

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

**October 2, 2024**

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

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

I.	N. Taylor	Abs	II.	R. Rose	Abs
	M. Keltos	X		C. Cobb	X
	D. Barth	X		M. DeVincenzo	X
	G. Beutel	X		S. Restivo	X
	K. Mitchell	X		L. Dolson	Abs
	T. Lectora	Abs		A. Beyersdorf	X
III.	S. Lipshie	Abs	IV.	S. Petretti	Abs
	S. Bricker	X		J. Ruggero	X
	D. Butler	X		G. Wormuth	X
	S. Reh	X		M. DeRosa	X
	A. Shannon	X		A. Reed	X
	A. Daleo	X		R. Mott	X

**A. Approval of Minutes**

"to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2024, Athletic Council Meeting."

Motion: J. Ruggerio    Second: R. Mott

Motion:    **Approved**

## 2. **REPORTS**

The Executive Board met on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 4 pm. In attendance: President R. Cox, M. Reggio, J. Mercado, K. Masterson, D. Ferry, T. Gulluscio, T. Horan, F. Pugliese, J. Quinn, J. Cummings, K. O'Reilly, S. Leister, K. Seaman, T. Mullins, T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (abs J. Polansky).

**President** – Ryan Cox called the meeting to order at 4 pm

A. The Executive Board reviewed and **approved** the claim's reports for June, July and August 2024.

**Council** – Kevin Seaman

A. Man Lifts at Football games – NSIR

B. SCCC handicap OOCR Report

**Corporate Sponsorship/Marketing**

A. Kevin O'Reilly provided an update of current and potential sponsors.

**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 10, 2024.

C. The Executive Director provided a report indicating the Staff Summer work for 2024.

**Communications Coordinator**

A. The Executive Director shared the Data and Metrics for September 2024 from Chris Vaccaro with the Executive Board.

**NYSPPHSAA**

A. Central Committee – T. Horan and K. Masterson reviewed the NYSPPHSAA Central Committee meeting.

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

C. NYSPPHSAAA – Award Winners – Congratulations to Section XI's NYSPPHSAA Schools of Distinction and Excellence.

D. NFHS Coaches Awards

**Outside Agency Cross Country Meets**

A. The Executive Board **approved** XC outside agency invitational on September 28, 2024.

**Executive Director** – Tom Combs

A. Executive Director Report

B. New Athletic Directors

C. Athletic Director Eligibility Workshop

D. Meeting dates

**Meeting Adjournment** –The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

## 3. **NYSPPHSAA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

### **A. Sports Action/Discussion Items**

#### **Fall**

1. (D) Consider approval to implement a 15-point deciding set tiebreaker when teams split 1-1 in the NYSPPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Championship pool play and semifinals. \*\*If pool play is approved.
2. (D) Consider approval to include Game Day Rules and Regulations in the NYSPPHSAA Handbook.
3. (D) Consider approval to regulate and impose a rule that bans choreography development of a routine to be used for Competitions prior to the beginning of the season's official start date.

## **Winter**

1. (D) Consider approval to create automatic qualifying standards for the Division 2 Indoor Track/Field relays.

## **Spring**

1. (D) Consider approval of Girls Lacrosse Classification Cut-Off numbers for Spring 2025.
2. (D) Consider approval of adding a 3rd Classification and Classification Cut-Off numbers for Flag Football for Spring 2025.
3. (D) Consider approval of NFHS Waivers for Softball playing rules.

## **4. NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting**

**Approved** reverting back to a pool play format for the 2024 NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Championships.

**Approved** a revision to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Penalty for Football to be, "Any player disqualified by a sport official for unsportsmanlike behavior or flagrant

**Approved** Webster Aquatic Center (Webster, NY) as the host of the Girls Swimming & Diving Championships (2025-2027).

**Approved** Roberts Wesleyan University/Finger Lakes Community College (Rochester, NY) as the host of the Boys Volleyball Championship (2025-2027).

**Approved** allowing Sections to have an early weight Certification date starting no earlier than the Monday of Week #16 in Boys Wrestling.

**Approved** use of an Automatic Qualifier System to complete the 16 person brackets for the 2025 Girls Wrestling Championship.

**Approved** amending the representation rule for Girls Wrestling to "In the sport of Girls Wrestling, if a school does have a team for both genders the female wrestlers may choose to compete in either the boys post season or the girls post season but not both."

**Approved** to continue the waiver of the 6 max tournament rule in Girls Wrestling.

**Approved** waiving the NFHS 1.5% weight loss plan for Girls Wrestling.

**Tabled** the use of USA Wrestling Junior Rules for Freestyle wrestling in Girls Wrestling.

**Approved** establishing two divisions for Bowling Championships Composite Division (Division 1 and Division 2), beginning in Winter 2025.

