

SECTION XI
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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CONFERENCE/COUNCIL AGENDA
October 2013

I. NOTICES

A. Meetings and Significant Dates

Mon, Oct 7	Executive Board, 4 pm Section XI Office
Tue, Oct 8	Conference I, 9 am, Section XI Office
Wed, Oct 9	Conference II, 9 am, Section XI Office
Thu, Oct 10	Conference III, 9 am, Section XI Office
Fri, Oct 11	Conference IV, 9 am, Section XI Office
Tue, Oct 15	Girls' Tennis Seeding, 10 am, Section XI Office
Wed, Oct 16	Athletic Council, 9 am, Section XI Office
Fri, Oct 18	Athletic Directors' Meeting, 8:30 am, Holbrook CC
Thu, Oct 24	Field Hockey & B/G Soccer Seeding, 9 am, Section XI Office
Wed, Oct 30	Girls' Volleyball Seeding, 10 am, Section XI Office

- B. Dues and Service Charges – **Due September 1, 2013!** Still outstanding: Bellport, Cleary, Huntington, Springs, Tuckahoe, and Wyandanch.

NOTE: Schools not having paid these fees by October 15th will not be considered members. Teams and student-athletes representing these schools will not be eligible for Section competition (regular season and Section/State Tournaments).

- C. **REMINDER:** First payments for 2013-14 officials' fees are due **October 15th**. Please check on the status of these invoices in your district. Thanks!
- D. Conference Presidents – Conferences must confirm all representatives to Section committees as well as the Athletic Council.

II. NYSPHSAA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. **Boys' and Girls' Diving** – "Shall boys' and girls' divers have the opportunity to hone their specialized skill at separate diving meets without it counting as a competition against the entire swimming & diving team and, instead, it would count as a competition against the specific athlete."
- B. **Heat Acclimatization** – "Shall the NYSPHSAA develop early season heat acclimatization guidelines."
- C. **Football** – "Shall the NYSPHSAA develop policy limiting the number of full contact days prior to a game."

III. SECTION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INPUT

- A. **Wrestling** – “Shall Section XI conduct a Dual Meet Wrestling Championship during the 2014-15 school year.”

IV. SECTION ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Tournament** – The Tournament Committee met on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 9 am, in the Section XI office. In attendance: Chair: T. Combs; Conference I: G. Beutel, M. Dellecave; Conference II: J. Pennacchio, P. Cesare; Conference III: J. Valente, J. Vasile-Cozzo; Conference IV: G. Wormuth, D. Phillips; also D. Ferry, M. Mensch, R. Panariello, J. Wright, D. Webster and E. Cinelli.

The Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Boys’ and Girls’ Tennis Long Island Championship – “Shall the Long Island Boys’ and Girls’ Tennis Championships be suspended.”
2. Softball – Double Elimination Brackets
 - a. “Shall the Section XI Softball Tournament consist of a double elimination bracket in each classification final round.” (This was a one-year experiment for the 2012-13 school year.)
 - b. “Shall the site of the final game in each class during the Section XI tournament be held at the site of the team with the better record instead of the higher seeded team.”

Notes:

1. Field Hockey – The Committee denied a request from Section XI Field Hockey Sport Chair Debra Ferry to allow an additional Class B school into the tournament. Currently four out of eight Class B schools will be admitted to the tournament.
 2. Softball – The Committee denied a proposal from Section XI Softball Sport Chair Jim Wright to extend the Softball tournament to double elimination.
 3. Baseball – The Committee discussed the Baseball tournament format as it existed during the 2012-13 school year and felt that it should continue in its current double elimination format without any revisions.
 4. Cross Country – Boys’ Cross Country Sport Chair Joe Pennacchio provided the Committee with information regarding the cross country course at Sunken Meadow State Park. Due to damaged sustained from Hurricane Sandy and the elimination of the “bridge”, the course had to be re-routed for this season. However, plans have been made to reconstruct the bridge in early October (2 weeks prior to the Section XI post-season championships). If the bridge is completed, the original course will be used. Teams will have the opportunity to practice and compete on the course prior to the championships.
- B. **Placement** – The Placement Committee met on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at 10 am, at the Section XI office. In attendance: Chair M.A. Jules; Conference I: L. Philips, M. Mensch; Conference II: P. Smith, T. Horan; Conference III: J. Vasile-Cozzo; Conference IV: G. Wormuth, D. Phillips; also J. Valente, J. Wright, D. Webster and E. Cinelli.

The Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Baseball 2013/14

League I (AA)		League II (AA)	
Brentwood	4037	Sachem North	1729
Longwood	2087	Lindenhurst	1652
William Floyd	2042	Northport	1577
Patchogue-Medford	1920	Connetquot	1536
Commack	1873	Half Hollow Hills East	1393
Ward Melville	1861	Central Islip	1389
Sachem East	1752	Walt Whitman	1381

League III (AA)		League IV (AA)	
Bay Shore	1364	Copiague	1147
Smithtown West	1316	Riverhead	1140
Smithtown East	1280	Half Hollow Hills West	1099
West Islip	1257	East Islip	1079
Newfield	1229	West Babylon	1061
Centereach	1188	Hauppauge	1050
North Babylon	1168		

League V (AA)		League VI (A)	
Deer Park	1029	Harborfields	861
Bellport	996	Islip	860
Huntington	973	Rocky Point	796
Kings Park	946	Westhampton	770
Comsewogue	935	Sayville	753
Eastport-South Manor	935	Amityville	720

League VII (A)		League VIII (B)	
Miller Place	717	Center Moriches (B)	467
East Hampton	676	Hampton Bays (B)	464
Mt. Sinai	620	Southampton (B)	409
Shoreham-WR	615	Mattituck (B)	399
Elwood-J Glenn	609	Babylon (B)	392
Bayport-Blue Point	579	McGann-Mercy (B)	315
		*Port Jefferson/Knox (B)	296

League IX	
Pierson/BH (C)	242
Southold (C)	232
Stony Brook (C)	190
Greenport (D)	166
Smithtown Christian (D)	131
Shelter Island (D)	62

*Pending Athletic Council approval

Play 3-game series against each League opponent.

2013-14 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS:

AA = 910+
 A = 480-909
 B = 280-479
 C = 170-279
 D = 169-below

2. Softball 2013/14

League I (AA)		League II (AA)	
Brentwood	4037	Half Hollow Hills East	1393
Longwood	2087	Central Islip	1389
William Floyd	2042	Walt Whitman	1381
Patchogue-Medford	1920	Bay Shore	1364
Commack	1873	Smithtown West	1316
Ward Melville	1861	Smithtown East	1280
Sachem East	1752	West Islip	1257
Sachem North	1729	Newfield	1229
Lindenhurst	1652	Centereach	1188
Northport	1577	North Babylon	1168
Connetquot	1536	Riverhead	1140

League III (AA)		League IV (A)	
Half Hollow Hills West	1099	Harborfields	861
East Islip	1079	Islip	860
Copiague	1147	Rocky Point	796
West Babylon	1061	Westhampton	770
Hauppauge	1050	Sayville	753
Deer Park	1029	Miller Place	717
Bellport	996	East Hampton	676
Huntington	973	Mt. Sinai	620
Kings Park	946	Shoreham-WR	615
Comsewogue	935	Elwood-J Glenn	609
Eastport-South Manor	935	Bayport-Blue Point	579

League V	
Center Moriches (B)	467
Hampton Bays (B)	464
Southampton (B)	409
Mattituck (B)	399
Babylon (B)	392
McGann-Mercy (B)	315
Port Jefferson (B)	280
Southold/Gpt (C)	265
Pierson/BH (C)	247
Stony Brook (C)	190

Leagues I, II, III and IV play 20 league contests (No Non-Leagues)
 League V plays 18 league contests (2 Non-Leagues)

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3. Boys' Tennis 2013/14

DIVISION I

League I		League II
Half Hollow Hills East		Harborfields
Half Hollow Hills West		Smithtown West
Commack		Hauppauge
Walt Whitman		Elwood-John Glenn
Smithtown East		Northport
Huntington		Kings Park

DIVISION II

League III		League IV
East Islip		Brentwood
Connetquot		Deer Park
Bay Shore		West Babylon
North Babylon		Babylon
Islip		Central Islip
West Islip		Lindenhurst
Sayville		Knox

DIVISION III

League V		League VI
Ward Melville		Mount Sinai
Sachem East		Comsewogue
Bayport-Blue Point		Port Jefferson
Patchogue-Medford		Bellport
Miller Place		Middle Country
Stony Brook		Sachem North

DIVISION IV

League VII		League VIII
Westhampton		Rocky Point
Ross		Longwood
William Floyd		Eastport-South Manor
Shoreham-Wading River		Center Moriches
Southampton		Hampton Bays
Mattituck		Southold/Gpt
East Hampton/Pier/BH		Riverhead

2013-14 Crossovers5th/6th League 1 vs. 5th/6th League 35th/6th League 5 vs. 5th/6th League 71st/2nd League 1 vs. 1st/2nd League 51st/2nd League 7 vs. 1st/2nd League 33rd/4th League 1 vs. 3rd/4th League 73rd/4th League 3 vs. 3rd/4th League 5

4. Boys' Bowling 2013/14 – REVISED

Multiple schools dropped from League V, requiring a complete revision to the placement. A new proposal will be submitted at the October Conference meetings.

