

**SECTION IV MERGER COMMITTEE**

Application for Merger of Schools for Athletic Activity

This application form must:

- (A) Be completed by **each school** involved in the sport described.
- (B) Be reviewed and approved by the athletic league involved.
- (C) **Be submitted to the Section IV Merger Committee after A and B have been resolved.**

A separate application must be submitted for each activity. Requests should be for a one-year period of time only.

School District Bainbridge-Guilford

Address of School Involved 18 Juliand St. Bainbrige NY, 13733

Athletic Director of School Involved Nick Mayo

Phone Number 607-437-2672

Other School(s) Involved Afton & Harpursville

Sport to be considered Cross Country, Wrestling, Indoor Track (only merged with Afton)

Level(s) being merged (circle)  Varsity- Cross Country, Wrestling, Indoor Track  IV-Wrestling  
 Modified- Cross Country, Wrestling

School Year 2023-2024

Describe conditions which prompted your school to request or support a merger--provide all appropriate rationale which will assist the league and merger committee in reaching a decision considered most beneficial to all:

Provides additional opportunities for athletes due to various weight classes and events.

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What will be the identity of the combined team? BGAH for Cross Country & Wrestling, BGA for Indoor Track

Where will practices be held? Bainbridge-Guilford -Wrestling & Indoor Track  
Harpursville & B-G- Cross Country

Where will competition be held? At various schools

**Attach a copy of the action item from your school Board of Education meeting minutes which includes the approval of this application.**

Signed: Principal *William Zakrajsek*

Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Education \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit to Athletic League (This step must precede the Section action!):**

League Action  \_\_\_\_\_  **Approved**

**Not Approved**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

League Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Forward to: Section IV Athletic Association  
276 State Hwy 7  
Sidney, NY 13838  
mcweenej@dcmoboces.com

by: **January 30, 2024** for Football

**August 28, 2023** for Fall activity

**November 18, 2023** for Winter activity

**March 18, 2024** for Spring activity

**COMBINING OF TEAMS** - The joining together of students from two or more member schools in the same district or close proximity to form a single team shall be permitted subject to the following conditions:

The joining together of students from two or more-member schools in the same district or proximity to form a single team shall be permitted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permission must be obtained from their league and section on an annual basis.
2. Section approval must be reported to the NYSPHSAA, Inc., Executive Committee. NOTE: If a combined school team goes beyond sectional level competition their boys and girls grade 9-11 enrollment shall be combined, using the below criteria, for state level competition.

The graduated scale is used for up to 3 "team" mergers and mergers with 4 or more "teams" take 100% of their BEDS; ONLY in team sports. (July 2017)

NOTE: If two or more schools are located within the same physical building, 100% of their BEDS will be used if they are following the Combining of Teams process. (Feb. 2019)

The school(s) with the higher(est) classification number will have a percentage of the other school(s) classification number added according to the graduated scale below.

Beginning in 2019-2020 The percentages is dependent upon the association's "Sport Specific classification cut-off numbers" (July 2018)

Five Classes (100%, 100%, 100%, 40%, 30%)

Four Classes (100%, 100%, 40%, 30%)

Three Classes (100%, 40%, 30%)

Two Divisions (100%, 40%)

3. Section shall determine the deadlines for schools to merge or demerge programs.
4. If a non-public school is part of the merger, the "merged" team may be subject to the Section's Classification of Non-Public School Committee.
5. If a merger is denied by the Section, schools have the ability to resubmit a merger using 100% of all schools BEDS enrollment numbers. (July 2016)

**Reporting Procedure: All violations shall be reported to the League and Section.**

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Action of Section IV Merger Committee

The above request for merger is \_\_\_\_\_ Approved  
\_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved

for the activity of \_\_\_\_\_

for the school year \_\_\_\_\_.

Classification    AAA    AA    A    B    C    D and/or Division I    Division II

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson    \_\_\_\_\_ Date