

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

AGENDA

October 11, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Brookside School, 1260 Meadowbrook Rd. N. Merrick, NY 11566

- I. Good & Welfare
- II. Attendance
- III. Review and approval of agenda with the right to re-order **Approved**
- IV. Approval of High School Association minutes **Approved**
- V. Section VIII Report.....Pat Pizzarelli - Executive Director
 - a. **MEDICAL WAIVERS- Must be submitted before the last season game. Even if not medically cleared at the moment...must submit a form in advance and can clear them once paperwork is submitted.**
 - b. **Awaiting BEDS to be completed for 6 classifications**
 - c. **Girls Wrestling- MacArthur is accepting ANY girl who wants to wrestle on a full girls team. Reach out to combine with them.**
 - d. **Football pants- Memo from Dr. Zayas- RULE must be enforced, covering the knee with pads.**

Justin Jonas

 - a. **Thank you for attending the HOF. Nominations for next year are now open.**
 - b. **REDS conference yesterday was successful.**
 - c. **Championship packets are due as soon as you qualify so busing can be confirmed.**
 - d. **Varsity MEdia has rights to all local county championships.**
 - e. **NFHS has rights to LIC and States**
 - f. **Sportsmanship Policy- Questions**
 - i. **No questions**
- VI. NYSPHSAA Report.....Jennifer Keane/Mike Bongino
 - a. **Voting Items**
 - i. **Representative rule (girls participate in mixed competition and must select which championship AND allow them to compete in Team**

championship (under mixed) and individual championship (ex: girls golf).
APPROVED

- ii. Oversight Committee- 6 representatives instead of 5. APPROVED
- iii. Friends and Neighbors- APPROVED
- iv. Football Classification Numbers- APPROVED
- v. Cross COuntry & Girls Volleyball- Queenbury - APPROVED
- vi. Girls Volleyball,Playoff structure - APPROVED
- vii. Game Day Rules added- APPROVED
- viii. Choreography cannot be used in performance if done prior to the season (clinics permitted–choreography prior cannot)- APPROVED
 - 1. Approved- 38
 - 2. Denied- 13
 - 3. Abstain- 0
- ix. Freestyle Wrestling- APPROVED
- x. Automatic qualifying indoor track relays- 1 classification sport currently, not equitable in relays, state committee looking for division 2 only for relays results in only 1 additional team entering. APPROVED
- xi. Regional rotation for Girls and Boys Basketball- APPROVED
- xii. Girls Lacrosse cut off numbers- APPROVED
- xiii. Regional rotation for girls lacrosse (8 & 11 not playing each other)- DENIED
- xiv. Flag football cut off numbers- APPROVED
- xv. Regional rotation flag football- APPROVED
- xvi. Regional rotation baseball- APPROVED
- xvii. Regional rotation softball- APPROVED
- xviii. NFHS waiver for softball rules-APPROVED
- xix. Regional rotation for boys lacrosse- APPROVED

VII. Report from Male and Female Vice Presidents.....Jennifer Keane/Matt McLees
a. No Report

VIII. Conference Reports.....

- 1. Approval Rifle, Track & Cheer. Discussion items- volleyball sites, modified officials, supervision, and best practices for booster clubs.
- 2. Spring Golf- No Bethpage for spring season. USC summit- last day to sign up. Clarification of sports. 6th official for Football- can referees do the entire scoreboard. Official representative said yes for basic (not downs) will be brought up at the next meeting. Soccer scoreboard is the official time on the field (officials responsibility to correct time). Winter schedules double check if playing someone outside section VIII.
- 3. Boys lacrosse overview/shot clock with tutorial for workers/coaches. Visitors need to sit in designated sections. Holidays- can or cannot practice.
- 4. Boys Lacrosse overview, need clarification. Modified officials, private schools and classifications.

