

**ASECTION XI**  
**NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
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**CONFERENCE/COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**September 2023**

**I. NOTICES**

A. Meetings and Significant Dates

Sept	25	Yom Kippur - NO CONTESTS OR SCRIMMAGES
Sept.	26	Conference IV – 9 AM, Section XI Office
Sept.	27	Conference I - 9 AM, Section XI Office
Sept.	28	Conference II – 9 AM, Section XI Office
Sept.	29	Conference III – 9 AM, Section XI Office
Sept	30	CONSIDERED "NEXT AVAILABLE DATE" and every Saturday thereafter
Oct	4	Athletic Council - 9 AM, Section XI Office
Oct	5	Girls Tennis Seeding Meeting, 10 AM, Section XI Office
Oct	6	DEADLINE for Early Winter Modified and HS Winter Schedule Corrections
Oct.	17-18	NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting, Saratoga
Oct.	19	Modified Cross Country Day @Sunken Meadow, 3:30 PM (Rain Date 10/20)
Oct.	20	B/G Soccer, FH D2 & G Volleyball Seeding Meeting, 10 AM, Section XI Office
Oct	25	DEADLINE for winter Eligibility data
Oct.	26	Athletic Directors - 9 am, Section XI Office

B. **Dues and Service Charges** – Schools not having paid these fees by October 15<sup>th</sup> 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 2023-24 officials' fees are due **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please check on the status of these invoices in your district.

**II. NYSPHSAA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION**

**Approved** continuing the use of the standby official at the semifinal and final games as an on-field working official in the sport of Football for one year.

**Approved** adding the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Representation, letter d. "*Board Approved Coaches may help facilitate practice.*"

**Approved** mandating the Anyone Can Save A Life program for all NYSPHSAA teams in 2024-2025.

**Approved** an addition to the current overtime procedure in Modified Wrestling.

**Approved** requiring all NYSPHSAA Standing Committee members and staff to take free NFHS Implicit Bias course.

**Approved** adding the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook Penalties section:  
"NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction, censure or place schools on probation that fail to

*address derogatory or inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being for those involved in interscholastic activities."*

**Approved** adding the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook Sportsmanship section: *"Use of derogatory or racially explicit language; discriminatory harassment or bias conduct that creates a hostile environment that is disruptive to the educational environment. Spectators shall not be permitted to use vulgar/offensive or racially/culturally insensitive language or engage in any racially/culturally insensitive action. NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction, censure or place schools on probation that fail to address those involved in interscholastic activities from derogatory or inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being for those involved in interscholastic activities."*

**Approved** State Sport Coordinators for a five-year term.

**Approved** classification cut-off numbers for Competitive and Game Day Cheerleading.

**Defeated** implementing a "Purple Card" to assist with management of sportsmanship issues with spectators in the sports of Boys and Girls Volleyball.

**Approved** revising the Girls Volleyball state tournament format to bracket play (semifinals in place of pool play), beginning with the 2023 state tournament.

**Approved** Girls Volleyball Regional Rotations for 2023-2024.

**Approved** Girls Soccer Regional Rotations for 2023-2024.

**Approved** Boys Soccer Regional Rotations for 2023-2024.

**Approved** scoring changes in the Gymnastics Technical Handbook

**Approved** Boys/Girls Bowling becoming a variation sport and keep the classification cutoff numbers at 600 and above for Division 1 and 599 and below for Division 2.

**Approved** Boys Swimming & Diving Qualifying Standards.

**Approved** Ithaca College as the host of the Boys Swimming & Diving Championships (2025-2027).

**Approved** Baseball Regional Rotations for 2023-2024 school year only.

**Defeated** a motion to approve Boys Lacrosse Regional Rotations for 2028-2033.

**Approved** Boys Lacrosse Regional Rotations for 2023-2024 only.

**Defeated** a motion to approve Boys and Girls Lacrosse on the Saturday of Week #36, two days earlier than the traditional spring sports start date.