5. Boys' and Girls' Spring Track 2013/14

- Based on enrollment in Leagues I – IV
- Based on geography in Leagues V & VI
- Based on geography and equitable competition in Leagues VII & VIII

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

League VII (7)		League VIII (7)	
Mt. Sinai	620	Center Moriches	467
Shoreham-WR	615	Hampton Bays	464
Elwood-J Glenn	609	Southampton	409
Bayport-Blue Point	579	McGann-Mercy	315
Mattituck	399	Port Jefferson	280
Babylon	392	Stony Brook	190
Wyandanch	382	Greenport/Southold*	265

2013-14 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS:

Div I: 600 – up

Div II: 599 - below

*Combining pending approval of Placement Committee and Athletic Council.

NOTE: Mattituck, Greenport and Babylon do not have their own tracks.

6. Combining 2013/14 – ADDITIONS

- Port Jefferson/Knox – JV Football
- Greenport/Shelter Island – JV Boys' Soccer
- Greenport/Southold – Varsity Girls' Track
- Greenport/Southold – Varsity Boys' Track
- Port Jefferson/Knox – Varsity and JV Baseball

- C. **Policy** – The Policy Committee met on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at 9 am, at the Section XI office. In attendance: Chair J. Polansky; Conference I: A. Amesti; Conference II: W. Groth; Conference III: M. DeVincenzo, L. Lally; Conference IV: M. DeJoseph, T. Gulluscio; also D. Webster and E. Cinelli.

The Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Thunder-Lightning Policy – “Shall Section XI follow the NYSPHSAA Thunder/Lightning Policy under the direction of the Executive Director, Sports Chair, Athletic Administrator, or designee during Section championships, including all post-season tournament events and NYSPHSAA qualifying events.

NYSPHSAA Thunder and Lightning Policy (Effective 10/25/04): Applies to regular season through NYSPHSAA Finals:

- 1) *Thunder and lightning necessitates that contests be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion –thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning.*
 - a) *With your site administrator, set up a plan for shelter prior to the start of any contest.*
- 2) *When thunder is heard and/or when lightning is seen, the following procedures should be adhered to:*
 - a) *Suspend play and direct participants to go to shelter, a building normally occupied by the public or, if a building is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g. bus, van, car).*
 - b) *Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree and have all stay away from poles, antennas, towers and underground watering systems.*
 - c) *After thunder and/or lightning have left the area, wait **30 minutes** after the last boom is heard or strike is seen before resuming play or competition.*

- D. **Modified** - The Modified Committee met on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at 10:00 am, in the Section XI Office. In attendance: Co-Chairs: G. McCarthy, D. Robinson; Conference I: G. Beutel, L. Philips; Conference II: J. Pennacchio, J. Tasman; Conference III: A. Agnesini, M. DeVincenzo; Conference IV: D. Walker, D. Ferry; also D. Webster and E. Cinelli.

Information Only:

1. Girls' Lacrosse - Discussion took place regarding an NYSPHSAA Modified Committee proposal to make the following editorial changes in the modified girls' lacrosse Game Rules and Game Conditions (Reference: NYSPHSAA Handbook, page 150):

- a) Delete existing Game Rule #4, which reads "Modified stick-checking in modified girls' lacrosse, as outlined in the US Lacrosse Rulebook under the Girls' Youth Rules-Level A, may be used."
 - b) Substitute the following Game Rule #4: "The US Lacrosse Rulebook U-15 Checking rule will be used for the modified girls' lacrosse program:
Regular Stick checking. Any check to the head is an automatic red card."
2. Transfer Students – Discussion took place as to whether there should be flexibility with student transfers after the normal try-out period.
 3. D. Webster presented drafts of the 2013-14 Early Winter and Late Winter Modified schedules.
 4. D. Webster reviewed the 2013-14 Modified Scheduling Calendar.

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