

**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. Approval of High School Association minutes **APPROVED**

Fall Sport Reports

Badminton

Jenna Cavuto

- a. Boys Badminton concludes next week. Varsity goes immediately into the team playoffs, dates were sent out. Individual tournament at Plainview MS, all teams are guaranteed 2 entries.

Cross Country

Neal Levy/Adam Mckenzie

- b. All schools were able to compete in all races on the new course. Schools were rescheduled for later races when busing issues occurred. Due to later start times due to busing issues, built in a tier system for novice runners to run a shorter distance 2.2 instead of 3.1 (5k) in order to allow all novice/JV runners to participate based on their ability. Bethpage course- will not be available for the remainder of fall season. Options are LIU (counties 11/1 & state qualifier 11/8) & Eisenhower (only counties must start after 12pm). The state qualifier will have to be held at LIU on 11/8.
 - i. Motion: Counties to be held at LIU. **APPROVED**

Field Hockey

Barbara Sellers

- c. "We were able to secure Adelphi for our 3 final games. A new playoff schedule was sent out. Any questions please contact Barb Sellers".

Football

Joe Martillotti

- d. Coaches meeting next Tuesday all coaches must be present. If officials call the office to confirm the game, please let the coach know. Please update the JV spreadsheet to reflect score and if games were changed due to dropped teams.

Soccer

Al Freeman/Mike Bongino

- e. Boys Soccer-league play ends next week and play in games start on 10/18. Due to daylight issues. Prior to the game beginning, both coaches can agree to shorten the halves to 35 minutes and reduce half time. If this is not agreed on prior to the game then it is officials discretion once the game starts to call the game due to daylight.

- f. Girls Soccer- league play ends next week. All playoffs dates have been emailed.
- Golf Anthony Brancato/Brian Rath
- g. Scores must be entered and ensure that golfers have enough matches. Seeding will be done as soon as the season concludes.
- Swim Christin Snow
- h. Condolences for the loss of Pete Hugo who was a huge influence on the programs throughout the year. The season progressed well and the playoff schedule was emailed.
- Cheerleading Jennifer Keane
- i. The first two game day competitions went well. Thank you to all the hosts. Mat changed direction based on State rule.
- Tennis Shai Fisher
- j. Team championships start today/tomorrow. Individual championships start on Saturday at Eisenhower.
- Volleyball Brett Kornblum/Cathleen Dnyprowsky
- k. Boys Volleyball- Playoffs begin early November.
- l. Girls Volleyball- Playoffs beginning on October 31. Sites will be shared as soon as secured.
- Unified Sports Pat Maguire
- m. No Report

V. Section VIII Report.....Pat Pizzarelli - Executive Director

- a. Pat Pizzarelli
 - i. Thank you for attending the Hall of Fame ceremony earlier this week.
 - ii. Playoff games must have supervisors from both schools. Section security will also be present.
 - iii. Late starts- speak with coaches about only signing vouchers when late start criteria is met. Late fees billed to the district at the end of the season.
- b. Justin Jonas
 - i. The deadline for changes for JV/Varsity for winter sports was due on 10/6. New additions will likely be denied.
 - ii. MS winter I changes are due 10/21.
 - iii. CPR/AED/First Aid course will be on 10/15- link was emailed out.
 - iv. Scheduling games when AD understands that there may not be officials assigned.
 - 1. team drops a game and you reschedule a NL in that place. The section will leave it on LeagueMinder with the understanding that it will not take priority for officials as it was an added game after the deadline. Only permitted to add NL after deadline because of dropped games.
 - 2. Request from ADs-when a team drops a team, Section waits 24 hours before reassigning officials so ADs have a chance to fill those dates and games with a NL to fill schedule. Areas of concern- officials receive \$25 per game cancelled if they do not get reassigned to a game that day. Holding officials that could be reassigned to a game that needs officials in change that AD can find a game.

3. Lack of officials at Modified level is impacting enrollment within the modified programs as they are going to play outside leagues who can supply officials. The Domino effect then impacts JV and Varsity because they cannot supply a competitive environment.
4. Can officials make a modification in their contracts so that Boys and Girls Soccer (whose rules are identical) work both games and cannot select Boys or Girls.
 - a. Starting a committee for Officials Recruitment
5. Game day rosters for Boys Soccer must be submitted to Justin Jonas.
6. Assumed Name Issue currently going on. It is more important than ever that HSAA representatives are present and informed. Schools were asked to self-report.
 - a. Motion: As a rule, Boys and Girls soccer rosters must be accurate with the names of the students that are in your school management system, effectively immediately and must be submitted to the opposing school and officials on game days.
 - i. Approved- APPROVED

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

a. Voting Items:

- i. Senior all star contests must be approved and recorded by section. Section VIII does not as its a coaches association responsibility- APPROVED
- ii. Change language to keep track of combined teams -APPROVE
- iii. Process and appeals for a school without boundaries for classification (want to create consistency for criteria)- APPROVED
- iv. Backstroke ledges for next season- APPROVED (if coordinator recommends)
- v. Adding a team championship to Boys/Girls Swim- Tabled
- vi. Allow girls to wrestle in 7 bouts per day- APPROVED
- vii. Add language for girls wrestling to multischool meets- APPROVED
- viii. Expansion of appeal procedure to include rounds of girls wrestling- APPROVED
- ix. Cheerleading to breakdown score sheets to 3 parts- APPROVED
- x. In wrestling, allow video replay to score points when the clock ran out in finals only- APPROVED
- xi. Revised Penalty for cheating during hydration test to make it ineligible for the whole post season. APPROVED
- xii. Revise the current penalty for max contests during the season to make the penalty same as all sports. APPROVED
- xiii. Must submit to track weigh in sheets or forfeit (host school must make effort to allow them to print one on sight). APPROVED
- xiv. Ocean Breeze host Winter Track- APPROVED

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

- a. Good luck in the post season.

