

MINUTES
Suffolk County Public High School Athletic Association
Section XI – Athletic Council

NYSPHSAA, Inc.

May 14, 2025

Section XI Office

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President:	R. Cox	X	Central Comm.:	T. Horan	X
1st Vice Pres:	M. Reggio	Abs		K. Masterson	X
2nd Vice Pres:	J. Mercado	X		L. Lohman	Abs
Past Pres:	K. Masterson	X		F. Pugliese	X
At Large:	D. Ferry	X		T. Mullins	X
At Large:	J. Polanski	Abs			
At Large:	T. Gulluscio	Abs			
At Large:	R. Haas	Abs			
Supt Rep:	J. Quinn	X	Executive Director:	T. Combs	X
Supt Rep:	J. Cummings	X	Assistant Director:	P. Blieberg	X
Treasurer:	S. Leister	X	Consultant:	K. O'Reilly	Abs

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	X
	C. Agostino	X		A. Beyersdorf	X
III.	S. Lipshie	Abs	IV.	S. Petretti	X
	S. Bricker	Abs		J. Ruggero	Abs
	D. Butler	X		D. Phillips	X
	S. Reh	X		M. DeJoseph	X
	A. Shannon	X		A. Reed	X
	A. Daleo	abs		R. Mott	abs

Approval of Minutes

"to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2025 Athletic Council Meeting."

Motion: M. DeJoseph Second: S. Restivo

Motion: **Approved**

II. REPORTS

The Executive Board met on Monday, April 28, 2025, In attendance: President R. Cox, M. Reggio, J. Mercado, K. Masterson, D. Ferry, T. Gulluscio, L. Lohman, F. Pugliese, J. Quinn, K. Seaman, T. Mullins. Also in attendance was T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (abs K. O'Reilly, J. Polansky, T. Horan, J. Cummings and S. Leister).

PRESIDENT – Ryan Cox

A. Ryan Cox called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

B. Internal Claims Auditor

- The February and March 2025 Internal Claims Auditor report was reviewed by the Executive Board.
- The Board reviewed the Internal Claims Auditor Duties along his proposal for 2025-26 with an increase from \$60 per hour to \$62. **Approved**
- The tentative scheduled dates for 2025-26.

NYSPHSAA REPORTS – Kathy Masterson/Tim Horan

A. Executive Committee Agenda – The Executive Board reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Executive Committee meeting

B. High School coaches of the year were recognized

Carl Johnson, Bridgehampton Boys' basketball

John Diehl, Ward Melville Girls soccer

Meagan Wesolowski, Mt Sinai cheerleading

TREASURER – Tom Combs

Tom Combs reviewed the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual report for the period of July 1, 2024 to April 2025.

FINANCES – Tom Combs

A. The Executive Board **approved** the following:

➤ Contractual Items:

- a. Kevin Seaman – **Approved** as Section XI Counsel at the rate of \$34,500 for the 2025-26 school year (plus litigation \$275)
- b. Peter White – **Approved** the Athletic Training Services Coordinator at a stipend of \$6,000 for the 2025-26 school year.
- c. Cullen & Danowski, LLP – **Approved** as External Auditor at a rate of \$23,750 for 20225-26.
- d. Athletic Event Management Services – **Approved** to provide event supervision for the 2025-28 school year.
- e. Just in Time/elitefeats – **Tabled** for XC, WTR, Tr for 2024-27.
- f. Coachman Luxury Transport – **Approved** to provide transportation services to NYSPHSAA Championships during the 2025-26.
- g. OMNI – **Approved**
- h. One call now \$92 7/25-6/26.
- i. Leasing/Service Agreements - **Approved** leasing/service agreement continuations, Town of Brookhaven, Optimum, Pitney-Bowes and Xerox.

B. Credit Card Policy - **Approved** credit card policy with the spending limit of \$20,000 per purchase and a credit line not to exceed \$40,000.

COMMUNICATIONS COORIDATOR – The Executive Board reviewed the website Metrix.

