

MINUTES
Suffolk County Public High School Athletic Association
Section XI – Athletic Council
NYSPHSAA, Inc.

October 8, 2025

Section XI Office

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by President Cox at 9am. The following were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President:	R. Cox	X	Central Comm.:	T. Horan	X
1st Vice Pres:	M. Reggio	X		K. Masterson	X
2nd Vice Pres:	J. Mercado	Abs		L. Lohman	Abs
Past Pres:	K. Masterson	X		F. Pugliese	X
At Large:	D. Ferry	X		T. Mullins	X
At Large:	J. Polanski	Abs			
At Large:	T. Gulluscio	X			
At Large:	R. Haas	Abs			
Supt Rep:	J. Quinn	X			
Supt Rep:	J. Cummings	X			
Ex-Officio:			Executive Director:	T. Combs	X
Treasurer:	S. Leister	X	Assistant Director:	P. Blieberg	X
Counsel:	K. Seaman	X	Consultant:	K. O'Reilly	Abs
			Officials Rep:	Carol Lovrich	X

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

I.	N. Taylor /		II.	A. O'Farrell	Abs
	H. Wiederhehr	X			
	M. Keltos	X		C. Cobb	X
	D. Barth	X		M. DeVincenzo	X
	G. Beutel	X		S. Restivo	X
	K. Mitchell	X		L. Dolson	X
	M. Vaccaro	X		A. Beyersdorf	X
III.	S. Lipshie	Abs	IV.	S. Petretti	X
	S. Bricker	Abs		J. Ruggero	X
	J. Cohen	X		D. Phillips	X
	S. Reh	X		M. DeJoseph	X
	A. Shannon	X		A. Reed	X
	A. Daleo	X		R. Mott	Abs
	P. Hayes	X			

A. Approval of Minutes

"to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025, Athletic Council Meeting."

Motion: D. Barth Second: G. Beutel

Motion: **Approved**

2. REPORTS

The Executive Board met on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 4 pm. In attendance: President R. Cox, J. Mercado, K. Masterson, D. Ferry, T. Gulluscio, T. Horan, F. Pugliese, J. Quinn, J. Cummings, K. O'Reilly, S. Leister, K. Seaman, T. Mullins, T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (abs M. Reggio, J. Polansky).

President – Ryan Cox called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

A. The Executive Board reviewed and **approved** the claim's reports for June, July and August 2025.

B. NYSPHSAA Report- Kristen Jaden

A. 3 region concept

B. DEI Reps – Big 5

C. Executive Committee agenda

II. Council – Kevin Seaman

A. Discussed legal concerns – no litigations at this time

III. Corporate Sponsorship/Marketing Kevin O'Reilly provided an update of current and potential sponsors.

IV. Finances

A. Mr. Leister reviewed Profits and Loss with the Board.

B. The Executive Board **approved** the Section XI Meal and Refreshment Quarterly Report for the period ending September 12, 2025.

C. The Executive Director provided a report indicating the Staff Summer work for 2025.

(A) New financial chair to be Charlie Delargy

Motion: A. Shannon Second: D. Phillips

Motion: **Approved**

V. Communications Coordinator

A. The Executive Director shared the Data and Metrics for September 2025 from Chris Vaccaro with the Executive Board.

VI. NYSPHSAA

October 21, 2025 Executive Committee Action Items:

(A) Consider approval to change letter a, under "Senior All-Star Contest" to "These contests must be approved and recorded by the Section in which they are held."

Motion: S. Reh Second: A. Daleo

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to change #2, under "Combining of Teams" to "Sections must keep records of approvals."

Motion: A. Shannon Second: D. Phillips

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to establish Sectional Criteria for classifying nonpublic/charter schools and an appeal procedure to the NYSPHSAA Oversight Committee.

Motion: L. Dolson Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to adopt the use of the backstroke ledges for Girls & Boys Swimming beginning in Fall 2026.

Motion: J. Cohen Second: P. Hayes

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to break the current Competitive score sheets into 3, rather than 2 in cheer.

Motion: M. DeJoseph Second: H. Wiederkehr

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval for girls to be allowed to wrestle in a maximum of 7 matches per day.

Motion: S. Restivo Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of adding the language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Girls Wrestling for multi-school meets.

Motion: M. Vaccaro Second: A. Beyersdorf

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of an expansion of the appeal procedure by coaches to include all rounds of the NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Championships.

Motion: K. Mitchell Second: S. Reh

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to revise the current penalty for getting caught on the hydration test, which is part of the NYSPHSAA Weight Management Program. The revised penalty would be ineligibility to participate in a match until after January 1st and all post season events.