**Approved** extending the School Based Official Program pilot for one more year

### **III. SECTION ITEMS**

- A. **Modified** – The Modified Committee met on, Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 9 am in the Section XI office. In attendance: Co-chairs; K. Masterson; Conference I: G. Beutel, B. Sacks; Conference II: J. Mercado, D. Fontana; Conference III: B. Denniston, R. Franco; Conference IV: D. Shanahan. Also in attendance – T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (abs D. Ferry, M. Reda)

#### Action Items:

##### Basketball

1. 3-point shot
2. Zone Defense

#### Discussion Items:

1. Devices
2. Expectations for the upcoming year

- B. Policy – The Policy Committee met on, Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 10 am in the Section XI office. In attendance: Conference I: P. Friel, A. Amesti; Conference II: J. Friesen, D. Fontana; Conference III: B. Denniston, R. Franco; Conference IV: Wormuth, S. Flanagan also in attendance – T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (Abs R. Cox)

Approval of the following:

1. Baseball/Softball to make play offs - 500 or better for single elimination
2. Baseball/Softball to make play offs - better than 500 for double elimination

- C. Tournament - The Tournament Committee met on, Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 9 am in the Section XI Office. In attendance: Conference I: P. Friel, C. Agostino; Conference II; J. Mercado, J. Friesen; Conference III; B. Denniston, J. Sparacio; Conference IV: D. Phillips, A. Sherrard. Also in attendance: D. Barth, T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (abs D. Butler)

Approval of the following:

1. Fencing post season – playoff 1 bracket, 500 or better to qualify
2. Baseball/Softball to make playoffs - 500 or better for single elimination
3. Baseball/Softball to make playoffs - better than 500 for double elimination

- D. Sportsmanship – The Sportsmanship Committee met on, Wednesday, September 13, 2023 in the Section XI Office. In attendance: Chair: J. Thode; Conference I: A. Smith, C. Agostino; Conference II: J. Lambert, D. Fontana; Conference III: S. Davis, Jon Rufa; Conference IV: D. Phillips. Also in attendance: T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (Abs: S. Flanagan)

Discussion Items:

1. Officials Appreciation Day
2. Team/Coaches/Spectator Oversight & Officials
3. Lopsided Score Guidelines
4. Leadership Conference & SAAC
5. social media & Sportsmanship
6. NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Program

- E. Placement – The Placement Committee met on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 9 am in the Section XI office. In attendance: Chair: T. Gulluscio; Conference I: B. Sacks, K. Finnerty; Conference II: T. Horan, J. Mercado; Conference III: R. Petrie, D. Butler; Conference IV: G. Wormuth, D. Phillips. Also in attendance: R. Cox, T. Lectora, J. Thode, M. Mensch, P. Torregrosa, T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (abs P. Murphy)

The Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Baseball 2023-24

League I (AAA)		League II (AAA)	
Brentwood	4446	Ward Melville	1514
Longwood	2348	Sachem East	1512
William Floyd	2204	Sachem North	1469
Central Islip	1811	Bay Shore	1467
Pat-Med	1743	Commack	1353
Riverhead	1653	Connetquot	1353
Walt Whitman	1527	Lindenhurst	1314
League III (AAA)		League IV (AA)	
Copiague	1230	Huntington	1073
Northport	1197	Bellport	1043
North Babylon	1116	West Islip	939
Newfield	1110	West Babylon	933
Smithtown East	1100	Deer Park	926
HH Hills East	1092	Smithtown West	912
Centereach (AA)	1080	Comsewogue	864
League V (AA)		League VI (A)	
East Islip	845	Harborfields	681
ESM	819	Kings Park	659
East Hampton	795	Sayville	657
Hauppauge	770	Islip	654
Rocky Point	750	Miller Place	621
Westhampton	731	Hampton Bays	543
HH Hills West	707	Mt Sinai	531
League VII (A)		League VIII (B/C/D)	
Elwood	509	Port Jefferson (B)	263
Bayport - BP	500	Pierson (C)	239
SWR	498	Southold(C)	221
Southampton	465	Greenport (C)	177
Center Moriches	417	BH/Ross (D)	129
Babylon (B)	318	Amityville * alt placement	698
Mattituck (B)	294		

2023-24 Classifications:

- AAA: 1082 +
- AA: 1081-692
- A: 691-403
- B: 402-240
- C: 239-142

Leagues I - VI (6 teams) will play 18 league games and 2 NL

League VII - Each team plays each other 3 times for a total of 18 league games.

A teams will all be allotted 2 NL games.

