

**SECTION XI**  
**NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
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**CONFERENCE/COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**May 2011**

I. **NOTICES**

A. **Meetings and Significant Dates**

Tue, May 10	Conference IV, 9 am, Section XI Office
Wed, May 11	Conference I, 9 am, Section XI Office
Thu, May 12	Conference II, 9 am, Section XI Office
Fri, May 13	Conference III, 9 am, Section XI Office
Mon, May 16	Boys' Tennis Seeding, 9:30 am, Section XI Office
Tue, May 17	Athletic Council, 9 am, Section XI Office
Wed, May 18	Girls' Lacrosse Seeding, 9 am, Section XI Office
Thu, May 19	Baseball and Softball Seeding, 9:30, Section XI Office
Wed, May 25	AD's Luncheon Meeting, 10:30 am, Holbrook CC
Mon, May 30	Memorial Day Holiday (Section XI Office Closed)
Wed, June 22	Placement Committee, 9 am, Section XI Office

B. **Conferences**

Conference Nominating Committees (generally, the immediate Past Presidents are the chairs) should have been appointed to prepare a slate to be finalized by the Conferences.

Note that the Section Constitution indicates that Conferences II and IV will appoint representatives to Standing Committees this year (Awards, Constitution, Finance, Nominating, Placement, Policy, Safety, Seeding and Tournament).

Otherwise, all other officers and representatives should be elected by Conferences, and Conferences I and III should verify their representatives to Standing Committees.

Also, please remember to include staff from the new school(s) in your Conference when considering representatives.

- In Conference I – West Islip (Walt Whitman moved to Conference II)
- In Conference II – Walt Whitman, Hauppauge (West Islip moved to Conference I; Comsewogue moved to Conference III)
- In Conference III – Comsewogue (Hauppauge moved to Conference II)
- In Conference IV – No Changes

All Athletic Council representatives should attend their respective Conference meetings in order for them to understand the issues and better represent their respective Conference.

**C. Hall of Fame**

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) has announced its inductees for the Athletic Association’s Class of 2011 Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is now in its ninth year. The inductees are: Dr. Ronald Black (Administrator), Gary Clark (Coach), Joseph Cuzzo (Coach), Jay Fiedler (Athlete), Louis R. Pettinelli (Official), Stacey Schroeder-Watt (Athlete).

**II. SECTION ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Modified** – The Committee met on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at 11 am, in the Section XI Office. In attendance: Co-Chair D. Robinson; Conference I: G. Beutel, J. Thode; Conference II: M. DeVincenzo, J. Pennacchio; Conference III: J. Tasman; Conference IV: D. Ferry; D. Webster and E. Cinelli.

Input for NYSPHSAA Modified Committee:

1. Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball – “With sectional/league approval, shall the 3-point shot be used in modified boys’ and girls’ basketball. Boys’ Basketball Game Rule #5 and Girls’ Basketball Game Rule #4 (Reference: NYSPHSAA Handbook pages 141 and 142) will be eliminated.”

Notes:

1. Don Webster provided the Committee with a draft of the projected number of teams in the fall 2011 sport season.
2. Don Webster reviewed the modified calendar for the Fall 2011 season.
3. The Committee discussed the importance of member schools contacting the Section XI office with respect to whether or not they would be having a Modified program, especially if their budget is defeated.

**B. Placement** – The Committee met on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at 9 am, at the Section XI Office. In attendance: Chair L. Lally; Conference I: L. Philips, M. Mensch; Conference II: P. Smith, T. Horan; Conference III: J. Vasile-Cozzo, L. Tuorto; Conference IV: P. Nickerson, D. Phillips; J. Tasman, T. Mullins, R. Panariello, J. Thode, J. Wright, D. Webster and E. Cinelli.

The Committee recommends the approval of the following:

**1. Boys’ and Girls’ Badminton – 2011/12**

Boys’

Half Hollow Hills
Patchogue-Medford
Commack
Lindenhurst
Walt Whitman
Smithtown West
Smithtown East
Miller Place

Girls’

Half Hollow Hills
Patchogue-Medford
Commack
Lindenhurst
Walt Whitman
Smithtown West
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**2. Girls' Golf – 2011/12**

League I		League II	
West Babylon		HH Hills East	
Hauppauge		HH Hills West	
West Islip		Smithtown West	
Bay Shore		Smithtown East	
Deer Park		Northport	
Brentwood		Commack	

League III		League IV	
Longwood		Bellport	
Sachem East		Connetquot	
Sachem North		East Islip	
Ward Melville		Bayport-Blue Point	
Riverhead		Patchogue-Medford	
Mount Sinai		Sayville	

