

SECTION XI
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CONFERENCE/COUNCIL AGENDA
May 2013

I. NOTICES

A. Meetings and Significant Dates

Mon, May 13	Boys' Tennis & Baseball Seeding, 9 am, Section XI Office
Mon, May 13	Executive Board, 4 pm, Section XI Office
Wed, May 15	AD's Luncheon Meeting, 11 am, Mill Pond GC
Thu, May 16	Conference IV, 9 am, Section XI Office
Thu, May 16	Softball Seeding, 11 am, Section XI Office
Fri, May 17	Conference I, 9 am, Section XI Office
Mon, May 20	Conference II, 9 am, Section XI Office
Tue, May 21	Conference III, 9 am, Section XI Office
Thu, May 23	Athletic Council, 9 am, Section XI Office
Mon, May 27	Memorial Day Holiday (Section XI Office Closed)

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 – Walt Whitman (from Conference II)
- In Conference II – Huntington (from Conference III)
- In Conference III – Center Moriches (from Conference IV)
- In Conference IV – The Knox School (new member school)

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

II. NYSPHSAA ITEMS FOR INPUT/DISCUSSION

The following items will be discussed at the next NYSPHSAA Safety Committee meeting:

- A. Tennis proposal regarding maximum number of games in a day.
- B. Early season heat acclimatization guidelines in football.
- C. Limiting the number of full contact days prior to a game in football.

III. SECTION XI INFORMATION ITEMS**A. Website Committee – March 20, 2013**

The Section XI Website Committee met on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at 9:00 am, in the Section XI Office. In attendance: Chair: J. Pennacchio; Conference I: L. Philips; Conference II: S. Restivo; Conference III: J. Vasile-Cozzo; Conference IV: Todd Gulluscio. Also in attendance: John Carroll, S. LaFleur, D. Nebgen, K. Stern, D. Webster, and E. Cinelli.

1. Website Redesign - The Committee agreed that the Section XI website should be updated to improve navigation, appearance, and performance. This could include the development of a Section XI app, a search engine, and a moving banner to allow for easier access of information. A link to photos on the MSG Varsity site was also discussed. In addition, the use of Google Maps for directions to schools and customized access for the general public could also be implemented.
2. School/Coaches' Access – There was a consensus that the existing message system should be enhanced to allow correspondence to be retained until deleted by the initiating party (similar to a live chat). In addition, a system where schools could email officials to notify them of contest changes was discussed.
3. Section XI Access – The following enhancements were discussed:
 - Development of interactive availabilities and assignments for officials.
 - Assignment of officials based on zip codes/mileage.
 - The ability to transmit school billing reports electronically.
 - The creation of tabs to allow for multiple screens within the Oaktree program.

Joe Pennacchio and Ed Cinelli plan to discuss this topic at the March 21st Athletic Directors' meeting and will solicit suggestions and recommendations regarding website redesign.

Another meeting of the Website Committee will be planned for mid-April to finalize plans for the website redesign.

B. Website Committee – April 19, 2013

The Section XI Website Committee met on Friday, April 19, 2013, at 9:00 am, in the Section XI Office. In attendance: Chair: J. Pennacchio; Conference I: L. Philips; Conference II: S. Restivo; Conference III: K. Masterson; Conference IV: T. Gulluscio. Also in attendance: John Carroll, N. DeCillis, J. Wright, D. Nebgen, D. Webster, and E. Cinelli.

1. Website Redesign – The following items were discussed:
 - The use of Google Maps for directions to schools and offsite locations.
 - Redesign of the home page to make it more aesthetically pleasing and user friendly.
 - Development of a Section XI logo.
 - Development of an "About" tab to inform the public about Section XI's history, mission, etc.
 - Development of a tab to promote Section XI team and individual champions.
 - Link to the MSG varsity stream of photos pertaining to Section XI teams and athletes.
 - Update of drop-down listings under "Schedules" to remove Junior High/Middle School "Device" designations; limiting the use of "League" to only those relating to Varsity teams.
 - Update of drop-down listings under "Teams" to remove seasonal designations such as Spring Boys Swimming, Fall Girls Volleyball, etc.
 - Removal of "B" designation when referring to Junior High/Middle School teams.
 - Inclusion of a calendar when choosing date range for schedules, as well as changing the "From" and "To" dates from a range to the current date.
 - Use of the cascading screens, allowing advertisers to recur on each page opened.
 - Inclusion of a scheduling calendar for public use.
 - Ability to place schedule into Outlook and Excel.
 - Redesign of home page to allow for access to all information by sport and/or school.
 - Addition of links to each school's website.

2. Official's Access
 - Ability for officials to submit their availabilities on line.
 - Ability for officials to return their assignments on line.
 - Ability for officials to electronically submit (email) Misconduct Form to Don Webster.

3. School Access
 - Ability to generate emails, text messages, etc., to officials to notify them of postponements, time and site changes.

John Carroll from Oaktree will follow up with Ed Cinelli regarding the status of these items.

C. **Safety Committee** - April 5, 2013

The Section XI Safety Committee met on Friday, April 5, 2013, at 9 am, in the Section XI Office. In attendance: Chairman T. Mullins; Conference I – G. Beutel, D. Robinson; Conference II – W. Groth; Conference III – J. Valente, R. Panariello; Conference IV – G. Wormuth. Also in attendance: M. DeVincenzo, Dr. A. Donatelli, Dr. P. Underwood, Dr. P. Schrank, A. Rizzi, P. White, C. LeMay, J. Cheung, D. Webster and E. Cinelli. (Absent: J. Sparacio, J. Polan, F. Segreto)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Mullins at 9:09 am.