B teams will play 1 MCO game with Port Jefferson for a total of 19 games, allowing for 1 additional NL game

League VIII - Pierson, Greenport, Southold, BH/Ross, and Amityville will play each other 4 times for 16 league games. They will then play Port Jefferson 3 times for a total of 19 games allowing for 1 NL game

Play offs - 1 game **above** 500/dbl elim will seed entire bracket by classifications

2. Softball 2023-24

League I (AAA)		League II (AAA)	
Brentwood	4446	Sachem North	1469
Longwood	2348	Bay Shore	1467
William Floyd	2204	Commack	1353
Central Islip	1811	Connetquot	1353
HH Hills	1799	Lindenhurst	1314
Pat-Med	1743	Copiague	1230
Riverhead	1653	Northport	1197
Walt Whitman	1527	North Babylon	1116
Ward Melville	1514	Newfield	1110
Sachem East	1512	Smithtown East	1100
League III (AA)		League IV (AA)	
Centereach	1080	Deer Park	926
Huntington	1073	Smithtown West	912
Bellport	1043	Comsewogue	864
West Islip	939	East Islip	845
West Babylon	933	ESM	819
League V (AA)		League VI (A)	
East Hampton	795	Harborfields	681
Hauppauge	770	Kings Park	659
Rocky Point	750	Sayville	657
Westhampton	731	Islip	654
Amityville	698	Miller Place	621
League VII (A)		League VIII (A/B)	
Hampton Bays	543	Southampton (A)	465
Mt Sinai	531	Center Moriches (A)	417
Elwood	509	Mattituck/Gpt/Shld (A)	413
Bayport - BP	500	Babylon (B)	318
SWR	498	Pierson/BH (B)	256

2023-24 Classifications:

- AAA: 1082 +
- AA: 1081-692
- A: 691-403
- B: 402-240
- C: 239-142

League I & II: play each team 2x in league + 2 NL

League III, IV, V: play each team 2x in league play other 2 leagues 1x for 10 mco + 2 NL

League VI, VII, VIII: play each team 2x in league play other 2 leagues 1x for 10 mco + 2 NL

1 game above 500 to make playoffs/dbl elim will seed entire bracket by classifications

## 3. Boys Lacrosse 2023-24

Division I (A) (Power Ranked)		Division II (B, C & D) (Power Ranked)	
Brentwood	4446	Bellport - B	1043
SH/EH/BH/Ross/Pier/HB	3465	West Islip - B	939
Longwood	2348	West Babylon - B	933
William Floyd	2204	Deer Park - B	926
Middle Country	2190	Smithtown West - B	912
Half Hollow Hills	1799	Comsewogue - B	864
Pat Med	1743	East Islip - B	845
Riverhead	1653	ESM - B	819
Walt Whitman	1527	Hauppauge - C	770
Ward Melville	1514	Rocky Point - C	750
Sachem East	1512	Westhampton - C	731
Sachem North	1469	Harborfields - C	681
Bay Shore	1467	Kings Park - C	659
Commack	1353	Sayville - C	657
Connetquot	1343	Islip - C	654
Lindenhurst	1314	Miller Place - C	621
Copiague	1230	Mt. Sinai - C	531
Northport	1197	Elwood-J Glenn - C	509
North Babylon	1116	Bayport-Blue Point -C	500
Smithtown East	1100	SWR - C	498
Huntington	1073	Center Moriches -D	417
		Mattituck/Shld/Gpt - D	413
		Babylon -D	318
		Port Jefferson -D	263

Power ranked - play 14 games

\*Class A - 11 teams

\*Class B - 4 teams

\*Class C - 6 teams

\*Class D - 2 teams

4. Boys and Girls Badminton 2023-24

League I (7 large school)	
Brentwood	4446
Central Islip	1811
HH Hills	1799
Pat-Med	1743
Walt Whitman	1527
Ward Melville	1514
Commack	1353
Connetquot	1343
Lindenhurst	1314
Northport	1197
Smithtown East	1100
Huntington	1073
Smithtown West	912
Miller Place	621

Each school will play each team once and up to three, non-league matches. Total of 13 league matches, 16 matches with non-leagues.

