

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

AGENDA

March 12, 2026, 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**
- V. JAG/PT Presentation
 - a. PT/OT/Athletic Trainers/MDs (referrals)-Multiple offices across the island
 - Hive Presentation
 - b. HiveclassPE provides high-quality instructional resources that help schools deliver engaging, standards-aligned physical education in any setting. Shape America & NYSED aligned curriculums for PE/Health. On BOCES contract.
- VI. Section VIII Report.....Pat Pizzarelli - Executive Director
 - a. NFHS Coaches Awards
 - i. Boys Golf- Mike Ambury- Plainview Old Bethpage- State Award
 - ii. Boys Lacrosse- Dennis Bonn- Cold Spring Harbor- State Award
 - iii. Girls Golf- Matthew Corrigan- Great Neck South- Section Award
 - iv. Softball- Eric Sutz- Port Washington- State Award
 - v. Girls Lacrosse- Danielle Castellane-Cold Spring Harbor- State Award
 - b. Pat Pizzarelli
 - i. Congratulations to all the coaches who received awards this morning!
 - ii. Thanks to all Winter Sport Coordinators.
 - iii. I want to apologize to Seaford and Farmingdale for the Bus problem. The company we use sometimes doesn't have enough buses to cover all our teams, so they farm it out.
 - iv. When a team is going to a regional or the states, I would like your transportation department to check out the buses. As for the individual sports, I would ask that the school that the bus leaves from, to check the bus.
 - v. As a last resort I would ask the sport coordinator to check it.
 - vi. If your team is playing at a neutral sight, I would ask both teams to have a supervisor by the ticket takers. There was way too much disrespect going on at Farmingdale!

- vii. FYI: Section XI has been less than cooperative when there is a conflict when a school has two teams playing on the same day and time.
- viii. Fall sports, please send Karen approved schedules as soon as possible.
- ix. The deadline for modified spring sports changes is Monday, March 16th at 4:00PM.

Winter Sport Coordinators.....

- a. Boys Basketball- Congratulations to all County and Long Island Champions!
- b. Girls Basketball- Congratulations to all County and Long Island Champions!
- c. Bowling- Teams departing today for the State Tournament. Congratulations to the Todd Heimer athletes. Consider adding Unified Bowling to Winter II.
- d. Competitive Cheerleading
 - i. Congratulations to Nassau County Champions, Class A Farmingdale, Class B Division, Class C Seaford, Coed Freeport. Our teams all placed at the state championships this past weekend. Seaford - 3rd place, Freeport- 2nd place, Division - 2nd place, Farmingdale Class A State Champions
- e. Gymnastics- No Report
- f. Boys Swim/Diving- State Champ from Bellmore-Merrick and Jericho.
- g. Indoor Track & Field- Congratulations to all schools who had a State Champions! Congratulations to all the new Nassau County Record Holders. Thank you for a great season! Received positive feedback regarding the two day State meet. At Nationals meets athletes CANNOT wear school districts uniforms or risk eligibility for school districts.
- h. Boys Wrestling- Congratulations to all State Champions!
- i. Girls Wrestling- Congratulations to all State Champions! Took 5th as a section. Awards Dinner March 23rd.
- j. Fencing- No Report
- k. Rifle- No Report

Spring Sport Coordinators.....

- a. Boys Golf- Had a boys golf meeting on Tuesday 3/10, Went over Bethpage courses not being ready due to snow and restored courses from Ryder cup. Coaches were encouraged to seek alternative places to practice and play matches. Eisenhower is an option - all requests need to be submitted sooner than later. Tri-matches are an option to get required # of matches to qualify for the county tournament but we would like them to be used sparingly. Let's hope for some good weather.

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

- a. All voting items will be done at the April meeting.

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

- a. All neutral site games must have a supervisor or AD at the gate to help with
- IX. Conference Reports.....
- I- Supports football proposal. Spoke about alignments, support conferences by enrollment (boys soccer) Ability within enrollment for others (girls soccer). Other items are fields.
 - II- Girls Soccer- Ability based vs. Ability within enrollment, Questions as to why we can't do ability within enrollment, Vote 13-3 approved. Football- Further discussion ability vs. ability within enrollment. No vote. Discussion only. Questions about 11 am and 1:30 PM start. Week 1 is Thursday night due to religious observation. What is the status of the JV schedule/alignment. Roslyn and Herricks will combine. Herricks will host. Badminton- For the future- The goal was to create more conferences- 5 ability based Conferences. 11-0-1. Girls Swim- No changes, Approved Discussion Items: APP Discussion, Discussion about the "process", What does each school do?, State of modified athletics, Centralized testing. Track and Field- If the coach does not input the results into www.trackconference.com, The entry will be rejected by the committee. That specific time will not be allowed for the sixth meet. The AD can appeal.
 - III- Clarification for badminton, Spring sports March 9th make sure you have supervisors at games, golf discussion regarding courses not being ready yet, football at length- teams be able to schedule their own crossover.
 - IV- Enrollment vs Ability (no vote) just discussion item, Girls soccer proposal approved, football discussion, badminton and three conference format moving forward.

X. Sport Overviews

(G) Swim Christin Snow- Present in April

a. APPROVED

(G) Soccer Mike Bongino

b. APPROVED

(B) Badminton Jenna Cavuto

c. APPROVED

Football Joe Martillotti

Motion to approve the football overview (1st, 2nd)

Discussion: Enrollment based crossover doesn't align.

