

**NASSAU COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING**

AGENDA

January 16, 2025 8:30 a.m.

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

- I. Good Morning
- 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. Pat Pizzarelli
 - i. Trainer for playoff compensation increases to \$50, please share with trainers and have them contact the section if they want to work postseason.
 - ii. Big 5- Section VIII opposed to Big 5 getting an additional vote at Executive meetings. No objection to having a seat at table but no additional votes.
 - iii. No change to APP policy at this time.
 - iv. Mandated Child Abuse Certification must be completed by April.
 - v. Online training for CPR/AED/First Aid is not acceptable.
 - vi. Football committee will hear Roslyn's appeal for placement.
 - vii. The House of Representatives passed a law banning Transgender athletes in female sports, moving on to the Senate.
 - viii. The YES community wants to provide resources regarding Substance Use/Vaping and harm on students/athletes.
 - ix. InsideOut Program- details in New Business. NFL Foundation Supporting. Three year commitment, two hours a month.
 - b. Justin Jonas
 - i. Spring schedules and deadlines sent out yesterday. Submit changes by deadlines.
 - ii. Varsity games can only get 3 officials if JV and MS are fully covered. League games get covered before the NL.
 - 1. No more than 24 boys lacrosse games per day permitted.
 - iii. Softball officials are very short this year.
 - iv. Girls Lacrosse over spring break- if moving off break must move prior to break rather than after.
 - v. If game times are being changed, make sure to call opponents and officials.
 - vi. Girls Flag Football will have official ratings this spring season.

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

Bongino

a. Action Items

- i. Fall sports start monday week 7 (Aug. 18), section can be more restrictive= Approved
- ii. Section III starts the regional at DI & DII= approved.
- iii. Set the at large standards = approved
- iv. Regional rotation Boys tennis= approved
- v. Fill byes for Boys tennis = approved
- vi. Minimum belt length for Flag football= approved
- vii. Flag football rule regarding spotting ball = approved
- viii. Flag football spotting ball on 14yrd line start= opposed
- ix. Regional rotation Boys Lacrosse= approved
- x. Regional rotation Girls lacrosse (will follow rotation for boys this year)= approved
- xi. Add language to NYSPHSAA handbook- foreign exchange- varsity only= approved

b. Discussion Items

- i. All spring sports starting the second Monday of March. Approved if goes to vote.

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

a. No Report- Girls

b. InsideOut- google Joe Ehrmann- "Be a man"

VIII. Conference Reports

- a. Conference 1- approved sports overviews, AEDs, fundraising (snap raised- preferred partner of Section VIII), alumni events.
- b. Conference 2- reminders- spring golf impacted by Ryder Cup, find alternative courses, Ed-Data, Open AD positions, Host for Fresh/Soph meet, combining teams for football speak to coordinator.
- c. Conference 3- no report
- d. Conference 4- negotiations with officials.

IX. Standing Committees

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| Appeals | John Franchi |
| a. No Report | |
| Awards | Mike Scaturro |
| b. Winter t-shirts arriving next week. Check your awards once received. | |
| By-Laws & Policies | Dave Zawatson |
| c. No Report | |
| Student Athlete Development | |
| d. No Report | |
| Modified Athletics | Cathleen Dnyprowsy |
| e. working on spring schedules. | |
| Nominations | Don Lang |
| f. No Report | |
| Safety | Jennifer Keane |
| g. Setting up a meeting prior to Feb. break. | |
| Sportsmanship | Justin Jonas/Mike Brostowski |
| h. 6 ejections for the season so far, stay diligent. Spectator ejections enforcement on school districts. | |
| Team Up for Unity | Kru Patel |
| i. MP3 format of Unity statement shared via email | |

- Sport Seasons Michael Brostowski
 j. Fall dates will be approved at the Feb. meeting, Spring will be discussed.
- Officials Ed Wallace
 k. Ejection of Spectator- school district must enforce suspension rules
- Championship Advisory Ed Ramirez
 l. Meeting with the Boys Soccer coordinator next week.
- Combining of Team Report Mike Pelan
 m. Any football teams combining notify Coordinator ASAP
 n. Boys Lacrosse (Varsity & JV) /Girls Lacrosse (Varsity) - Shot clock rules in effect & must have an air horn at shot clock and scoreboard.
 o. After the Feb. meeting there will be shot clock training.
- Classification Committee John Mankowich
 p. Coordinators have placement for upcoming years
- Ethics Glen Zakian
 q. No Report