500 or better to qualify for playoffs  
 Quarter finals play at higher seed H.S.  
 League matches to qualify for playoffs

Tie breaker:

- a. Head-to-head
- b. Highest Common Opponent
- c. Coin Flip

5. Girls Golf 2023-24

League I		League II	
HH Hills East		Northport	
HH Hills West		Commack	
West Babylon		Smithtown East	
West Islip		Smithtown West	
Deer Park		Hauppauge	
Bay Shore		Port Jefferson	
Huntington		Ward Melville	
League III		League IV	
Islip		Sachem	
East Islip		Rocky Point	
Bayport		Mt. Sinai	
Sayville		Shoreham-WR	
Bellport		Southampton/Pier/Ross	
Patchogue-Medford		Longwood	
Connetquot		Riverhead	

play each team in league 2x

1. Only the top 2 teams from each league will qualify for tournament- teams can bring 6 and score 5 golfers for the team tournament
2. The Individual golfers participating in the county tournament will be golfers who earned All-League. Each league will get 13 All-League selections and those golfers are automatic qualifiers. Any girl golfers playing on a boys' team will have to submit average over par using rating scale and if within the top 52 they will qualify for tournament.

6. Boys and Girls Track 2023-24

County 1A			
League I (AAA)		League II (AAA)	
Brentwood	4446	Walt Whitman	1527
Longwood	2348	Ward Melville	1514
William Floyd	2204	Sachem East	1512
Middle Country	2190	Sachem North	1469
Central Islip	1811	Bay Shore	1467
Patchogue-Medford	1743	Commack	1353
Riverhead	1653		
County 2A			
League III (AA)		League IV (AA)	
Connetquot	1343	Huntington	1073
Lindenhurst	1314	Bellport	1043
Copiague	1230	West Islip	939
Northport	1197	West Babylon	933
North Babylon	1116	Deer Park	926
Smithtown East	1100	Smithtown West	912
HH Hills East	1092		
County 3A			
League V (B)		League VI (B)	
East Hampton/BH/Pier	908	HH Hills West	707
Comsewogue	864	Wyandanch	674
East Islip	845	Amityville	698
Eastport-South Manor	819	Harborfields	681
Hauppauge	770	Kings Park	659
Rocky Point	750	Sayville	657
Westhampton Beach	731	Islip	654
County 4B			
League VII (C)		League VIII (C)	
Miller Place *	621	Southampton	465
Hampton Bays	543	Center Moriches	417
Mt Sinai	531	Southold/Greenport	398
Elwood/John Glenn	509	Babylon	318
Bayport-Blue Point	500	Mattituck	294
Shoreham-Wading River	498	Port Jefferson	263
		Ross	107
*MP is a Div 1 team		Shelter Island	39

play each team in league 1x  
 Div 1 600 and above  
 Div 2 599 and below

## 7. Girls Lacrosse 2023-24

Division I (A) power ranked		Division II (B, C & D) power ranked	
Brentwood	4446	Bellport - B	1043
Longwood	2348	West Islip -B	939
William Floyd	2204	West Babylon - B	933
Middle Country	2190	Deer Park - B	926
HH Hills	1799	Smithtown West - B	912
Pat-Med	1743	EH/Pier/Ross - B	899
Riverhead	1653	Comsewogue - B	864
Walt Whitman	1527	East Islip - B	845
Sachem East	1512	ESM - B	819
Ward Melville	1514	Hauppauge - C	770
Sachem North	1469	Rocky Point -C	750
Bay Shore	1467	Westhampton - C	731
Commack	1353	Harborfields - C	681
Connetquot	1343	Kings Park - C	659
Lindenhurst	1314	Sayville - C	657
Copiague	1230	Islip - C	654
Northport	1197	Miller Place - C	621
North Babylon	1116	Hampton Bays - C	543
Smithtown East	1100	Mt. Sinai - C	531
Huntington	1073	Elwood-J Glenn - C	509
		Bayport - C	500
		Shoreham-WR - C	489
		Southampton - C	465
		Center Moriches -D	417
		Mattituck/Shld/GPT - D	413
		Babylon - D	366
		Port Jefferson -D	263

Power ranked - play 14 games

2 Divisions - half the classifications make playoff (+1 if odd number of teams)  
 20 A - 10 make playoff, 9 B - 5 make playoffs, 14 C - 7 make playoffs, 4 D - 2 make playoffs