1. Review of Concussion Protocol
 - A. A discussion took place regarding the concussion protocol that districts have developed due to recent laws requiring schools to have policies with respect to concussions. The Committee felt that districts should develop procedures and guidelines to recognize that students who have suffered a concussion may need special accommodations when they return to the classroom. Chairman Tim Mullins will discuss this issue with the Section XI Superintendent Representatives at the next Executive Board meeting.
 - B. Dr. Philip Schrank and others would like to present information to superintendents regarding the return to the academic setting of students who have suffered a concussion.

2. Communication Among Districts Regarding Communicable Diseases
 - A. Ed Cinelli informed the Committee of an incident that took place during the wrestling season this year. A school was notified by a parent that their child who had wrestled at a meet was in the hospital with a skin infection. The Athletic Director of this school discussed the situation with the Superintendent and the Chief Medical Officer, and a decision was made to notify the other schools that had participated in the meet that a student-athlete had contracted a skin infection. When this occurs, district administrators must be cognizant of the HIPAA laws and review specific medical documentation of the condition prior to notifying other schools.
 - B. Additionally, the Committee felt that when a situation such as this occurs, schools should follow basic hygiene practices and check student-athletes to confirm that the infection has not spread.

3. "Life of an Athlete"
 - A. Matt DeVincenzo informed the Committee that the NYSPHSAA "Life of an Athlete" program will be condensed to provide districts with information that would be usable to assist them in providing substance abuse prevention. The Committee feels strongly that there is a need for us as administrators to change the culture as many parents and students are involved in the use of alcohol and illegal substances.
 - B. Bill Groth informed the Committee of a Student Leadership Program in the Riverhead School District where high school student-athletes are used as role models for elementary school students. This program has been very successful within their district.

4. "Athletes Against ALS"

Ed Cinelli provided the committee with information and correspondence regarding ALS.

5. Head Injury Association's "Head Injury Awareness & Prevention Celebrity Sports Forum"

This event was scheduled for March 19th; however due to conflicts involving the celebrities invited to participate, the event was cancelled. It will be scheduled for next year.

6. Safety Issues Involving Youth Sports

A discussion took place regarding the need for school districts to educate youth league coaches on safety issues involved in their sports. Districts should take an active role in providing information to these coaches on topics such as weather-related issues, drills, and techniques used in their sports.

7. “Play it Safe”

A number of Section XI Athletic Directors took the Safe Sport Zone’s Security Training Workshop at the March 2013 NYSAAA Conference presented by Jay Hammes. This workshop included techniques and strategies to provide a safe and secure environment to participate in high school athletic events. Suffolk County Athletic Directors plan to invite Mr. Hammes to the October 2013 Athletic Directors meeting.

IV. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS

A. **Placement** - The Committee met on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 9 am, at the Section XI Office. In attendance: Chair M.A. Jules; Conference I: M. Mensch, L. Philips; Conference II: P. Smith, J. Wright; Conference III: J. Vasile-Cozzo, L. Tuorto; Conference IV: G. Wormuth, D. Phillips; T. Mullins, J. Thode, D. Webster and E. Cinelli.

The Committee recommends the approval of the following:

1. **Boys’ and Girls’ Badminton – 2013/14**

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
Smithtown East
Miller Place
Knox

2. **Girls' Golf – 2013/14**

League I		League II	
HH Hills East	Dix Hills	W Babylon	Sumpwamp
HH Hills West	Dix Hills	West Islip	Sumpwamp
Northport	Sunken Meadow	Deer Park	Heartland Golf Park
Smithtown W	Smithtown Landing	Bayport-BP	West Sayville
Smithtown E	Smithtown Landing	Bellport	Bellport CC
Commack	Dix Hills	Sayville	West Sayville
Hauppauge	Stonebridge	East Islip	Timber Point
Bay Shore	Gull Haven/Bergen Pt.	Connetquot	Holbrook CC/Gull Haven

League III	
Longwood	Spring Lake
Sachem East	Pine Ridge/Heatherwood
Sachem North	Pine Ridge/Heatherwood
Ward Melville	Heatherwood
Riverhead	Cherry Creek
Mount Sinai	The Hamlet at Willow Creek
Patchogue-Medford	Mill Pond

3. **Boys' Lacrosse – 2013/14**

a. Placement

Division I (A)		Division II (B & C)	
Brentwood	4037	Bellport (B)	996
Longwood	2087	Huntington (B)	973
William Floyd	2042	Kings Park (B)	946
Patchogue-Medford	1920	Eastport/S Manor (B)	935
Commack	1873	Comsewogue (B)	935
Ward Melville	1861	Harborfields (B)	861
Middle Country	1823	Islip (B)	860
Sachem East	1752	Rocky Point (B)	796
Sachem North	1729	Westhampton (B)	770
Lindenhurst	1652	Sayville (B)	753
Northport	1577	East Hampton/BH/Pier (B)	753
Connetquot	1536	Miller Place (B)	717
Half Hollow Hills East	1393	Mount Sinai (B)	620
Walt Whitman	1381	Shoreham-Wading River (B)	615
Bay Shore	1364	Elwood-John Glenn (B)	609
Smithtown West	1316	Bayport-Blue Point (C)	579
Smithtown East	1280	Matt/Shld/Gpt (C)	501
West Islip	1257	Southampton/Ross (C) ???	470
North Babylon	1168	Center Moriches (C)	467
Copiague	1147	Hampton Bays (C)	464
Riverhead	1140	Babylon (C)	392
Half Hollow Hills West	1099	McGann-Mercy (C)	315
East Islip	1079		
West Babylon	1061		
Hauppauge	1050		
Deer Park	1029		

