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NYSPHSAA MOBILE APP:

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) is currently developing a FREE mobile app to provide more effective communication with member schools, student-athletes, parents and fans. The mobile app will include state championship locations, brackets, results and other details pertaining to the 32 NYSPHSAA sanctioned events. Other information accessible on the app will be photo galleries, calendars, staff directory and sport specific information. The anticipated launch date of the app will be mid-late October.



STEVE BROADWELL ASSUMES PRESIDENCY:

The NYSPHSAA has announced the appointment of Stephen Broadwell as the Association's 47th President. Broadwell and a slate of officers were approved by the Association's Central Committee in July and will serve a two-year term starting September 1st. Departing President Eileen Troy "passed the gavel" to Broadwell at the Association's annual summer meeting in Lake Placid (Section VII), home section to Broadwell, on July 30th to make the transition official. Recently retired Orange Ulster BOCES Athletic Coordinator Jim Osborne was also approved to the First Vice President position and Section X's Paul Harrica was approved as the Second Vice President.



Stephen Broadwell
NYSPHSAA President

READY TO VOTE?

Sections should be prepared to vote on the following items at the October 23, 2014 Executive Committee meeting; the official agenda and packet will be released on Monday October 6th:

- Elimination of the Academic Advantage Waiver to be effective for the 2015-2016 school year
- Athletic Shopping
- NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Competition Standards- list of proposed standards can be found at NYSPHSAA.org

COACHING CERTIFICATION:

The New York State Interscholastic Coaching requirements, at their core, have consisted of three fundamental courses since the mid 1970's. While the topics covered are pertinent to coaches, the delivery system may be somewhat antiquated and not always readily available to coaches in need of certification. The NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA are currently working on a proposal to present to the New York State Education Department to streamline coaching certification requirements. More information will be provided in the coming months.



IMPACT BASELINE CONCUSSION AGREEMENT:



The NYSPHSAA has entered into an agreement with ImPACT to benefit its member schools. Developed by clinical experts who pioneered the field, ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) is the most-widely used and most scientifically validated computerized concussion evaluation system in the world. ImPACT provides trained clinicians with neurocognitive assessment tools and services that have been medically accepted as state-of-the-art best practices -- as part of determining safe return to play decisions following a concussion.

Through the agreement, NYSPHSAA member schools will be able to purchase baseline tests (\$1.00) and post-injury tests (\$4.00) at the lowest price in the country. Interested schools should contact Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, at tnelson@nysphsaa.org to order tests directly from NYSPHSAA to receive the preferred pricing denoted above.

ELIGIBILITY ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED:

The NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee will continue to discuss potential changes to the NYSPHSAA Transfer rule during their September 10th meeting. The topics of discussion will include the elimination of academic advantage as one of the waivers of the transfer rule, requiring "legal separation" to qualify as one of the six exemptions of the transfer rule and ways to prohibit "athletic shopping." Any proposals from the September 10th meeting will be presented to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee on October 23, 2014.



MIXED COMPETITION APPROVED GUIDELINES:

At their July 2014 meeting, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved a set of guidelines to assist schools, superintendents and sections when interpreting “*significant adverse effect*” in terms of Mixed Competition requests.

A response of “yes” to one or more of the questions below, could determine a “*significant adverse effect*.”

NYSPHSAA approved guidelines are:

1. Will the athlete be “advantaged” by the rules of the game?
2. Will participation result in a student of the opposite gender being displaced from the team?
3. Will the participation affect the opportunity of the other students to participate in such competition (i.e. tryouts, practice and games)?
4. Does the student exceed the physical standards of the sport they wish to participate as per NYSED guidelines?
5. Has the student participated in the sport previously on an all-male team?



It is important to note that these are simply “*guidelines*.” A superintendent could respond “Yes” to all five questions and still allow the student to participate.

FUTURE OF BALL ADOPTION:

The NYSPHSAA staff has started to prepare the RFP (Request for Proposal) for the potential implementation of a statewide ball adoption program. The revenue generated from the ball adoption program would be shared with the participating sections through the NYSPHSAA Revenue Share program. All eleven sections have agreed to be a part of the RFP to be released on December 1, 2014.



A “tentative” timeline has been established as follows:

- **October 23, 2014**- RFP presented to Executive Committee
- **December 1, 2014**- RFP released to all major ball manufactures
- **February 20, 2015**- Due date of RFP
- **Spring 2015**- Ball adoption awarded
- **2015-2016**- Awareness and information distributed to membership
- **2016-2017**- Ball adoption to begin

CSIET BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) nominations committee has recently voted unanimously to nominate Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, for the Class of 2017 of the CSIET Board. The entire slate of nominees will be presented to the CSIET membership in preparation for elections by the Membership Council at the Annual Conference to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 15-18, 2014. The CSIET is a not-for-profit organization committed to quality international educational travel and exchange for youth at the high school level.



REGISTER FOR THE 2014 USTA EASTERN COLLEGE SHOWCASE DAY

The USTA Eastern College Showcase Day will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at Saw Mill Club in Mt. Kisco. The event provides players with the opportunity to learn more about the college tennis process and better connect with college coaches. It also allows college coaches to recruit and get exposure for their tennis programs. Eric Butorac, President of the ATP Player Council will be presenting at the event. High school students will receive a resource guide that includes information regarding the tennis recruitment process. In addition, Front Rush, the #1 used recruiting software by college coaches will be at the showcase taking video footage of all the players.



UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION

For registration requirements and to register:

http://www.eastern.usta.com/Juniors/news/register_for_the_eastern_college_showcase_day1/

NYSPHSAA RULE INTERPRETATION:

Question: Can a swimmer count a warm-up prior to a meet as a “practice”?

Answer: No, a practice session conducted on the same day as a game/ meet cannot be counted to meet the minimum practice requirement to be eligible for that day's contest. All required practice sessions shall be organized and planned for a reasonable length of time and shall include vigorous activity specific to the sport for the purpose of improving the physical condition of the athlete. A warm-up is not considered a “vigorous activity” nor is it use for the purpose of improving “physical” condition.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- October 23** NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
- November 1-3** Girls Tennis Championships
- November 8** Girls/ Boys Cross Country Championships
- November 14** Boys Volleyball Championships
- November 15-16** Girls Volleyball Championships
- November 15-16** Girls Soccer Championships
- November 15-16** Boys Soccer Championships
- November 15-16** Field Hockey Championships
- November 15** NYS Federation Cross Country Championships
- November 19-22** NYS AHPERD Conference
- November 21-22** Girls Swimming & Diving Championships
- November 21-22** Football East/ West Semi-Finals
- November 29-30** Football Championships



QUOTE TO REMEMBER:



“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.”

- Winston Churchill

NYSPHSAA SPONSORSHIP RECOGNITION

