

**NASSAU COUNTY  
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**AGENDA**

February 13, 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. NYSPHSAA due increase \$50
    - ii. Executive Order- Transgender Policy- NYS policy has not changed at this time. Players may play on the team they identify with in NYS.
    - iii. Playoff schedule- sport coordinators must look at dates between last season's game and first playoff date.
    - iv. Spring games- no games can be scheduled for May due to rainouts/make ups and playoffs.
      - a. Schedules need to come out sooner, coordinators held to deadlines (track needs to be released first as they cannot be moved)
    - v. Schools without Borders- Does any district accept students for tuition? Does any district allow staff to enroll their students in the district in which they work?
  - b. Justin Jonas
    - i. Child Abuse Workshop (new) must be completed by April 1st.
    - ii. Overview/Scheduling/Voting- check carefully
    - iii. Roosevelt Children Academy- applying for Friends/Family- Approved
    - iv. Poll- what schools allow and no permit games over breaks
    - v. Cannot call officials to work games and pay through school district
    - vi. Sportsmanship- Review spectator entering the court language in policy
    - vii. Sportsmanship- video evidence may bring secondary offense(not originally reported) to committee
    - viii. Snap raise-signed contract as preferred fundraising partner
- VI. NYSPHSAA Report.....Jennifer Keane/Mike Bongino
  - a. Start date for Fall 2025- approved
    - i. Discussion items for May

1. All info below on state website:
2. Regional rotation for State Tournaments- motion made to vote in May and implement Fall 2025 (All classes potentially having to play a Sub Regional Game (traveling to Section 1 or 9)).
3. Fall State Coordinators- recommending to implement Winter 25-26 as Fall teams are scheduling the fall season now and approval in May would be too late.
4. 3 day mandatory rest in between Sub Regionals and Regional Games (weather cancellations would not apply). May impact Section VIII use of college sites for sub regionals/regionals because of inflexible scheduling.

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

- a. Thank you Winter Coordinators and Congratulations to the Winter Playoff Team and Champions!

**VIII. Conference Reports**

- a. Starting in March- Conference meetings will be based on 25-26 football conferences
- b. Conference 1- Early start date for Fall and potential issues, Spring Track communicating with ADs for hosting playoff meets, consider JV Girls Basketball developmental league/more cross over games, Spring schedules, LeagueMinder.
- c. Conference 2- Reviewed overviews and league games starting after school and NL can be played prior, MS sports geography based due to lighting issues, Bethpage Golf course- no games during season due to major events, games being changed over break because vacation/school trips- suggestion NL/makeup games only. County Winter track meet- protocols when lanes/heats are announced/changed.
- d. Conference 3- approved overviews, start dates and impact on salaries, football alignment, good luck to playoff teams, supervision at playoff games, rules of lacrosse shot clock.
- e. Conference 4- Athlete helping athletes, sportsmanship policy- spectators leaving bleachers, football alignment (JV and Varsity), JV football ADs working together to create competitive JV schedules when other schools dropped teams. Suggestions for JV football- ability based between conference 3/4 & 1/2

**IX. Standing Committees**

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| Appeals   | John Franchi                 |
| a. No Report  |                              |
| Awards  | Mike Scaturro                |
| b. Winter set up and will reach out to spring coordinators  |                              |
| By-Laws & Policies  | Dave Zawatson                |
| c. No Report  |                              |
| Student Athlete Development   | Patrick McGuire              |
| d. April 3rd- work with AD who have students participating  |                              |
| Modified Athletics  | Cathleen Dnyprowsky          |
| e. MS is geographical except for schools who asked for competitive games<br>Spring schedule expected March 1st. |                              |
| Nominations   | Don Lang                     |
| f. Contact Don by March 1st if not returning to your role next year   |                              |
| Safety  | Jennifer Keane               |
| g. Next meeting after winter break  |                              |
| Sportsmanship   | Justin Jonas/Mike Brostowski |
| h. Spectators leaving bleacher discussion   |                              |
| Team Up for Unity   | Kru Patel                    |
| i. No Report  |                              |

Sport Seasons

Michael Brostowski

- j. New Fall Start Date Approved at State- August 18, 2025
  - i. Football coordinator requested August 18th
  - ii. All other sport coordinator requested August 25th
    - 1. Girls soccer originally wanted to move up the start date so less games can be played per week.

Motion- Varsity & JV Football to start on August 18, 2025 & All other Sports on August 25, 2025

Approved= 36

Opposed= 15

Absent= 4

Outcome= Approved

- k. No change to Winter and Spring at this time

Officials Ed Wallace/Pete Cardone

- l. Spring Break Games- if games want to be moved to the morning and officials are not available, they may default to afternoon times.