*(A=26 schools)

(B=15 teams; C=7 teams)

6. **Boys' and Girls' Spring Track - 2013/14**

League I (6)		League II (6)	
Brentwood	4037	Middle Country	1823
Longwood	2087	Sachem East	1752
William Floyd	2042	Sachem North	1729
Patchogue-Medford	1920	Lindenhurst	1652
Commack	1873	Northport	1577
Ward Melville	1861	Connetquot	1536

League III (7)		League IV (7)	
Half Hollow Hills East	1393	North Babylon	1168
Bay Shore	1364	Copiague	1147
Central Islip	1389	Riverhead	1140
Walt Whitman	1381	Half Hollow Hills West	1099
Smithtown West	1316	East Islip	1079
Smithtown East	1280	West Babylon	1061
West Islip	1257	Hauppauge	1050

League V (7)		League VI (7)	
Deer Park	1029	Islip	860
Bellport	996	Rocky Point	796
Huntington	973	Westhampton	770
Kings Park	946	Sayville	753
Comsewogue	935	East Hampton/BH/Pier	753
Eastport-South Manor	935	Amityville	720
Harborfields	861	Miller Place	717

League VII (7)		League VIII (7)	
Mt. Sinai	620	Mattituck	399
Shoreham-WR	615	Babylon	392
Elwood-J Glenn	609	Wyandanch	382
Bayport-Blue Point	579	McGann-Mercy	315
Center Moriches	467	Port Jefferson	280
Hampton Bays	464	Stony Brook	190
Southampton	409	Greenport	166

2013-14 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS:

Div I: 600 - up

Div II: 599 - below

7. **Girls' Bowling – 2013/14 (Based on Enrollment)**

League I	League II	League III
Longwood	Northport	East Islip
Smithtown W/Smithtown E	Connetquot	Bellport
Patchogue-Medford	Central Islip	Comsewogue
Commack	Bay Shore	Eastport-South Manor
Newfield/Centereach	West Islip	Islip
Sachem East	North Babylon	West Babylon
Sachem North	Copiague	

The following change is being proposed for Girls' Bowling in 2013-14:

Scoring – “Shall the scoring system be changed from a points system to a won/loss system.” The 40-point system will continue to decide the winner of each match. The team with 20.5 or more points will win the match and receive one win. For example, in 2012-13 Longwood’s record was 288.5 - 111.5. Longwood’s record in 2013-14 would have been 8 – 2. NOTE: This would allow more opportunities for substitutes to bowl, it would no longer be important to run up the score (sportsmanship), allow for the standings to be on the Section XI website, allow for better accuracy with Newsday and allow for non-league matches.

8. **Girls' Gymnastics – 2013/14 – REVISED**

“Shall Port Jefferson be added to League 3 in Girls' Gymnastics.”

League I	League II	League III
Ward Melville	Connetquot	Walt Whitman
Smithtown	Commack	Middle Country
Kings Park	West Islip	East Islip
Sachem	Harborfields	William Floyd
Half Hollow Hills	Lindenhurst	North Babylon/Deer Park
Babylon	Hauppauge	Copiague
Bay Shore	Patchogue-Medford	Hampton Bays
	West Babylon	PORT JEFFERSON

Mandatory non-league format to include two tri-meets consisting of one team from each league instead of four separate non-league meets. These tri-meets should start a week later, giving teams more time to prepare.

Rotation of additional team: 2007-08 – League III
 2008-09 – League II
 2009-10 – League I
 2010-11 – League III
 2011-12 – League II
 2012-13 – League I
 2013-14 – League II

- B. **Modified** – The Committee met on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 10 am, in the Section XI Office. In attendance: Chair D. Robinson; Conference I: G. Beutel, L. Philips; Conference II: J. Pennacchio, J. Tasman; Conference III: A. Agnesini, M. DeVincenzo; Conference IV: D. Ferry, D. Walker; J. Wright and D. Webster. (Absent: G. McCarthy)

The Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Modified Sports Philosophy – “Shall a Modified Sports Philosophy regarding the five-period format be developed.”

For Information Only:

1. Don Webster reviewed the modified scheduling calendar for 2013-14.
 2. Don Webster reviewed a draft of the Fall 2013-14 alignment
 3. Dan Robinson reviewed the Report from the April 12, 2013 meeting of the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee.
 4. Boys’ and Girls’ Outdoor Track and Field – The NYSPHSAA has approved the following: *To add Boys’ and Girls’ Outdoor Track and Field to number (4) of the Promotion Rule found on page 136 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook. This approval will waive the promotion rule for Boys’ and Girls’ Outdoor Track and Field to allow schools the option to conduct Varsity and Modified Track meets at the same time while alternating events, with Section Approval.*
 5. Modified Baseball/Softball Substitution Game Rule – Discussion took place regarding the NYSPHSAA Modified Baseball/Softball game rule proposed addition: *‘With sectional/league approval, a new substitution game rule may be used to maximize modified players’ participation in their baseball/softball games. The official lineup card will list all players on the team in a designated batting order, allowing any of the players listed in a slot to bat with that spot occurs.’*
 6. Modified Girls’ Lacrosse – The committee discussed the Modified Girls’ Lacrosse checking U15/U13 rules.
 7. Modified Track and Field – The committee discussed plastic plates on the bottom of modified track and field shoes.
- C. **Athletics for the Challenged** – “Shall the name of the ‘Athletics for the Challenged’ program be changed to ‘Athletics for **All**’.”
- D. **Officials Contract – July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018** – “Shall the attached contract be approved.”

