

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
May 1, 2025 9:30am High Peaks Resort

MINUTES

1) Call to order and attendance

- a) Officers: J. Dann, J. Gardner, J. Harrica, J. Barnhart
- b) Staff: M. Walentuk
- c) MVAC: A. Gonyo, C. Husson, R. McAuliffe, B. Norcross
- d) CVAC: M. Berry
- e) Executive Committee: M. Graney, K. McCoy, J. Dann, J. Harrica
- f) Guests: L. Silvermail – MVAC, T. Nelson – NYSPHSAA, Oliver Hughes - SAAC
- g) Absent Excused –S. Broadwell, J. Manchester, V. McMillan, G. Myers, W. Larrow
- h) Proxies – M. Berry for J. Manchester – **Graney, Harrica** **APPROVED**

2) Approval of January 23rd Minutes – Harrica, Graney **APPROVED**

3) Financial Report – Barnhart, Norcross **APPROVED**

- a) 24-25 Budget Update
- b) Review of Winter 24-25 Sectionals
 - i) Bringing forward a proposal for a \$100 entry fee for schools for Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Sectionals and Qualifiers to help offset the expense of those meets.
- c) Proposed 2025-26 Budget – **Graney, Harrica** **APPROVED**

4) Conference reports/concerns

- a) CVAC
- b) MVAC

5) Executive Director Report

6) Informational Items

- a) Actions of the Executive Committee

7) Action/Discussion Items

- a) Consider approval of Combining of schools:
 - i) Bolton (host) with Schroon Lake – Varsity Softball

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to approve this combining of schools. Voting yes: Graney, Harrica, McCoy, Gardner. Voting no: Gonyo, Husson, McAuliffe, Norcross. Abstaining: Berry, Barnhart. The motion was defeated 4-4-2.
- b) Conflict of Interest form
- c) NSL Soccer Schedule - **Harrica, McAuliffe** **APPROVED**
- d) NSL Soccer By-laws – **Harrica, McAuliffe** **APPROVED**
- e) Potential Dates of 2025-26 Athletic Council Meetings–**Barnhart, Harrica-APPROVED**

- i) Friday, 9/12 – Virtual Start of Year Meeting
- ii) Thursday, 10/9 – In Person
- iii) Thursday, 1/29 – In Person
- iv) Thursday, 4/23 – In Person
- v) Monday, 6/15 - Virtual
- vi) NYSPHSAA Meeting Dates:
 - (1) Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – Hilton – Albany/Albany Capital Center, Albany
 - (2) Wednesday, February 4, 2026 – Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs
 - (3) Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs
 - (4) Tuesday, July 28 – Wednesday, July 29, 2026 – Hyatt Regency, Buffalo

f) Important Dates:

- i) Wednesday, May 7th – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
- ii) Wednesday, May 14th – CVAC AD's Meeting
- iii) Wednesday, May 21st – Student Leadership Conference
- iv) Tuesday, June 10th – MVAC AD's Meeting
- v) Thursday, June 12th – CVAC AD's Meeting
- vi) Friday, September 5th – NYSPHSAA Mandatory Meeting

8) NYSPHSAA report

- a) NYSPHSAA Office Report
- b) SAAC Committee Report – Schroon Lake and Beekmantown won the Student Section Contest.
- c) CAC Report
- d) Modified Committee Report – Our proposal to drop the 50% rule will stay on the modified committee agenda as an action/discussion item.
- e) Handbook Committee Report
- f) **Upcoming Executive Committee Action Items**
 - i) Consider approval to establish a three-nights rest rule for all regional competition for all sports.
 - ii) Consider approval NYSPHSAA DEI Definitions to be included in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
 - iii) (D/A) Consider approval of NYSPHSAA Constitutional revisions to address representation on the Central and Executive Committees, as well as NYSPHSAA Sport Committees.
 - iv) Consider approval to create a consistent approach to championship awards for NYSPHSAA Championship events, enhancing clarity, equity, and recognition across all sports.
 - v) Consider approval of providing only a Regional Champion plaque.
 - vi) Consider approval to align the start date for all fall sports to two weeks prior to Labor Day, with football beginning on the Monday of Week #7 when the start date falls on the Monday of Week #8.