COUNSEL – Kevin Seaman gave an update on the Southampton baseball team.

APPOINTMENTS – Tom Combs

- A. The Executive Board Approved Sport Chairs for the 2025-26 school year.
- B. The Executive Board Approved Committee chairs for the 2025-26 school year.
- C. The Executive Board Approved Kevin O'Reilly as Administrative Assistant for Corporate Sponsorship at the current rate of 15% of all monies brought into the Section through the Corporate Sponsorship program.
- D. The Executive Board Approved Ed Cinelli and Don Webster to serve as the Interim Internal Claims Auditor for 2025-26 with a rate of \$62 per hour.
- E. NYSPHSAA Proxies – Approved
- F. The Executive Board Approved William Bennett as softball sport chair for 2024-25.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP – Tom Combs

Mr. Combs reviewed the sponsorship initiatives with which he has been involved, including contact with various organizations with the hope of securing either sponsorship or advertising contracts with them.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Tom Combs

- A. The Executive Director provided the Board with the Meals and Refreshments expenses. Approved
- B. The Executive Board reviewed the tentative 2025-26 Section XI calendar. Approved
- C. The Executive Board approved the conference attendance authorization for the 2025-26 school year.
- D. NYSPHSAA 2025-26 Championships
- E. Tom Combs provided the Board with an Executive Directors report for April.
- F. New Members

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

III. NYSPHSAA ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

(D) Qualifying standards in Swim and Track and Field

(D) ticket Price increase

(D) Consider approval for an increase in ticket prices for Football Finals and Boys & Girls Wrestling by \$3.50 from \$10.50 to \$14

(D) Consider approval for an increase in ticket prices for all other events by \$1.50 from \$10.50 to \$12 in order to keep pace with rising expenses.

Fall

(D) Consider approval to revise the Stacking and Lineup Rule for competition at the subregional, regional, semifinals, and final rounds of the NYSPHSAA Boys/Girls Team Tennis Championships.

(D) Consider approval to remove the current two libero rule modifications to fall in line with the current NCAA Rule in Boys Volleyball.

(D) Consider approval to waive the NCAA penalty, administrative red card, for having a non-compliant uniform in Girls Volleyball.

(D) Consider approval for an amendment to the Girls Volleyball Tiebreaker in the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Semifinals.

(D) Consider approval to adopt the use of the backstroke ledges for Girls & Boys Swimming beginning in Fall 2025. *Proposal sheet will be provided via email prior to the meeting.

Winter

- (D) Consider approval of scoring and safety changes in the Gymnastics Technical Handbook.
- (D) Consider approval to increase Boys Wrestling weight classes to 14. The weight classes are represented below: 103, 110, 118, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215, 285
- (D) Consider approval to expand the B/G Indoor Track & Field State Tournament to a two-day meet.
- (D) Consider approval to reduce relays from 8 to 6 athletes at the Indoor Track/Field State Championships.
- (D) Consider approval to revise the Division 2 Relays Qualifying Standards in B/G Indoor Track/Field Spring
- (D) Consider approval to reduce relays from 8 to 6 athletes at the Outdoor Track/Field State Championships.

IV. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS

A. The Tournament Committee recommends approval of the following for 2025-26:

1. Swim League championships – Boys and Girls athletes must have the requisite 6 competitions to be eligible to participate in the league championships.

Motion: K. Mitchell Second: G. Beutel

Motion: **Approved**

2. Wrestling – D2 24 competitors in each weight class, wrestle backs will occur in the quarter final round.

Motion: A. Reed Second: S. Petretti

Motion: **Approved**

B. The Placement Committee recommends approval of the following for 2025-26:

Boys and Girls Winter Track

League I		League II	
Brentwood	4436	Bay Shore	1448
William Floyd	2250	Sachem North	1413
Longwood	2184	Lindenhurst	1373
Middle Country	2170	Ward Melville	1338
Central Islip	1793	Commack	1328
Patchogue-Medford	1730	Connetquot	1266
Riverhead	1592	Copiague	1187
Walt Whitman	1476	North Babylon	1178
Sachem East	1475		
League III		League IV	
Huntington	1094	West Islip	839
Northport	1067	Comsewogue	828
Smithtown East	1023	East Hampton/BH/Pier	825