PROPOSED

OFFICIALS CONTRACT JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2018 SECTION XI AND PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL OF OFFICIALS

AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____ 2013, by and between Section XI NYSPHSAA and the Presidents' Council of Officials.

ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the interscholastic athletic program is an integral part of the educational curriculum conducted by school authorities under rules adapted for the health and safety of the students and

WHEREAS, the details of game administration for interscholastic contests are the responsibility of the school authorities and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the officiating of games shall be performed as a part of the educational program of the school and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Officials Presidents' Council, the authorized representative of the officials organizations of Suffolk County, herein after referred to as "officials" (who are independent contractors) and is the duly recognized representative of Suffolk County officials, has affirmed that it or its member associations:

- a) will not assert the right to strike or take job action against Section XI, to assist or participate in any such strike or job action, or to impose an obligation to conduct, assist or participate in such a strike or job action;
- b) will accept and abide by the Statement of Principles for officiating and the constitution of the New York State High School Officials Coordinating Federation (OCF) as written in the NYSPHSAA Handbook;
- c) will accept and abide by the provisions of the Officials' Agreement as written in the above Handbook;
- d) will accept and abide by all rules, regulations and agreements of the NYSPHSAA as contained in the current Handbook; and
- e) will abide by the contract, the terms of which shall extend from July 1, 2013 up to and through June 30, 2018.

Now, therefore, it is agreed:

(a) that the terms and conditions of this contract are based on current working conditions, according to the current rules and regulations in each sport 2012-13 rules. The following will be cause for renegotiations for the *current contract July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2013; subsequent contract July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018*: A change in working conditions will be considered to occur when a modification in rules results in a change of 15% or more in time spent officiating a contest;

(b) that Section XI has recognized the Suffolk County Officials Presidents' Council, hereafter called "officials", as representative of all the officials' organizations of Suffolk County for the purpose of collective negotiations for the period ending June 30, 2018 and that Section XI will not enter into contractual agreements with individual officials' organizations.

ARTICLE II - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Every attempt will be made by both parties to work together to resolve any problems related to the contract.

A grievance may be lodged within 30 days based upon an alleged breach or misapplication of a specific term of this agreement.

A. Upon receipt of the written grievance from the President of one party, the President of the second party must answer, in writing, within five working days (Monday-Friday) after receipt of the grievance.

B. If the reply is not satisfactory to the grieving party, a written request for a hearing must be made within five working days in a return letter.

C. The President of Section XI and the President of the Presidents' Council must meet to resolve the problem within five days after receipt of the letter requesting such a hearing.

D. If the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the resolution, the party will notify the Executive Director of Section XI and a hearing will be held. The hearing will be held within twenty days. The hearing officer shall be from the American Arbitration Association and shall be mutually agreed upon by the Presidents' Council and Section XI. Expenses for the hearing officer shall be shared equally. The hearing officer's decision, as well as the date of the implementation thereof, shall be binding.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION MEETINGS AND LISTINGS

A. The President of the Presidents' Council (or designee) may attend all Athletic Council meetings and shall be offered a place on the agenda upon written request of the President of the Presidents' Council at least two weeks prior to the Athletic Council meeting. The same consideration is to be given to the President of Section XI or his/her designee in attending meetings of the Presidents' Council.

B. 1. By June 1st each year, officials' associations will supply the Executive Director with the addresses, home and business telephone numbers of its members who agree to publication of this information. Only those names submitted by the officials' organization will be printed in the Section XI Directory.

2. The names of certified officials from the associations recognized by Presidents' Council shall be submitted by each association in rank order, using the Section XI rating system.

3. Section XI will provide a list of athletic directors with their telephone numbers to each officials' organization annually.

C. Clinics - As need dictates, two clinics per sport will be conducted by the association each year to train new officials.

ARTICLE IV - ASSIGNMENTS

A. All officials' associations will make every conceivable effort to make sure that all Section XI varsity, junior varsity and modified athletic contests have the proper number of officials (as prescribed in the rules of that sport) for all athletic contests. Presidents of various associations will assist if called upon by Section XI in finding available officials for sports where the coverage is inadequate.

B. Availability:

1. Section XI may request the availability of officials according to the following schedule:

Fall Sports - June 1

Winter Sports - October 1

Spring Sports - January 1

Whenever possible, all scheduled contests and scheduled play-off dates for each sport shall be provided by Section XI within the notice of its requests for availabilities.

2. Officials may update their availability dates prior to six weeks before the first scheduled Section XI contest in each sport. Final run of officials' schedules shall not be completed before the block out date deadline.

3. Officials working more than one sport in a season will have the right to designate specific days of the week for each sport and his/her sport of preference.

4. Officials are not to accept outside officiating commitments until the original assignments have been received by the official. Officials who are in violation of this will be penalized as set forth in Article VIII, C.

5. The President of each sport shall be invited to send a representative to review the assignments before they are distributed.

6. Original assignments shall be received by officials no later than one week prior to the first scheduled contest in that sport. The Section XI office will make every effort to provide officials' assignments 14 days prior to the first contest.