Motion: J. Cohen Second: D. Barth

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to revise the current penalty for going over the maximum number of tournaments in a season. The revised penalty would mirror the current penalty of going

over the maximum number of points/games in a season for all sports.

Motion: D. Phillips Second: C. Cobb

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of the following penalty for a team that does not provide a Track Wrestling Weigh-In Sheet at a dual meet. "The team without the Track Wrestling Weigh-In Sheet will forfeit the dual meet. The host school will make every effort to provide the school without the weigh-in sheet to print one."

Motion: M. DeVincenzo Second: A. Reed

Motion: **Approved**

October 21, 2025 Executive Committee Discussion Items:

Discussion (D) Consider approval to revise the current NYSPHSAA Representation Rule for female wrestlers to participate in both male and female events during the regular season and then choose to participate in the female NYSPSHAA Championship. The revision would prohibit any female that participates on a boys' team during the regular season from participating in the girls post season.

AT LARGE CONTESTS- summary

(A)The 3 Region Concept was approved in July as an alternative to the Regional Rotation that had been in place for two years. The Regional Rotation unfairly placed certain Sections in excessive travel situations. As a result, NYSPHSAA developed an alternative to undue the inequity placed upon Sections.

As NYSPHSAA has a total of 11 sections, an at-large team will be added to "even out" the brackets, which prevents a team from advancing directly to the semifinal game in the state competition. The at-large teams are selected randomly throughout the state and will only be utilized once in the five-year period. All at-large contests will be played in Section 4. For one year, Section XI will send their County Champion to the Long Island Championship and the second place to the at- large contest. This action maintains the integrity of the Long Island Championships. If adjustments are made to the at- large that suit Section XI, we'll continue with this practice, if not, we will review and made a recommendation for the best-case situation for Section XI teams.

AT LARGE TEAMS 2025-26

FALL

- GIRLS SOCCER- AAA
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL- A
- FIELD HOCKEY- B
- GIRLS TENNIS- D1

WINTER

- GIRLS BASKETBALL- AAA
- BOYS BASKETBALL- AAA

SPRING

GIRLS LACROSSE- A & C

Motion: K. Mitchell Second: S. Reh

Motion: **Approved**

A. **4. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS**

A. Placement

To approve the following:

1. Boys Tennis

Division 1 Large Schools

Conference 1 (West)		Conference II (East)	
Walt Whitman	1476	Brentwood	4436
Lindenhurst	1373	Middle Country	2170
North Babylon	1178	Central Islip	1793
Huntington	1094	Bay Shore	1448
Northport	1067	Commack	1328
Half Hollow Hills East	1001	Connetquot	1266
Deer Park	956	Smithtown East	1023
West Babylon	884	East Islip	911
West Islip	839	Smithtown West	879
Harborfields	696	Hauppauge	783
Half Hollow Hills West	681	Islip	657
		Sayville	609
Conference III (East)			
Sachem	2888		
William Floyd	2250		
Longwood	2184		
Patchogue-Medford	1730		
Riverhead	1592		
Ward Melville	1338		
Bellport	988		
Comsewogue	828		
Eastport-South Manor	756		
Westhampton	732		
East Hampton	720		
Rocky Point	639		

Geography based alignment West/Central/East

Coaches power rank team strength order (postseason)

Teams in each conference play 6 opponents' home/away – teams can schedule NL matches

Conference 1, 2 and 3 each have top 6 teams based on power points qualify for postseason tournament (50%)

Division 2 Small Schools (below 600)

Division 2 (West)		Division 2 (East)	
Kings Park	593	Hampton Bays	557

Miller Place	582		Shoreham-Wading River	467
Mt. Sinai	492		Center Moriches	377
Elwood-John Glenn	483		Southampton	359
Bayport-Blue Point	449		Mattituck	291
Babylon	339		Southold/Greenport	262
Port Jefferson	237		Pierson	233
			Ross	87

Play each league 2x (both West and East)
Home/Away for 12 league (West)
Home/Away for 14 leagues (East)

Teams can schedule NL matches
.500 or better record to qualify for playoffs

Motion: P. Hayes Second: A. Daleo

Motion: **Approved**

2. Boys and Girls Badminton

League I	
Brentwood	4436
Central Islip	1793
Patchogue-Medford	1730
Half Hollow Hills	1682
Walt Whitman	1476
Lindenhurst	1373
Ward Melville	1338
Commack	1328
Connetquot	1266
North Babylon	1178
Huntington	1094
Northport	1067
Smithtown East	1023
Deer Park	956
Smithtown West	879
Miller Place	582
Each school will play each team once and up to three, non-league matches. Total of 16 league matches, 19 matches with non-leagues. 500 or better to qualify for playoffs Quarter finals play at higher seed H.S. League matches to qualify for playoffs <u>Tie breaker:</u> a. Head-to-head b. Highest Common Opponent c. Coin Flip	