Half Hollow Hills East	1001	Eastport-South Manor	756
Bellport	998	Hauppauge	783
Deer Park	956	Westhampton Beach	732
East Islip	911	Harborfields	696
West Babylon	884	Half Hollow Hills West	681
Smithtown West	879	Islip	657
		Amityville	656
		Rocky Point	639
		Wyandanch	630
		Sayville	609
League V			
Kings Park	593		
Miller Place	582		
Hampton Bays	557		
Mt. Sinai	492		
Elwood-J Glenn	483		
Shoreham-WR	467		
Bayport-Blue Point	449		
Center Moriches	377		
Southampton	359		
Babylon	339		
Mattituck	291		
Southold/Greenport	262		
Port Jefferson	237		
Riverhead Charter	119		
Shelter Island	48		

Large schools – 875+
small schools – 874 -

Motion: A. Shannon Second: S. Reh

Motion: **Approved**

Boys and Girls Fencing

Boys	
League 1	League II
Whitman/Elwood	Newfield/MP
HH Hills	Centereach/Longwood/SWR
Harborfields/Huntington	Sayville/Bpt/Connetquot
Commack/NPT	Ward Melville/PJ/RP/Com
Lindenhurst	Brentwood/Bay Shore
Girls	
League 1	League II
Whitman/Elwood	Newfield/MP
HH Hills	Centereach/Longwood/SWR
Harborfields/Huntington	Sayville/Bpt/Connetquot
Commack	Ward Melville/PJ/RP
Lindenhurst	Brentwood

SECTION XI TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT:

Team Playoff Criteria:

- All teams with an overall record of .500 (minimum of 7 wins) or better will qualify for the playoffs. This includes League and Mandatory Non-League matches.
- Optional Non-League matches and tournaments will not count towards a teams overall record.
- All teams who qualify will be seeded by the Section XI Seeding Committee

Motion: M. DeVincenzo Second: G. Beutel

Motion: Approved

Girls Basketball

League I (AAA)		League II (AAA)	
Brentwood	4436	Sachem North	1413
William Floyd	2250	Lindenhurst	1373
Longwood	2184	Ward Melville	1338
Central Islip	1793	Commack	1328
Pat-Med	1730	Connetquot	1266
Riverhead	1592	Copiague	1187
Walt Whitman	1476	North Babylon	1178
Sachem East	1475	Newfield	1166
Bay Shore	1448	Huntington	1094
League III (AA)		League IV (AA)	
Northport	1067	West Islip	839
Smithtown East	1023	Comsewogue	828
Centereach	1004	Hauppauge	783
HHH East	1001	Eastport- South Manor	756
Bellport	998	Westhampton Beach	732
Deer Park	956	Harborfields	696
East Islip	911	HHH West	681
West Babylon	884	Islip	657
Smithtown West	879	Amityville	656
*League V (A)		*League VI (A)	
Rocky Point	639	Hampton Bays	557
Wyandanch	630	Mount Sinai	492
Sayville	609	Elwood/John Glenn	483
Kings Park	593	Shoreham-Wading River	467
Miller Place	582	Bayport-Blue Point	449
		Center Moriches	377
League VII (A/B/D)			
<i>East Hampton (AA)**</i>	720	**East Hampton requests alternate placement .500 or better league record make playoffs Play each team in league 2X - 5 team league (8 league games; 12 NL)* - 6 Team League (10 league games; 10 NL games)* - 7 Team League (12 league games; 8 NL games)	
Southampton (B)	359		
Babylon (B)	339		
Greenport/Southold/ (B)	262		
Mattituck (B)	291		