**Approved** modifying the bowling format of the Division 1 and Division 2 school team events during the Bowling State Tournament to utilize a 6-man format, beginning in Winter 2025.

**Approved** classification cut-off numbers for Outdoor Track/Field (B/G), starting in 2025.

**Approved** the Mill Creek Golf Course (Rochester, NY) as the host of the Boys Golf Championships (2025-2027).

**Approved** adding approval of Unified Soccer – Rules Modifications, Unified Tennis – Rules Modifications, Unified Bocce – Sport Offering/Rules Modifications to the agenda.

**Approved** Unified Soccer – Rules Modifications, Unified Tennis – Rules Modifications, Unified Bocce – Sport Offering/Rules Modifications.

A. **4. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS**

A. Placement

To approve the following:

1. Boys Tennis

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

Schedule: all teams in each division play each other once.  
 3 Mandatory Crossovers by strength Order.  
 Brentwood, Bellport, Hampton Bays and North Babylon play MNL as scheduled.

Post Season: 500 or better plus MNL record to qualify

Based on Geographical League Assignments, coaches rank team by ability

Motion: A. Shannon    Second: M. Keltos

Motion: **Approved**

## 2. Boys and Girls Badminton

League I	
Brentwood	4577
HH Hills	1851
Central Islip	1842
Pat-Med	1770
Walt Whitman	1523
Ward Melville	1445
Lindenhurst	1380
Connetquot	1314
Commack	1271
Northport	1140
Smithtown East	1103
Deer Park	980
Huntington	1098
Smithtown West	885
Miller Place	600

Each school will play each team once and up to two, non-league matches.  
 Total of 14 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: A. Daleo      Second: G. Beutel

Motion: **Approved**

## 3. Girls Golf

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

Typically, we play each team in the league twice- we now have League IV with 8 teams so they will play 2 additional league matches. The top 2 teams in each league qualify for the Section XI Team Tournament- if there is a tie for second both teams will go.

Motion: S. Bricker      Second: J. Ruggero

Motion: **Approved**

4. Boys and Girls Track

League I County IA		League II County IA	
Brentwood	4577	Walt Whitman	1523
Longwood	2348	Sachem East	1506
William Floyd	2285	Ward Melville	1445
Middle Country	2223	Sachem North	1421
Central Islip	1842	Bay Shore	1415
Patchogue-Medford	1770	Lindenhurst	1380
Riverhead	1691	Connetquot	1314
League III County IIA		League IV County IIA	
Commack	1271	Huntington	1073
Copiague	1194	Bellport	1043
North Babylon	1178	Deer Park	980
Northport	1140	West Islip	908
Smithtown East	1103	West Babylon	891
HH Hills East	1092	Smithtown West	885
League V County IIIA		League VI County IIIA	
East Islip	863	Amityville	746
Comsewogue	836	Westhampton Beach	725
East Hampton/BH/Pier	795	Wyandanch	707
Eastport-South Manor	786	Rocky Point	704
HH Hills West	762	Islip	654
Hauppauge	761	Kings Park	632
Harborfields	756	Sayville	615
League VII County IVBA		League VIII County IVB	
Miller Place	600	Southampton	438
Hampton Bays	552	Southold/Greenport	409
Mt Sinai	543	Center Moriches	402
Shoreham-Wading River	491	Babylon	332
Elwood/John Glenn	486	Mattituck	282
Bayport-Blue Point	482	Port Jefferson	245
		Ross	127
1x vs each league opponent			

Motion: C. Cobb      Second: D. Barth

Motion: **Approved**

5. Boys Lacrosse

Division I (A) (Power Ranked)		Division II (B, C & D) (Power Ranked)	
Brentwood	4577	Deer Park - B	980
SH/EH/BH/Ross/Pier/HB	3474	West Islip - B	908
William Floyd	2285	West Babylon - B	891
Middle Country	2223	Smithtown West - B	885
Longwood	2202	East Islip - B	863
Half Hollow Hills	1851	Comsewogue - B	836
Pat Med	1770	ESM - B	786
Riverhead	1691	Hauppauge - B	761
Walt Whitman	1523	Harborfields - B	756
Sachem East	1506	Westhampton - C	725
Ward Melville	1445	Rocky Point - C	704
Sachem North	1421	Islip - C	654
Bay Shore	1415	Kings Park - C	632
Lindenhurst	1380	Sayville - C	615
Connetquot	1314	Miller Place - C	600
Commack	1271	Mt. Sinai - C	543
Copiague	1194	SWR - C	491
North Babylon	1178	Elwood-J Glenn - C	486
Northport	1140	Bayport-Blue Point -C	482
Smithtown East	1103	Mattituck/Shld/Gpt - D	445
Huntington	1098	Center Moriches -D	402
Bellport	1037	Babylon -D	332
		Port Jefferson -D	245

