

**NASSAU COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING**

AGENDA

September 11, 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. Introduction of New AD's
- V. Approval of High School Association minutes **APPROVED**
- VI. [Snap Raise](#)
- VII. New Security Company- [UpFront Security](#)- Phil Brady, Michael Schmitt, Matthew McCartin, Owners
- VIII. Section VIII Report.....Pat Pizzarelli - Executive Director
 - a. Pat Pizzarelli
 - i. [Hall of Fame](#)- October 7, 2025 at Crest Hollow Country Club
 - ii. [InsideOut Initiative](#)- InSideOut continues to create engaging content and innovative strategies that positively impact school community stakeholders. Training after the Mandatory AD Meeting on September 19th.
 - iii. Mandatory AD Meeting- September 19, 2025 at Brookside School.
 - iv. Superintendent Meeting- Joint effort with everyone in district
 - v. [Scope Education Services](#)- In a world where you can be anything, Be Kind
 - vi. Late starts- anything after 20 minutes, school will be charged for late start
 - vii. Officials are responsible to confirm the morning of their game, if they do not call, recommended to confirm with them. The day before for the weekend/holidays.
 - viii. Newsday Fantasy Football- not associated with gambling. Contact Newsday directly with concerns.
 - b. Justin Jonas
 - i. Student Researchers for each school district to assist with HOF information.
 - ii. Call officials for changes and updates or if you do not hear from officials.
 - iii. Basketball- switching JV and Varsity games permitted
 - iv. All winter schedule changes due October 6th

- v. League Minder has now partnered with Section I & XI.
 - vi. Cancelling Games- Do as much advance as possible, day of cancellations is half fee. Indicate why you are cancelling the game.
 - vii. Changes- must be communicated with other schools prior to change. Indicate both teams and officials have been notified.
 - viii. Dropped Teams- In the new contract, officials who were assigned to a dropped schedule who cannot get a game on that same day are entitled to \$25 per game.
 - ix. Wrestling- report all JV teams and Tournaments to Nick directly.
 - x. Ratings- Call Justin directly with any questions/issues
 - xi. Directories and Bus Passes will be handed out at Mandatory Meeting
- c. Partnerships
 - i. New partnerships will be released soon, with some sport specific sponsorships at championship games.
- IX. NYSPHSAA Report.....Jennifer Keane/Mike Bongino
 - a. Wrestling Weight Classes- now 14. Cheer choreography passes for after fall date. 3 Region rotation passed for fall. Practice regulation clarification...must be fully cleared to count towards minimum practices. Will be voting on fall agenda items in Albany in October.
- X. Report from Male and Female Vice Presidents.....Jennifer Keane/Matt McLees
 - a. Good luck to everyone in the upcoming year. Communicate with each other, especially when you do not have supervisors. Set the climate for spectators from the beginning of the season. Football has a designated supervisor for officials before, during and after the game. Consider sending out a message to your community regarding sportsmanship, officials and process.
 - b. What is the process for appeals?
 - i. The district must appeal...not individual/person.
 - ii. Cannot appeal a judgement call. Must be violation of rule or misinterpretation of rule.
 - iii. Sportsmanship ejections can be appealed by district, not individual/person.
 - iv. USC summit submit your registrations immediately...Due by 9/12.

XI. Conference Reports

- a. Conference 1- No Report
- b. Conference 2- No Report
- c. Conference 3- No Report
- d. Conference 4- No Report

XII. Fall Sport Reports

Badminton

Jenna Cavuto

- a. Boys Badminton started in August. Check in for a meeting at the end of September.

Cross Country

Neal Levy/Adam Mckenzie

- b. Overall opening day went very well at LIU. Teams late were placed in a later start time. Still looking into other options for playoffs with the Ryder Cup going on.

