

# HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

## AGENDA

May 14, 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**  
Speakers  
Sean Burns
  - a. **Baseball**
    - i. **Season completed. Playoffs underway. All reps must be present at the coaches meeting.**Orlin & Cohen
  - b. **Paul-Athletic Training Services & Recovery Services (free), 3D system for pitching/ACL injuries analysis service and running mechanics program.**Lee O'Sullivan
  - c. **No Report**
- V. Section VIII Report.....Pat Pizzarelli - Executive Director  
Pat Pizzarelli
  - a. **World Cup- flyers being shared- send to your soccer communities.**
  - b. **Postponements- home schools are responsible for postponing games due to weather or unplayable fields. Away schools cannot request postponement.**
  - c. **At large bid- Suffolk may not be sending their County champ to LIC but rather going to regional games (easier pathway). Being reviewed by the State. If top Nassau and Suffolk teams do not play ... .will not be called the LIC championship.**
  - d. **Summer leadership program- designed for ADs under 5 years. Great program.**
  - e. **Thank you to all our sport coordinators! The amount of work and commitment is not unnoticed.**
  - f. **Uniform rules apply to Varsity. JV/MS should be less restrictive. Uniform waivers go to Pat then to Todd for final approval.**Justin Jonas
  - g. **Playoff reminders- Neutral sites- all schools are required to send chaperones**
  - h. **Varsity Media- all sports but softball (NFHS). LIC and beyond-will be NFHS.**

- i. Process for State Coach Buses- seatbelts requirement. The new procedure is when Coachman outsources, they must inspect and approve. Schools should also inspect before the team leaves.
- j. Fencing Update- meeting with the new Nassau County Officials association representative next week.
- k. The deadline for fall changes now is June 1st. MS should be coming out next week.

Spring Sport Coordinators.....

- a. Baseball- Report in the speakers section.
- b. Softball- playoffs underway. Raindates built in already.
- c. Girls Lacrosse- Congratulations to all conference champions! Playoffs have begun at higher seeds. The winning team sends John scores as soon as games are over. Media passes must be submitted to Justin Jonas prior to the game for approval.
- d. Boys Lacrosse- Final league games conclude Friday. Coaches meeting at 7:30pm on Friday.
- e. Boys Tennis- Individual champions continue this Saturday. Team semi finals start tomorrow. Team tournament- frozen rosters in effect and will play back to back when needed.
- f. Boys & Girls Track & Field- Thank you to all schools that hosted Divisions. All county runners need at least 6 meets on milesplit. All counties begin at 3pm. The state meet is at Rochester. No exceptions for those without 6 meets on milesplit.
- g. Boys Golf-Congratulations to the conference winners-
  - Conference 1 - Bellmore JFK
  - Conference 2 - Friends Academy
  - Conference 3- Port Washington
  - Conference 4 - Massapequa
  - Conference 5- South Side
  - Conference 6 - Roslyn

Wild Cards - Fall - Plainedge ,Cold Spring Harbor, Spring - Manhasset , Syosset. All 10 teams will be placed by their gross handicap- Top 6 teams automatically qualify for the county tournament. Teams 7-10 will play in a play-in match on Friday 5/15 - 8am Bethpage Blue. Wild Card matches - #7 Plainedge vs # 10 Roslyn. #8 CSH vs #9 Port Washington. 2 winning teams will qualify for day 1 of the county tournament.

Boys County Tournament

- Tuesday 5/19 - 7am Bethpage Blue
- Wednesday 5/20 - 7am Bethpage Red
- LIC Practice Rd - 5/23 - 10am - Bethpage Black
- LIC - Tuesday 5/26- 10am- Bethpage Black
- State Tournament - 6/5-6/8 - Mill Creek CC - Rochester NY

All schools are expected to send a staff to work the tournament. Will have 28 groups going out ( 85 golfers) plus spotters. Need roughly 40 adults to work. Thank you to Brian Rath - girls golf coordinator for all of his help. He is great to work with. Thank you to Arnie Epstein, Joe Bracco, Christine Raffo, Mike Brostowski and Nick Schratweiser for allowing their guys to be at both days of the tournament. They are my executive board members and this tournament would not happen without all their hard work.

- h. Girls Golf- Regular season concluded. Congratulations to all team champions and 54 individuals in upcoming tournaments next week! Please send a Marker (adult) for the tournament.
- i. Girls Badminton- regular season completed last week. 64 singles, 32 doubles represented in playoffs. Team playoffs started this week. Semifinals on Friday. Monday is the county championship and Wednesday is the LIC.
- j. Flag Football- season concluded. Congratulations to all conference champions! Playoffs underway. No onside play in the playoffs (was for regular season only), overtime does apply to playoffs. Solid shorts are required for the 2027 season (no strip). Reach out to Greg if adding any teams for the 2027 season.
- k. Unified Sports- Bowling & Basketball-congratulations to all champions teams! Unified Bocce next fall- 5 schools enrolled at Eisenhower park. Looking for 1 more team. Contact Pat if you want to join any unified league.

