

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

AGENDA

December 11, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

Brookside School, 1260 Meadowbrook Rd. N. Merrick, NY 11566

- I. Good & Welfare
- 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**
 - Football Joe Martillotti
 - a. Gridiron dinner last night. Congratulations to all County champions and Garden City for holding the nation's longest winning streak and Massapequa for being the first Long Island team to win three consecutive LICs.
- V. Section VIII Report.....**Pat Pizzarelli - Executive Director**
 - a. Spring Schedules make sure your teams are at the correct sites before approving. When changes are made, make sure you are communicating with the opposing school prior to making changes.
 - b. The Boys Lacrosse website is not a sanctioned league website and scheduling arrangements made from that webpage are not official.
 - c. The Power of Gratitude handout.
 - d. InSide Out training has been going well. Continue to join zooms for the remainder of the training.
 - e. Dropped Teams and rescheduling/pulling officials. Issue of holding officials is if a game is rescheduled to NL then the officials are being moved to league games. Office is working on plan on how to
 - f. Volleyball- home/away- If we go home/away there would be approx. 278 JV games (boys & girls) that would not be covered. Officials association also stated they are not recruiting as they do not add more officials because the current association would get less games. Explore if ethics should look into this regarding their contract. How is it comparable to soccer, baseball, softball, etc? It's impacting ability to hire coaches because of game schedules due to back-to-back, it will also let JV go back to 5 sets which is more playing time for the athletes. Recommendation: pilot for home and away for one year so we can collect more accurate data.
 - i. Motion: For girls and boys volleyball to conduct a one year pilot for all games to be scheduled as home and away across all conferences for the Fall 2026 season.

- a. 1st- Jennifer Keane, 2nd- Gary Gregory
- b. Approved: 48
- c. Opposed: 0
- d. Abstain: 2

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

- a. All voting items are next month.

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

- a. Happy Holidays!
- b. Thank you to all the schools that have displayed the sportsmanship posts and spectator behavior displayed on district sites and at games. Encourage all schools to do the same.
- c. Bowling Facility: complaints regarding Massapequa Lanes not suitable for competitions. Approval was given to Bellmore SD to move all their home matches to Wantagh Lanes. Section VIII needs to work with the bowling coordinator to determine if the rest of the teams need to move due to safety/liability issues due to the events that took place at a match.

VIII. Conference Reports.....

- 1. Bowling and Volleyball was discussed. Flag football concerns regarding relief schedules and new teams not being included in that category.
- 2. Reviewed badminton overview, JV/Varsity schedules. Lacrosse schedules and shot clocks, power league and tournaments and softball changes and trying to install warm up time for all sports from the point of arrival.
- 3. Flag football alignment regarding relief. Baseball schedules reviewed. Winter sports supervision and need to send away games. March Conference reserve rooms asap. Modified schedules return to geographical and JV lacrosse schedules/power league.
- 4. Flag football alignment, baseball/softball schedules, football alignment (JV teams specifically), dropped teams and getting more time to fill those with officials.

IX. Sport Overviews

Approval of Sport Alignment/Schedules

Flag Football

a. Conferences based on last year's results. Farmingdale and Wantagh added to conference 3 based on being new teams. Originally based on last year's results- Conference 1 is a power league, conference 2 teams developing and experience and conference 3-developing/new programs. Based on feedback from ADs/Coaches went back to committee and developed a relief schedule to include all C schools into conference 3 along with all teams that need relief. Teams selected for conference 2 were based on last year results, win/loss, competitive schedule from previous year.

- a. Motion: To amend the flag football alignment that was approved last meeting from ability based alignment to enrollment with relief alignment.
 - i. 1st- Nick Schratweiser 2nd- Anthony Brancato
 - ii. Approved- 31
 - iii. Opposed- 2
 - iv. Abstained- 13
- b. Onside rule for regular season and post season for next year. During scrimmages, NL and cross overs (which do not count for playoffs) try it so we have feedback to contribute to the discussion for next year.
- c. Filming was agreed upon and how it will be shared.
- d. Flag football uses the lacrosse lines breaks with cones last season. May still use cones but can also use turf safe paint (of a different color) from lacrosse lines.

JV Girl's Lacrosse

- a. Alignment approved within committee, going to coaches next due to request for relief for JV alignment. State meeting on Monday will discuss shot clock at JV information as of now it will likely be optional. If it passes, all JV teams will need to agree prior to the game to use or not use the shot clock. How will back to back be impacted since Varsity and JV will not be playing some teams in cases? There will still be some school that will have back to backs. Coaches expressed not liking back to back so we can look into pilot similar to volleyball.

X. Standing Committees

Appeals	John Franchi
a. No Report	
Awards	Mike Scaturro
b. No Report	
By-Laws & Policies	Dave Zawatson
c. No Report	
Student Athlete Development	Pat Maguire
d. No Report	
Modified Athletics	Cathleen Dnyprowsky
e. No Report	
Nominations	Don Lang
f. No Report	
Safety Committee	Jennifer Keane
g. No Report	
Sportsmanship	Justin Jonas
h. The committee will be looking into fighting/punching rules for football.	
Team Up for Unity	Kru Patel
i. No Report	
Sport Seasons	Michael Brostowski
j. Fall 2026 following State season start dates.	
i. August 17th- football	
ii. August 24th- all other fall sports	
iii. November 16th- all winter sports	
iv. March 8th- all sports (badminton, tennis, golf- week later)	
v. September 1st- Fall modified	
vi. November 2nd- winter 1 modified	

- vii. January 19- winter 2 modified
- viii. March 29th- spring modified
- 1. Approved as presented- Unanimous
 - Officials Peter Cardone
 - k. No Report
 - Championship Advisory Ed Ramirez
 - l. No Report
 - Combining of Team Report Mike Pelan
 - m. No Report
 - Classification Committee John Kostkowicz
 - n. New state rule dictates they must meet three times a year.
 - Ethics Tom Lehman
 - o. No Report

Association Reports

- NYSAAA Eric Caballero
 - a. Judith Knight Positive Change- Nick Schratwieser- Port Washington
 - b. Todd Heimer- Fran Mauceri- Massapequa
 - c. Bodeine Westring-Lydia Doeflori- Rockville Centre
 - d. Judith Martens- Rosemary Marino- Sewanhaka
 - e. Community Service Award- Bill Dubin
 - f. Distinguished Service Award- Joe Gianotti
 - g. COA Award- Tom Lehman- Oceanside
 - h. AD of the Year- Anthony Brancato- Carey
 - i. Emerging AD- Patrick McGuire- Rockville Centre
- COA Tom Lehman
 - j. USA Rugby presenting at the next meeting on January 20th.

XI. Unfinished Business

- a. None

XII. New Business

- a. Have a happy and healthy holiday season!

XIII. Announcements

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

Next Meeting
January 15, 2026