Field Hockey

Barbara Sellers

- c. Last Saturday was our 23rd Joan Grunebaum Memorial Tournament. All 20 Varsity teams playing field hockey participated in this charity event. The

officials, who attended, donated their time to the cause. This year's tournament was hosted by Port Washington HS. While this event is run by the Long Island Field Hockey Association, Nick Schratwieser and his Varsity field hockey coach Amanda Garguilo did an amazing job setting up the fields and making sure everything ran smoothly. Thank you Nick and your staff at Port for your time, effort and support of the event. Our C schools are struggling with JV programs which Barb Sellers believes is partially a result of covid. There are currently 800 plus athletes playing youth field hockey in Nassau County....looking to move up into Section VIII teams. So, please hang on. A reminder that all playoff games will be on turf fields, not grass. Things are looking positive for playing our final games at Adelphi. As mentioned to the field hockey ADs and coaches, some shifting in dates may be necessary, but they all fall within our "possible" playoff dates listed in the approved schedule, you will be notified soon. Thank you to Seaford, Carle Place and Locust Valley, our backup sites. This fall, Section VIII Class C Field Hockey is the At Large team for the new state rotation. Section VIII Field Hockey is supportive of sending our Class C Winner to Section XI for the regional Long Island Championship and keeping the tradition of the LIC, which is actually a quarter final of the state championships. The Class C Finalists will advance to the new At Large game in Section IV which is also a quarter final of the state championships. So two of our Class C teams will be in the first round, quarter finals, of the state tournament.

Football

Joe Martillotti

- d. Good luck to all teams as they open their seasons. JV reporting an email was sent out, please complete asap after each game. Rules: knee pad violations are in full effect, no warnings.

Soccer

Al Freeman/Mike Bongino

- e. Girls- Yellow/Red cards will be shared with ADs on a predetermined schedule with officials association. JV drops and rescheduling, section will be looking into extending time to make changes/add games when teams drop. Varsity season is going well. Dates for LIC, Regional Games, Regional Rotation Game, State will be shared with coaches and ADs soon.
- f. Boys- Last league game Oct 16th, seeding meeting that night. Play in games start on Oct 18th. Regional rotation in effect this season. Yellow/Red Cards will be addressed at the next coaches meeting and spreadsheet shared with ADs.

Golf

Anthony Brancato/Brian Rath

- g. -Off to a different start - No Bethpage is proving to be very difficult. THANK YOU TO PAT PIZZARELLI for connecting me with Rich from Eisenhower Park to help with scheduling. We met with Rich and he agreed to allow us as a county to book an entire season in advance opposed to booking matches 6 days in advance. All changes of matches have to go through me - as per Rich to limit confusion. Special Thanks to Vin Santucci from Massapequa, Brian Connors from Plainedge, Matt Musumeci from Mineola and Doug Robins from Sewanhaka for helping with their conference schedules. We had coaches meeting the other night - 28 out of 39 coaches attended. We went over the adjusted format for the fall due to limited course availability. Please remind your coaches to utilize tri-matches when necessary. We also went over the rules for tie-breakers so that we do not have any confusion. Coaches must enter scores, rating and slope

after each match. Mike Ambury sent out the score sheets last week. Any questions - Have your coach contact me directly.

Swim

Christin Snow

h. No Report

Cheerleading

Jennifer Keane

i. Sites are set JV at 5pm and Varsity to follow immediately.

Tennis

Shai Fisher

j. Enter scores in the UTR system. Congratulations to Mike Scaturro who is the new State Coordinator for Boys Tennis.

Volleyball

Brett Kornblum/Cathleen Dnyprowsky

k. Girls- Looking for hosts for Semi Finals and Finals matches.

l. Boys- Encourage coaches to attend all meetings and post season ceremonies.

Unified Sports

Pat Maguire

m. Looking for more teams for Unified Basketball and Bowling. Reach out to Pat with any questions. Looking to add Unified Flag Football for the 26/27 school year.

XIII. Sport Overviews

Boys Winter Track

Dennis Kornfield

a. Same as Girls Report.

b. Motion to approve boys and girls winter track overviews: 1st, 2nd, APPROVED

Girls Winter Track

Kristen Frazer

c. Two Changes: Winter Championships is now a two day tournament due to the size of the meet. We will also move to a two day state qualifier to match the format at no additional cost and no additional dates. Additional change- first two weeks will be split into 6 groups to minimize how late groups are competing then week 3 and on will go back to the original format.

d. Motion to approve boys and girls winter track overviews: 1st, 2nd, APPROVED

Bowling

Eileen Shultis

e. Motion to approve boys and girls Bowling: 1st, 2nd, APPROVED

XIV. Standing Committees

Appeals

John Franchi

a. No Report

Awards

Mike Scaturro

b. All ordered

By-Laws & Policies

Dave Zawatson

c. No Report

Student Athlete Development

Patrick McGuire

d. No Report

Modified Athletics

Cathleen Dnyprowsky

e. Officials will continue to be an issue. Winter I schedules is coming soon. Conversation about prohibiting moving MS games up by week(s) in season, as officials are usually available at end of season. Season dates are set and should be utilized. Will be discussed at conference meetings.

