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ATHLETIC COUNCIL AGENDA

January 21, 2026

Section XI Office

- I. ATTENDANCE AND CALL TO ORDER** R. Cox
 - A. Approval of October Minutes
- II. REPORTS**
 - A. Executive Board.as distributed
 - B. NYSPPHSAA Executive Committee K. Masterson/T. Horan
 - C. Counsel. Kevin Seaman
- III. Robert Zayas – NYSPPHSAA**
 - A. State items
 - b. Non-public / charter schools in state tournaments
- IV. NYSPPHSAA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**
INFORMATION ITEMS

II. NYSPPHSAA ITEMS TO BE VOTED ON IN FEBRUARY 2026 **WINTER ITEMS:**

- (A)** Consider approval to require the school team in each division to have a minimum of five (5) athletes on its roster for the state tournament and begin competition with at least five (5) athletes.
- (A)** Consider approval to revise the current NYSPPHSAA Representation Rule that allows female wrestlers to participate in both male and female events during the regular season and then choose to participate in the female NYSPPHSAA Championship The revision would prohibit any female that participates on a boys team during the regular season from participating in the girls post season.

SPRING ITEMS:

- (A)** Consider approval to adopt the NFHS Rules for Flag Football with waivers
- (A)** Consider approval to add language to the NFHS Rules to require dead ball flag checks
- (A)** Consider approval of an onside play option in Flag Football.
- (A)** Consider approval to set in place when using the super standard to qualify for the Outdoor Track/Field State Championship meet, an athlete must finish in the top five in the state qualifier meet, effective 2026.

- (A) Consider approval to not allow performances using the super standards (obtained after the state qualifier meet) toward the entry into the Outdoor Track/Field State Championship meet.
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- (A) Consider approval to utilize the three-year average for the formula for qualifying standards using the seed performances for outdoor track and field.
- (A) Consider approval of making it optional to utilize a double first base for the 2026 season (regular and postseason).

MISC ITEM:

- (A) Consider approval of revising the NYSPHSAA Promotion Rule to, "With Section approval, contestants may be promoted to a higher classification within the modified program or to a junior varsity or varsity team at any time during their modified schedule."

V. SECTION ITEMS:

- sport chairs needed: BVB, B & G tennis, others
- individual competitors bowling, buddy school
- ticket prices- now \$7 & \$8, move to \$8 & \$10?
- budget- recommendation- 1% dues and service, 4% officials
- basketball- semis at higher seed
 - B & G county champ- AAA, AA, A AT SBU
 - G county champ- B, C, D AT SCCC
 - B county champ- B, C, D AT ST JOES
 - At large- AAA B & G
- Boys lacrosse semis June 11 in Middletown, states Sunday June 14 at Hobart
 - due to amended regents' dates
- LTI course- section pays, bills back the school
- scheduling updates
- technology committee- update

**VI. SECTION XI
ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Modified** –

1. (D) Roster size with two teams in one school
2. Play 5 Periods
3. Modified Devices Review

B. **Policy** –

1. Baseball – game ending procedures, with section approval, the game will end with a run differential of 10 runs after 5 innings (or 4 ½ if the home team is winning. This was **approved**).
2. Softball – 10 batter rule for JV
3. Non-public/charter schools

4. Transportation – state championships, at-large contests
5. At-large concept 4A

C. Finance-

1. 2026-27 Budget

VII. NEW BUSINESS