

**NASSAU COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING**

AGENDA

March 20, 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. Recognitions
 - 1. Jennifer Keane- Recognition for Saving a Life
 - ii. **SWB** - Proposals and discussion items
 - iii. Thank you sport coordinators and Congratulations to all our County, LIC and good luck at States for those teams playing this weekend.
 - iv. Regional Rotation- Could start as early as Fall 2025
 - v. Lawsuits- Wrestling, Basketball and Track- declared ineligible but courts overturn
 - 1. Wrestling overturned as rule was not updated at NYSPHSAA level. Under review at NYSPHSAA level for updates.
 - 2. Basketball/Track- will be appealed by NYSPHSAA
 - vi. Current Events- Bellmore & Elmont- ongoing and any official filings will be reviewed by the Athletic Council at that time.
 - b. Justin Jonas
 - i. NFHS Coach of the Year
 - 1. NYS Coach of the Year- Baldwin Girls Basketball
 - 2. Section Coach of YEar- North Shore Girls Track
 - ii. Spring Officials
 - 1. Short in all sports
 - a. All levels for Girls Lacrosse- JV officials will be pulled to cover Varsity games. JV games will have one official or no officials. Modified will have one or no officials.
 - b. Do not split officials on site...contact BOCES in advance. Some officials cannot be split and must work with a partner.
 - c. NLs- Move to Sunday (speak to your Superintendents) or if you have lights play later or play as a scrimmage.

- d. Softball Officials- Varsity mostly covered at this time. JV may have one. MS may have one or none during the height of the season.
 - e. MS Gymnastics- one official likely.
 - f. Track & Field- short at this time. Use the dates provided by section.
 - g. Change deadline has passed on all levels. Call Nick and Grace with special cases.
 - h. Do not change games on potential weather conditions ONLY when fields are unsafe.
 - 2. Not recommended for districts to hire their own officials as they are not fingerprinted, background checked or covered under Section insurance and liability.
 - 3. Cancellations of teams- AD/Secretary notifies all opponent schools, notify Nick/Grace, Karen/Regina for non-officiated sports. Contact Cathleen Dnyprowsky first if dropping one MS sport do discuss which team for alignment purposes.
 - 4. Flag Football- (piloting) Ratings of Officials through LM. Email with directions to follow.
 - 5. Contact Grace prior to April 16 regarding any changes to Girls Athletics Programs.
 - iii. Track & Lacrosse Conflicts
 - 1. In the future, can the track dates be given out earlier and first since we cannot change track dates.
 - iv. Football Alignment-
 - 1.
- VI. NYSPHSAA Report.....Jennifer Keane/Mike Bongino
 - a. Voting items for May at the next meeting.
- VII. Report from Male and Female Vice Presidents.....Jennifer Keane/Matt McLees
 - a.

VIII. Conference Reports

- a. Conference 1- Volleyball home/aways is a concern. Do not have officials to support back to back.
- b. Conference 2-
 - i. Congrats
 - 1. County and Long Island Championships
 - ii. Approval of Overviews
 - 1. Girls Swimming
 - 2. Girls Tennis
 - 3. Boys Volleyball
 - 4. Girls Volleyball
 - a. Clarification on new alignments
 - iii. Conference 4 Football Concerns with Alignment
 - 1. Explanation regarding conference alignment
 - 2. Does not impact the existing relief concept within the conference
 - 3. This does impact the 2025 season.
 - a. Football still needs to have their seeding meeting.

- iv. Jim Tulle Scholarship
- v. Hudl Film Exchange in All Sports
 - 1. What are the technical aspects of how each school sets up HUDL
 - 2. Hudl requests are not always granted (coach to coach).
- vi. Spring Scheduling for Lacrosse
 - 1. Consider spreading out games- days between games.
 - 2. Extend the season.
 - 3. Look at the state championship and work backwards
- vii. Questions and Concerns
 - 1. We would like further clarification on how officials are assigned for Regional Playoffs.
 - 2. Basketball
- c. Conference 3- Importance of EAP. Football, shot clocks, state conference attendance.
- d. Conference 4- EAPs- home site plan in effect, Nurses should be checking AEDs weekly. Football alignment

IX. Standing Committees

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| Appeals | John Franchi |
| a. Football alignment- 2 football teams with same BEDs should be together but did not indicate which conference. | |
| Awards | Mike Scaturro |
| b. Email was sent for extra t-shirts, medals, etc. | |
| By-Laws & Policies | Dave Zawatson |
| c. No Report | |
| Student Athlete Development | Patrick McGuire |
| d. April 3rd- Leadership conference | |
| Modified Athletics | Cathleen Dnyprowsky |
| e. Good luck with this season. Officials will be light. | |
| Nominations | Don Lang |
| f. Nominations are in. Girls Coordinate open. | |
| Safety | Jennifer Keane |
| g. Meeting at the end of February. Injury surveillance report with football. Weatherbug issues regarding inconsistencies. | |
| Sportsmanship | Justin Jonas/Mike Brostowski |
| h. Email Mike during Justin's absence. | |
| Team Up for Unity | Kru Patel |
| i. Will not get a vote but a representative. | |
| Sport Seasons | Michael Brostowski |
| j. Dates will be approved at the next AC meeting. | |
| Officials | Ed Wallace |
| k. Shot clock operator does not need to know rules, only the signal from ref to start and stop. | |
| Championship Advisory | Ed Ramirez/Pete Cardone |
| l. No Report | |
| Combining of Team Report | Mike Pelan |
| m. No Report | |
| Classification Committee | John Mankowich |
| n. No Report | |
| Ethics | Glen Zakian/Dan Rehman |
| o. No Report | |

