

# HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

## AGENDA

September 13, 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. Introduction of New AD's Pat Pizzarelli-Executive Director
- V. Approval of High School Association minutes- **Approved**
- VI. **SNAP!**- Guest Speakers
  - a. **Online fundraising vendor- Connor Cunningham- Local Rep for Section VIII**
- VII. Section VIII Report.....Pat Pizzarelli - Executive Director
  - a. **Justin Jones & Pat Pizzarelli**
    - i. **Transfer Notifications- MUST go to Pat. Call if you do not hear back within 24 hrs.**
    - ii. **HALL OF FAME - September 25th, 6pm- Tickets on GoFan**
    - iii. **Football-**
      1. **Coaches stay off the field, only the head coach may speak to the coach.**
      2. **Bands- specific standards of when they can play during contests**
    - iv. **Music- must be reviewed- clean and appropriate**
    - v. **Supervisors- schools must supply home and away supervisors- contact other schools if not sending away games.**
    - vi. **Cross Country- cannot run on golf course at Bethpage/Eisenhower**
    - vii. **Must notify other teams and sections when dropping a team**
    - viii. **Officials and late fees- documents must be clear and coaches must sign**
    - ix. **Volleyball- State rotation impacted playoffs and no colleges can host. All playoff games will be played at HS venues. Week of November 11th- Monday- Saturday. Reach out to Cathy & Brett to host- cannot host your own team.**
  - b. **Sportsmanship**
    - i. **Increasing problems with ejections that need to be addressed. Speak with Coaches and Players.**
    - ii. **Executive Committee- Tasked with developing a plan to address sportsmanship- will be meeting with Superintendent & Principals Associations in September**
      1. **Be proactive after ejections.**

- a. Speak to Coaches & Players. Address repeat offenders.
- 2. Sportsmanship Chart- 2 game suspension (for most cases for athletes & coaches)
  - a. Type of Offense
    - i. Physical (player 2 games, Coach/Spectator- done for season)
    - ii. Verbal (player/coach 2 game, Spectator- 3 games)
    - iii. Ejection by Rule Violation (subject to sport specific rules)
    - iv. Ejection by Unsportsmanship Behavior (2 games player, coach,spectator)
    - v. Pre/Post Game Behavior Will Receive Additional Games (on top of first offense)
    - vi. Leaving Bench Area - Players- 2 games, Coach (2 or more players) 1 game (suggestion- on second offense for coaches)
      - 1. Sportsmanship committee can impose additional
      - 2. Football will abide by NYS, Sportsmanship but Sportsmanship Committee can impose additional
  - b. AD's at appeals should come prepared with all steps taken PRIOR to appeal so sportsmanship has complete picture of what was already done
    - i. \$250 for sportsmanship appeal
    - ii. \$500 for athletic council
      - 1. Suggestion- Refund money if win appeal
  - c. Once approved (CURRENTLY NOT APPROVED)—Will be posted on Section VIII website for public to view

**c. Nicholas Dunninger**

- i. Slack- new email service & mobile app for Section VIII
  - 1. Can set specific notifications, separate threads (ADs, Assistance), assistance will have access, can install on desktop (like outlook). Also have threads to find specific topics (ex: surveys, APP) Also have Direct messaging with another school. If you need a survey/important PDF- contact section who has the full version.
  - 2. Invite will come to you by work email on record. Next week.

**VIII. NYSPHSAA Report.....Jennifer Keane/Mike Bongino**

- a. Sent by Robert Zayas over summer.
- b. Committee for start dates will be formed. Spring start days denied.
- c. Shot Clocks for Boys Lacrosse (JV & Varsity) Girls Varsity only approved.
  - i. fields that do not have clock of field...time will be held at table (by school personnel & have to announce at 10 seconds and count down).

**IX. Report from Male and Female Vice Presidents.....Jennifer Keane/Matt McLees**

- a. Good luck for school year
- b. Sportsmanship- set the climate now for a successful year. Get Supervisors in the stands with fans. If you have Home and Away sections- please encourage fans to sit in designated spots.
  - i. Suggestion: Message to community about respecting host school rules and seating

X. Conference Reports.....Goal: Improve Attendance this year

1. No Report
2. No Report
3. No Report
4. No Report

XI. **Standing Committees**

Appeals John Franchi

- a. No Report

Awards Mike Scaturro

- d. Will notify coordinators

By-Laws & Policies Dave Zawatson

- e. No Report

Student Athlete Development

- f. No Report

Modified Athletics Cathleen Dnyprowsy

- g. Handbooks are online, pushing schedules next week for Winter I&II

Nominations Don Lang

- h. Open positions available- contact Don

Safety Committee Jennifer Keane

- i. [Guardian Cap](#) for Football- story could be released this weekend on News feeds....could have impact on community feedback. They are legal and can be worn in practices and games- do not have to match team colors. Riddell Helmets- if you manipulate the helmet in any way...it will void the warranty. Only a few in Section VIII so far in practice (not aware of any teams using them in games). Approx. \$50-75 each. Booster clubs have donated for the whole program (practices only). SPEAK TO LEGAL DEPARTMENT regarding warranty/voiding recertification of helmet, why only in practice vs games, etc.

Sportsmanship Jim Amen, Jr.