8. Boys Tennis 2023-24

<b>Division I</b>		<b>Division II</b>	
Commack		Islip	
HH Hills East		Sayville	
Harborfields		Bay Shore	
HH Hills West		West Islip	
Northport		Lindenhurst	
Smithtown West		East Islip	
Elwood-JG		Babylon	
Hauppauge		West Babylon	
Kings Park		Deer Park	
Walt Whitman		Brentwood	
Huntington		Central Islip	
Smithtown East		North Babylon	
<b>Division III</b>		<b>Division IV</b>	
Ward Melville		East Hampton/BH/Pier	
Bayport-BP		Westhampton	
Port Jefferson		Ross	
Connetquot		Shoreham-WR	
Rocky Point		William Floyd	
Sachem		Mattituck	
Patchogue-Medford		Southold/Greenport	
Miller Place		Center Moriches	
Mt. Sinai		Southampton	
Comsewogue		Eastport-S Manor	
Middle Country		Riverhead	
Longwood		Hampton Bays	
Bellport			

**Schedule:** Power Rank Formula to generate schedule. 8 league games, 3 Mandatory Crossovers by strength Order. All teams have 11 scheduled matches with 5 open dates as requested by coaches.

**Post Season:** 500 or better to qualify. Large School and Small School Tournament. Small Schools under 500 can petition based on displacement.

Order of Strength, Based on Geographical League Assignments  
Coaches Held Virtual Seeding Meeting

9. Girls Flag Football 2023-24

League I (A)		League II (A)	
Longwood	2348	Commack	1353
William Floyd	2204	Connetquot	1343
Smithtown	1964	Lindenhurst	1314
Pat-Med	1743	Northport	1197
HH Hills	1799	North Babylon	1116
Walt Whitman	1527	Huntington	1073
Ward Melville	1514	West Islip	939
Sachem East	1512	West Babylon	933
Sachem North	1469	Deer Park	926
Bay Shore	1467	Eastport S Manor	819
League III (B/C)			
East Hampton	795	Teams will play each team in their league 1x with a .500 or better league record will make play-offs	
Hauppauge	770		
Amityville	698		
Harborfields	681		
Kings Park	659		
Sayville	657		
Center Moriches	417		
Riverhead Chr (C)	72		

10. Unified Basketball 2023-24

League 1		League 2	
Comsewogue		Amityville	
Port Jefferson		Brentwood	
Miller Place		Lindenhurst	
Longwood		North Babylon	
Rocky Point		Deer Park	
SWR		Wyandanch	
Middle Country		West Babylon	
		West Islip	
League 3		League 4	
Commack		Sachem North	
Elwood-John Glenn		Sachem East	
HH Hills East		Pat-Med	
HH Hills West		Connetquot	
Huntington		Bayport-BP	
Kings Park		Sayville	
Walt Whitman		East Islip	
Northport		Hauppauge	
		Central Islip	
		Islip	
League 5			
East Hampton		Each team will play 8 contests within their league  No playoffs	
Southampton			
Riverhead			
Center Moriches			
ESM			
William Floyd			
Bellport			

- F. Safety – The Safety Committee met on, Monday, September 18, 2023 in the Section XI Office. In attendance: M. Mensch, T. Mullins, K. Finnerty, G. Beutel, D. Ferry, W. Bennett, R. Petrie, J. Thode, D. Shanahan, A. Donatelli, M. Mensch, P. White, P. Blieberg and T. Combs.

**Action Item:**

1. When a modified heat alert is called all Cross-Country meets will be postponed, regardless of the level.
2. Thunder and Lightning Policy:
  - Applied to regular season through NYSPHSAA Finals:
    1. Thunder and lightning necessitates that contest 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 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, and 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.

**Discussion Items:**

**Fall**

1. Plan for AD/ATC combined workshop – 12/14 AD Meeting
2. Sideline Concussion Management Protocols communications for playoffs
3. Full Heat Alerts – Air-Conditioned Gyms, Pool and playing after 6 pm

**Winter**

1. New Wrestling Certifications update (Pete White)

**Spring**

1. Athletic Training Promotion and Recruitment
2. Cardiac Screening? End of School Year?