.

If there is a report of UAS activity at an athletic event school, Section and/or State Association officials will, in consultation with the sports officials, suspend the play until such time as the UAS is removed from the area as defined above or the school, Section/ State and sports officials determine it is safe to proceed.

For purposes of this policy, a UAS is any unmanned airborne device or aircraft. The NYSPHSAA, Section and/or Member School reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone operating or attempting to operate a UAS or to request the immediate removal of any person using or attempting to use a UAS in violation of this policy.

The NYSPHSAA Executive Director has the authority to grant an exception to this policy to law enforcement, public safety agencies, NYSPHSAA media partners, or other entities or individuals. Any request for an exception to the policy must be submitted to the Executive Director at least a week prior to the event. The exception is limited to the specific event requested and requires the consent of the host venue.

Any use granted under this provision must comply with the applicable FAA regulations as well as any and all requirements set forth by NYSPHSAA. News media must have the necessary FAA authorization. Any individuals granted an exception would be required to sign a document acknowledging and agreeing to the terms of use and agreeing to hold the NYSPHSAA and its member schools harmless from damage to persons or property.

**Approved May 5, 2017 (Executive Committee)*



REGIONAL OFFICE OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS
LEAGUE CONTACT BY SPORT/COUNTY

OCIAA	OCIAA	MHAL	MHAL
ORANGE	SULLIVAN	ULSTER	DUTCHESS



FALL

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

*** Boys Soccer**

Patrick - Boys ONLY - Monticello

Dan - all other Sullivan

Doug - B/G Beacon & Kingston

WINTER

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

*** B/G Basketball**

Doug - Kingston

SPRING

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

*** Ulster County Baseball**

Doug - six (6) schools:

Ellenville, Kingston, Onteora, Rondout, Saugerties, Walkkill

Dan - three (3) schools:

Highland, New Paltz, Marlboro

*** Softball**

Doug - Kingston

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2025-2026



Fall Scrimmage / Game Chart

High School Fall Practice Starts: August 18, 2025

Modified Fall Practice Starts: First Day of School (Sept. 3th)

Sport	Practices for Scrimmage / Game	HS Maximum Contests	1 st Possible HS Game/ Scrim.	Modified Maximum Contests	1 st Possible Modified Game/Scrim
Cross Country	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	8/25/2025	10	9/10/2025
Field Hockey	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	8/25/2025	12	9/10/2025
Football	Team 10; Ind. 10	10	8/29/2025	7	9/15/2025
Soccer	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	8/25/2025	12	9/10/2025
Game Day Cheerleading	Team 6; Ind. 6	12	8/25/2025	12	9/10/2025
Swimming	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	8/25/2025	14	N/A
Tennis	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	8/25/2025	14	N/A
Volleyball	Team 6; Ind. 6	20	8/25/2025	14	9/10/2025

Winter Scrimmage / Game Chart

High School Winter Practice Starts: November 17th, 2025/ Modified Winter Practice Starts: November 24, 2025

Sport	Practices for Scrimmage / Game	HS Maximum Contests	1 st Possible HS Game/ Scrim.	Modified Maximum Contests	1 st Possible Modified Game/Scrim
Basketball	Team 6; Ind. 6	20	11/24/2025	14	12/1/2025
Competition Cheerleading	Team 6; Ind. 6	12	11/24/2025	12	12/1/2025
Gymnastics	Team 10; Ind. 10	16	11/28/2025	10	N/A
Indoor Track	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	11/24/2025	10	N/A
Skiing	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	11/24/2025	12	N/A
Swimming	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	11/24/2025	14	N/A
Wrestling	Team 10; Ind. 10	20 points	11/28/2025	14pts.	12/5/2025

Spring Scrimmage / Game Chart

High School Spring Practice Starts: March 16th, 2026 / Modified Spring Practice Starts: March 23, 2026

Sport	Practices for Scrimmage / Game	HS Maximum Contests	1 st Possible HS Scrim. /Game	Modified Maximum Contests	1 st Possible Modified Game/Scrim
Baseball**	Team 6/10; Ind. 6/10	20	3/23/3/27/26	14	4/3/2026
Baseball Battery	Team 6/10; Ind. 6/10				
Golf	Training	16	3/23/2026*	14	N/A
Lacrosse	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	3/23/2026	12	3/30/2026
Softball	Team 6; Ind. 6	20	3/23/2026	14	3/30/2026
Tennis	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	3/23/2026	14	N/A
Flag Football	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	3/23/2026	12	N/A
Outdoor Track	Team 6; Ind. 6	16	3/23/2026	10	3/30/2026