Port Jefferson (B)	237	- 8 Team League (14 league games; 6 NL games)
Pierson (C)	213	- 9 Team League (16 league games; 4 NL games)
Smithtown Christian (D)	81	*Class A teams would have mandatory crossovers Class B/D teams would have ability to petition with under .500 record because mixed league

AAA 1093 +
AA 1092-655
A 654-364
B 363-224
C 223-127
D 126 -

Motion: D. Phillips Second: C. Cobb

Motion: **Approved**

Boys Basketball

League I (AAA)		League II (AAA)	
Brentwood	4436	Sachem North	1413
William Floyd	2250	Lindenhurst	1373
Longwood	2184	Ward Melville	1338
Central Islip	1793	Commack	1328
Pat-Med	1730	Connetquot	1266
Riverhead	1592	Copiague	1187
Walt Whitman	1476	North Babylon	1178
Sachem East	1475	Newfield	1166
Bay Shore	1448	Huntington	1094
League III (AA)		League IV (AA)	
Northport	1067	West Islip	839
Smithtown East	1023	Comsewogue	828
Centereach	1004	Hauppauge	783
HH Hills East	1001	ESM	756
Bellport	998	Westhampton	732
Deer Park	956	East Hampton	720
East Islip	911	Harborfields	696
West Babylon	884	HH Hills West	681
Smithtown West	879	Islip	657
League V (A)		League VI (A/B)	
Amityville	656	Elwood (A)	483
Rocky Point	639	SWR (A)	467
Wyandanch	630	Bayport - BP (A)	449
Sayville	609	Center Moriches (A)	377
Kings Park	593	Southampton (B)	359
Miller Place	582	Babylon (B)	339
Hampton Bays	557	Mattituck(B)	291
Mt Sinai	492	Port Jefferson(B)	237
League VII (C/D)		Enrollment-Based Leagues: League Record of .500 and above qualifies for playoffs Leagues 1 and 2 (AAA)- 9 teams play each other twice for 16 league games. Opportunity for 4 NL games.	
Pierson (C)	213		
Southold (C)	197		

Greenport (C)	162
Ross (D)	87
Smithtown Chr (D)	81
Bridgehampton (D)	51
Shelter Island (D)	48
Upper Room Chr (D)	43
St. Pius V (D)	40
OSNA (D)	24

League 3 and 4 (AA)- 9 teams play each other twice for 16 league games. Opportunity for 4 NL games.
 League 5 (A)- 8 teams play each other twice for 14 league games. Opportunity for 6 NL games.
 League 6 (A/B)- 8 teams play each other twice for 14 league games. Opportunity for 6 NL games. Class B teams would have the opportunity to petition with under .500 record.
 League 7 (C/D)- 10 teams play each other twice for 18 league games. Opportunity for 2 NL games. Class D teams would have the opportunity to petition with under .500 record.

AAA 1085 and UP 18 schools
 AA 1084-657 18 schools
 A 656-364 12 schools
 B 363-221 4 schools
 C 220-120 3 schools
 D 119 and down 6 schools

Motion: D. Barth Second: C. Agostino

Motion: **Approved**

Boys Swimming

League I		League II	
Brentwood/Bay Shore	5884	Deer Park/North Babylon	2134
Huntington/Harborfields/WW/Elwood	3749	Central Islip	1739
Sachem	2888	Lindenhurst	1373
Smithtown/Hauppauge	2685	East Hampton/Pier/BH/SH	1343
Northport/Commack	2395	Ward Melville	1338
HH Hills/Kings Park	2275	Sayville/Bayport-BP	1058
Connetquot/East Islip	2177	West Islip	839

Play each team 2x in league for a total of 12 meets

Motion: M. DeJoseph Second: S. Restivo

Motion: **Approved**

Wrestling

DIVISION I			
League 1		League 2	
Brentwood	4436	Walt Whitman	1476
William Floyd	2250	Sachem East	1475
Longwood	2184	Bay Shore	1448
Central Islip	1793	Sachem North	1413
Patchogue-Medford	1730	Lindenhurst	1373
Riverhead	1592	Ward Melville	1338
League 3		League 4	
Commack	1328	Northport	1067
Connetquot	1266	Smithtown East	1023
Copiague	1187	Centereach	1004
North Babylon	1178	Half Hollow Hills East	1001
Newfield	1166	Bellport	998
Huntington	1094	Deer Park	956

