

**SECTION XI**  
**NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
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**CONFERENCE/COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**May 2017**

**I. NOTICES**

**A. Meetings and Significant Dates**

Tue, May 9	Conference IV, 9 am, Section XI Office
Thu, May 11	Conference II, 9 am, Section XI Office
Thu, May 11	Conference III, 1 pm, Section XI Office
Fri, May 12	Seeding Committee, 9 am, Section XI Office
<b>*Mon, May 15</b>	<b>Conference I, 9 am, Section XI Office</b>
Thu, May 18	AD's Luncheon Meeting, 11 am, Mill Pond GC
Fri, May 19	Athletic Council, 9 am, Section XI Office
Mon, May 29	Memorial Day Holiday (Section XI Office Closed)
Mon, Jun 19	Executive Board, 4pm, 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 XI Constitution indicates that Conferences II and IV will appoint representatives to Standing Committees this year (Awards, Constitution, Finance, Nominating, Placement, Policy, Safety, Seeding Sportsmanship and Tournaments).

Otherwise, all 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 any new schools in your Conference when considering representatives.

- In Conference I – Riverhead (from Conference II)
- In Conference II – HH Hills East (from Conference I)  
Comsewogue and Eastport South Manor (from Conference III)
- In Conference III – Kings Park and East Islip (from Conference II)  
Wyandanch (from Conference IV)
- In Conference IV – Hampton Bays (from Conference III)

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** – (To be distributed at meeting)

**III. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Placement** - The Placement Committee met on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 9:00 am, in the Section XI Office. In attendance: Chair J. Polansky; Conference I: L. Philips, M. Mensch; Conference II: P. Smith, T. Horan; Conference III: R. Petrie, J. Vasile-Cozzo; Conference IV: G. Wormuth, D. Phillips. Also in attendance: B. Mayo, K. O’Reilly, J. Wright: T. Combs, P. Blieberg and D. Webster

The Committee recommends approval of the following:

**1. Boys Basketball (Leagues 5,6,7,&8)**

League V (A)		League VI (A)	
East Islip	892	Amityville	703
Hauppauge	887	Miller Place	635
Kings Park	879	Shoreham-WR	581
Harborfields	741	Mt. Sinai	595
Rocky Point	779	Bayport-Blue Point	557
Islip	743	Elwood-J Glenn	543
Westhampton	724	Wyandanch	538
East Hampton	715	Southampton	492
Sayville	706	Hampton Bays	480

League VII (B/C)		League VIII (C/D)	
Center Moriches (B)	440	Pierson (C)	219
Babylon (B)	416	Southold (C)	194
Mattituck (B)	347	Ross (C)	185
McGann-Mercy (C)	265	Greenport (C)	182
Port Jefferson (C)	265	Smithtown Christian (D)	121
Stony Brook (C)	230	Shelter Island (D)	65
		Bridgehampton (D)	49

2017-18 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS: AA = 910+  
 A = 480-909  
 B = 280-479  
 C = 170-279  
 D = 169-below

**2. Girls' Basketball (Leagues 5,6 &7)**

League V (A) (9)		League VI (A) (9)	
East Islip	892	Amityville	703
Hauppauge	887	Miller Place	635
Kings Park	879	Shoreham-WR	598
Harborfields	792	Mt. Sinai	595
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League VII (B/C/D) (8)	
Center Moriches (B)	440
Babylon (B)	416
Mattituck (B)	347
Southold/Greenport (C)	270
McGann-Mercy (C)	265
Port Jefferson (C)	265
Stony Brook (C)	230
Pierson/Bridgehampton (C)	212
Smithtown Christian (C)	121

**3. Boys' and Girls' Fencing**

**BOYS FENCING PLACEMENT**

West (League 1)	East (League 2)
Commack	Brentwood
HH Hills	Centereach
Huntington	Newfield
Lindenhurst	Sayville
Whitman	Ward Melville

**GIRLS FENCING PLACEMENT**

West (League 1)	East (League 2)
Commack	Brentwood
HH Hills	Centereach
Huntington	Newfield
Lindenhurst	Sayville
Whitman	Ward Melville

## League Play Format

Each school I league will play each other twice (one home and one away) and crossover once for a total of 13 league contests. ALL matches will count towards the league standings.

Home and away for the Mandatory Non- League meets shall be determined based on the current formula for crossovers used by softball.

Traditional meets, such as the Brentwood Holiday Tournament and the Huntington Relays will remain as official contests and count towards the maximum of 20 permitted by Section XI.

Schools may schedule the remaining 5 Non-League contests as they see fit, providing they are contested against schools in the NYSPHSAA or that those out of state schools are sanctioned by their state organization. These matches will not count towards their league standings.

In the event of a tie, the following criteria will be used to determine league standings.

- 1- Head to Head
- 2- Common Opponents

If the teams remain tied, then both will be named Champions for their respective league.

The six (6) bout minimum for qualifying for the postseason is in effect.