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

**Baseball – Pitch count rules to be followed during pre-season scrimmages on days 7-10. See NYSPHSAA Handbook for details.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORT STANDARDS

Sport	# of practices for Student-Athletes to Represent their school (Feb. 2019)	Team and Individual Maximum Number of Contests *	Min. Time Between Contests or Scrimmages	Individual Contest Limitations Per Day	RULES	Scrimmage Limitations Per Day
<u>Badminton</u>	6		1 night	3 matches 1 contest	USBA	1
<u>Baseball</u> <u>Battery</u>	10 10	20	1 night	2 contests	NFHS	2
<u>Basketball</u> <u>GIRLS/ BOYS</u>	6	20	1 night	1 contest	NF-Boys NCAA-Girls	1
<u>Bowling</u>	Training	20+	1 night	6 games	USBC	1
<u>Competitive Cheerleadin</u>	6	12	1 night	1 competition	NFHS	1
<u>Cross-country</u>	6	16	2 nights	5000meters or 3.1miles	NFHS	1
<u>Fencing</u>	6	20	1 night	3 contests	USFA	1
<u>Field Hockey</u>	6	16	1 night	1 contest	NFHS	1
<u>Football</u>	10	10	4 nights(1)	1 contest	NFHS	1
<u>Golf</u>	Training	16	1 night	1 match 2 – 9-holeM non-school days.	USGA& Local course rules	1
<u>Gymnastics</u>	10	16	1 night	6 events (boys) 4 events (girls) 1 contest	Boys- NFHS Girls- USAGJO/ Tech HB	1
<u>Ice hockey</u>	6	20	1 night	1 contest	NFHS	1
<u>Lacrosse</u>	6	16	1 night	1 contest	NFHS-Boys US Lacrosse -Girls	1
<u>Rifle</u>	6	16	1 night	1 contest	NRA	1
<u>Skiing</u>	6	16	1 night	2 events	FIS & USSA	1
<u>Soccer</u>	6	16	1 night	1 contest	NFHS	1
<u>Softball</u>	6	20	1 night	2 contests	ASA	2
<u>Swimming/ Diving</u>	6	16+	1 night	4 events 1 contest	NFHS	1
<u>Tennis</u>	6	16	1 night	2 matches ++	USTA	1
<u>Outdoor Track</u>	6	16+	1 night	4 events 1 contest	NFHS	1
<u>Winter Track</u>	6	16+	1 night	3 events 1 contest	NFHS	1
<u>Volleyball</u>	6	20	1 night	2 matches/day	NCAA	1
<u>Wrestling</u>	10	20 points+	1 night	4 bouts 5 bouts tournament only	NFHS	1

(1) 2 nights for scrimmage

* indicates maximum plus section, state championships and games necessary to break divisional or league ties

+ indicates maximum number of contests in which an individual competitor may participate

++ Modified scoring system must be used (see Tennis Standard)

SECTION IX

Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rule

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

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

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

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

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

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

Any coach:

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

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

2. A coach who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to another person (e.g. official, another coach, player, fan) shall be expelled immediately and banned from further participation or coaching in all sports for one year from the date of the offense.
3. The coach that was ejected will notify his/her Athletic Director of the incident on the same day that it occurred. The Athletic Director will then contact the League Coordinator as the coach(s) will not be allowed to participate in the school's next scheduled game/games as above.
4. **Player Ejections: (There is no appeal to a player ejection. The official's decision is final).**

1. Any member of a squad ruled out of a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct (flagrant foul, two technical fouls in basketball, two yellow cards, red card, inappropriate language or taunting, fighting, etc.), the following action is **required** by the NYSPHSAA Regulations detailed in Standard #28:

- A. First Ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled contest **in that sport**. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled contest in his/her next season of participation. **NOTE:** In the sport of football, a player who is disqualified for “targeting” (by a certified official) may not participate in the next two halves. **(May 2022)**
- B. Second Ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests **in that sport**. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests in his/her next season of participation.
- C. Third Ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in any remaining scheduled contests for the remainder of that sports season – including sectional, regional and state contests. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next three scheduled contests in his/her next season of participation.
- D. The Section IX Athletic Council will have the authority to extend the period of ineligibility in those cases where the actions of the individual that was disqualified from a contest or scrimmage are warranted. The period of ineligibility cannot exceed one year from the date of the disqualification.