		East Islip	911
League 5		League 6	
West Babylon	884	Westhampton	732
Smithtown West	879	Harborfields	696
West Islip	839	Half Hollow Hills West	681
Comsewogue	828	Islip	657
E Hampton/Pier/BH	825	Amityville	656
Hauppauge	783	Rocky Point	639
Eastport-South Manor	756	Sayville	609
DIVISION II Tabled			

Straight Enrollment - 39 Teams - *Three Leagues (1,2,3 have 6 teams, 4,5,6 have 7 teams) Last year league 4 had 6 teams and the year before league 5 (we move up each year) Therefore 1, 2 and 3 will have 6 teams League 1

Motion: M. DeVincenzo Second: S. Petretti

Motion: **Approved**

Boys Bowling

League I			League II		
East Islip	911	East Islip	Bay Shore	1448	Sayville
Islip	657	East Islip	William Floyd	2250	Sayville
West Babylon	884	Babylon	Bayport-BP	449	Sayville
Central Islip	1793	East Islip	Connetquot	1266	Sayville
West Islip	839	Babylon	East-S Manor	756	Sayville
Copiague	1187	Babylon	Bellport	998	Sayville
Lindenhurst	1373	Babylon	Patchogue-Med	1730	Sayville
HH Hills	1793	Babylon	Sayville	609	Sayville
Walt Whitman	1476	Bowlmor			
League III			League IV		
Northport	1067	Larkfield	Comsewogue/WM	2166	Port Jeff
Huntington	1094	Larkfield	Middle Country	2170	Coram
Harborfields	696	Larkfield	Longwood	2184	Coram
Brentwood	4436	Strike 10	Sachem	2888	Coram
North Babylon	1178	Strike 10	East Hampton	720	All Star
Commack	1328	Commack	Rocky Point	639	Port Jeff
Hauppauge	783	Commack	Riverhead	1592	All Star
Smithtown/KP	2495	Commack	Southold/Gpt	262	All Star
Deer Park	956	Strike 10			

play each league team 2x (home and away) Top 3 teams in each league make the playoffs. Top 3 wildcard tournament make the playoffs for a total of 16 teams (Based on Geography)

Motion: K. Mitchell Second: D. Butler

Motion: **Approved**

Girls Bowling

League I			League II		
Comsewogue	828	Port Jeff	East Islip	911	East Islip
Middle Country	2170	Coram	Islip	657	East Islip
Longwood	2184	Coram	Central Islip	1793	East Islip
Sachem	2888	Coram	West Babylon	884	Babylon
Eastport-S Manor	756	Sayville	Bay Shore	1448	Sayville
Bellport	998	Sayville	West Islip	839	Babylon
Patchogue-Med	1730	Sayville	Copiague	1187	Babylon
League III					
North Babylon	1178	Strike 10			Play all league teams 2x (home and away) (Based on Geography)
Brentwood	4436	Strike 10			
Smithtown	1902	Commack			
Commack	1328	Commack			
HH Hills	1682	Bowlmor			
Northport	1067	Larkfield			

Motion: L. Dolson Second: A. Reed

Motion: **Approved**

Girls Wrestling

League I
WW/JG/HARB/HUNT/NPT/COM/HHH/KP
RP/COMS/MP/NF/ESM/WM/SME?
BELL/PM/WF/RIV/LONG/WH
BS/WB/NB/ISP/BRENT/CONT/WI?
COP/LIND
EI/BPT/SAC/SAY

play each team in league 1x

Motion: A. Shannon Second: C. Agostino

Motion: **Approved**

Adjournment: 10:15 am

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Combs

Thomas Combs
Executive Director