

MINUTES
Suffolk County Public High School Athletic Association
Section XI – Athletic Council
NYSPHSAA, Inc.

October 4, 2023

Section XI Office

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by President Masterson at 9:04 am. The following were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President:	K. Masterson	X	Central Comm.:	T. Gulluscio	Abs
1 st Vice Pres:	R. Cox	X		K. Masterson	X
2 nd Vice Pres:	M. Reggio	X		R. Masera	X
Past Pres:	S. Schuster	Abs		R. Haas	X
At Large:	D. Ferry	X		T. Mullins	X
At Large:	J. Polanski	Abx			
Supt Rep:	J. Quinn	X			
Supt Rep:	J. Cummings	X			
<u>Ex-Officio:</u>			Executive Director:	T. Combs	X
Treasurer:	S. Leister	Abs	Assistant Director:	P. Blieberg	X
Counsel:	K. Seaman	X	Consultant:	K. O'Reilly	x

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

I.	N. Taylor	X	II.	J. Coady	X
	M. Keltos	X		C. Cobb	Abs
	D. Barth	X		M. DeVincenzo	X
	G. Beutel	X		T. Horan	X
	K. Mitchell	X		L. Dolson	X
	A. Smith	X			
III.	S. Lipshie	X	IV.	S. Petretti	Abs
	A. Beyersdorf	Abs		M. Passamonte	X
	D. Butler	X		D. Phillips	X
	S. Reh	X		M. DeJoseph	X
	A. Shannon	X		A. Reed	X
	A. Daleo	X			

A. Approval of Minutes

"to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2023, Athletic Council Meeting."

Motion: N. Taylor Second: T. Horan

Motion: **Approved**

2. **REPORTS**

The Executive Board met on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 4 pm. In attendance: President, K. Masterson, M. Reggio, T. Gulluscio, R. Masera, R. Haas, J. Quinn, J. Polansky, J. Cummings, K. O'Reilly, S. Leister, K. Seaman, T. Mullins, T. Combs and P. Blieberg. Abs. R. Cox, D. Ferry, S. Schuster.

1. President – Kathy Masterson called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. The Executive Board reviewed and **approved** the Annual Report dated September 2023, submitted by Lynn Schwartz, along with the claim's reports for June, July and August 2023.

2. Council – Kevin Seaman

A. Officials Negotiations

B. Written notice – Must accompany any ejections

3. Corporate Sponsorship/Marketing Kevin O'Reilly provided an update of current and potential sponsors.

4. Finances

A. Mr. Leister reviewed Profits and Loss with the Board.

B. The Executive Board **approved** the Section XI Meal and Refreshment Quarterly Report for the period ending September 8, 2023.

C. The Executive Director provided a report indicating the Staff Summer work for 2023.

5. Communications Coordinator

A. The Executive Director shared the Data and Metrics for September 2023 from Chris Vaccaro with the Executive Board.

6. APPOINTMENTS – Tom Combs

A. The Executive Board **approved** Jason Labert and Jonathan Rufa as sport chairs for boys and girls' cross country.

7. NYSPHSAA

A. Central Committee – T. Gulluscio and D. Ferry reviewed the NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting.

B. NYSPHSAA – Tim Mullins gave an update on the State Report to the Executive Board.

C. NYSPHSAAA – Award Winners – Congratulations to Section XI's NYSPHSAA Schools of Distinction and Excellence and Shelter Island for Sportsmanship.