• **For the sport of Football only:**

Any member of a squad ruled out of a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct or for a flagrant foul will have the following occur:

- A. **First Ejection** – that player(s) cannot participate in the next two (2) consecutive halves in that sport. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled contest in his/her next season of participation.
- B. **Second Ejection** – that player(s) cannot participate in the next four (4) consecutive halves in that sport. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests in his/her next season of participation.
- C. **Third Ejection** – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in any remaining scheduled contests for the remainder of that sports season. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next three scheduled contests in his/her next season of participation.

Please note: Disqualifications from one season will carry over to the next season of participation.

5. Any member of the squad who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to an official shall be expelled from the game immediately and banned from further participation in all sports for one year from the date of the offense. **NOTE:** "Member of the squad" includes player, manager, scorekeeper, timers, and statisticians.

A. Communication Responsibilities regarding ejections:

1. The official who ejected the player(s) or coach shall notify the League Coordinator prior to 12:00 Noon the following day of the name(s) of the player(s) or the coach and the infraction(s). The League Coordinator shall notify the Athletic Director of the offending school.

2. The coach of the player(s) who was/were ejected will notify his/her Athletic Administrator by 12 noon the following day. The Athletic Administrator must report the ejection to their respective League Coordinator by 12 noon the following day.

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

II. Official:

1. Unprofessional conduct on the part of official such as, but not limited to, taunting, baiting, use of profanity, shall be reported by a school administrator from the aggrieved school to the Section Executive Director. A request will be made to the appropriate sport officials' chapter to investigate the incident and to report their action to the Section in a timely manner.

Spectator Policy at Athletic Contests:

1. **Expectation Statement:** Officials, just like student athletes and coaches, are critical to interscholastic sports programs. Without officials, NYSPHSAA and its member schools would not be able to provide interscholastic sports in the manner that is desired and expected by student athletes, coaches, and parents. Spectators are expected to "Be Loud, Be Proud, and Be Positive." Negative comments and inappropriate behaviors by spectators are required to be addressed by all and any school supervisors and administrators, as a member of NYSPHSAA. Spectators may be prohibited from attending current and future interscholastic contests based on their behavior. (Oct. 2022)

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

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

Penalty for being removed from a game or event:

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

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



Section IX Athletics

Greg Ransom, Executive Director

Spectator Code of Conduct

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

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

*This does not apply to spirit groups including school approved pep bands or cheerleaders.
10. The throwing of debris, confetti, or other objects from the stands is prohibited. Offending individuals will be asked to leave the premises.
11. Exceptions to this behavior will lead to ejection from the event.

Please note that individual schools may have more stringent policies.

Please see next page for NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Policy.



Section IX Athletics

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NYSPHSAA Handbook Link:

https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21//NYSPHSAA_Handbook_082123.pdf

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Permission for Special Accommodations

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

The procedure is as follows:

SPECIAL DEVICES AND PROSTHESIS

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

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

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

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION

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

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

**Section IX Athletic Council
N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A.**



N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Section IX Eligibility Committee

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Members

Phone Number

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31. TRANSFER:

(Foreign Exchange/International #9)

NOTE: The Transfer Rule will be enforced as written with no variations permitted.

NOTE: A student's eligibility is determined by the situation/ facts at the time of registration.

a. A student in grades 9-12 who transfers, with a corresponding change in residence of his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months) shall become eligible after starting regular attendance in the second school. A residence change must involve a move from one school district to another. Furthermore, when a student moves from public school district to another public-school district for athletic eligibility the student must enroll in the public school district or in a private school within that district's boundaries of his/her parent's residency. For athletic eligibility, a residency is changed when one is abandoned by the immediate family and another residency is established through action and intent. Residency requires one's physical presence as an inhabitant and the intent to remain indefinitely. The Superintendent, or designee, will determine if the student has met district residency requirements.

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

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

Exemptions to (b): For athletic eligibility, a student must enroll in the public-school district or in a nonpublic school within that district's boundaries of his/her parent's residency. **NOTE:** Multiple High School Districts - The policies/boundaries of the school district will be followed. If the district has an open enrollment policy, the interpretation to be used will be the same as used for students of K-8 school districts. When a student enrolls in 9th grade, this is the district (building) of their residence. Any subsequent transfer would be subject to the Transfer Rule.