Approved: 41-5-2 APPROVED

d. Mike Stanley and Jon Mendreski will speak about Power Points

- Continue to play the existing schedule for 7 of the 8 weeks.
- Eliminate the least competitive matchup on paper on our schedule
- Replace this matchup with a conference cross over by matching seed vs seed.
 - In making the crossover "count" adjust our point system according to protect the (top) seeds playing a more difficult schedule- while continuing to use ut power points, quadrant points and bonus points.
 - More competitive games (on paper)- added competitive games for the top seeds and modest relief for the lower seeding teams without repeating opponents.
 - Ultimately 90% (or more) of our games will still be based on enrollment.
 - Point System
 - Internal games= power point, bonus points, quadrant points (nothing new). Protected more with internal games.

- Crossover games will use “tiered” points
 - 1-3= win 16pts, loss 12pts
 - 4-6= win 10pts, loss 7pts
 - 7-9= 5 win 5pts, loss 2pts
 - 10-12= win 2pts, loss 1pt
 - Ran multiple “stress tests”. If they win all league games and lose a crossover can they be jumped within the conference- almost impossible unless they have an uncommon opponent with win/loss discrepancies.

Approval of Sport Alignment/Schedules

Field Hockey Schedule **APPROVED**

XI. Standing Committees

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| Appeals | David Viegas |
| a. No Report | |
| Awards | Mike Scaturro |
| b. Spring has been ordered. BSN rep will assist with extra gear, pay outstanding orders. | |
| By-Laws & Policies | Dave Zawatson |
| c. No Report | |
| Student Athlete Development | Pat Maguire |
| d. Permission slips in and more information to follow. | |
| Modified Athletics | Cathleen Dnyprowsky |
| e. Spring schedules are out and the due date is Monday March 16th. Notify Cathleen of dropped teams. | |
| Nominations | Don Lang |
| f. Need president elect for HSAA. President elect for athletic council- HS Principal next meeting is end of March. Need nominees asap. Both positions are a 4 year commitment. | |
| Safety Committee | Jennifer Keane |
| g. Thank you to Doctor Rokito who covered at all Farmingdale State College basketball playoff games | |
| Sportsmanship | Justin Jonas |
| h. No Report | |
| Team Up for Unity | Kru Patel |
| i. No Report | |
| Sport Seasons | Michael Brostowski |
| j. No Report | |
| Officials | Peter Cardone |
| k. Officials current contract states they must stay for 90 minutes for delay. Parents/residents who officiate are not permitted to officiate games within their home district. Post season more flexibility due to wanting best officials at matches. Will discuss with Section VIII to determine if this could result in an Ethics committee for officials who do not declare a conflict of interest during the regular season. Recognize that there are situations that are unavailable and not all residents who | |

officialate may have a conflict. Request that Justin look into adding a home town next to official names in LeagueMinder.

Championship Advisory Ed Ramirez

l. No Report

Combining of Team Report Mike Pelan

m. Three new combined football teams

i. East Rockaway & West Hempstead

ii. Oyster Bay & Friends

iii. Herricks, Wheatley, Roslyn

Classification Committee John Kostkowicz

n. State meeting soon

Ethics Glen Zakian

o. No Report

Association Reports

NYSAAA Eric Caballero

a. Conference next week. Take advantage of courses being offered. If you haven't registered yet please consider doing so.

b. Jim Amen being inducted into Wall of Fame

COA Tom Lehman

c. Nominations for Consortium role, please apply asap.

XII. Unfinished Business

Reminder about Conference Discussions-Ability within enrollment

a. Conference Secretaries send note to Mike Bongino asap.

b. Now that Football overview is approved. As there is a change it still needs to go to the Championship Advisory Committee. Seeding meeting is Monday. This schedule will apply to JV but will seed the JV within their conferences (so JV/V games may not align) but will be in conference (except crossover). Teams who agree can move JV games to Saturday morning if both agree but must offer Monday games for teams that toggle players.

XIII. New Business

a. President will send out reminders to conferences of topics to be discussed

b. Double 1st Base at Section VIII & LIC. State has NOT made a determination yet.

c. Jim Amen- Boys Lacrosse

i. Clarification of Section 5 Interruption of Game

1. Championship game- 3 quarters have completed and the game cannot be completed for any reason and there is a point differential ... The game is over and is an official game. If 3 quarters have been completed and the game is tied and the game cannot be continued....game must be continued next day at the point of interruption. If a game has a large differential and game is interrupted PRIOR to the 3rd quarter, coaches must agree to come back the next day or the losing team can count as loss and not complete the game.

d. Flag Football Handbook

- i. No contact sport, in the rule book there were concerns that came out of rules interpretation meetings which want to address future seasons. There is no DIVING permitted in the rules and will be considered a safety issue that comes up. Will be discussing with Section and State regarding a waiver to be more restrictive for league play. It will impact the three teams that make it to LIC and States as waiver will not apply to those games. Coaches primarily voted to have the waiver in section rules.
 1. Motion: Ban diving in Section VIII Flag Football events through the Nassau County championship. (1st, 2nd)
 - a. Discussion: this will not be in effect for LIC or States and will inadvertently put our teams at a disadvantage by not permitting it during the season. Defensively what if a student dove for a flag..currently not permitted and is judged by officials. Plainview had experience with rule differential in past State games in another area but impacted the other team. What is the difference between diving for a flag or ball and diving for 1st down/touchdown. This would go into effect Spring 2026. Is there enough time in the season to implement this change since the season already started. Consider presenting at the State meeting for implementing change for next season, not all sections have rule interpretations meeting with coaches. If we restrict diving for safety reasons in season, then permit in LIC/States, are we liable? Girls do have the option for headgear within the rules.
 - b. Vote: 3-45 **OPPOSED**

XIV. Announcements

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

- a. Dave Zawatson- Still approximately 30 seats for the March 20th Nassau Consortium register on Frontline.
- b. Carol Roseto-League of Yes Baseball
 - i. [Community Service/Buddy Flyer](#)
 - ii. [Player Registration Flyer](#)

Next Meeting
April 16, 2026