## Key Dates (fencing)

November 13, 2017 - Official start date

December 1, 2017 - First available league contest

January 27, 2018 - Last regularly scheduled league contest

January 31, 2018 - County Championship (site and time determined by Head to Head winner)

February 1, 2018 - Mandatory Coaches meeting

February 3, 2018 - Team and Individual IFA County Championship (Brentwood HS 9 am)

February 6, 2018 - Long Island Championship (Section VIII, 6 pm site TBD)

4. **Fencing 2017-18**

- "Shall approval be given for the six team minimum policy for Boys and Girls Fencing for 2017-18"

For Discussion/Information:

Boys' Cross Country 2017-18 Scheduling

- B. Modified Committee** – The Committee met on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 10 am, in the Section XI Office. In attendance: Co-Chairs G. McCarthy & M. DeJoseph; Conference I: G. Beutel, L. Philips; Conference II: R. McIntyre, D. Ferry; Conference III: M. DeVincenzo; Conference IV: H. Brown. Also in Attendance: D. Webster (Absent: K. Masterson)

The Committee recommends approval of the following items:

1. Modified Cheerleading – "Shall there be approval for modified cheerleading to participate in 3 section scheduled contests"

For Discussion/Information:

1. Modified Girls Lacrosse – NYS Checking rule for modified girls lacrosse
2. Modified Football – Scheduling devices
3. NYSPHSAA Modified Committee Report
4. Sports Chairman

**C. Policy** - The Policy Committee met on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 9:00 am, in the Section XI Office. In attendance: Chair J. Valente; Conference I: J. Wright, A. Amesti; Conference II: S. Restivo; Conference III: M. DeVincenzo, C. Delargy; Conference IV: M. DeJoseph, T. Gulluscio; Also in attendance: T. Horan, J. Wright, T. Combs, P. Blieberg and D. Webster (absent: J. Sparacio)

The Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. 10-5 Policy rule - "Shall the waiver of the 10-5 rule for fall 2017 as of Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> be approved."
2. Fencing- "Shall elimination of the 6<sup>th</sup> team requirement for placement be considered."
3. Cheerleading - "Shall the following be approved for cheerleading":

### **NYSPHSAA/Section XI Guidelines**

- Post Season Representation: In order to qualify for post-season, a team or individual must have competed in at least **four** (4) competitions within New York State under the NYSPHSAA rules and regulations.
- Official fees and DJ cost will be split by all schools.
- Varsity will participate in 7 section scheduled contests. Up to 3 more at your discretion (example: regionals, nationals and 1 invitational; must be all sanctioned)
- JV will participate in 6 section scheduled contests.
- Middle school will participate in 3 section scheduled contests.
- Concession, spectator admission and t-shirt sales go to host school during the regular season. There will be no team registration fees.
- If an injury occurs during a routine the team will have the option of starting over, however the score up to that point will remain and judges will score from end of injury to ends of routine.
- Admission is not to exceed \$4 dollars per person during the regular season.
- Section XI SCORING WILL BE USED during Section XI scheduled contests and Suffolk County Championship.
- Schools will be asked if they can host a competition and then selected by Section XI.
- Schools with proper equipment (9 practice cheer mats & 9 competition mats) will only be selected; no wrestling mats.
- Once a division is selected and a date is set there will be no moving divisions.
- Warm-ups: 10 minutes on 9 practice cheer mats. Coach decides what to do in warmup. Safety judge monitors time and looks for any illegal stunts etc.
- Order of teams at section scheduled events will be decided by Section XI and in County Championship it will be the order they finished during the year; example; highest point average 1<sup>st</sup> and so on.
- Your average score will be tallied from the 7 section scheduled contests. A forfeit will result in 0 points per forfeit.
- If a team cannot attend a Section scheduled contest (only because superintendent does not let bus out, weather) they will not be charged with a forfeit and their average score will be based on the contests attended.

- Recognizing the massive commitment and preparation in hosting a cheerleading competition, the next available date for a Varsity competition will be on Sunday (the day after the scheduled event) if the host school CAN accommodate. (For participating schools that are not permitted to attend due to weather related conditions, they will not be penalized in the season long scoring procedure). If the host school CANNOT accommodate the Sunday competition, the next available date for that competition will be on Monday of the scheduled week for the original competition.
- Competitive Divisions: Three divisions: Small (5-12), Medium (13-16), and Large (17 & up). No enrollment will be used during the season; everyone in each division competes against one another. For the County Championship, enrollment will be used; the top 50% will make counties in each division; resulting in 6 county champion's small division 1 & 2; medium division 1 & 2; and large division 1 & 2). If we participate in the State Championship, the county champion in large will go and the team with the highest score between small and medium in the county final will go and represent Section XI. Should a team with a male(s) qualify for state championship competition, the team must either enter the co-ed division or not allow participation by the male(s) at the state competition.

#### Post-Season Qualifying Section XI Championship

- Qualification for Section XI Championship will be based on scores achieved during the competitive season using the Section XI scoring system. Your average score will be tallied from the 7 section scheduled contests. A forfeit will result in 0 points per forfeit. The top 50% of the schools based on the scores in each division will qualify for the Section XI Championship.

#### NYSPHSAA Championship

- In the event of a tie in the Section XI Championship both teams will advance.