1. The student reaches the age of majority and established residency in a district and can substantiate that they are independent and self-supporting.
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2. If a private or parochial school ceases to operate a student may transfer to another private or parochial school of his/her choice. Otherwise, a student must enroll in the public-school district of his/her parents' residency.

3. A student who is a ward of the court or state and is placed in a district by court order. Guardianship does not fulfill this requirement.

4. A student from divorced or "legally" separated parents who moves into a new school district with one of the aforementioned parents. Such a transfer is allowed once every six months. The legal separation agreement must address custody, child support, spouses support and distribution of assets and be filed with the County Clerk or issued by a Judge.

5. A student who is declared homeless by the superintendent pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation 100.2.

6. A student of a military employee who is transferred to an active military base may enroll in the non-public school closest to their residence and maintain eligibility if the student enrolls in a non-public school immediately following the change in residence.

NOTE: It is provided, however, that each school shall have the opportunity to petition the section involved to approve transfer without penalty based on an undue hardship for the student. Educational Waivers will not be considered as an undue hardship.

c. Transfer students trying out for sports before school opens in the fall shall register and be accepted by the principal of that school before the medical examination and the first practice. This shall constitute the start of the regular attendance for falls sports. **NOTE:** After approval by the school medical officer a student may practice immediately and must satisfy the specific sports standard according to the number of practice sessions.

d. Practices at the previous school may be counted toward the minimum number of practices required provided the principal or athletic director of the previous school submits, in writing, the number and dates of such practices to the principal or athletic director of the new school.

e. 7th and 8th graders that compete at the high school level will be subject to the transfer rule in "that" sport (July 2015).

Transfer Appeal Guidelines: Financial - Appeals require documented proof of a significant loss of income or a significant increase in expenses. - Written description outlining the circumstances that led to the financial hardship - Appropriate documentation may include: - Evidence of loss income or change in financial obligation that are not self-imposed. - Family W2 forms - pay stubs - Notarized statement from parent - Statement from employer or professional with knowledge of circumstances - Most recent tax returns - two years Health and Safety - Appeals are considered for safety, mental health, personal relationships and other similar circumstances. - Written documentation is required from Superintendent of Schools or High School Principal of the sending school indicating the specific circumstances which necessitated the transfer. - Supporting documentation from a third party outside of the school may be submitted (ex. police report)

Transfer – NYSPHSAA

- Your school's guidance department should notify you that there is a new student in the district and fill out the Transfer Student Information form.
- If you are satisfied that the student transferred into the district meeting the criteria in Standard 30a. or that the student did not participate in a particular sport during the one (1) year period immediately proceeding his/her transfer (standard 30b.) or that the student meets one of the six exemptions to (b) and that student meets all other Eligibility Standards, you may determine the student is eligible.
- If you determine that the student does not meet the above criteria for Standard 31, you must fill out the Request for Waiver of NYSPHSAA Standard #31 – Transfer. Please mail or fax to Tom Cassata, Chairperson.
 1. Upon receipt of this request (page one only) Section IX will grant a waiver of the transfer rule for any student athlete transferring to his/her public school district of residency or a private school within that district's boundaries from any school. The waiver will be granted only one time per athlete.
 2. Upon receipt of this request (page one only) Section IX will grant a waiver of the transfer rule for any student who will play at the JV level only for one year from the date of transfer.
 3. If this form is to request a transfer without penalty based on an undue hardship for the student (Standard 31b. – Note: be sure to attach all three pages and supporting material documenting the undue hardship. The Eligibility Committee will render a decision at the next Section IX meeting.

REMINDER: TO ALL CONCERNED

The transfer rule is still in effect and without a waiver an athlete for which the rule applies remains ineligible. Schools using ineligible athletes are subject to the forfeit penalty, which cannot be made retroactive. Athletic Directors are urged to set up a system to track all transfer students.

Duration of Competition Extensions (Standard 8i)

Review NYSPHSAA Standard 8. Duration of Competition.

Review the details with the student and parent(s) and obtain documentation that the pupil's failure to enter competition during one or more seasons of a sport was caused by illness, accident, or similar circumstances beyond the control of the student (Standard 8i). Determine that the student meets other Eligibility Standards (age etc.)

Fill out Duration of Competition Extension Application (Standard 8i) and attach supporting material and documentation. Please mail or fax to Thomas Cassata, Chairman. The Eligibility Committee will render a decision at the next Section IX meeting.

