

**MID HUDSON ATHLETIC LEAGUE
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
SEPT. 17, 2025 - 9:30AM
Dutchess BOCES**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2. SECTIONAL REPORT AND VOTING ITEMS (SEE YOUR MEETING MATERIALS)
GREG RANSOM AND JIM OSBORNE

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT- TOM CASSATA

4. REGIONAL OFFICE REPORT- CHRIS MAYO

5. ATHLETIC COORDINATOR'S REPORT - DENNIS BURKETT
- **COMMUNICATIONS/EMAILS/INCIDENTS- CHAIN OF COMMAND ISSUES**
- **SUPERVISION OF ALL CONTESTS AT ALL LEVELS IS CRITICAL. BE SURE OFFICIALS
ARE GREETED AND UNDERSTAND WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY**
- WEBSITES AND INFORMATION

6. COMBINING OF TEAMS- FRANK ALFONSO

7. MODIFIED REPORT- MATT SALAMONE

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

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September 9th, 2025

Good Afternoon,

The Classification Committee would like to propose to the Section 9 Athletic Council for the John S. Burke Baseball team to participate in Class B for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Classification Committee would like to propose to the Section 9 Athletic Council for the Chapel Field Baseball team to participate in Class C for the 2025-2026 school year.

We would like to thank you for your time in considering our recommendation.

Thank you,

The Classification Committee

Girls Soccer
Fall 2025

Please be advised that the dates listed in the handbook will be revised due to the new 3 Region Rotation.

Changes will be made to the booklet when the Sections that are hosting Regional Finals confirm their dates.

Seeding material for Girls Soccer is due 10:00 AM on October 23rd. The last day to play is October 22nd.

Teams should submit their point cards following their last game. Early cards are appreciated.

These are the 2025 dates:

Sectional Dates for Girls Soccer, Finals at Wallkill High School.

- AAA October, 28, 30 Final. 5:00 PM
- D October, 27, 30 Final. 7:30 PM
- AA October, 27, 29, November 1 Final. 11:00 AM
- A October, 27, 29, November 1 Final. 4:00 PM
- B October, 27, 29, November 1 Final. 6:30 PM
- C October, 27, 29, November 1 Final. 1:30 PM

Sub-Regional Games

The order of games will be determined when I hear from the Sections hosting Regional Finals.

All games will be held at Wallkill High School AAA, AA, A, B, C. Section 1 vs. Section 9

Class D will have a BYE and travel to Section 2 for Regionals.

November 4, 5:00 & 7:30

November 5, 5:00 & 7:30

November 6, 5:00

Regionals

November 8, Classes A, B, C will play at Wallkill High School if they win Sub-Regionals.

12:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 5:00 PM. Order TBD.

Classes AAA, AA Sub-Region winners will play the winner of 2/3 at 2/3. Time and Date TBD.

AT LARGE TEAM.

This year Class AA will have an AL team.

I will be waiting for direction from the Section on this.

Thank you,

Diane Wanser 845-239-1097

Section IX Field Hockey
Update for Regionals 2025

This fall Section IX will play off in a sub-regional vs Section 1. These games will occur on Wednesday Nov. 5th hosted by Section IX at Rondout Valley High School. Times for rotation of A, B, C games will be 2, 4 and 6 pm.

Winners of the sub- regional will match up with the winners of Section 2 vs Section 3 games the following weekend. Teams may go to Section 2 or 3 for their opportunity to play in states. Please be aware that depending on the outcome of the section 2 vs section 3 games...The A school sub-regional winner may go to a different section from the B school or C school subregional winners.



Proposals:

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Handbook – Senior All-Star Contest Records**
 - a. 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.”

- 2. Handbook – Combining of Teams Records**
 - a. Consider approval to change #2, under "Combining of Teams" to "Sections must keep records of approvals."

- 3. Schools without Boundaries – Sectional Classification Criteria and Oversight Committee Appeal Procedure**
 - a. Consider approval to establish Sectional Criteria for classifying nonpublic/charter schools and an appeal procedure to the NYSPHSAA Oversight Committee.

- 4. Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving – Adopt Backstroke Starting Ledges Starting Fall 2026**
 - a. 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 meet starting ledges to be used for high school competition in New York State permitting they meet guidelines set by NFHS.

- 5. Competitive Cheer – Score Sheet Reorganization**
 - a. 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)

- 6. Girls Wrestling: Revise Representation Rule**
 - a. 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.

- 7. Girls Wrestling: Max Matches per Day**
 - a. The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending that girls be allowed to wrestle in a maximum of 7 matches per day.

8. Girls Wrestling: Multi-School Meet

- a. 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.