IX. Standing Committees

- Appeals John Franchi
a. No Report
- Awards Mike Scaturro
b. T-shirts will be in soon will notify coordinators
- By-Laws & Policies Dave Zawatson
c. No Report
- Student Athlete Development Pat Maguire
d. No Report
- Modified Athletics Cathleen Dnyprowsky
e. schedules will be released soon. Discussed officials, suggestion on move baseball/softball to fall sports. Issues- shared fields, impact students on sport selection, lights at end of season.
- Nominations Don Lang
f. Modified secretary- Tom Lehman- APPROVED
- Safety Committee Jennifer Keane
g. Section meeting coming soon.
- Sportsmanship Jim Amen, Jr./Justin Jonas
h. Football is State policy.
i. Soccer- request for getting break down of card and reason individually- will work on (right now officials submit monthly- will request weekly)
j. Requested a share letter by Superintendents to share with all communities.
k. Mineola- Nice sportsmanship video! will be shared with Superintendents
- Team Up for Unity Kru Patel
l. October 30th- Due date today to register. All ADs welcome
- Sport Seasons Michael Brostowski
m. Foundation- annual "Day of Giving"
n. Spring sports starting March 17, 2025- no change at this time, a committee formed for look at.
- Officials Peter Cardone
i. Recommend Mineola Sportsmanship film to News12.
ii. Pants clarification rule needed- given unsportsmanlike but Dr. Zayas letter outlines penalties.
iii. Timers- get \$90, if run the scoreboard, will that start now? Will they get more money? If you do not pay for a clock person in the box...it's kept on the field.
iii. Lacrosse shot clock- is going to be a challenging position. Ideally- have an official but not enough officials to offer. Opens doors to basketball shot clocks also.
- Championship Advisory Ed Ramirez
m. Policy will be sent out as a reminder.
- Combining of Team Report Mike Pelan
n. No Report
- Classification Committee John Mankowich
o. End of 2nd year and will be reviewing.
- Ethics Glen Zakian
p. No Report

Fall Sport Reports

- Badminton Jenna Cavuto

- a. Team and individual playoffs starting next week. Increase coverage in Newday!
- Cross Country** Neal Levy/Adam Mckenzie
- b. Thank you for the Bethpage Bus/Cars situation! Northshore/Southshore meet next week! Donated entry fees to a foundation once a year.
Dates of Significance- clarity on outside the section- answer has always been No. Asking to see if students can go at discretion? This year was a one shot deal.
- Field Hockey** Barbara Sellers
- c. Few more games need to be played to determine playoff brackets. Contact Barb with any questions.
- Football** Matt McLees
- d. Week 8- once you complete your games—Head Coach AND AD must text McLees the scores immediately.
 - i. Sunday November 3rd- you will have Playoff Brackets, set date and time ASAP (Friday night, Saturday day, Saturday night)
 - ii. Showcase games will be Thursday 2pm (night only will availability of officials)
 - iii. Notify teams immediately if you cannot play a game due to lack of players to allow other teams to reschedule.
 - iv. JV coaches are permitted to wear headsets (even if both teams do not have)
 - v. Ratings/Rankings- MUST complete by Saturday Night (only can rank official that you have seen that season, will revisit after this season)
 - vi. TikTok- Head Coach should not line up for a post game handshake until Coach leads the team out. Administration/Security/Chaperones need to be present at the end of the game.
- Soccer** Al Freeman/Mike Bongino
- e. Boys Soccer
 - i. Regular season over 10/17...seeding meeting that evening. Get results in ASAP
 - ii. Play in games start Saturday 10/19
 - iii. Teams that do not have lights....need to start early (2:30pm recommended)
 - iv. Spalding soccer balls MUST be used.
 - v. Provide ball boys/girls for all playoff games with enough soccer balls
 - vi. 3 man system for all playoffs (except play in game)
 - vii. Neutral site games at SUNY Farmingdale (Mitchel field for 1 game)
 - viii. Semi/Finals- section will provide game balls
 - ix. Section VIII will host LIC/Regionals (except AA regional round)
 - f. Girls Soccer
 - i. Season ends on 10/17,18
 - ii. 10/21- Garden City HS 7pm Coaches Meeting - Mandatory
 - iii. Playoff notifications 10/18, Possibility of playing games on 10/22,23
 - iv. Section VIII will host LIC/Regionals
 - v. Rankings- there were 10 officials removed from the ranking sheet after it was sent out. All schools that were impacted were given the opportunity to resubmit.
 - vi. Second half starts (touch the ball)- it is an official game.
- Golf** Anthony Brancato/Brian Rath

- g. Boys Golf
 - i. Season wrapping up...all scores must be entered on spreadsheet ASAP
 - ii. make sure all golfers have enough matches to compete in postseason
- h. Girls Golf
 - i. No report
- Swim Christin Snow
 - i. 10/26 coaches meeting in between swim/dive
 - j. already have 25 qualified swimmers for States
- Cheerleading Jennifer Keane
 - k. Thanks for host schools
- Tennis Shai Fisher
 - l. Playoffs began
- Volleyball Brett Kornblum/Cathleen Dnyrowsky
 - m. No college sites for playoffs
 - i. Playoff sites will be posted soon as they are being finalized.
- Unified Sports Pat Maguire
 - n. Schedules out this morning