Championship Advisory Ed Ramirez

- m. No Report

Combining of Team Report Mike Pelan

- n. No Report

Classification Committee John Mankowich

- o. Meeting after AD meeting

Ethics Glen Zakian/Dan Rehman

- p. No Report

## **I. Winter Sport Reports**

Basketball (B) Wally Bachman

- a. Congratulations to all conference champions! Brackets are set, and send supervisors to the event. At Farmingdale State- no students behind baskets. Awards Dinner March 19th. Shirts under uniforms CANNOT have logos on them.

Basketball (G) Jennifer Keane/Mike Pelan

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Bowling (B) Bryan Landini

- c. No Report

Bowling (G) Eileen Schultis

- d. Congratulations to all championship teams and individual winners!

Cheerleading Jennifer Keane

- e. Congratulations to those who qualified for the postseason. County finals this Saturday February 15th at Farmingdale State College. Do not arrive prior to 5:30pm.

Fencing (B&G) Scott Stueber

- f. Congratulations to all championship teams and individual winners!

Gymnastics Kim Rhatigan

- g. Congratulations to all individual winners! Team championship tonight!
- h. Requesting two officials per event for more accurate scoring.

Rifle Mike Palumbo

- i. No Report

Swimming (B) Peter Hugo

- j. Addition of the 4th conference increased the competitive schedules. Congratulations to all championship teams and individual winners! States departure March 6th competition March 7th/8th.

Winter Track (B) Dennis Kornfield

- k. Congratulations to all championship teams and individual winners! All meets finished before 10:30 pm cut off. Thank you to all the schools who sent volunteers to help run the meets. All Star Dinner March 11th.

Winter Track (G) Kristen Frazer

- l. Congratulations to all championship teams and individual winners! Adapted section added at County Meet. NYS entries must be managed by coaches directly.

Wrestling John Mankowich

- m. Congratulations to all conference champions and team winners! Individual County Championships this Friday-Sunday. DII- Cold Spring Harbor HS, DI-Hofstra. Josh Friedman will be taking the coordinator position next year.

Girls Wrestling Steven Severin

- n. The 1st ever Girls Championship was a success! Congratulations to all the individual winners! February 26- Girls NYS Championship Tournament. Girls Wrestling is the fastest growing sport at HS and College level. Speak to Steven if you are interested in adding a team. If you have 10-15 girls you MUST declare a girls team with Section VIII. Budget accordingly if adding a girls program. Regulations for girls changing next year for competing on girls team and boys team at same time...must pick one.
  - i. MacArthur & Uniondale declared teams for next year. Meeting for teams looking to combine.
  - ii. Proposing- MS Winter 1 sport- Girls Wrestling, MS Winter II sport- Boys Wrestling

## **II. Sport Overviews**

### Football

Joe Martillotti

- a. Approved
  - i. Two teams' BEDs numbers are the same. In the past, the team with the stronger finish went to the higher conference. Request- keep both in conference IV. Request- not approved, overview approved. Schools may appeal.

### (B) Soccer

Al Freeman

- b. Approved

### (G) Soccer

Mike Bongino

- c. Approved
  - i. Two options presented in overview.
  - ii. AAA/AA- 8 teams moving in and out, 7 coaches firmly oppose power league due to rigor of schedule and girls soccer is number 2 for injuries in the nation, does allow coaches to put subs in and misleading records. One overview included making conferences larger (13 teams) and only play each other once instead of smaller leagues and twice.

### Field Hockey

Barb Sellers

- d. Approved

(G) Swim

Christin Snow

- e. Presenting in March

## **Approval of Sport Alignment/Schedules**

(B) Golf (Spring)

Anthony Brancato **Approved**

(G) Golf

Brian Rath **Approved**

## **Association Reports**

NYSAAA

John Mankowich

- a. Register for Conference= 3 Members being honored

COA

Gary Gregory

- b. Change in NYS Certification for PE/Health to be reduced to 18 credit certification rather than 30 credits. Email will be sent out to vote no.
- c. Todd Heimer registrations must be submitted asap.

**III. Unfinished Business**

- a. Training videos for Girls and Boys Lacrosse will be produced and distributed.

**IV. New Business**

a. [SNIP BACK](#)

Barry Gibson/Jeff Richards

- i. Athletic film platform. [Barry@snipback.com](mailto:Barry@snipback.com) or [Jeff@snipback.com](mailto:Jeff@snipback.com)

b. [SNAP Raise](#)

Connor Cunningham

- i. Mobile app available to condense services.

**V. Announcements**

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

a. Matt McLees

- i. Kru Patel- Emerging AD at the Local & State Level
- ii. Jennifer Keane- Judith A. Knight Positive Change Award at the Local & State Level
- iii. Eric Caballero- Section VIII AD of the Year & Presenting

**Next Meeting**  
**March 20, 2025**