D. The Executive Board **approved** XC outside agency invitational on October 7, 2023.

8. Executive Director – Tom Combs

A. Executive Director Report

B. New Athletic Directors

C. Athletic Director Eligibility Workshop

D. Meeting dates

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

3. NYSPHSAA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. (D) Consider approval for NYSPHSAA girls to wrestle freestyle.
2. (D) Consider approval of the following rule changes to girls wrestling to help transition to freestyle.
 1. Each period would begin in the neutral position.
 2. Out of Bounds – would be brought back to the center in the neutral position.
3. (D) Consider approval to conduct a NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling State Championship on Week #33 as a standalone event or Week #34 in conjunction with the NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Individual State Championship.
4. (D) Consider approval of updates to the state standards for the first non-qualifier to advance to the NYSPHSAA Indoor Track State Championships.
5. (D) Consider approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 with six (6) classes starting in 2024 in the sport of Girls Basketball.
6. (D) Consider approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024-28 with six (6) classes starting in March 2024 in the sport of Boys Basketball.
7. (D) Consider approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 with six (6) classes starting in 2024 in the sport of Softball.
8. (D) Consider approval to compete the Division 1 team tournament as a 3-4 format (3 singles and 4 doubles) for the team tennis championships beginning in the Spring 2024 for a two-year pilot (2023- 2024 and 2024-2025 school year).
9. (D) Consider approval to compete the Division 2 team tournament as a 2-3 format (2 singles and 3 doubles) for the team tennis championships beginning in the spring of 2024 for a two-year pilot (2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year).
10. (D) Consider approval to seed the state tournament final four teams in each of the divisions (Division 1 and Division 2) using strength of team criteria via Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) system.
11. (D) Consider approval to allow each girls flag football team to have two timeouts per half (timeouts would not carryover).
12. (D) Consider approval of the following situations being added to the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football rules to stop the clock during the running clock period of the games.
13. (D) Consider approval of the following language to be added to the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football rules regarding Punts. 5. The receiving team may advance the ball if caught by the receiving team. The play is dead at the point the ball contacts the ground or crosses the out of bounds."
14. (D) approval of a "Battery Week" to allow pitchers and catchers to start one week earlier than players who do not pitch or catch.
15. Approved mandating the Anyone Can Save A Life program for all NYSPHSAA teams in 2024-2025.

16. Approved an addition to the current overtime procedure in Modified Wrestling.
17. Approved requiring all NYSPHSAA Standing Committee members and staff to take free NFHS Implicit Bias course.
18. 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."
19. Approved revising the Girls Volleyball state tournament format to bracket play (semifinals in place of pool play), beginning with the 2023 state tournament.
20. Approved extending the School Based Official Program pilot for one more year
21. Adding at large teams to the State Tournament

4. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS

A. Modified

To approve the following:

1. Basketball 3-point shot

Motion: T. Horan Second: J. Coady

Motion: **Approved**

2. Zone defense

Motion: D. Phillips Second: M. Keltos

Motion: **Approved**

B. Policy

To approve the following:

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

Motion: N. Taylor Second: D. Barth

Motion: **Approved**

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

Motion: A. Shannon Second: A. Daleo

Motion: **Approved**

C. Tournament

To approve the following:

1. Fencing post season – playoff 1 bracket, 500 or better to qualify

Motion: D. Butler Second: S. Reh

Motion: **Approved**

2. Baseball/Softball to make playoffs - 500 or better for single elimination

Motion: J. Coady Second: L. Dolson

Motion: **Approved**

3. Baseball/Softball to make playoffs - better than 500 for double elimination

Motion: M. DeVincenzo Second: K. O'Reilly

Motion: **Approved**

D. Placement

To approve 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)	
Copague	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

Motion: M. DeJoseph Second: A. Reed

Motion: **Approved**

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

Motion: M. Keltos Second: N. Taylor

Motion: **Approved**

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

Motion: D. Butler Second: J. Coady

Motion: **Approved**

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

Motion: D. Phillips Second: A. Smith

Motion: **Approved**

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.

Motion: K. Mitchell Second: T. Horan

Motion: **Approved**

6. Boys and Girls Track 2023-24

County 1A			
League I		League II	
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		League IV	
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		League VI	
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		League VIII	
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

Motion: N. Taylor Second: D. Barth

Motion: **Approved**

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
Ward Melville	1514	ESM - B	819
Sachem East	1512	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

Motion: G. Beutel Second: A. Daleo

Motion: **Approved**

8. Boys Tennis 2023-24

Division I	Division II
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
Division III	Division IV
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

Motion: K. Mitchell Second: D. Barth

Motion: **Approved**

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 Class A: 788 + Class B: 787 -	
Hauppauge	770		
Amityville	698		
Harborfields	681		
Kings Park	659		
Sayville	657		
Center Moriches	417		
Riverhead Chr (C)	72		

Motion: J. Coady Second: A. Reed

Motion: **Approved**

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	
Southampton	
Riverhead	
Center Moriches	
ESM	
William Floyd	
Bellport	

Each team will play 8 contests within their league

No playoffs

Motion: N. Taylor Second: M. Keltos

Motion: **Approved**

E. Safety

To approve the following:

1. When a modified heat alert is called all Cross-Country meets will be postponed, regardless of the level.

Motion: M. DeVincenzo Second: G. Beutel

Motion: **Approved**

2. Thunder and Lightning Policy applied to regular season through NYSPHSAA Finals

Motion: S. Reh Second: D. Butler

Motion: **Approved**

Adjournment: 10:32 am

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Combs

Thomas Combs
Executive Director