#### For Discussion/Information Only:

Holy Thursday Eliminate as no play date

**D. Tournament** – The Tournament Committee met on Tuesday, April 18 at 10 am, in the Section XI office. In attendance: Chair: T. Combs; Conference I: P. Friel; Conference II: J. Mercado, J. Sparacio; Conference III: J. Vasile-Cozzo, D. Walker; Conference IV: D. Phillips, G. Wormuth. Also in attendance: J. Wright and D. Webster.(absent: M. Dellecave)

The Committee recommends approval of the following:

4. Fencing Tournament 2017-18 – “Shall the following be approved”

If placement proposal submitted is approved, the coaches, by a vote of 18-2 approved the addition of a one match county championship to be fenced at the home school of the team that won their respective League and defeated the champion of the opposing league during their mandatory head to head contest during the season. Section XI will collect gate fees at that match. The host school may provide a concession stand for spectators and adhere to standard Section XI hosting requirements.

The winner of that match will represent Section XI in the LI Championship.

In the event of a tie within one league that cannot be resolved by either head to head or common opponent criteria, a one match playoff will take place one day prior to the scheduled county championship at a site determined by a coin flip using an app created for just this instance.

by a vote of 20-0 the coaches approved the maintaining of the IFA format for their traditional Team and Individual County Championships. This was determined to have little or no impact on the length of the day.

The only financial impact on Section XI will be the addition of one League Champion Plaque.

5. Cheerleading – “Shall the following be approved for Cheerleading”

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**NYSPHSAA ACTION ITEMS - May 5, 2017:**

- A. Approved the 2017-18 NYSPHSAA Budget.
- B. Approved to clarify language within the NYSPHSAA "practice rule" that warm-ups are not considered practice.
- C. Approved to clarify forfeits count towards representation rule.
- D. Approved to add extended playing time rule for soccer goalie.
- E. Approved of Sections intent to participate in the 2017-18 NYSPHSAA State Championships.
- F. Approved of a drone policy for scrimmages, regular and post season.
- G. Approved of Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotation.
- H. Approved of Girls Lacrosse addition of paid table officials for Regional games.
- I. Defeated of requiring three markers (coaches) per Section at the Girls Golf State Tournament.
- J. Defeated of Girls and Boys Swimming and Diving to recognize a team champion at the NYSPHSAA State Championships.
- K. Approved of Glens Falls Civic Center as the host of the 2018-2020 Girls Volleyball Championships.
- L. Approved of Middletown High School as the host of the 2018-2020 Boys Soccer Championships
- M. Approved to revise the position of Special Programs Coordinator to Director of Special Programs.
- N. Approved to revise the requirements and position title of Treasurer to Director of Finance
- O. Approved of waivers of the representation rule for various Sections.
- P. Approved of Friends and Neighbors and new member schools.
- Q. Defeated 12/13 Section concept document.
- R. Approved of Girls Swimming and Diving Qualifying standards for the 2017 State Championships.
- S. Approved of Boys Swimming and Diving Qualifying standards for the 2018 State Championships.
- T. Approved to revise the Girls and Boys Cross Country classification cut-off number for Fall 2018.
- U. Approved to allow participants in the Boys Golf Championships to utilize a push/pull cart during play.
- V. Approved to provide Athletic Directors with admission into NYSPHSAA State Championship events.
- W. Approved for a reduction in participation numbers from 14 to 12 for Eight Man Football.

**NYSPHSAA DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS - May 5, 2017:**

- A. Consideration of approval to permit students who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice during their period of ineligibility.
- B. Consideration of approval for a waiver of goalie jersey in soccer.
- C. Consideration of approval of a waiver of all white home jersey in soccer.
- D. Consideration of approval to allow spikes in cross country.
- E. Consideration of approval to permit a pilot program in track and field for use of spikes.
- F. Consideration of approval to remove restrictions of footwear in modified football.
- G. Consideration of revisions to NYSPHSAA Transgender guidelines.
- H. Consideration of approval to revise the football classification cut-off numbers for Fall 2018 season.
- I. Consideration of approval of Tommy tough Football Standards.
- J. Consideration of approval for Boys Volleyball to abide by NCAA scoring at the Varsity Level.
- K. Consideration of approval to revise the Girls Volleyball classification cut-off number for Fall 2018 season.
- L. Consideration of approval of Girls Soccer Regional rotations.
- M. Consideration of approval to no longer require an end of the year report including data on disqualifications, in Girls and Boys Soccer, to be sent to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Coordinator.
- N. Consideration of approval for the Ice Hockey Championships (Semifinals & Finals) to have 2 referees and 2 linesmen.
- O. Consideration of approval for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods (17 minutes) and penalties (2/5 & 10 minutes) to begin with the 2018-19 season.
- P. Consideration of approval for modified sports state date to mirror high school start date.
- Q. Approved senior All-Star Contests & Combining of Teams.
- R. NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2017.
- S. Consideration of approval of revisions to the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame policies and procedures.
- T. Consideration to amend NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame voting procedures and application deadlines.
- U. Consideration of revisions to the graduated scale for Combining of Teams.