NYSPPHSAA TRANSFER NOTIFICATION

This form must be completed for all transfer students requesting a waiver or exemption



THE STUDENT CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN A CONTEST/SCRIMMAGE UNTIL APPROVED BY THE SECTION.

Please check one: (Required supporting documentation must be attached)

Waiver Request

_____ **Health & Safety:** Appeals are considered for safety, mental health, personal relationships and other similar circumstances. Written documentation is required from Superintendent of Schools or High School Principal of the sending school indicating the specific circumstances which necessitated the transfer. Supporting documentation from a third party outside of the school may be submitted (ex. police report).

_____ **District of Residency:** (No change of residence. School registration change only.) Student is returning to a school within the district boundaries of his/her residence.

_____ **Hardship:** Each school shall have the opportunity to petition the section involved to approve transfer without penalty based on an undue hardship for the student. Educational Waivers will not be considered as an undue hardship.

_____ **Financial:** Requires documented proof of a significant loss of income or a significant increase in expenses.

Exemption Request

_____ **Divorced/Legally Separated Parents:** A student from divorced or legally separated parents who moves into a new school district with one of the aforementioned parents is exempt provided it occurs once every six months. The legal separation agreement must address custody, child support, spouses support and distribution of assets and be filed with the County Clerk or issued by a Judge.

_____ **Homeless:** Student declared homeless by the Superintendent under McKinney-Vento Legislation [NYSSED 100.2].

_____ **Other:** Exemptions (six) as denoted in NYSPPHSAA Rule #31 (Transfer). Exemption: _____

Residency Change

_____ *NYSPPHSAA transfer/residency policy states: (A residency is changed when one is abandoned and another one established through action and intent. Residency requires one's physical presence as an inhabitant and the intent to remain indefinitely. The mere renting of property within the District does not confer residency. The Superintendent determines residency for enrollment, but this more restrictive requirement is needed for athletic eligibility per NYSPPHSAA regulations.*

By signing this document, I attest the information provided is accurate and correct; I have understanding the falsification of information could lead to ineligibility; the immediate family will be physically residing at the current address as inhabitants and intend to remain indefinitely; the student has transferred without inducement or recruitment.

Parent Signature: _____ Name (Print): _____ Date: ___-___-___

PART ONE

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT'S RECEIVING SCHOOL

Receiving School: _____ Student's Name: _____

Date of Transfer: ___-___-___ Date of Birth: ___-___-___ Grade Level: _____ Date Entered 9th Grade: ___-___-___

Student/Family Previous Address: _____

Student/Family Present Address: _____

Parent's Names and Current Address(es)

(Parent I name & address): _____

(Parent II name & address): _____

Name of Sending School _____ Did student participate in athletics at sending school? Yes ___ No ___

The receiving school's administration is responsible for abiding by all NYSPPHSAA Eligibility standards.

Athletic Director's signature: _____ Date ___-___-___

Principal's signature: _____ Date ___-___-___

Superintendent's signature: _____ Date ___-___-___

**** DO NOT COMPLETE BELOW - SECTION USE ONLY ****

SECTION APPROVAL: _____ **SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** _____

SECTION DENIAL: _____ **DATE:** ___-___-___

PART TWO
TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL STUDENT PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED
AND RETURNED TO STUDENT'S PRESENT SCHOOL

Name of Student: _____ Date entered 9th grade ___-___-___

Did student repeat any grades? _____ If yes, which grade(s)? _____

Name of School(s) Attended Prior to Transfer _____

Date of entrance to this school _____ Date of withdrawal from this school ___-___-___

Student's address while attending the above school _____

With whom did student reside at this address (name)? _____

Relationship of this (these) person(s)? _____

PART THREE
TRANSFER STUDENT SPORT HISTORY
(Please include all sports student participated)

	YEAR	SPORT	LEVEL	SCHOOL
7 th Grade	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
8 th Grade	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
9 th Grade	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
10 th Grade	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
11 th Grade	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
12 th Grade	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____
	_____	_____	V ___ JV ___ FR ___ MOD ___	_____

The undersigned has no knowledge the student named has transferred to his/her present school without inducement or recruitment.

Athletic Director's signature: _____ Date ___-___-___

Principal's signature: _____ Date ___-___-___

Superintendent's signature: _____ Date ___-___-___

TO BE USED BY GUIDANCE OFFICES FOR ALL
TRANSFERS AND FORWARDED TO
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

TRANSFER STUDENT INFORMATION

All transfers in grades 9-12 must complete this form. Upon completion, forward to the Athletic Office.