7. An official, having accepted the assignments on the master schedule sheets, shall not switch assignments with other officials, and these accepted assignments are to be treated as binding agreements.

8. It is recommended that no official be assigned to a game in which his/her school or school district is playing or where a conflict of interest exists as determined by Section XI and the president of the officials' organization.

9. Officials assigned to any contest that are incomplete or postponed shall continue with the contest on the new date unless they have a previous assignment on the new date. If it is a varsity game, and the officials have a lower level assignment in the same sport on the new date, they are to continue with the varsity game.

ARTICLE V - COMMUNICATIONS

A. Only in the event of contests assigned in addition to an official's original schedule, will confirmation of such assignments with the school be required.

B. 1. When contests may be postponed because of dubious weather conditions, an official must contact the school two hours before the contest to ascertain whether the contest will be played. The official is to note the name of the person with whom he/she had contact at the school. Officials who fail to contact the school will not receive a fee if, upon arrival at the site, the contest has been postponed or canceled.

2. Where weather conditions are questionable on non-school days and the contact with the school is difficult, the official is to contact the athletic director at his/her home or cell phone at least two hours before the contest for information about the status of the game.

C. Whenever a complaint *from a member school* or charge against a member official is presented to an officials' association by Section XI that officials' association will be required to respond in writing no later than 30 days from the date of receipt of notification from Section XI. That response is to set forth the findings of that association's investigation and the action taken by that association regarding the official.

ARTICLE VI - DRESSING FACILITIES

Officials shall be provided with secure dressing facilities and showers where possible, which are inaccessible to all others. Such facility shall be available from 30 minutes before the contest until 30 minutes after the completion of a contest. If any school fails to provide such a facility, the official will notify Section XI in writing of this condition. On the first notice, a letter will be sent to the athletic director of the school district in violation. On a second or subsequent notice, that school district will be fined \$25 payable to Section XI for each additional offense during that season.

ARTICLE VII - ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Whenever weather or other conditions cause the official(s) to interrupt a contest, the official(s) shall make every reasonable effort to resume and complete the contest, with full consideration of the weather and site conditions (as they affect safety and playing conditions). The official(s) shall wait a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of the interruption before considering the cessation of play.

EXCEPTIONS:

A. If lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the official(s) 15 or fewer minutes prior to the scheduled start of that contest, the official(s) and the responsible school authorities shall not permit that contest to be played on that date.

B. If lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the official(s) during the playing of the contest, the official(s) shall immediately cease play for the day. The rules of the particular sport shall determine whether the contest is "official" or must be resumed at a later date. Each official at the site shall be paid the full game fee.

C. During Section Championships and NYSPHSAA Qualifiers, the Section will follow the NYSPHSAA Thunder and Lightning Policy under the direction of the Executive Director, Sports Chair or designee.

ARTICLE VIII - FEES

A. 1. In all practices and scrimmages to which the Executive Director assigns the official or officials, the official or officials shall receive full compensation in accordance with the scheduled fee.

2. When an incomplete contest occurs, the official is to be paid a full fee.

3. A fee of one and one-half of the regular official's fee will be paid to the official who works a contest where only one official is assigned or where an assigned official fails to appear. In a contest where more than two officials are scheduled to work and one or more fail to be assigned or appear, the remaining fees will be divided among the official or officials who appear. This fee shall not exceed a fee of one and one-half.

B. 1. If a contest is changed for other than valid reasons (weather, illness or death), the official will be compensated at the rate of \$40, unless the notification for cancellation of said contest is made ten business days prior to the originally assigned date of the contest. This payment shall not be made if the official is offered or receives another assignment for the same day with all conditions being equal. If schools cancel one level without notification in instances of consecutive contests, the official(s) will be compensated one half of the \$40 fee.

2. If an official is unable to remain with an accepted contest which has been changed for reasons deemed unacceptable by the Executive Director and the president of the official's organization, such official shall receive a full fee unless the number of additional assignments offered to that official during the season is equal to or exceeds the number of assignments "lost".

3. Officials who leave a contest before its completion will not be compensated.

4. Turnbacks on the original assignment notice are considered additional assignments offered unless the turnbacks are consistent with the accepted availability as submitted to Section XI.

5. When an official has been assigned to a double-header, a fee equal to an additional one-half fee which would have been earned will be paid to the official if the double-header is not played after the official arrives at the game site.

6. If more than the required number of officials is assigned to a contest, the extra official will receive a full fee provided the error in assignment was made by Section XI. The head official shall determine how the officials are utilized and who is the designated extra official. The official shall indicate on his/her voucher how he/she was utilized. Under no circumstance shall the extra official receive a fee should he/she leave the contest site prior to the end of the contest.

7. In circumstances where the contest starts more than 20, 40, 60, and 80 minutes past the scheduled starting time, the official(s) will be paid, respectively, an additional \$15, \$20, \$26 and \$32. All of the above applies only when the official is not notified of the delay prior to arriving at the contest site.

8. Extra Participation

Modified level officials working five periods of five period format contests* shall receive an additional one-fifth of the fee. Officials working four periods will receive the regular fee.

*NOTE: This option is only available to modified level teams. Modified level teams may not play an extra period/quarter after a regular game.

9. Sport interpreters who are requested to attend protest/appeal hearings shall receive one-half of the varsity fee for that sport.

10. Sport interpreters at all levels who are requested to make presentations at mandatory coaches meetings will receive \$75.