Motion: L. Dolson Second: M. DeJoseph

Motion: **Approved**

3. Girls Golf

League I		League II	
HH Hills East		Northport	
HH Hills West		Commack	
West Babylon		Smithtown East	
West Islip		Smithtown West	
Deer Park		Hauppauge	
Bay Shore		Port Jefferson/Comsewogue	
Huntington		Ward Melville	
League III		League IV	
Islip		Sachem	
East Islip		Rocky Point	
Bayport		Mt. Sinai	
Sayville		Shoreham-WR	
Bellport		Southampton/Pierson	
Patchogue-Medford		Longwood	
Connetquot		Riverhead	
		Ross	

Typically we play each team in the league twice- we now have League IV with 8 teams so they will play 2 additional league matches

The top 2 teams in each league qualify for the Section XI Team Tournament- if there is a tie for second both teams will go.

Motion: D. Barth Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

4. Boys and Girls Track

League I County A		League II County A	
Brentwood	4436	Walt Whitman	1476
William Floyd	2250	Sachem East	1475
Longwood	2184	Bay Shore	1448
Middle Country	2170	Sachem North	1413
Central Islip	1793	Lindenhurst	1373
Patchogue-Medford	1730	Ward Melville	1338
Riverhead	1592	Commack	1328
League III County B		League IV County B	
Connetquot	1266	Half Hollow Hills East	1001
Copiague	1187	Bellport	988
North Babylon	1178	Deer Park	956
Huntington	1094	East Islip	911
Northport	1067	West Babylon	884
Smithtown East	1023	Smithtown West	879

League V County C		League VI County C	
West Islip	839	Half Hollows Hills West	681
Comsewogue	828	Islip	657
East Hampton/BH/Pier	825	Amityville	656
Eastport-South Manor	756	Rocky Point	639
Hauppauge	783	Wyandanch	630
Westhampton	732	Sayville	609
Harborfields	696	Kings Park	593
League VII County D		League VIII County D	
Miller Place	582	Center Moriches	377
Hampton Bays	557	Southampton	359
Mount Sinai	492	Babylon	339
Elwood-John Glenn	483	Southold/Greenport	262
Shoreham-Wading River	467	Mattituck	291
Bayport-Blue Point	449	Port Jefferson	237
		Ross	87
1x vs each league opponent			

State Classification

Class A 800 +

Class B 799-400

Class C339-below

Motion: K. Mitchell Second: G. Beutel

Motion: **Approved**

5. Boys Lacrosse

Division I (A) (Power Ranked)		Division II (B, C & D) (Power Ranked)	
Brentwood	4436	Smithtown East - B	1023
William Floyd	2250	Bellport - B	998
Longwood	2184	Deer Park - B	956
Middle Country	2170	East Islip - B	911
EH/BH/Ross/Pier/HB	1987	West Babylon - B	884
Patchogue-Medford	1730	Smithtown West - B	879
Half Hollow Hills	1682	West Islip - B	839
Riverhead	1592	Comsewogue - B	828
Walt Whitman	1476	Hauppauge - B	783
Sachem East	1475	Eastport-South Manor - B	756
Bay Shore	1448	Westhampton - B	732
Sachem North	1413	Harborfields - C	696
Lindenhurst	1373	Islip - C	657
Ward Melville	1338	Rocky Point - C	639
Commack	1328	Sayville - C	609
Connetquot	1266	Kings Park - C	593
Copiague	1187	Miller Place - C	582

North Babylon	1178	Mt. Sinai - C	492
Huntington	1094	Elwood-John Glenn - C	483
Northport	1067	Shoreham-Wading River - C	467
		Bayport-Blue Point - D	449
		Mattituck/SHLD/GPT - D	435
		Center Moriches - D	377
		Babylon - D	339
		Port Jefferson - D	237

Power ranked - play 14 games (2 NL)

- *Class A - 10 teams
- *Class B - 6 teams
- *Class C - 5 teams
- *Class D - 3 teams

2025-26 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS:

