

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

AGENDA

November 7, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

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

- I. Good & Welfare
 - Happy Birthday to November birthdays & welcome back TJ!
 - 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. Thank you to all the fall sports coordinators for your hard work and dedication!
 - b. Officials Negotiations in process. Suffolk gave raises payments (\$4 more this year, \$9 more next year). Potential 4% increase for next year officials rates- must go through the Superintendents' committee.
 - c. Girls Wrestling- McArthur is the current team in Nassau. Teams should combine with McArthur only if they girls will stay within girls for the entire season (practice, travel and compete). Otherwise they should stay with their own school.
 - d. Medical Waiver vs Special Accommodations waiver
 - i. Medical waiver- did not compete 6 times because of injury/illness
 - ii. Special accommodations- medical device (pump/pad cast-some sports)
 - e. Post season play- must send Supervisor
 - i. At Hofstra- no clothing can say SECURITY (can place tape over it)
 - f. Observance Days - No play dates
 - i. One school did schedule to play out of the area on that day- was approved by the Superintendent's board.
 - 1. Should HSAA request from the superintendent's board to reconsider those dates for out of section only. Due to official conflict, NL schedule and opportunity to join tournaments.
 - a. Motion- Be able to bring no play dates to superintendent's board for consideration to play outside section on those dates (Jenn Keane, second-Ed Ramieriz) **Approved- Unanimous**
 - g. Beds Numbers and Regional Rotation documents shared
- Justin Jonas
- a. Thankyou for Unity Day!
 - b. Playoff Reminders- Varsity Media is the exclusive vendor, cannot livestream. Special requests must go to Justin.

- i. Request Varsity Media to have equity between sponsorship for both male and female sports.
- ii. Trainers- if you can supply a trainer- please do. Section rate is \$40 an hour. Farmingdale separate contract agreement.
- iii. Gate lists- submit upon arrival- children under 12 do not need tickets
- iv. Athletes- do not permit athletes to run into student section or jump barriers
- v. EAP/AED is the sites responsibility to supply- Email Eric C for assistance

VI. NYSPHSAA Report.....Jennifer Keane/Mike Bongino

- a. Cheer- no choreography before season was approved at State level
- b. Girls Lacrosse regional rotation was defeated at State level- was put back to committee for new plan

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

- a. Thank you to the coordinators and good luck to all teams in the postseason.
- b. [Template Letter for new sportsmanship regulations](#)

VIII. Conference Reports.....

Conference I- postseason dinners (schools that pay/don't pay), XC/boys soccer cannot get award without attending dinner- unfair rule as some schools cannot pay for dinner- issue is who pays for plaque if not paying for dinner- membership fees/association fees is about half of what awards cost, trend is moving towards ceremonies and not dinners for cost effectiveness while still honoring athletes- ran by coaches association not section, official assignments to JV rather than having 2 on varsity.

Conference II- Request for BOCES to look into JV based on geography, post sportsmanship policy regs to parents, submit proper medical waivers, security at postseason, check winter schedules, both ADs must provide statement when person ejected, coaches must read overviews-issues caused by coaches not knowing rules.

Conference III- everyone enjoyed unity summit, supported baseball proposal (must be approved by State), supervisors must be at playoff games, long break in basketball postseason- can that be looked at again.

Conference IV- regionalization- look into asap, girls lacrosse/baseball post passed, 8 man football, girls wrestling (Seaford/MacArthur), start times move back up as buses are available.

IX. Standing Committees

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| Appeals | John Franchi |
| a. No Report | |
| Awards | Mike Scaturro |
| b. Extra t-shirts will be done through the store. Medals email Mike S. | |
| By-Laws & Policies | Dave Zawatson |
| c. No Report | |
| Student Athlete Development | |
| d. No Report | |
| Modified Athletics | Cathleen Dnyprowsky |
| e. AC will meet to review policies | |
| Nominations | Don Lang |
| f. Girls Wrestling needed an AD Wrestling Rep | |
| Safety Committee | Jennifer Keane |

- g. No Report
- Sportsmanship Jim Amen, Jr.
- h. No Report - Reminder if you have to sit in front of committee, it is AD job to be prepared for meeting
- Team Up for Unity Kru Patel
- i. Revised unity statement will be sent out today
- Sport Seasons Michael Brostowski
- j. No Report
- Officials Peter Cardone/ Ed
- k. Thank you for backing officials. Support getting more officials on JV sports- schedules need to be more spread out so coverage can happen- limit games per sport per day. Supervisors need to engage fans right away for inappropriate behavior. Request officials maintain professional boundaries with coaches, players and spectators.
- Championship Advisory Ed Ramirez
- l. No Report
- Combining of Team Report Mike Pelan
- m. Girls Wrestling- a few teams combining with MacArthur. Check with the legal team to ensure all liability is covered regarding coaches.
- Classification Committee John Mankowich
- n. No Report
- Ethics Glen Zakian
- o. No Report

Fall Sport Reports

- Badminton Jenna Cavuto
- a. Team champion- Jericho, individuals also competed all 16 had entries.
- b. Email Jenna if adding a girls or boys team asap
- Cross Country Neal Levy/Adam Mckenzie
- c. Class county championships last weekend at Bethpage Park- congratulations to all competitors
 - i. Boys Champions- Syosset, Port Washington, Great Neck South, Garden City, Manhasset, Valley Stream North, Wantagh, West Hempstead
 - ii. Girls Champions- Syosset, East Meadow, MacArthur, Calhoun, North Shore, Cold Spring Harbor, Mahhasset
- Field Hockey Barbara Sellers
- d. Congratulations to all post season winners- Massapequa, Garden City, Class C plays today.
- Football Matt McLees
- e. Thank you for your support of Week 9- Bowl Games.
 - i. Playoffs start tonight, tomorrow and Saturday- text Matt M immediately after the game.
 - ii. Amendment to playoff schedule will be emailed out (Conf 1- Friday- 12:30 pm game will be moved to Saturday 5pm/830pm)
 - iii. Winners of playoffs games are at Brookside 830 am on Monday 11/11
 - iv. Matt McLees- is stepping down as Football Chair after gridiron dinner this year. Thank you to all that have supported him and football. Joe Martillotti (Lynbrook AD) will be taking over next year.