11. For scrimmages which exceed two hours and 45 minutes, an official will be compensated one and one-half fees.

C. Fees to be Paid by Officials

1. Any absentee official from an accepted contest shall submit a written explanation to the Executive Director of Section XI stating the reason for the absence. An official who is absent from an accepted single contest will pay the office of the Executive Director the amount of one and one-half fee he/she would have received for officiating that contest unless the reason for the absence is beyond the control of the official. An official who absents himself/herself from a two-contest assignment at a given location will be charged one and one-half varsity fee and one-half of the JV fee which he/she would have earned. The matter may be referred to the officials Ethics Committee. The official may forward a copy of his/her written explanation to the president of their association, who in turn may discuss the matter with the Executive Director.

2. A service charge of \$40 will be paid by an official for each rejection or turnback, (unless THE REASON FOR REJECTION OR TURNBACK IS COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SECTION XI.) A service charge of \$45 will be assessed if the turnback is on the day of the contest. If the turnback is two hours or less before game time, the fee will be \$65. A consultation with the president of that sport may take place regarding individual matters if the president so desires. Each official will be entitled to one rejection/turnback per season per sport without charge if the official notifies the Section no later than 3 business days prior to the contest. If both contests of consecutive assignments are turned back, the fee is \$40 plus \$20.

3. Officials who turn back entire schedules will be subject to a \$40 fee, which will be paid to Section XI by that official's association.

D. Payment Procedure

1. Payment of officials by Section XI will be received by the official within 45 calendar days of Section XI's receipt of the claim form. Claim forms received prior to the last scheduled contest in that sport will be considered as having been received on the date of the last scheduled contest in that sport. Every effort will be made by Section XI to pay officials within 30 calendar days.

2. Partial claims will not be processed.

3. All claims for officiating fees for a given school year are to be received by:

Fall – December 30 of that year
Winter – April 15 of that year
Spring – June 20 of that year

Officials will forfeit any "extra pay" if their claim form is not submitted by June 20th.

Claims received after the assigned date will be subject to an administration fee of \$35 per month.

4. Discrepancies in payment for claims will not be considered after 30 days from the official's receipt of payment.

5. If an official fails to claim officiating fees within one year of June 20th of the school year in which they were earned, such fees based on Section XI records will be forwarded to the individual.

6. If the official returns to finish a protested contest, and there is no other contest, he or she shall receive one half fee for that contest if there is less than half the regulation time remaining in the contest; or a full fee for that contest if there is more than half the regulation time remaining in the contest.

E. Fee Schedule

SPORT	# officials	2013-14 2014-15 2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
BASEBALL				
Varsity	2	\$121.00	\$122.00	\$123.00
Junior Varsity/JV9	2	102.00	103.00	104.00
Modified	2	84.50	85.50	86.50
BASKETBALL				
Varsity	2	\$121.00	\$122.00	\$123.00
Junior Varsity/JV9	2	102.00	103.00	104.00
Modified	2	84.50	85.50	86.50
FENCING				
Varsity	1	\$104.00	\$105.00	\$106.00
Junior Varsity	1	90.00	91.00	92.00
Varsity/JV combined	1	115.00	116.00	117.00
FIELD HOCKEY				
Varsity	2	\$113.00	\$114.00	\$115.00
Junior Varsity	2	95.00	96.00	97.00
Modified	2	80.00	81.00	82.00
FOOTBALL				
Varsity	5	\$124.00	\$125.00	\$126.00
Junior Varsity/JV9	3	104.00	105.00	106.00
Modified	3	84.50	85.50	86.50
GYMNASTICS				
Varsity	2	\$121.00	\$122.00	\$123.00
Modified	2	93.00	94.00	95.00
BOYS LACROSSE				
Varsity	2	\$121.00	\$122.00	\$123.00
Junior Varsity/JV9	2	102.00	103.00	104.00
Modified	2	84.50	85.50	86.50
GIRLS LACROSSE				
Varsity	2	\$121.00	\$122.00	\$123.00
Junior Varsity	2	102.00	103.00	104.00
Modified	2	84.50	85.50	86.50
SOCCER				
Varsity	2	\$121.00	\$122.00	\$123.00
Junior Varsity/JV9	2	102.00	103.00	104.00
Modified	2	84.50	85.50	86.50
SOFTBALL				
Varsity	2	\$121.00	\$122.00	\$123.00
Junior Varsity/JV9	2	102.00	103.00	104.00
Modified	2	84.50	85.50	86.50

SPORT	# officials	2013-14 2014-15 2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
SWIMMING				
Varsity	2	\$109.50	\$110.50	\$111.50
Modified	2	84.00	85.00	86.00
TRACK				
Varsity	2	\$121.00	\$122.00	\$123.00
Modified	2	86.00	87.00	88.00
WRESTLING				
Varsity	1	\$129.00	\$130.00	\$131.00
Junior Varsity	1	102.00	103.00	104.00
Modified	1	84.50	85.50	86.50
VOLLEYBALL				
Varsity (3 out of 5)	2	\$107.50	\$108.50	\$109.50
Junior Varsity (3 games)	2	92.50	93.50	94.50
Modified (3 games)	2	76.00	77.00	78.00
Modified (5 games)	2	100.50	101.50	102.50
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS				
Varsity (3 games)	2	\$81.00	\$81.00	\$81.00
Junior Varsity (3 games)	2	65.50	65.50	65.50
Modified (3 games)	2	53.00	53.00	53.00
Varsity (2 out of 3)	2	64.50	64.50	64.50
Junior Varsity (2 out of 3)	2	54.50	54.50	54.50
Varsity (2 games)	2	57.00	57.00	57.00
Junior Varsity (2 games)	2	45.00	45.00	45.00
Varsity (1 game)	2	28.50	28.50	28.50
Junior Varsity (1 game)	2	22.50	22.50	22.50

ARTICLE IX - SPORT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

A. BASEBALL-SOFTBALL

Suspended Game

1. An official receives a full fee for any suspended baseball or softball game.

2. If the makeup of the suspended game is followed by another assignment at the same site, the official shall receive one-half fee for the completion of the suspended game. However, if the continuation of the suspended game is 5 innings or more, the official shall receive a full fee.