I. Winter Sport Reports

- Basketball (B) Wally Bachman
 a. Season wrapping up, playoff schedules are set and will be sent out soon. Farmingdale State is hosting a local tournament. Binghamton for States.
- Basketball (G) Jennifer Keane/Mike Pelan
 b. Season wrapping up, playoff schedules are set and will be sent out soon. Farmingdale State is hosting a local tournament. Binghamton for States.
- Bowling (G & B) Bryan Landini
 c. 3- 300 games this week, championships Sat Feb. 1 east meadow bowl, boys Feb 8th garden city bowl, individuals Feb 11.
- Cheerleading Jennifer Keane
 d. No Report
- Fencing (B&G) Scott Stueber
 e. 13 schools with fencing. Struggles with Officials.
- Gymnastics Kim Rhatigan
 f. 21 teams in Nassau County. Thanks to CSH for hosting Cartwheel for a Cure on Saturday Jan 18, 2025. Thanks to North Shore for hosting Todd Heimer Coaches Invitational on Saturday February 8, 2025. Syosset hosted the State Qualifier on February 11, 2025 and Plainview is hosting Team Championships on February 1, 2025. State Meet is March 1, 2025 in Buffalo. All County Dinner March 5 at Crest Hollow Country Club.
- Rifle Mike Palumbo
 g. No Report
- Swimming (B) Peter Hugo
 h. No Report
- Winter Track (B) Dennis Kornfield
 i. Indoor season is going well and running smoothly. Last 9 meets- please bring volunteers to assist with events.
- Winter Track (G) Kristen Frazer
 j. Format for State Qualifier will come out Tuesday. Great season so far.
- Wrestling John Mankowich
 k. Seeding meeting on Tuesday. DI top 20 with wildcards, DII top 3 in each conference. Tie breaker rules apply.
- Girls Wrestling Kevin Witt
 l. NCAA announced women's wrestling as a state tournament this year.

II. Sport Overviews

- (B) Golf (Spring) Anthony Brancato
 - a. carry over from last year.
- (G) Golf Brian Rath
 - b. similar to last year, Bethpage not available, all important dates in overview.
- (B) Soccer Al Freeman- Present in February
 - c. No Report
- (G) Soccer Mike Bongino - Present in February
 - d. No Report

Approval of Sport Alignment/Schedules

- Unified Pat Maguire
 - a. Approved at conference meetings.
- Boys Tennis Michael Scaturro
 - b. Approved at conference meetings.

Association Reports

- NYSAAA John Mankowich
 - a. Register for the conference ASAP.
 - b. Saratoga till 2028, consider rotation of site after that. Encouraging each section to conduct workshops.
- COA Gary Gregory
 - c. Next meeting January 21- 9am Section Office
 - d. Todd Heimer workshop- send PO's asap

III. Unfinished Business

- a. Baseball- State Committee- discussion item for Feb go in effect Spring 2026 if approved.
 - i. scrimmage (pitch count) proposal approved...moving to next steps
- b. Boys Lacrosse- Shot clock training- Feb 25th Garden City 7pm
 - i. if there is a shot clock malfunction during the game...also have a backup stopwatch at the scorers table.
- c. Girls Lacrosse- if shot clock malfunctions—must be kept at scorers table.
- d. Softball- change to USA from Federation. Will add conference coordinators this year. Rules interpreter will be present.

IV. New Business

- a. One Pill Can Kill- Dangers of Fentanyl- Ron Riebl- RKR861@gmail.com
 - i. Dangers in fentanyl, addiction, and personal anecdotes for students, parents, teachers and coaches.
- b. Below are three links to InSideOut Resources for your review.
 - i. [Welcome to InSideOut Page](#) - Provides an overview of the InSideOut Initiative
 - ii. [2024 Evaluation Impact Report](#) - Evaluation Summary from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and the Center for Athlete Health and Wellness
 - iii. [2023 Annual Report](#) - Most current Annual Report created for the NFL Foundation
- c. Bellmore Merrick- will train seniors (after AP) will be trained in Narcan and leave with a kit. Cardiac Screenings. Will share details at a future meeting.

- d. March 7th Football Clinic at Oceanside- entire staff should attend.
- e. Lacrosse Nets- signage on the net—will be illegal next year.
- f. MS Flag Football- survey sent out...please complete.

V. Announcements

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

Next Meeting
February 13, 2025