9. Girls Wrestling: Expansion of Appeals Procedure

- a. 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.

10. Boys Wrestling: Revise Current Appeals Procedure

- a. 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.

11. Boys Wrestling: Expand the Current Appeals Procedure

- a. 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.

12. Boys Wrestling: Revise Penalty for Cheating on Hydration Test

- a. 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 15th and all postseason events.

13. Boys Wrestling – Revise penalty for maximum number of Tournaments

- a. 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.

14. Boys Wrestling – Penalty for not bringing a Track Wrestling Weigh-in Form to Dual meet

- a. 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.*

15. Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving – Establish a Team State Championship

- a. 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.

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

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Central Committee Meeting – July 29-30, 2025

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.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



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



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			

Pace Driver **Variety Driver** **Max Participation Driver**

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			

Pace Driver **Variety Driver** **Max Participation Driver**

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	
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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

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

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Central Committee Meeting – July 29-30, 2025

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

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Central Committee Meeting – July 29-30, 2025

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

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

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Central Committee Meeting – July 29-30, 2025

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.

DATE REVISED: 6/24/25

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.



Section IX Athletics

Gregory P. Ransom, Executive Director

At-Large Placement Policy

When Section IX receives an At-Large Bid in the 3 Region State Format in any class the Section IX Champion will play the Section that requires one win to reach the state semi-finals. The second place team will play in the Section that requires two wins to reach the state semi-finals.

Good morning Greg and Jim,

After much discussion regarding the 3 region concept and at-large rotation I would like to propose allowing the Sectional Champion to choose their path to the semifinals. While defaulting the sectional champion to play one regional final game against section 4, when applicable, may seem like a logical solution, this is not always the case. There are certain instances (most notable in Class C and D) where a 2-game path through Section 1 and Section 8/11 is much easier than 1 game through Section 4. Defaulting to a regional final may be beneficial to our larger schools, however, that is not always the case for the C and D division. I would like to propose allowing the Sectional Champion's Athletic Director the ability to submit their preferred path, in writing, to the Section Director and Sport Chair, up until 11:00am the morning following the Section final. While this may require more thoughtful travel planning, there would still be only two possible destinations based upon the decision. Either way, transportation could be planned to both sites, and then simply cancel whichever you would not be going to. This would not only prevent the possibility of teams intentionally losing in the final, it would also ensure the easiest path to the NYSPHSAA semi's for the sectional champion in the event there is an upset in one of the neighboring sections. In my opinion, there are too many variables between classification/sport/gender to automatically lock our section champions into going to Section 4. The easiest path for AAA baseball will not necessarily be the easiest path for D girls basketball. Allowing the champion to choose their path would eliminate most, if not all, of any unforeseen issues that could arise.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ryan Jasper
Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics
Monticello Central School District

OCIAA / MHAL - SPORTS TEAMS FORM 2026-2027

PLACE AN X NEXT TO EACH TEAM YOU HAVE. ADD NEW TEAMS BELOW.

If you are adding a team or deleting a team from the OCIAA or MHAL for 2025-2026, please write comment

SCHOOL: _____ ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: _____

FALL	VARSITY <small>8man/11man</small>	JV <small>8man/11man</small>	FRESH <small>8man/11man</small>	MOD A (7-8-9) <small>8man/11man</small>	MODIFIED (7-8)	NEW PROGRAM	COMMENTS
Football							
Boys Soccer							
Girls Soccer							
Girls Swimming							
Boys Cross Country							
Girls Cross Country							
Girls Tennis							
Volleyball - Girls							
Volleyball - Boys							
Field Hockey							
Cheer-Game Day							
Boys Golf - MHAL							
Unified Bocce							
WINTER	VARSITY	JV	FRESH	MOD A (7-8-9)	MODIFIED (7-8)	NEW PROGRAM	COMMENTS
Boys Basketball							
Girls Basketball							
Boys Wrestling							
Girls Wrestling							
Boys Swimming							
Boys Indoor Track							
Girls Indoor Track							
Boys Alpine Ski							
Girls Alpine Ski							
Nordic Skiing							
Ice Hockey							
Cheer-Competitive							
Gymnastics							
Bowling							
Unified Bowling							
SPRING	VARSITY	JV	FRESH	MOD A (7-8-9)	MODIFIED (7-8)	NEW PROGRAM	COMMENTS
Baseball							
Softball							
Boys Spring Track							
Girls Spring Track							
Boys Tennis							
Boys Golf - OCIAA							
Girls Golf							
Boys Lacrosse							
Girls Lacrosse							
Unified Basketball							
Girls Flag Football							

Return by October 17, 2025

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