- A = 1036 +
- B = 728-1035
- C = 727-450
- D = 449 - below

Motion: A. Shannon Second: A. Beyersdorf

Motion: **Approved**

6. Girls Lacrosse

Division I (A) power ranked		Division II (B, C & D) power ranked	
Brentwood	4436	Smithtown East - B	1023
William Floyd	2250	Bellport - B	998
Longwood	2184	Deer Park - B	956
Middle Country	2170	East Islip - B	911
Central Islip	1793	West Babylon - B	884
Patchogue-Medford	1730	Smithtown West - B	879
Half Hollow Hills	1682	West Islip - B	839
Riverhead	1592		
Walt Whitman	1476	Comsewogue - B	828
Sachem East	1475	East Hampton/Pier/BH - B	825
Bay Shore	1448	Hauppauge - B	783
Sachem North	1413	Eastport-South Manor - B	756
Lindenhurst	1373	Westhampton - B	732
Ward Melville	1338	Harborfields - C	696
Commack	1328	Islip - C	657
Connetquot	1266	Rocky Point - C	639
Copiasque	1187	Sayville - C	609
North Babylon	1178	Kings Park - C	593
Huntington	1094	Miller Place - C	582
Northport	1067	Hampton Bays - C	557
		Mt. Sinai - C	492
		Elwood-John Glenn - C	483
		Shoreham-Wading River - C	467
		Bayport-Blue Point - D	449
		Mattituck/Shld/Gpt - D	435

		Center Moriches – D	377
		Babylon – D	339
		Port Jefferson – D	263

Power ranked – play 14 games – 2 NL pre-season PowerPoints are .5 increments (at end of season)

2 Divisions – half the classifications make playoff (+1 if odd number of teams)
 20 A – 10 make playoff, 12 B – 6 make playoffs, 10 C – 5 make playoffs, 5 D – 3 make playoffs

2025-26 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS

A = 1036 +
 B = 728-1035
 C = 450-727
 D = 449 - below

Motion: A. Shannon Second: A. Beyersdorf

Motion: **Approved**

7. Girls Flag Football

League I (A)		League II (B/C)	
William Floyd	2250	Deer Park - B	956
Longwood	2184	East Islip - B	911
Middle Country	2170	West Babylon -B	884
Smithtown	1902	West Islip - B	839
Patchogue-Medford	1730	Comsewogue - B	828
Half Hollow Hills	1682	Hauppauge - B	783
Walt Whitman	1476	Eastport-South Manor - B	756
Sachem East	1475	East Hampton - B	720
Bay Shore	1448	Harborfields - B	696
Sachem North	1413	Amityville - B	656
Lindenhurst	1373	Rocky Point - B	639
Ward Melville	1338	Wyandanch - B	630
Commack	1328		
Connetquot	1266	Sayville - B	609
Copiague	1187	Kings Park - C	593
North Babylon	1178	Elwood-John Glenn – C	483
Huntington	1094	Shoreham-Wading River – C	467
Northport	1067	Center Moriches – C	377
		Southampton – C	359
		Riverhead Charter – C	119
		Smithtown Christian – C	81

League I (A): 18 teams – power ranking with 12 game schedule
 50% of teams making playoffs – 9 teams

League II (B/C): 20 teams – power ranking with 12 game schedule
 B – 50% of teams making playoffs – 7 teams
 C – 50% of teams making playoffs – 4 teams

Motion: M. DeVincenzo Second: S. Restivo

Motion: **Approved**

8. Softball

League I (AAA)		League II (AA)	
Brentwood	4436	Smithtown East	1023
William Floyd	2250	Bellport	998
Longwood	2184	Deer Park	956
Middle Country	2170	East Islip	911
Central Islip	1793	West Babylon	884
Patchogue-Medford	1730	Smithtown West	879
Half Hollow Hills	1682		
Riverhead	1592	League III (AA)	
Walt Whitman	1476	West Islip	839
Sachem East	1475	Hauppauge	783
Bay Shore	1448	Eastport-South Manor	756
Sachem North	1413	Westhampton	732
Lindenhurst	1373	East Hampton	720
Ward Melville	1338	Harborfields	696
Commack	1328		
Connetquot	1266	League IV (A)	
Copiague	1187	Islip	657
North Babylon	1178	Amityville	656
Huntington	1094	Rocky Point	639
Northport	1067	Sayville	609
Comsewogue/Port Jeff	1065	Kings Park	593
		Miller Place	582
		Hampton Bays	557
2025-26 Classifications:		Mount Sinai	492
AAA: 1065 +			
AA: 1064-670		League V (A/B/C)	
A: 669-379		Elwood-John Glenn - A	483
B: 378-235		Shoreham-Wading River- A	467
C: 234-133		Bayport-Blue Point - A	449
		Southold/Mattituck/Gpt - A	4
		Center Moriches - B	377
		Southampton - B	359
		Babylon - B	339
		Pierson/Bridgehampton - C	233
<p>L1/AAA - 21 teams, 9 teams play 2x for 18 games, room for 2 NL - POWER RANKED 50% make postseason, +1 if odd number of teams L2/AA and L3/AA - 12 teams; two leagues of 6 - each league plays teams in own league twice for 10 games plus 6MCO's total 16 games, room for 4 NL - one game above .500 to make postseason L4 and L5 (A/B/C) - 16 teams - two leagues of 8 - play 7 teams in league twice for 14 games, room 6 NL (recommended that playoff caliber teams play other playoff caliber teams for seeding purposes) - one game about .500 make post season</p>			