- Soccer Al Freeman/Mike Bongino
- f. Boys Soccer- Congratulations to all teams in the postseason. Champions- Syosset, Garden City (LIC winners also), Floral Park, Carle Place.
 - g. Girls Soccer- Congratulations to all teams in the postseason. Champions- Oceanside, Garden City, Class A tonight (Wantagh/North Shore), Cold Spring Harbor. Thank you Jenn Keane for securing Farmingdale State College.
 - i. Overview next year- will not change for Varsity ability, JV will be creative due to teams dropping.
- Golf Anthony Brancato/Brian Rath
- h. Boys Golf- Congratulations to Massapequa, South Side, CSH (won tie breaker over Garden City)
 - i. Wild Card Reps- Plainedge and Roslyn
 - ii. Top 37 Golfers from all made County Tournament (usually 36 but there was a tie)
 - iii. Please remind coaches to attend meetings and refer to overview & contact Anthony with questions. (2 issues this fall)
 - iv. Play in match- TBD
 - v. County Tournament- May 20 (Blue) & May 21 (Red)
 - vi. LIC- practice round May 24
match day May 27- Bethpage Black
- Girls Golf- No Report
- Swim Christin Snow
- i. Champions- Syosset, BELLmore Merrick, Long Beach. 3 divers qualified for States
- Cheerleading Jennifer Keane
- j. Champions- Freeport, Carey, Seaford
- Tennis Shai Fisher
- k. Champions- 35 districts participated in individual tournaments. State champion from Herricks. Team playoffs- Small- Cold Spring Harbor Large- Syosset
- Volleyball Brett Kornblum/Cathleen Dnyprosky
- l. Boys Volleyball- Congratulations to Massapequa, Levittown, Roslyn, Sewanhaka, Lynbrook, Lawrence
 - m. Girls Volleyball- Congratulations to South Side, JFK, Plainedge, MacArthur/Division, North Shore

X. Sport Overviews

- Badminton Jenna Cavuto
- a. 40 varsity teams, JV same as last year.
- Spring Track (B&G) Ed Corona/Nick Aurigemma
- b. Thank you to those who agreed to host postseason meets. Still need a host for Fresh/Soph meet on May 27th & May 28th.
- Softball Rachel Barry
- c. Stayed ability based. Coaches meeting tonight. Room for NL games and more teams can qualify for playing games. Email new coaches to Rachel to be added to an email thread.

Approval of Sport Alignment/Schedules

- Boys Lacrosse Jim Amen Jr. Approved
- a. Thank you to Craig Papach and Pat McGuire who have been a huge support to Jim.

1. What is the criteria for conference 3 to get into the playoffs if additional conference 2 gets extra bids. League 3 may be more difficult to qualify but will use criteria in overview to determine. An undefeated League 3 team would make the playoffs as they would be higher seeded than a losing League 2 team. League 3 is designed for a relief/successful season, not focused on playoff bids. Coaches seed themselves- schools can appeal placement. Seeding meeting at Garden City Dec 12th- all coaches invited.
 - a. Class A- 8, Class B- 10, Class C- 8, Class D-4
 - b. JV games cannot be scheduled on Saturdays after 9:30 am so officials can be used for Varsity games in the afternoon. Notify Jim if you will not have a JV team.

Girls Lacrosse

John Kostkowicz [Approved](#)

- b. No Report

Baseball

Sean Burns [Approved](#)

- c. Questions- 500 rule- clarification- use number of teams in bracket and how many teams can qualify based on number of teams in bracket.
 1. Scrimmage Proposal- supported by coaches association, proposing allowing athletes to scrimmage before league schedule starts. Still require 10 days however on days 7-10 can scrimmage with strict pitching restrictions with days rest required. This will NOT be for the 2025 season, but proposed for the 2026 season. Recommend- sending to the safety committee ahead of time to prevent delay of approval.
 - a. Motion– Baseball start scrimmages on days 7-10 can scrimmage with strict pitching restrictions with days rest required. [APPROVED-unanimous](#)
 2. Teams without JVs notify Sean asap

Flag Football

Arnie Epstein [Approved](#)

- d. No Report

XI. Association Reports

NYSAAA

Jennifer Keane/John Manowich

- a. No Report

COA

Gary Gregory

- b. [Todd Heimer Workshop](#) - if you can pay by check please do so
- c. Salary Summary- complete asap
- d. Training for APE- need commitment for May 6th meeting (will need Gymnasium to host)
- e. January 21st next meeting

XII. Unfinished Business

- a. Gear- see Jenn K.
- b. Girls Basketball- playoff alignment now within a day or two of boys alignment for playoffs.

XIII. New Business

- a. Girls Basketball- [Throw in Spot Markings](#)

- b. [Signarama](#)- Bellmore Merrick
- c. Pat Pizzarelli Thank you to Matt McLees for all he has done for Nassau County Football

XIV. Announcements

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

Next Meeting
December 12, 2024