B. GYMNASTICS

For individual competitors, officials shall receive 1/24 of the regular fee per event per competitor.

C. SWIMMING

1. Starters at dual meets will receive an additional \$9.50 for shells in 2013-14; \$10 for shells in 2014-15; \$10.50 for shells in 2015-16; \$11 for shells in 2016-17; and \$11.50 for shells in 2017-18. (Does not apply when electronic starters are used.)

2. For individual competitor meets, officials will receive a \$63 fee when scheduled after a regular dual meet.

3. For invitational meets, officials will receive a regular fee. If the meet exceeds three hours, one and one-half fees will be paid.

4. At the modified level, should participants be placed in more than four extra heats, each official will be compensated \$2.50 for each additional heat beyond the fourth. In diving, the fee will be \$2.00 per extra participant.

D. SPRING TRACK

1. Starters at dual meets will receive an additional \$9.50 for shells in 2013-14; \$10 for shells in 2014-15; \$10.50 for shells in 2015-16; \$11 for shells in 2016-17; and \$11.50 for shells in 2017-18.

2. Invitationals

Officials shall receive \$44 per hour for all invitationals (more than four schools). There will be a guaranteed minimum of four hours.

3. Each individual track official shall officiate a minimum of two invitational meets in Section XI if the number of meets warrants this.

4. For combined dual meets (boys-girls) four officials will be assigned. Each official will received one base fee. In 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16 the base fee will be \$121; in 2016-17 the base fee will be \$122; and in 2017-18 the base fee will be \$123.

E. WINTER TRACK

1. Officials shall receive \$109 in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16; \$110 in 2016-17; and \$111 in 2017-18 for crossover meets with a guaranteed minimum of two and one-half hours. Compensation will be paid at the rate of \$22.50 per half hour thereafter to the nearest half hour.

2. Invitational, Division and Sectional fees will be the same as in Spring Track.

F. WRESTLING

1. Dual meet fees for varsity and junior varsity are based on working any 14 bouts (forfeits are included on varsity level only), and 16 bouts for the modified level.

2. Extra bouts:

Varsity	1/15 of the meet fee
Junior Varsity	1/14 of the meet fee
Modified	1/16 of the meet fee

3. On the varsity level, in the event of 17 bouts, a junior varsity official will be assigned or the varsity official will receive a junior varsity fee in addition to his regular fee.

4. Services must be provided for all scheduled wrestling events. All officials are expected to provide services to all program levels. The officials association will assure varsity and junior varsity officials will be available to service the modified school program in the event modified officials are not available.

5. Multi-School Events (Individual Tournament Format)

All events formulated in the individual tournament fashion (not head to head competition) will be paid at the rate of \$46 per hour or a minimum of one and one-half the varsity fee for dual meets, whichever is greater. Hourly rate begins at the scheduled starting time and ends at the nearest half-hour.

For tournaments exceeding eight hours each day, officials will be compensated \$62 per hour for each hour beyond the eighth.

When a bracketed tournament is completed, officials are not obligated to remain for exhibition bouts. If officials opt to officiate such exhibition bouts, there will not be additional compensation.

a. Mat Ratio: Four officials on two mats (one day tournament only)

- Three officials on two mats
- Five officials on three mats
- Six officials on four mats
- Eight officials on five mats
- Nine officials on six mats

b. Championship final bouts will be run with a minimum of three officials.

c. Tournaments - On a normal school day, no weight class shall start after the beginning of the fifth or sixth hour (this is usually the first day of a two-day tournament).

On the first day of a multi-day tournament, no weight class shall start after the seventh hour from the assigned starting time. All officials will continue accruing pay until the last bout is completed.

6. Multi-School Dual Events (head to head/team to team competition)

- a. (1) one dual = one regular fee
- (2) two duals = two regular fees
- (3) three duals = three regular fees

b. All dual meets in the multi-school competition will conform to the number of bouts per meet.

7. Skin Checks - When deemed necessary, officials may be assigned for skin checks prior to the start of individual tournaments and multi-team tournaments with more than four teams. Such assignments will begin as specified by Section XI, and the official will be compensated for that tournament. This additional time will not count as part of the tournament officiating time.

G. FENCING

Multi-school events (Individual Tournament Format) - Officials shall receive \$110 in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16; \$111 in 2016-17; and \$112 in 2017-18 with a guaranteed minimum of two and one-half hours. Compensation will be paid at the rate of \$22.50 per half hour thereafter to the nearest half hour.

ARTICLE X - SECTION SPONSORED TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

A. 1. Section XI shall consult with the officials of a sport regarding the number of officials to be used in post-season contests. The decision as to the number of officials to be used rests solely with Section XI.

