

**NASSAU COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING**

AGENDA

April 10, 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.
 - i. Grace will be out after April 16th. Please send all requests to Nick/Laura.
 - ii. NYSPHSAA/Special Olympics- sponsor Unified Flag Football- Fall Season, 5v5 (3 athletes, 2 partners) 6 games total.
 - iii. Sports Committee- will track how many teams drop sports per season.
 - iv. Switching Sites- unplayable fields- teams need to work out who the home team is before the game starts.
 - v. Officials using inappropriate language needs to be reported immediately.
 - vi. Girls Wrestling- declare a full team if you have 10 girls or more.
 - 1. MS Girls Wrestling consideration for WI season
 - vii. Winter Track/Spring Track/Boys & Girls Swim- Philosophy committee will be looking at criteria for State Qualification.
 - viii. SED moved athletics out of the curriculum department to Student Sport Services.
 - ix. Indoor Track is requesting a two day State Championship.
 - x. Spring Track State Championship will start at 1pm (cannot enter property till 11:45 am). NO Overnight this year.
 - xi. State Championship Tickets for Football and Wrestling will be \$16. All others \$13.50 next year.
 - xii. Levittown SD, contact Christopher Letts or Jeff Aiello for scheduling purposes.
 - b. Justin Jonas
 - i. Back in office April 22nd.
 - ii. From Karen- Fall sport coordinators submit schedules asap.
 - iii. From Nick- JV Baseball games, if you have no officials must play as scrimmage.
 - 1. JV2 Baseball- playing on the same day as Varsity/JV because the schedule is done by conference this year for official purposes. Coaches

associated voted against Saturday as a regular scheduled play date as rain outs impacted the next week schedule.

- iv. Vice President of Scheduling- meet with sports coordinators to assist with resolving issues and consistency.

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

a. Action Items

- i. 3 Regional Rotation- Start with Fall 2025, equitable rotation, Section VIII and Section XI will be guaranteed to play each other in every sport and then depending on classification there may be an additional game before heading to State Semi Finals depending on year and rotation schedule. At Large Bid- Section IV can have bid to fill brackets because they don't have a "neighbor" to play, which could lead to both teams advancing to State Semi Finals.
 - 1. Section VIII will bring up at the State Meeting the condition to predetermine that at large will follow a specific track and the winning team will follow a predetermined track. Concern regarding who will officiate these regional games, right now Section VIII & XI are the only who split officials during that game. Conversations regarding neutral officials and how they will be selected. With at large bid there is a potential for two teams in the same section playing in the State Finals. APPROVED
- ii. Move the 8 man football finals to move to another weekend other than 11 man football. APPROVED
- iii. No longer recognize Competitive Cheer in the Fall, only in the Winter (this is no change for section VIII). Can still perform Game Day at Nationals. APPROVED
- iv. Cheer Choreography- cannot do choreography till start date in August. APPROVED
- v. DEI Committee- update language in NYSPHSAA handbooks. APPROVED
- vi. Championship Philosophy- consistency approach for awards to represent all sports equally. Rational- streamlining so individual sports award up to 10 places, if the sport has more than 75 individuals can award up to 20 places. Team sports award up to 4 teams. 1st/2nd plaques and medals. 3rd/4th plaques only. Eliminate section team awards/medals/t-shirts. Representatives will vote based on conversation at the meeting.
- vii. Eliminate regional runner up plaques. APPROVED
- viii. Sport season committee- consider approval for Fall sports to start two weeks before labor day and football on week 7. Section can be more restrictive but cannot start before the State start date. APPROVED
- ix. Sport season committee- consider approval for spring sports to start in the second week of March. Section can be more restrictive but cannot start before the State start date. APPROVED
- x. Gymnastics States will be hosted at CSH HS. APPROVED
- xi. Eliminate all noise makers in the girls lacrosse contests. Section VIII will bring up all sports. APPROVED
- xii. Scrimmages to be permitted after 6th practice for Baseball. APPROVED
- xiii. Venues for State competitions. APPROVED

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

- a. Combined with above.

VIII. Conference Reports

- a. Conference 1- football schedules.
- b. Conference 2- approval of all sport overviews. Will there be JV girls lacrosse shot clocks for next year (section can decide, but State may implement for next year). JV Softball- how many teams have been dropped. Overall flexibility for JV schedules. Baseball/Softball wind chill rule. Boys/Girls Cross Country- LIU meets issues, buses and conflicts.
- c. Conference 3- PO's for Eisenhower- get them in asap. Golf simulators are permitted. Staffing costs are rising, and the shot clock necessary for JV games. Athletes quitting one sport after two weeks and wanting to join another, district rule.
- d. Conference 4- Sport coordinators create dropped team spreadsheets for county wide access so teams know who they can contact for more games. If a team drops, can there be a hold for teams still running, so ADs have time (48hrs) to try to reschedule with the officials already assigned before losing them. Report of what teams do have officials.