VIII. Conference Reports

- a. Conference 1- JV girls lacrosse shot clock (more no's then yes). Concerns are not having multiple sets for all fields, shut off during score differential. Within powerleague limits the opportunity to rotate players and sub. Boys basketball for the

following season would like to be one conference. Back to Back Volleyball and officials are not the same for the both games. Requesting coordinators look into having JV have one official, two for Varsity but home/away option for next season (overall supported).

- i. All overviews- APPROVED
- b. Conference 2- Overviews, Boys Lax- approved. Basketball Points- Overview was approved, Only points for league games. Girls Basketball- mismatched teams and programs, need a county-wide philosophy, ability vs. enrollment. JV Football: will the power conference remain for 2026, Conf I vs. Conf. III, School population does matter in football, two home games on one day is problematic, add the strength of 8th grade to the committee question, modify the questionnaire, strength of schedule should be revisited. Soccer Assumed Names: is this a pattern across the county? Across the county, section VIII is investigating, the self report window has closed. 2018 or 2019 past practice- girls soccer.
 - i. All overviews- APPROVED
- c. Conference 3- JV Baseball schedule, modified baseball give a few more days before games, JV football positive feedback, JV field hockey game not covered by officials, JV girls lacrosse- shot clock optional, fundraising- booster club vs school handing money, NL contests to meet needs of program.
 - i. All overviews- APPROVED
- d. Conference 4- Ability based scheduling in boys lacrosse. approval process for winter track (only a few days to make changes but understand bound to St. Anthony availability). Game changes and cut off days. JV lacrosse shot clock in favor. MS soccer officials support being assigned to both. InsideOut coaching training is great but what is the expectation?
 - i. All overviews- APPROVED

IX. Sport Overviews

Boys Lacrosse	Jim Amen Jr.
a. APPROVED	
Girls Lacrosse	John Kostkowicz
b. Presenting at a later date	
Competitive Cheer	Jennifer Keane
c. APPROVED	

X. Approval of Sport Alignments/Schedules

Boys Winter Track	Dennis Kornfield
Girls Winter Track	Kristen Frazer
Bowling	Eileen Shultis

XI. Standing Committees

Appeals	John Franchi
a. No Report	
Awards	Mike Scaturro
b. Awards being distributed soon.	
By-Laws & Policies	Dave Zawatson
c. No Report	
Student Athlete Development	Patrick McGuire
d. No Report	
Modified Athletics	Cathleen Dnyprowsy
e. Schedules were designed from back- forward. Every conference gets a day so playing every third day. Minimum of 10 practice days from NYSPHSAA start of season before the first game. Schedules released for Winter I, Winter II next week.	
Nominations	Don Lang

- f. Contact Don if you want to participate in the Official Recruitment "Get Officials" Committee.

Safety

Jennifer Keane

- g. State meeting last week- CPR/AED/First Aid must be nationally recognized and do not get submitted to the State. District Safety plan document sent out. Pitchers start date and double first base under review. Players with suspected head injury during a game, medical professional reviews (Trainer/Doctor), ATC can permit them to go back in after an assessment. Some officials claim they must have a doctor's note which is not accurate in this case per Todd Nelson. Coaches cannot clear them and cannot play them if the appropriate medical professional is unavailable.

Sportsmanship

Justin Jonas

- h. Suspended players cannot travel, be present or with the team.
- i. We default to State policies, except when punches are thrown which defaults to the Section sportsmanship policy regarding ejections.

Team Up for Unity

Kru Patel

- j. Big 5 representation discussion...support them being non-voting members.

Sport Seasons

Michael Brostowski

- k. No Report

Officials

Pete Cardone

- l. Can officials leave after the games rather than have post game discussions in parking lots. OCC meeting next Monday, will bring up girls and boys soccer covering both games. Late starts- outside games impacted by daylight. If all parties are there, start early. Girls JV Lacrosse Shot clock- can be done at the table (do not need two). 75% of officials quit within their first three years because of spectator behavior, addressing spectators immediately.
- m. AD comments-How are officials assigned to levels after passing certifications tests, process or evaluation them?

Championship Advisory

Ed Ramirez

- n. No Report

Combining of Team Report

Mike Pelan

- o. No Report

Classification Committee

John Kostkowicz

- p. No Report

Ethics

Tom Lehman

- q. Assumed Names

XII. Association Reports

NYSAAA

Eric Caballero

- a. Email sent out regarding survey, please complete asap regarding NIAAA coursework.

COA

Tom Lehman

- b. First meeting at 9am Tuesday at BOCES.
- c. Complete salary schedule document.
- d. Three schools who want to present will be reviewed for the January meeting.
- e. Todd Heimer will be Friday June 12th at Bayview in Freeport.

XIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Boys Basketball- Post Season Qualifications

- i. Already approved that NL games have no impact on the post season.
- ii. Method for seeding for equity within the program.

1. Bonus points based on overall wins. No bonus points awarded to 500 teams finishing outside the top 4. Must finish top 4 to receive bonus points.
 2. Ties broken by committee decision.
 3. Winning percentage provides the most equitable outcome for all teams due to uneven leagues.
 4. Open seeding is not best for Boys Basketball as it is subject to manipulation based on input.
- b. Motion: All in favor of adopting for Boys Basketball post season qualifications as presented at the October meeting.
- i. Approved- 44
 - ii. Opposed- 4
 - iii. Abstain- 0
 - iv. APPROVED

XVI. New Business

- a. Weight Certifications & Track System - email sent to coaches from Josh.
Ensure coaches maintain/complete.

XVII. Announcements

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

Next Meeting

November 6, 2025