2. Selection and assignment of officials for all post-season contests shall be the sole responsibility of Section XI. Assignment of all officials in all sports for post-season tournaments shall be based on the current rating system.

3. A preliminary alphabetical list of probable play-off officials shall be presented to each association president at least 72 hours prior to the first scheduled tournament contest in his/her respective sport.

4. Officials eligible to be assigned to post-season play will be so assigned; said assignments to take preference to any other non-post-season play contest in any sport.

5. Officials scheduled to officiate Section XI post-season contests who arrive at the site and find the contest canceled will receive the regular varsity fee for that contest, not the championship fee.

B. TEAM SPORTS1. Boys' and Girls' Basketball - (3 officials assigned by Section XI)

FEE	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Final (2 teams)	\$121	\$121	\$121	\$122	\$123
Semi-Final (4 teams)	121	121	121	122	123
Quarter-Final (8 teams)	121	121	121	122	123
Prior to Quarter-Finals	112	121	121	122	123

2. Boys' and Girls' Soccer – (3 officials assigned by Section XI)

REFEREE/ASST. REF FEE	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Final (2 teams)	139/112	\$139/112	\$139/112	\$140/113	\$141/114
Semi-Final (4 teams)	139/112	139/112	139/112	140/113	141/114
Quarter-Final (8 teams)	139/112	139/112	139/112	140/113	141/114
Prior to Quarter-Finals	128/104	139/112	139/112	140/113	141/114

3. When there are Large and Small School Championship Tournaments, the following schedule of payment is to be used if the final outcome is to have two Section Champions, Large and Small Schools (e.g. Field Hockey in 2007-08). This fee also applies to the Section football competition ending with division winners:

REGULAR FEE PLUS	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Final	\$37	\$37	\$37	\$37	\$37
Semi-Final	33	33	33	33	33
Quarter-Final	27	27	27	27	27

4. When there is a Classification Tournament, the following schedule of payment is to be used if the final outcome is a champion in each classification (e.g. AA, A, B, C, D).

REGULAR FEE PLUS (in each class)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Final	\$37	\$37	\$37	\$37	\$37
Semi-Final	27	27	27	27	27
Quarter-Final	19	19	19	19	19

5. All classification final games with the exception of basketball and soccer will be paid a regular fee plus \$37.
6. Alternate officials, when assigned, will receive one-half of the regular season varsity fee.
7. Officials assigned as lines people for Section volleyball championships will be paid one-half of a regular fee.
8. Five football officials will be assigned for Section tournament games.
9. In boys' lacrosse, the box official will be paid a regular season fee.

C. INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

1. Gymnastics

Section Championship - Regular fee plus \$37.

The meet referee will receive an additional \$25 to officiate the Section XI Championship meet.

The meet referee for each Championship Meet will receive a modified fee in addition to the fee received by the other officials on the meet. However, this fee will only be paid if the referee is assigned by the Section XI office to attend the seeding meeting.

2. Swimming

Section Championship - regular fee plus \$37.

The meet referee will receive an additional \$25 to officiate the Section XI Championship meet.

The meet referee for the Section Championship Meet will receive a modified fee in addition to the fee received by the other officials on the meet. However, this fee will only be paid if the referee is assigned by the Section XI office to attend the seeding meeting.

League Championship – Regular fee plus \$19. If the meet extends over 3 hours in length, the fee will be a regular fee plus \$30. If the meet extends over 3 hours and 30 minutes, the fee will be a regular fee and a half.

3. Cross Country

Division Championship - \$122

Section Championship - \$130

4. Spring Track

Division Championship - \$130

Section Championship - \$140

The clerk for each Championship Meet will receive a modified fee in addition to the fee received by the other officials on the meet. However, this fee will only be paid if the clerk is assigned by Section XI to attend the seeding meeting.

5. Wrestling

Mat ratio - three officials on two mats
five officials on three mats
six officials on four mats
eight officials on five mats
ten officials on six mats
four officials on two mats (one day tournament only)

Hourly rate for League meets is \$49 per hour on day one and two.

Hourly rate for the Section meet is \$51 per hour on day one and two.

In Section sponsored tournaments the following minimum pay is guaranteed:

Leagues			five hour minimum	
Section	1st day		five hour minimum	when six mats are used, ten officials will be assigned
	2nd day	1st session	four hour minimum	when four mats are used, ten officials will be assigned
		2nd session	four hour minimum	

Championship semi-final bouts and third and fourth place consolation finals will have an official and mat judge assigned to each bout.

In the league championship finals, three officials will be assigned.

In the Section championship finals, four officials will be assigned to each Division if the Division finals are held simultaneously. Six officials will be assigned to one mat if the Division finals are NOT held simultaneously.

6. Fencing

A. Section XI Championship

Regular fee +\$37 x 2 for combined AM and PM sessions.
 Armor and scorer - \$143 for combined AM and PM sessions.

The meet referee of the Section XI Championship meet will receive \$75 in addition to the fee received by the other officials on the meet. However, this fee will only be paid if the referee is assigned by the Section XI office to assign the seeding meeting.

B. Long Island Championship

Regular fee +\$37

ARTICLE XI – RATINGS

Section XI and the officials association have agreed for the length of this contract that all sports will be rated using the current rating system. In addition, dialogue concerning individual ratings will be discussed between the president of each association and his/her designee and the Executive Director and his/her designee, so long as that discussion is not abused as determined by the Executive Director.

4/24/13

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President of Presidents’ Council	Date
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President of Section XI	Date