X. Sport Overviews

- Boys Lacrosse Jim Amen Jr
 - a. [NASSAU COUNTY BOYS LACROSSE 2025 LEAGUE PROPOSAL](#)
 - b. [NASSAU COUNTY BOYS LACROSSE 2025 LEAGUE PROPOSAL](#) REVISED
 - c. [NASSAU COUNTY BOYS LACROSSE CALENDAR 2025](#)
 - d. [2025 CLASSIFICATIONS BOYS LAX](#)
 - i. Powerleague still in effect
 - ii. League 2 and 3 ability based with remaining teams (enrollment not factor)
- Girls Lacrosse John Kostkowicz
 - a. [2025 Girls' Lacrosse Overview](#)
 - i. Girls coaches meeting on 10/15
 - ii. Movement within classifications based on BEDS numbers
 - iii. States are late this year, Playoff schedule is based on State schedule (1 conflict date with Boys)
- Baseball Sean Burns
 - a. [Baseball Overview 2025](#)
 - i. Staggering schedule between classes to help offset officials issues
 - ii. Not splitting Varsity and JV this year (splitting classes instead)
 - iii. Playoff schedule - splitting classes before memorial day and after. Rotating classes with start time so each team will have a 1pm start on a school day
 - iv. Coach selected- Geographically based selected for AA, enrollment for A (can be done as long as meets policy, cannot use 500 rule)- Championship committee will confirm
 - v. County wide league- becoming an issue with creating a new bottom of league play leading to more teams requesting county wide entry. Have

11 this 2025 season (most ever). Have to look into capping County Wide entries moving forward, and can trickle into other sports.

1. Is there a limit on how many years they can be county wide?
Not clean cut as some schools may never get out. Other teams transition between leagues yearly. Cap may be the most equitable way with yearly review. Concern with capping will hurt programs forced into leagues because it is not appropriate for them.
2. Option- going to ability based conferences or create schedule with more NL so teams can find balance schedule

Bowling Eileen Shultis

- a. [Boys & Girls Overview 2024-25](#)
- b. [Boys & Girls Schedule](#)
 - i. Everyone is at same venue as last year
 - ii. All playoff schedules are based on the BOCES schedule. If playing on a day off..treat as "snow day" and make changes accordingly.
 - iii. Team and individual players will be combined for rooming at States.
 - iv. Oct. 29th coaches meeting at Clarke HS 7pm
 - v. Teams should be bowling together (wait for other team to arrive)

Flag Football Arnie Epstein

- a. [Flag Football Overview](#)
 - i. 26 teams- coaches meeting
 - ii. contact Arnie if you are adding a JV team

Competitive Cheer Jennifer Keane

- a. [Competitive Cheer Overview](#)

Girls Wrestling

- a. [Girls Wrestling Overview](#)

Approval of Sport Alignment/Schedules

GameDay Cheer	Jennifer Keane	APPROVED
Boys Winter Track	Dennis Kornfield	APPROVED
Girls Winter Track	Kristen Frazer	APPROVED
Rifle	Mike Palumbo	APPROVED

XI. Association Reports

NYSAAA Jennifer Keane

- a. No Report

COA Gary Gregory

- b. 10/28- Boces building- 9am
- c. [NYSAPERD COA Conference](#) - November 20-21 sign up
- d. Salary Survey- scan QR code and complete ASAP
- e. Todd Heimer Luncheon (conflicts with

XII. Unfinished Business

- a. Happy Birthday Mike B!
- b. Coaching Certifications Changes Memo coming soon
- c. Long Beach- 10/24 hosting Kickball Tournament for Special Needs Students

XIII. New Business

- a. [Marty Lyons Foundation](#) Joanne Coppola
 - i. Foundation for terminally ill children- looking for volunteerism from Student-Athletes to support outreach, wishes and events.
 - ii. [Video Clip](#)
 - iii. [Courage Club](#)- fundraising efforts focused on teams/programs
- b. NYU Langone Dr Grossman
 - i. Offering to student athletes and sunday clinics

XIV. Announcements

All announcements must be written and given to Shannon McEntee, Secretary

Next Meeting
November 7, 2024