**3. Boys' Lacrosse – 2011/12**

Division I (A)		Division II	
Brentwood	4048	Hauppauge (B)	1020
Middle Country	2543	Deer Park (B)	1018
William Floyd	2251	Bellport (B)	1016
Longwood	2198	Comsewogue (B)	1015
Patchogue-Medford	2064	East Hampton/BH/Pier (B)	1000
Commack	1864	Huntington (B)	984
Ward Melville	1846	Kings Park (B)	959
Sachem North	1790	Eastport/S Manor (B)	945
Sachem East	1770	Islip (B)	885
Lindenhurst	1756	Harborfields (B)	852
Connetquot	1606	Sayville (B)	809
Northport	1597	Matt/Shld/Gpt (B)	808
Bay Shore	1459	Rocky Point (B)	776
West Islip	1412	Miller Place (B)	765
Walt Whitman	1380	Westhampton (B)	751
Half Hollow Hills East	1343	Elwood-J Glenn (C)	638
Smithtown West	1331	Shoreham-WR (C)	633
Smithtown East	1310	Mt. Sinai (C)	619
East Islip	1232	Bayport-Blue Point (C)	566
North Babylon	1202	Southampton (C)	469
Riverhead	1178	Babylon (C)	414
West Babylon	1145	Center Moriches (C)	408
Copiague	1126		
Half Hollow Hills West	1069		

(24 schools)

(22 schools)

2011-12 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS:

A = 1050 +

B = 650-1049

C = 649-below

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**5. Softball – 2011/12**

League I (AA)		League II (AA)	
Brentwood	4048	Sachem East	1770
William Floyd	2251	Lindenhurst	1756
Longwood	2198	Connetquot	1606
Patchogue-Medford	2064	Northport	1597
Commack	1864	Bay Shore	1459
Ward Melville	1846	Central Islip	1440
Sachem North	1790	West Islip	1412





**D. Safety** - The Section XI Safety Committee met on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at 2:00 pm, in the Section XI Office. In attendance: Chairman T. Mullins; Conference I: K. McCarthy, D. Robinson; Conference II: W. Groth, J. Sparacio; Conference III: J. Valente; Conference IV: J. Polan, G. Wormuth; Dr. F. Segreto, Dr. A. Donatelli, Dr. P. Underwood, Dr. F. Maurio, Dr. P. Schrank, A. Rizzi, R. Nelson, P. White, D. Webster and E. Cinelli.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Mullins.

1. Concussion Protocol

- A. The Committee reviewed the legislation introduced to the New York State Senate by Senators. Hannon, Maziarz, Ball, DeFrancisco and Larkin on March 10, 2011, regarding a "concussion management and awareness act". This bill indicates the establishment of rules and regulations for the treatment and monitoring of students in conjunction with the commissioner and the commissioner of health, in consultation and cooperation with the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, public and non-public school athletic trainers, public and non-public school interscholastic sports coaches and public school medical and health professionals.
- B. The Committee discussed the New York State Education Department ruling that by regulation the only individual that can return an athlete to play after an injury or prolonged illness is the "school medical officer" (physician or nurse practitioner). The Committee felt that a "physician's assistant" should also be listed as a medical officer who can return an athlete to play. Section XI Safety Committee Chair, Tim Mullins, will bring this item to the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee at its next meeting.
- C. The Committee recommends that the school medical officer be identified as such by wearing or carrying a school identification badge or card. This would limit the confusion regarding sideline protocol for students re-entering a contest.
- D. The Committee feels that schools should take action to educate students, parents and coaches regarding concussions. A resource would be the United States Department of Health Center for Disease Control (CDC) fact sheets ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)).
- E. The Committee recommends that information regarding concussion protocol be disseminated by sport chairs at the mandatory coaches' meetings prior to the start of each sport season.
- F. Schools are encouraged to develop a Board of Education approved concussion management policy. A draft policy and guidelines can be found on the NYSPHSAA website. Coaching staffs can be educated through a free on-line course at [www.nfhslearn.org](http://www.nfhslearn.org)
- G. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the concussion management programs offered by local physicians to member schools.

2. Hygiene Issues in Wrestling

- A. Discussion took place regarding the actions of Section XI in disseminating information to member schools regarding infectious diseases. The Committee felt that schools have taken appropriate action with respect to preventing the spread of infectious diseases in wrestling. However, often the spread of infectious diseases happens athlete-to-athlete and not in the environment of the wrestling room.

- B. Schools should continually educate coaches, parents and athletes regarding the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases and encourage good hygiene and proper cleaning/disinfection of equipment.
  - C. Schools may want to have their school nurse responsible for infection control and monitor such on a regular basis.
  - D. Schools may want to use the NFHS and NYSPHSAA website guideline information regarding infectious diseases.
  - E. The Committee recommends that a workshop be conducted regarding infectious diseases for member schools and wrestling coaches prior to the 2011-12 wrestling season.
3. Physician Contact Information  
The Committee agreed to solicit school physician information so that a contact list can be established to easily disseminate pertinent information.
4. Cardiac Screening  
The Committee discussed a recent Newsday article and correspondence received regarding cardiac screening of athletes prior to participation in sports. Information may be found on the on the American Academy of Family Physicians' website ([www.aafp.org](http://www.aafp.org)) regarding the screening process of student-athletes.
5. Human Growth Hormones (HGH)  
A number of years ago, Section XI discussed with the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee their concerns regarding the use of human growth hormones for athletic advantage. Tim Mullins will again present this item to the state committee at its next meeting.
6. Financial Issues  
The Committee discussed the benefits of having athletic trainers and other medical personnel available for student-athletes at our member schools. The Committee felt that even though we have having financial issues, schools should make every effort to continue to provide these services to our student-athletes.