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

- a. Field Hockey- 9v9 on JV/Modified level was approved.
- b. Standardized softball timeline defeated.
- c. Sub Regional/Regional dates- will continue to be discussed. Will put the proposal together for the July meeting. Stemmed from the baseball issue that other sections changed dates which conflicted with sectional games.

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

- a. Thank you to all the coordinators!
- b. Report all concerns or praises with section office communications directly to Pat.

VIII. Conference Reports.....

- Conference 1- Girls Basketball- pros/cons one large vs three small. Coaches should not be speaking to officials or section offices regarding changing games. Back to back game concerns for schools with no lights.
- Conference 2- Welcome, Happy Mother’s Day,
  - Playoff Concerns or Questions
    - Double check with track coaches, Minimum number of contests
  - Overviews - (B) Bowling, (G) Bowling, Boys Wrestling
    - Is there a Girls Overview? Unanimous to approve.
- Unfinished Business

- Within Conference 2, Can we share the results?
  - 82% Ability within enrollment
  - 72% not in favor of straight alignment
  - 72.7 are against strictly ability based
    - Is this a conversation for a higher group- above AD's?
  - "What's best for my sport/my school?"
    - G Lax is having a conversation- placement and alignment for next year.
- New Business
  - County golf 5/19 and 5/20
    - Each school is required to have one rep. Anthony needs 40 adults.
- Can we create a Google Drive of Section 8 for APP?
  - M. Braun had worked on this in the past.
- APP at Modified Meeting, The state is moving towards adopting new rules. We have concerns about implementing.
- H/PE at RMS
- Conference 3- COA meeting, overviews approved. Lights and field usage conflicts. Modified meeting regarding less restrictions in rules. Ability vs Enrollment discussion.
- Conference 4- Flag football shorts cannot have strips (distraction from flag), overviews approved.

#### **IX. Sport Overviews**

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| (B) Bowling    | Brian Landini  | Will present next month   |
| (G) Bowling    | Eileen Shultis | Will present next month   |
| Rifle          | Mike Palumbo   | Will present next month   |
| Wrestling      | Josh Friedman  |   |
|                | a.             | Emailed to all ADs. Same format. Adjustment made due to BEDs numbers. Mat rotation was also sent out to all ADs for the Hofstra tournament. |
| (G) Basketball | Mike Pelan     |   |
|                | b.             | Overview emailed to ADs. Same as last year, no at large next season.  |
| (B) Basketball | Wally Bachman  |   |
|                | c.             | Overview emailed to ADs. All the same except AAA is one large conference based on feedback. Point system updated                            |
| Game Day Cheer | Jennifer Keane |   |
|                | d.             | Overview emailed to ADs. All the same as last year. Tie breaker updated so there are no ties for State competitions.                        |
|                | e.             | Motion: To approve the Game Day Cheer overview as its a Fall Sport  |
|                | i.             | APPROVED  |

#### **Approval of Sport Alignment/Schedules**

Committee Developed for Overview Review. Coordinators abide by schedule for submitting overviews to allow committee time to review. Coordinators must also file with the Championship committee if any playoff changes.

#### **Standing Committees**

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| Appeals      | David Viegas  |
| a. No Report |               |
| Awards       | Mike Scaturro |

- b. All awards ordered. At large bid changes ...need to discuss the process for LIC awards.
- By-Laws & Policies Dave Zawatson
- c. No Report
- Student Athlete Development Pat Maguire
- d. No Report
- Modified Athletics Cathleen Dnyprowsy
- e. Fall schedules submitted. Review State and Section policies regarding changes to modified rules for future.
- Nominations Don Lang
- f. No Report
- Safety Committee Jennifer Keane
- g. No Report
- Sportsmanship Justin Jonas
- h. Reminder- all ejections must be sent to Justin asap. All penalties served in Fall if the season is concluded.
- Team Up for Unity Kru Patel
- i. USC Summit- site will be determined.
- Sport Seasons Michael Brostowski
- j. No Report
- Officials Peter Cardone
- k. Uniform requirements are for Varsity only. Eye black should be monitored by coaches, which violates NFHS rules.
- Championship Advisory Ed Ramirez
- l. No Report
- Combining of Team Report Mike Pelan
- m. No Report
- Classification Committee John Kostkowicz
- n. One appeal will be heard.
- Ethics Tom Lehman
- o. No Report

**Association Reports**

- NYSAAA Eric Caballero
  - a. Summer Conference in Albany
  - b. Presentation of Student Awards winners next meeting.
- COA Tom Lehman
  - c. Tood Heimer June 12th. Complete year of service survey asap.
  - d. COA is open to all directors, coordinators or supervisors of PE/Health as long as they are a membership school. Please send a representative.

**X. Unfinished Business**

- APP State Process discussion  
Under review at the State- conversations regarding no Tanner (already a recommendation), no medical, no fitness. Invitation only by coach and approved by AD.

Conversation item only...discuss with your Superintendents. School boards can dictate policy regarding APP.

**XI. New Business**

- Tom Lehman- President Elect for HSAA, Barbara Lowell- President Elect for Athletic Council
- Survey Database- Shannon McEntee
  - Database for all Surveys and APP notifications will be developed

**XII. Announcements**

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

**Next Meeting**  
**June 10, 2026**