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Date of transfer _____ Grade level _____
Current Address _____

Date of entrance into the ninth grade _____

Parents' Names _____
Current Address (es) _____

Telephone Numbers _____

How long has student resided at the current address? _____

With whom is student residing? _____

Relationship of this (these) person(s)? _____

Reason for transfer _____

Student's previous address _____

How long did student reside at previous address? _____

With whom did student reside at previous address? _____

Relationship of this (these) person(s)? _____

PREVIOUS SCHOOL _____

Previous School Address _____

Date of entry into previous school _____

Did student participate in interscholastic athletics at previous school?

YES NO

If Yes, please complete Sport History page.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF
NYS PHSAA ELIGIBILITY STANDARD #31 - TRANSFER

INCOMPLETE OR PARTIAL FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

All three pages MUST be completed in order for a request to be considered for transfer public to private or private to private.

Only this page needs to be completed private to public returning to his/her school district of residency.

PAGE ONE TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT'S PRESENT SCHOOL

School submitting request _____
Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Date of Transfer _____ Grade Level _____
Current Address _____
Parent's Names _____
Current Address(es) _____
Telephone Number(s) _____
How long has student resided at the current address? _____
With whom is student residing? _____
Relationship of this (these) person(s) _____
Reason for transfer _____
(Attach supporting material and documentation.)
Previous School/Address _____

TO BE SIGNED BY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF SCHOOL WHERE STUDENT IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED AFTER RECEIPT OF PAGES TWO AND THREE FROM THE SCHOOL STUDENT PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED:

The undersigned hereby certify that the student named herein has transferred to his/her present school without inducement, recruitment or having sought an athletic advantage.

Superintendent's Signature _____ Date _____

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____

Athletic Director's Signature _____ Date _____

- APPROVED Signature _____ Date _____
 DISAPPROVED Thomas Cassata
 REFERRED TO ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE Section IX Eligibility Chairperson

PAGE TWO TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL STUDENT PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED AND RETURNED TO STUDENT'S PRESENT SCHOOL

Name of Student _____

Name of School Student Attended Prior to Transfer _____

Address of School _____

Date of entrance to this school _____

Date of entrance into the ninth grade _____

Date of withdrawal from this school _____

Reason for withdrawal _____

Student's address while attending the above school _____

With whom did student reside at this address? _____

Relationship of this (these) person(s)? _____

Did student participate in interscholastic athletics at previous school? Yes _____ No _____
If Yes, please complete Sport History page three.

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Superintendent's Signature _____ Date _____

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____

Athletic Director's Signature _____ Date _____

If unsigned, please state reason(s) _____

PAGE THREE
TRANSFER STUDENT SPORT HISTORY

Student Name

School

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
9 th Grade	_____	_____	_____	_____
		_____	_____	_____
		_____	_____	_____
10 th Grade	_____	_____	_____	_____
		_____	_____	_____
		_____	_____	_____
11 th Grade	_____	_____	_____	_____
		_____	_____	_____
		_____	_____	_____
12 th Grade	_____	_____	_____	_____
		_____	_____	_____
		_____	_____	_____

Athletic Director Signature

Date

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

SECTION NINE
DURATION OF COMPETITION
EXTENSION APPLICATION (Standard 8j)
TO BE FORWARDED TO ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

I. Personal Data

Pupil Name: _____ Telephone #: _____
 Address: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 School: _____
 School Telephone #: _____
 Seasons and Sports Requested: _____
 Pupil's Athletic History: _____

Sport	No. of Seasons Participated	School Years
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

II. Date of Entry (Beginning of Sport Participation in High School Level of Competition). Attach Transcript

A. Date of entry into ninth grade: _____
 Month Day Year

B. Date of entry into eighth grade: _____
 Month Day Year

C. Date of entry into seventh grade: _____
 Month Day Year

III. Reason for Request for Extension

Describe the reason for requesting an extension for duration of Competition as it relates to the appropriate circumstance and attach supporting documents providing such evidence. The evidence must include documentation showing that as a direct result of the illness, accident, or similar circumstance, the pupil will be required to attend school for one or more additional semesters in order to graduate.

A. Illness: _____

B. Accident: _____

C. Other Circumstances: _____

Superintendent's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Principal's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Athletic Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPROVED Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Thomas Cassata, Eligibility Chairperson

DISAPPROVED