- j. No Report

Team Up for Unity Kru Patel

- k. New Mission Statement sent out by Matt McLees
- l. October 30th tentative date at Bellmore Merrick

Sport Seasons Michael Brostowski

- m. New committee formed, no information yet
- n. Scholarships for athletes, coaches, officials- Required to do one fundraiser. Thank you for attending State golf outing (\$12,000)

Officials Peter Cardone

- o. No Report

Championship Advisory Ed Ramirez

- p. Coordinators- must send changes to championship committee

Combining of Team Report Mike Pelan

- q. Boys Swimming- Locust Valley/Glen Cove/Carle Place

Classification Committee John Mankowich

- r. Evaluate 3 schools (Friends, Academy Charter, Evergreen) for placement for 2025

Ethics Glen Zakian

- s. No Report

### **Fall Sport Reports**

#### **Badminton**

Jenna Cavuto

- a. Boys' seasons are underway. VS new district team. The MS program started this fall. Free workshop on Zoom- reach out to Jenna.

#### **Cross Country**

Neal Levy/Adam Mckenzie

- b. Bethpage/Eisenhower CANNOT be on the golf course or baseball fields. Coaches must manage athletes. Must abide by parking and drop off regulations. Neal Levy- Coach of Year.

#### **Field Hockey**

Barbara Sellers

- c. FOR SAFETY REASONS: a designated area of free space between the sideline and the "start" of the team area and a possible spectator area on the opposite side of the field is 5 yards (15'). The TEAM area starts 5 yards away from the sideline and extends 5 yards further back from the field. Coaches, players and all team personnel are to be in the team area. The scorers' table also must be 5 yards back from the sideline.
  - i. Teams are looking for JV games as there were multiple teams that dropped. Encourage NL/Scrimmages to support giving JV games.

#### **Football**

Matt McLees

- d. Pregame meeting- Officials, ADS, Trainers, Doctors- discuss EAP.
- e. Two statements must be read before each game: Tommy Tough & New Unity Statement
- f. Officials- three have passed in the last two years. Struggling to find officials. Please greet crew and have chaperone escort on and off field. JV officials- just learning...be patient with them.
- g. Week 9- games will be played for anyone who doesn't qualify for playoffs.
- h. Pants- email went out regarding the legal requirements. Must have pants to cover the knee which includes knee pad. Coaches- stating properly equipped when asked by officials...which means knees covered.
- i. Crews are covering two games...11am and 2/3pm games on Saturdays

#### **Soccer**

Al Freeman/Mike Bongino

- j. Boys Soccer- thank you for accommodating teams with no lights late in season. Coaches can agree on shortened halves to accommodate lights (even moving from 40 to 35 mins) PRIOR to game starting, not at half). Shin guards MUST be worn. Coach- 1st yellow, Player- 2nd yellow.
- k. Girls Soccer- Changes to playoff dates—all championship games will be played at SUNY Farmingdale (B/AAA/A) and 1 game at Hofstra (AA). Dates will be emailed out.

#### **Golf**

Anthony Brancato/Brian Rath

- l. Boys- Mandatory coaches meeting Sept 17th 8pm (zoom)- Bethpage will be closed to all HS Spring 25 & Fall 25 due to Ryder Cup. County/LIC ONLY. MUST complete paperwork for Eisenhower for Conference 4 teams.
- m. Girls- No Report

- Swim  
Christin Snow
  - n. No Report
- Cheerleading  
Jennifer Keane
  - o. Game day schedules have been sent out. Training for coaches will be emailed out.
- Tennis  
Shai Fisher
  - p. Started and going great.
- Volleyball  
Brett Kornblum/Cathleen Dnyprowsky
  - q. Looking for championship sites. Maybe 2pm start times.
- Unified Sports
  - r. Encourage participation from all schools. Oct 1st deadline. Nov 19th- Youth Summit. Special Olympics-NY. Coaching clinic for basketball- need host school (early Nov).

XII. **Sport Overviews**

- GameDay Cheer  
Jennifer Keane
  - a. Approved- unanimous
- Boys Winter Track  
Dennis Kornfield
  - b. Discuss at Conference Meetings
- Girls Winter Track  
Kristen Frazer
  - c. Discuss at Conference Meetings
    - i. Have to make changes per St. Anthony's. Going to 4 groups rather than two to reduce the amount of athletes. Fresh/Soph meet will be by conference to reduce the amount of athletes at St. Anthony's. Single classification sport but looking at having two divisions in winter for relays (under review at state level). Providing teams with 4 full meets...reduce from 5. Group C/D have limits of no more than 30 per gender during week 1.

**Approval of Sport Alignment/Schedules**

- Rifle  
Michael Palumbo
  - a. Discuss at Conference Meetings - Vote next time.

XIII. **Association Reports**

- NYSAAA  
John Mankowich
  - a. Jenn Keane- President Elect
  - b. Jim Wright- may hold NIAAA classes
  - c. Austin, Texas- National Conference
- COA  
Gary Gregory
  - d. October 28- Section VIII Office - PE focus
  - e. January 21-Section VIII Office - Health focus
  - f. May 6- Section VIII Office - PE focus
  - g. Todd Heimer Luncheon- June 13- 12:30-3:30 @ The Bayview

XIV. **Unfinished Business**

- a. New Football Ejection Policy- Any ejection sits the next two consecutive halves.

XV. **New Business**

- a. HOF- setting a number of tickets per district- discussion item for future
- b. Weight Certifications- early certifications– passed Monday Oct 28th- cannot send the entire team...only elite athletes who meet criteria. Details will be emailed out.
- c. Fencing- schedules will be emailed. No more than two matches a day 0- can be scheduled on all days (not limited to two days a week).
- d. Swim club- discussion regarding how exception scores

XVI. **Announcements**

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

- a. No Report

**Next Meeting**  
**September 20, 2024**

**October 11, 2024**