Motion: A. Daleo

Second: M. Vaccaro

Motion: **Approved**

9. Baseball

League I (AAA)		League II (AAA)	
Brentwood	4436	Sachem East	1475
William Floyd	2250	Bay Shore	1448
Longwood	2184	Sachem North	1413
Central Islip	1793	Lindenhurst	1373
Pat-Med	1730	Ward Melville	1338
Riverhead	1592	Commack	1328
Walt Whitman	1476	Connetquot	1266
League III (AAA/AA)		League IV (AA)	
Copiague (AAA)	1187	Half Hollow Hills East	1001
North Babylon (AAA)	1178	Bellport	998
Newfield (AAA)	1166	Deer Park	956
Huntington (AAA)	1094	East Islip	911
Northport (AA)	1067	West Babylon	884
Smithtown East (AA)	1023	Smithtown West	879
Centereach (AA)	1004	West Islip	839
League V (AA)		League VI (A)	
Comsewogue	828	Islip	657
Hauppauge	783	Amityville	656
Eastport-South Manor	756	Rocky Point	639
Westhampton	732	Sayville	609
East Hampton	720	Kings Park	582
Harborfields	696	Miller Place	582
Half Hollow Hills West	681	Mt. Sinai	492
League VII (A/B)		League VIII (C/D)	
Elwood-John Glenn (A)	483	Port Jefferson (C)	237
Shoreham-Wading River(A)	467	Pierson (C)	213
Bayport-Blue Point (A)	449	Southold (C)	197
Center Moriches (B)	377	Bridgehampton/Ross (D)	108
Southampton (B)	359	Smithtown Christian (D)	81
Babylon (B)	339	Hampton Bays *alt placement	557
Mattituck (B)	291		

Leagues I – VI (7 teams) will play 18 league games and 2 NL

2025-26 Classifications:

- AAA: 1072 +
- AA: 1071-675
- A: 674-382
- B: 381-241
- C: 240-138
- D: 137-

Play offs - 1 game above 500/dbl elim
will seed entire bracket by classifications



Motion: D. Phillips Second: S. Reh

Motion: **Approved**

A. **Safety**

Discussion:

1. NYS Wrestling Assessment: Updates
2. Guardian Helmet Pads: Updates for 2025
3. Save A Life/Drop the Dummy: Update
4. Concussion Management: Updates
5. Emergency action plans for playoffs/championships
6. NYSPHSAA Or NFHS Rule Changes: Updates
7. March 2026 ATC Month Ideas

B. **Tournament**

Action Items

- (A)** NYSPHSAA 3 region concept – at large teams
Recommended by the Tournament Committee:
County Champions will go to LIC's (1 year)
At-large team will be 2nd place.

Motion: J. Cohen Second: L. Dolson

Motion: **Approved**

- (A)** No neutral sites in semi-finals for basketball

Motion: P. Hayes Second: M. DeJoseph

Motion: **Approved**

C. **Policy**

Action Items:

- (A)** LTI classes through Section XI

Motion: M. DeJoseph Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

- (A)** Seniors not permitted on JV football

Motion: M. DeVincenzo Second: D. Barth

Motion: **Approved**

- (A)** At large teams' recommendation:
County Champions will go to LIC's (1 year)
At-large team will be 2nd place

Motion: C. Cobb Second: A. Reed

Motion: **Approved**

(D) Ejection policy – update

(A). **Travel policy**

Travel Policy: Section XI would take into consideration staying overnight, the night before a state tournament based on time and distance.

Motion: H. Wiederkehr Second: M. Vaccaro

Motion: **Approved**

D. **Sportsmanship**

Discussion Items:

1. SAAC
2. Student Leadership Conference - 12/19

Adjournment: 10:15am

Motion: A. Shannon Second: D. Barth

Motion: **Approved**

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Combs

Thomas Combs
Executive Director