- vii) Consider approval to align the start date for all spring sports to the second Monday in March.
- viii) Consider approval of the 3-Region Concept for Regional Rotations beginning Fall 2025.
- ix) Football 8-Man on Thanksgiving weekend – during Football semifinals.
- x) Consider approval to adjust Game Day Cheer Scoresheets for 2025-2027.
- xi) Consider approval for NYSPHSAA to no longer recognize Competitive Cheer in the Fall season. In the Fall, NYSPHSAA would only recognize Game Day Cheer.
- xii) Consider approval of prohibiting artificial noise makers from Girls Lacrosse Regional and State Championships.
- xiii) Consider approval of allowing baseball to scrimmage after the 6th practice.

g) **Upcoming Executive Committee Discussion Items**

- i) Consider approval for an increase in ticket prices for Football Finals and Boys & Girls Wrestling by \$3.50 from \$10.50 to \$14.
- ii) Consider approval for an increase in ticket prices for all other events by \$1.50 from \$10.50 to \$12 in order to keep pace with rising expenses
- iii) Consider approval of the 2025-2026 NYSPHSAA Budget.
- iv) Consider approval of Girls Wrestling Fees & Policies.
- v) Consider approval the following note be added to the 3. Appeal Procedure letter c in the NYSPHSAA Handbook, “Note: There is no appeal to the NYSPHSAA Appeal Committee for a prescribed penalty.”
- vi) Consider approval the following language be added to the Practice Regulation, minimum number of practices, of the NYSPHSAA Handbook under letter b., “The student must be fully cleared for participation in order for the practice to be counted toward the minimum number of practices required.”
- vii) Consider approval of the following language be added to the Penalty Regulation of the NYSPHSAA Handbook under letter c. “Any member school that exceeds the maximum number of contests ...suspend the head coach ...activities (including but not limited to practice, scrimmage, conditioning/weight training, film session and attendance at a game) from the date of violation ...”
- viii) Consider approval of Josh Walker as the Middle School Principal Rep to the Modified Committee.
- ix) Consider approval of Katie Mitchell as the Modified Field Hockey Coordinator.
- x) Consider approval of Todd Gulluscio as the Boys Basketball Modified Coordinator.
- xi) Consider approval to revise the Modified Sports Standard Chart and the Time Interval Regulation in the NYSPHSAA Handbook to match the High School Chart.
- xii) Consider approval to revise the Stacking and Lineup Rule for competition at the subregional, regional, semifinals, and final rounds of the NYSPHSAA Boys/Girls Team Tennis Championships.

- xiii) Consider approval to remove the current two libero rule modifications to fall in line with the current NCAA Rule in Boys Volleyball.
- xiv) Consider approval to waive the NCAA penalty, administrative red card, for having a non-compliant uniform in Girls Volleyball.
- xv) Consider approval for an amendment to the Girls Volleyball Tiebreaker in the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Semifinals.
- xvi) Consider approval to adopt the use of the backstroke ledges for Girls & Boys Swimming beginning in Fall 2025. *Proposal sheet will be provided via email prior to the meeting.
- xvii) Consider approval of scoring and safety changes in the Gymnastics Technical Handbook.
- xviii) Consider approval to increase Boys Wrestling weight classes to 14. The weight classes are represented below: 103, 110, 118, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215, 285
- xix) Consider approval to revise the current Boys Ice Hockey Game Protocol under 14.08 #11 letter b in the NYSPHSAA Handbook to, "In At-Large, regionals, semi-finals, and finals, each team will have a 12-minute warmup, ...12-15-minute intermission between each period during ice cut."
- xx) Consider approval to add the following language to Boys Ice Hockey under 14.08 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook, "With Section approval, a running clock can be used if there is an 8-goal differential in the third period. If the score differential drops below 8 goals the clock will be stopped."
- xxi) Consider approval to add language to the Boys Ice Hockey rule 14.08 number 4 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook, "If a team drops below the minimum number of players, 9 and 1 goalie, during a game then the contest will be stopped and the offending team will forfeit."
- xxii) Consider approval to revise the current regular season OT procedure for Boys Ice Hockey under 14.08 #10 letter b in the NYSPHSAA Handbook to, "During the regular season tournament where a winner is necessary, play shall be continued not to exceed 10 minutes of sudden victory. If after this overtime period, there is no goal scored, the game will be considered a tie, and the shootout procedure will decide tournament advancement."
- xxiii) Consider approval B/G Bowling Division 1 At-Large Rotation for 2026-2034.
- xxiv) Consider approval to expand the B/G Indoor Track & Field State Tournament to a two-day meet.
- xxv) Consider approval to reduce relays from 8 to 6 athletes at the Indoor Track/Field State Championships.
- xxvi) (D) Consider approval to revise the Division 2 Relays Qualifying Standards in B/G Indoor Track/Field

xxvii) Consider approval to reduce relays from 8 to 6 athletes at the Outdoor Track/Field State Championships.

9) Winter Post Season Reports

10) Spring Pre-Season Plans

11) Officials' Report – Have done 6 recruitment events over the year. Additionally having issues with following proper protocols when rescheduling.

12) Other

13) Adjournment - Graney, Harrica

APPROVED

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 16TH, 2025 – 9:30 AM