

NYSSA

Board Meeting

December 19, 2025

- **Attendees:** Missing included A. Cappelli, A. Finchley, Sammy Q., J. Nardone; Guests included Dan Geisser, Nick Castellaneta, N. Calla, R. Donato and JD.
- **Minutes:** Were accepted as presented.
- **Financials:** C. Schafer briefed Board and other attendees as to Financial Status as of December 19th, 2025.
- **Proposed Rules:** As a continuation of the November Board Meeting, discussion of potential rule changes for 2026 were discussed. Many items were discussed; it was agreed that safety of both fielders and and base runners was a priority. Umpires to be reminded of this priority at the pre-game ground rule discussion with both Team Managers.
 - Other than Incidental Contact, contact between fielder and runner is to be avoided. Any contact other than incidental contact is subject to immediate dismissal from the game and may be referred to the Board for other disciplinary action up to and including suspension for the remainder of the season.

“Fielder in possession of the ball or progress of catching the ball has priority.”

Pre-game discussion should also include designation of any player that is on the bench and “will not” be participating in the game.
- **New 2026 Rule:** Designated Fielder, A player earmarked as a designated fielder, is a player that “must agree” to that designation. A designated fielder cannot bat and can only be used if a team can bat 12 players without the designated fielder batting. A team using a designated fielder must bat at least 12 in its line-up. Adoption of this rule was a tie vote 5-5 of the Managers; the Commissioner broke the tie by voting in favor of the rule change.
- **Re-entry Rule:** The rule was reiterated that a player re-entering the game must be to the same position a when they left the game.
- **Miscellaneous:** Umpires are expected to arrive 15 minutes early or no later than 9:45 AM.
- **Player Evaluation:** 2026 Player Numerical Evaluations to be reviewed by Managers and finalized ASAP.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 16th, 10 AM at Cantiague Park.