Power ranked - play 14 games  
\*Class A - 11 teams  
\*Class B - 5 teams  
\*Class C - 5 teams  
\*Class D - 2 teams

2024-25 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS:

A = 1036 +  
B = 728-1035  
C = 450-727  
D = 449 - below

Motion: D. Butler      Second: G. Wormuth

Motion: **Approved**

6. Girls Lacrosse

Division I (A) power ranked		Division II (B, C & D) power ranked	
Brentwood	4577	Deer Park - B	980
William Floyd	2285	West Islip -B	908
Longwood	2202	West Babylon - B	891
Middle Country	2223	Smithtown West - B	885
HH Hills	1851	East Islip - B	863
Pat-Med	1770	Comsewogue - B	836
Riverhead	1691	ESM - B	786
Walt Whitman	1523	Hauppauge - B	761
Sachem East	1506	Harborfields - B	756
Ward Melville	1445	Westhampton - C	725
Sachem North	1421	Rocky Point -C	704
Bay Shore	1415	Islip - C	654
Lindenhurst	1380	Kings Park - C	632
Connetquot	1314	Sayville - C	615
Commack	1271	Miller Place - C	600
Copiague	1194	Hampton Bays - C	552
North Babylon	1178	Mt. Sinai - C	543
EH/Pier/BH/Ross	1165	Shoreham-WR - C	491
Northport	1140	Elwood-J Glenn - C	486
Smithtown East	1103	Bayport - C	482
Huntington	1098	Mattituck/Shld/GPT - D	445
Bellport	1037	Southampton - D	438
		Center Moriches -D	417
		Babylon - D	366
		Port Jefferson -D	245

Power ranked – play 14 games

2 Divisions – half the classifications make playoff (+1 if odd number of teams)

22 A – 11 make playoff, 9 B – 5 make playoffs, 11 C – 6 make playoffs, 5 D – 3 make playoffs

2024-25 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS

A = 1036 +  
 B = 728-1035  
 C = 450-727  
 D = 449 - below

Motion: R. Mott

Second: A. Daleo

Motion: **Approved**

7. Girls Flag Football

League I (A)		League II (B/C)	
William Floyd	2285	Deer Park	980
Longwood	2202	West Islip	908
Smithtown	1988	West Babylon	891
HH Hills	1851	East Islip	863
Pat-Med	1770	Eastport S Manor	786
Walt Whitman	1523	Hauppauge	761
Sachem East	1506	Harborfields	756

Ward Melville	1445	Amityville	746
Sachem North	1421	East Hampton	744
Bay Shore	1415	Wyandanch	707
Lindenhurst	1380	Kings Park	632
Connetquot	1314	Sayville	615
Commack	1271	Elwood-John Glenn (C)	486
Copiague	1194	Center Moriches (C)	402
North Babylon	1178	Riverhead Chr (C)	90
Northport	1140	Smithtown Christian (C)	71
Huntington	1098		

League I: will play each team in their league 1x for a total of 16 games  
 League II: will play each team in their league 1x for a total of 15 games  
 .500 or better will make play-offs

Motion: M. DeVincenzo      Second: S. Reh

Motion: **Approved**

8. Unified Basketball

<b>League 1</b>		<b>League 2</b>	
Comsewogue		Amityville	
Port Jefferson		Brentwood	
Miller Place		Lindenhurst	
Longwood		North Babylon	
Rocky Point		Deer Park	
SWR		Wyandanch	
Middle Country		West Babylon	
Mt Sinai		West Islip	
		Bay Shore (?)	
<b>League 3</b>		<b>League 4</b>	
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	
<b>League 5</b>		Each team will play 8 contests within their league  No playoffs	
East Hampton			
Southampton			
Riverhead			
Center Moriches			
ESM			
William Floyd			
Bellport			

Motion: M. DeRosa    Second: G. Beutel

Motion: **Approved**

9. Softball

League I (AAA)		League II (AAA)	
Brentwood	4577	Walt Whitman	1523
William Floyd	2285	Sachem East	1506
Longwood	2202	Ward Melville	1445
HH Hills	1851	Sachem North	1421
Central Islip	1842	Bay Shore	1415
Pat-Med	1770	Lindenhurst	1380
Riverhead	1691	Connetquot	1314
League III (AAA)		League IV (AA)	
Commack	1271	Comsewogue/PJ	1081
Copiague	1194	Bellport	1037
Newfield	1191	Centereach	1032
North Babylon	1178	Deer Park	980
Northport	1140	West Islip	908
Smithtown East	1103	West Babylon	891
Huntington	1098	Smithtown West	885
		East Islip	863
League V (AA)		League VI (A)	
ESM	786	Islip	654
Hauppauge	761	Kings Park	632
Harborfields	756	Sayville	615
Amityville	746	Miller Place	659
East Hampton	744	Hampton Bays	552
Westhampton	725	Mt Sinai	543
Rocky Point	704	SWR	491
League VII (A,B)		2024-25 Classifications: AAA: 1090 + AA: 1089-680 A: 679-397 B: 396-236	
Mattituck/Gpt/Shld (A)	487		
Elwood (A)	486		
Bayport - BP (A)	482		
Southampton (A)	438		
Center Moriches (A)	402		
Babylon (B)	332		
Pierson/BH (B)	240		

Lg 1,2,3,5,6,7 will play each team 3x for 18 league games and 2 NL  
 Lg 4 will play each team 2x for 14 league games and 6 NL  
 Post season: 1 game above .500 make play offs.  
 Double elimination.  
 Will seed bracket by classification.