IX. Standing Committees

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| Appeals | John Franchi |
| a. No Report | |
| Awards | Mike Scaturro |
| b. Plagues coming in shortly | |
| By-Laws & Policies | Dave Zawatson |
| c. Adjustments made based on committees. Updated Policy book available online. Hardcopies fall. | |
| Student Athlete Development | Patrick McGuire |
| d. Conference went very well. Consider joining next year! | |
| Modified Athletics | Cathleen Dnyprosky |
| e. Working on Fall schedules now. | |
| Nominations | Don Lang |
| f. No Report | |
| Safety | Jennifer Keane |
| g. Section II proposes Pitchers/Catchers to start earlier because they have 10 practices. | |
| h. Regulation proposed that all nationally recognized CPR/AED/First Aid courses will be permitted for Coaches but NYSED will not. Public form in July...more information after that. | |
| i. Modified committee looking to make all sports 1 night rest, expectation of football. No 3 games in a row and no 4 games in a week. | |
| j. Guardian cap for lacrosse, cannot use football guardian cap on lacrosse. Insurance companies may impact warranties. | |
| k. Weatherbug issues with so many towers. | |
| l. Smelling Salts are not FDA approved and must have a prescription to have in schools. | |
| m. Temperatures in classroom regulations...gymnasiums/swimming pools are classrooms and the rules will be the same for athletics for indoor games. | |
| Sportsmanship | Justin Jonas/Mike Brostowski |
| n. No Report | |
| Team Up for Unity | Kru Patel |
| o. DEI State meeting- Big 5 would like to be on the board with voting rights. Section VIII is not in favor as they are already part of sections with voting rights. Support Big 5 liaison without voting rights. | |
| Sport Seasons | Michael Brostowski |

- p. No Report
- Officials Ed Wallace
- q. Negotiations for officials contract for next three years, going well so far. Shot clock- no major issues reported, thank you Jim & John for all their work before the season to make it run smoothly. Lacrosse officials- reminder that they should be signaling the shot clock operator to start on possession (both officials, not just one). For lopsided scores, you do not have to shoot the ball, the team can let the time expire and possession will default to the other team. Officials who said they are going to leave because teams are running late need to be reported to the Section Office.
- Championship Advisory Ed Wallace/Pete Cardone
- r. No Report
- Combining of Team Report Mike Pelan
- s. No Report
- Classification Committee John Mankowich
- t. No Report
- Ethics Glen Zakian/Dan Rehman
- u. No Report

I. Spring Sport Reports

- (G) Badminton Jenna Cavuto
 - a. Coaches report scores and highlights after games. Last call for adding Boys or Girls teams for next year.
- Baseball Sean Burns
 - b. Wind Chill- protocols emailed to all coaches and ADs. Wind Chill taken immediately prior to first pitch.
 - c. No time limit for Varsity/JV games. Officials association was notified.
 - d. Playoffs- Memorial Day weekend will host games. Sunday and/or Monday could host game 3 for AAA,AA,A (in original overview and was approved- no flexibility to change).
- Flag Football Arnie Epstein
 - e. No Report
- (B) Golf Anthony Brancato
 - f. Weather impacting play dates. There will be a google survey for coaches to complete (will impact Fall & Spring scheduling). Pilot a rule that all teams must play in 70% of scheduled matches to support cancellations due to availability of courses and weather. Tie Breaker proposal- take top 6 golfers and average handicap, lower handicap is winner.
- (G) Golf Brian Rath
 - g. No Report
- (B) Lacrosse Jim Amen Jr.
 - h. No Report
- (G) Lacrosse John Koskowicz
 - i. Shot Clock and Officials being consistent with signaling discussed with association. Lopsided scores, do the right thing. Trying to avoid later season reschedules, shouldn't impact teams with turf.
- Softball Rachel Barry
 - j. JV softball does have a 2 hr limit and 5 run per inning limit. Lopsided scores, only report 12 run limit (ex: 12-0 to Newsday if score was 23-0). May 9th, 10th, 11th are rain dates prior to postseason. Only play 20 games at Varsity level (team/individual). Can start/finish with 8 on JV and Varsity level. Wind Chill rule right before first pitch, below 32 degrees.

Spring Track (B)

Ed Corona

- k. Coaches must input results into the website or can make athletes ineligible for postseason.

Spring Track (G)

Nick Aurigemma

- l. Coaches must input results into the website or can make athletes ineligible for postseason.

(B) Tennis

Mike Scaturro

- m. Reschedules must be on the next available date including weekend.

II. Sport Overviews

Gymnastics

Kim Rhatigan

- a. 21 teams in 2 conferences rated by ability. No Saturday meets at this time. Cartwheel for Cure- CSH, Todd Heimer- North Shore, looking for host for conference championships. All rules and qualifications are the same as last year. No longer have co-champions, will have tie breaker procedures. Section VIII in support for hosting States at CSH!

(B) Bowling

Bryan Landini (Presenting in May)

- b.

(G) Bowling

Elieen Fisher (Presenting in May)

Approval of Sport Alignment/Schedules

(G) Swim

Christin Snow

- a. APPROVED all conferences.

(G) Tennis

Shai Fisher

- b. APPROVED all conferences.

(B) Volleyball

Brett Kornblum

- c. APPROVED all conferences.

(G) Volleyball

Cathleen Dnyprowsy

- d. APPROVED all conferences.

(B & G) Cross Country

Adam McKenzie & Neal Levy

- e. Concerns with LIU as a weekday meet venue due to busing issues. Bethpage park, not available next fall due to the Ryder cup, Bethpage will host the championship in november but no league meets. LIU already has an established course and supplies to mark the course. Expectation from AD's is that the meet must wait for all teams to be present. Recommendation from ADs-All LIU meets on Saturday (if available). MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL MORE INFORMATION COLLECTED.

Association Reports

NYSAAA

John Mankowich

- a. No Report

COA

Gary Gregory

- b. Next meeting May 6th

III. Unfinished Business

- a. None

IV. New Business

- a. Congratulations to Don Herr who will be the Farmingdale AD next year.

V. Announcements

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

Next Meeting

MAY 15, 2025