I. Winter Sport Reports

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| Basketball (B) | Wally Bachman |
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- a. Congratulations to all County & LIC Champions. Good Luck in the States.
Basketball (G) Jennifer Keane/Mike Pelan
- b. Congratulations to all County & LIC Champions. Good Luck in the States.
Bowling (B) Bryan Landini
- c. Report provided by Eileen Schultis.
Bowling (G) Eileen Schultis
- d. Congratulations to Seaford who is going to the States. Section VIII firmly against eliminating section teams.
Cheerleading Jennifer Keane
- e. Congratulations to all County Champions.
Fencing (B&G) Scott Stueber
- f. Congratulations to all Champions.
Gymnastics Kim Rhatigan
- g. Congratulations to all County Champions & individuals who competed at States.
Rifle Mike Palumbo
- h. Working with Section VIII to buy targets and bill teams who need them.
Swimming (B) Peter Hugo
- i. No Report
- Winter Track (B) Dennis Kornfield
- j. Congratulations to all Champions and individuals who competed at States. 7 Scholar Athletes. Multiple county records were broken this year. Best indoor track season so far.
Winter Track (G) Kristen Frazer
- k. Report given by Dennis Kornfield.
Wrestling John Mankowich
- l.
Girls Wrestling Steven Severin
- m. No Report
- Unified Bowling Pat McGuire
- n. Congratulations to all Champions.

II. Sport Overviews

- a. (G) Swim Christin Snow
 - i. Locust Valley hosting awards. Thank you.
 - ii. Overview similar to past with 4 conferences. Room for NLs.
 - iii. 3 Divisions for county meet. Individuals and 1 Relay and 11 dives.
- b. (G) Tennis Shai Fisher
 - i. Looking for neutral sites for playoffs.
- c. (B) Volleyball Brett Kornblum
 - i. Mostly same from last year. 6 teams in A, 11 teams in B.
- d. (G) Volleyball Cathleen Dnyprowsky
 - i. Ability within classification next year. Only 1 C school (needs a 500 record to qualify).
- e. (B&G) Cross Country Adam Mckenzie & Neal Levy
 - i. Schedule almost the same.
 - ii. Looking into LIU Post to host meets because other locations unavailable.
 - 1. Bus Passes- only needed on weekends, shouldn't impact the season.
- f. Boys Golf Anthony Brancato
 - i. Spring Important Dates
 - 1. Practice Rounds- 5/9 & 5/14 Bethpage Red
 - 2. Play in Match- 5/14 Eisenhower Red
 - 3. County Tournament 5/20 Bethpage Blue, 5/21 Bethpage Red

4. LIC practice round 5/24, Championship 5/27 Bethpage Black
 5. States 6/6-6/9
- ii. Section VIII firmly against eliminating section teams (Boys & Girls).

Approval of Sport Alignment/Schedules

- a. Football Joe Martillotti
- i. Seeding meeting Thursday Night.
 1. Motion to Vote: On the current alignment as is with Plainedge/Lynbrook in Conference 4.
 - 1st- Anthony Brancato
 - 2nd- Ed Rameriz

Discussion: If alignment moves forward, can there be more consideration for the JV programs this year to produce more competitive games within this alignment. Varsity scheduling for this season, moving Floral Park down as well to have 14 teams in conference 4 for balancing purposes. Long term- more conversations about alignment to preserve teams that are struggling and cannot support JVs. When football teams collapse it impacts the entire school program and community (homecoming,etc).

Football Committee: will be tasked with JV scheduling as a priority. Must have alignment prior to any committee decisions.

Approved: 41
 Opposed: 4
 Abstain: 3
 Motion Passed
- b. (B) Soccer Al Freeman
- i. similar to the past.
- c. (G) Soccer Mike Bongino
- i. No Report
- d. Field Hockey Barbara Sellers
- i. No Report

Association Reports

- NYSAAA John Mankowich
- a. Transgender Athletes- NYS laws permit students to play on the team that they identify with. Follow NYSPHSAA guidelines.
- COA Gary Gregory
- b. COA will be partnering with NIAAA and no longer attend NYSAPERD conference.

III. Unfinished Business

- a. No Report

IV. New Business

- a. Coach's Award from NFHS
- b. HSAA Leadership Responsibilities
 - i. 4 Year Commitment
 1. President Elect- 1 year
 2. President- 2 years
 3. Past President- 1 year
 - ii. Sports coordinators/overviews Review & Support

1. Past President of HSAA or President Elect (in years there are no Past Presidents)- proposed new responsibility would be to meet with the Sport Coordinators and review each overview on a regular basis and bring back concerns with AC to review.

V. Announcements

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

Next Meeting

April 10, 2025