Motion: K. Mitchell    Second: A. Reed

Motion: **Approved**

10. Baseball

League I (AAA)		League II (AAA)	
Brentwood	4577	Sachem East	1506
William Floyd	2285	Ward Melville	1445
Longwood	2202	Sachem North	1421
Central Islip	1842	Bay Shore	1415
Pat-Med	1770	Lindenhurst	1380
Riverhead	1691	Connetquot	1314
Walt Whitman	1523	Commack	1271
League III (AAA)		League IV (AA)	
Copiague	1194	Bellport	1037
Newfield	1191	Centereach	1032
North Babylon	1178	Deer Park	980
Northport	1140	West Islip	908
Smithtown East	1103	West Babylon	891
Huntington	1098	Smithtown West	885
HH Hills East	1089	East Islip	863
League V (AA)		League VI (A)	
Comsewogue	836	Rocky Point (AA)	704
ESM	786	Islip	654
HH Hills West	762	Kings Park	632
Hauppauge	761	Sayville	615
Harborfields	756	Miller Place	600
East Hampton	744	Mt Sinai	543
Westhampton	725	SWR	491
League VII (A/B)		League VIII (C/D)	
Elwood	486	Greenport (C)	206
Bayport - BP	482	Southold(C)	203
Southampton	438	BH/Ross (C)	149
Center Moriches	402	Amityville * alt placement	746
Babylon (B)	332	Hampton Bays *alt placement	552
Mattituck (B)	282		
Port Jefferson (B)	245		
Pierson (B)	240		

2024-25 Classifications:

- AAA: 1087 +
- AA: 1086-687
- A: 686-397
- B: 396-236
- C: 235-144
- D: 143-

Leagues I - VI (7 teams) will play 18 league games and 2 NL

League VII - (8 teams) All A teams will play each other 4x for 12 games vs A schools. All A teams will play B schools 2x for 8 games vs B schools. All B schools will play each other 4x for 12 games vs B schools. All B schools will play the A schools 2x for 8 games. Total 20 games no NL's. A schools will play each other 1x followed by playing B schools 2x and end the season playing 3 games series vs A's. B schools will play each other 1x followed by playing A schools 2x and end the season playing 3 game series vs B's.

League VIII - (5 teams) all will play each other 4x 16 total with 4 NL's. Play offs - 1 game above 500/dbl elim. will seed entire bracket by classifications

Motion: A. Deleo

Second: R. Mott

Motion: **Approved**

## B. Safety

### Discussion:

1. NYS Wrestling Assessment: Updates
2. Guardian Helmet Pads: Feedback
3. Save A Life: Update
4. Emergency Action Plans for Playoffs Communication/Reminders
5. NYSPHSAA Or NFHS Rule Changes: Updates
6. March 2025 ATC Month Ideas
7. Other Matters:
  - a. Summer Sports Emergency Responder Course Feedback
  - b. CMO/ATC Issues

## C. Policy

### Action Items:

1. Boys and Girls Bowling

HOME MATCHES: All school's "home matches" must be played at their home center (house). Exceptions due to the center (house) not being available, due to weather, closure, or any other unforeseen circumstance, will have to be approved by Section XI prior to the match for approval. Every effort to play at your home center (house) must be made.

Motion: D. Butler      Second: K. Mitchell

Motion: **Approved**

### Discussion Item:

1. Coaches Meetings

Adding language to existing Policy "Mandatory Coaches' Meeting" to enforce school representation. Proposed language to mirror the Section XI Eligibility Meeting for AD's where attendance is needed for your school to be eligible for postseason competition

## D. Sportsmanship

### Discussion Items:

Review of 2023-24

Initiatives for 2024-2025

Student Leadership Discussion

Sportsmanship Expectations/ Practices

Officials Retention

NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Programs/Suggestions

Boys Soccer – 3 ejections equal 1 game suspension on coach for 2025-26

E. Girls JV Lacrosse will use the shot clock starting in 2025.

Motion: A. Beyersdorf      Second: S. Restivo

Motion: **Approved**

Adjournment: 10:40 am

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas Combs*

Thomas Combs  
Executive Director