Nominations

Don Lang

f. Let Don know of any opening within their committees.

Safety

Jennifer Keane

g. Will be setting a date for the next meeting soon.

Sportsmanship

Jim Amen/Justin Jonas/Mike Brostowski

h. No Report

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| Team Up for Unity | Kru Patel |
| i. USC summit payments and T-shirts sizes due asap. Traffic will be heavy due to the Ryder Cup. | |
| Sport Seasons | Michael Brostowski |
| j. No Report | |
| Officials | Ed Wallace/Pete Cardone |
| k. Football- from the State directive- Knee pad violations will be strictly enforced. Eye Black/face paint must be to specific sports guidelines. Ratings for all sports are critical for the officials association. Children learn from what they see...spectators comments, inappropriate behavior must be addressed. | |
| Championship Advisory | Ed Wallace |
| l. No Report | |
| Combining of Team Report | Mike Pelan |
| m. 1 new team in Fall JV Football East Rock/West Hempstead | |
| Classification Committee | John Mankowich |
| n. No Report | |
| Ethics | Glen Zakian/Dan Rehman |
| o. No Report | |

XV. Association Reports

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| NYSAAA | Eric Caballero |
| a. September 17th first meeting and complete forms on Final Forms. | |
| b. Vote for candidate for NIAAA. | |
| COA | Tom Lehman |
| c. Complete salary survey. | |
| d. Sunshine dues (\$20) next meeting. | |
| e. Looking for a district to volunteer to speak at a best practices meeting. | |

XVI. Unfinished Business

- a. Non-League Games
 - i. Overview: For all sports and all conferences-league season games is the focal point for how you seed for the playoffs and non-league games have no impact on playoff schedule. Need to discuss if non-leagues could be considered for tie breaker purposes.
 - ii. Discussion:
 1. Due to BEDs you could be in a much easier conference or difficult conference if not an ability based.
 2. Power conferences typically get bids to playoffs regardless.
 3. NL games are used for various reasons. For challenge or for learning experience.
 4. Open seeding will still be available to all sports regardless of power/ability league or enrollment.
 - iii. Motion: Non league games will not be a factor in playoff seeding for all sports immediately.
 1. Motion to approve: 1st (SS), 2nd (JK).
 - a. Discussion: larger discussion than 20 minutes, need input of coaches, coordinators (boys basketball) looking for guidance regarding non league impact so they can complete their handbooks and structure. Boys soccer would be immediately impacted for the fall season. Within this motion, NL cannot be used as the tie breaker process. Using NL to qualify for playoffs is different then using NL for seeding.
 - b. Call for Vote:

- c. Motion to table (AE), 2nd (TB).
 - i. Approved to table: (42)
 - ii. Opposed to table: (13)
 - iii. Abstain to table: 0
 - iv. Result to table: APPROVED to table
 - 2. Motion: For Boys Basketball, non league games are not to be used as criteria for qualifying and seeding for 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Motion to approve: 1st (ER), 2nd (DC).
 - b. Discussion: None
 - c. Approved: 53
 - d. Opposed: 2
 - e. Abstain: 0
 - f. Results: APPROVED
 - b. Regional Rotation
 - i. Documents have been shared regarding format and 10 year cycle for each sport.
 - ii. At large bid- is the team that loses in the County Tournament. The losing team goes to Section IV (center of State)...if they win...they move on to the State Tournament. The team that wins the county moves on to the LIC. If they lose in LIC....they are eliminated from the State Tournament. It is in the rules that a section can select the pathway however Section VIII will send the winner of the County Games to the LIC's.

XVI. New Business

- a. Baseball- Double base rule is in effect for 26/27 school year, State is requesting feedback on if Sections will utilize the double base rule for the 25/26 school year as an option at all levels.

XVII. Announcements

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

Next Meeting

**** September 19, 2025- AD Workshop**

October 9, 2025