



## FEBRUARY 2012 NYSPHSAA MONTHLY UPDATE

### 2012 CALENDAR

#### February 1

Section 2 - 10:00

#### February 11

Boys Lacrosse - 10:00

#### February 16

Section 7 - 9:30

#### February 28

Section 1 - 8:30

#### March 1

Section 10 - 9:00

#### March 6

Girls Volleyball - 10:00

Section 9 - 9:30

#### March 7

Section 11 - 9:00

#### March 12

Boys Volleyball - 10:00

#### March 15

Life of an Athlete - 3:00

### UPCOMING CLINICS

#### B/G Lacrosse Clinic

February 10, 2012  
SUNY New Paltz

#### Baseball Clinic

March 2, 2012  
Baseball Hall of Fame

#### Track and Field/X-C Clinic

March 23-24, 2012  
Holiday Inn, Liverpool

#### Volleyball Clinic

March 31, 2012  
Burnt Hills - Ballston Lake  
High School

#### Cheerleading Clinic

April 28, 2012  
John Jay - East Fishkill

#### B/G Soccer Clinic

June 1, 2012  
Sports Plex - Clifton Park

### SCHOLAR - ATHLETE DEADLINE

MARCH 2, 2012

### CHAMPIONSHIPS

WRESTLING - Feb 24-25  
Time Union Center (2)  
SKIING - Feb 27-28  
Lake Placid (7)

## HIGHLIGHTS - EXECUTIVE and CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 22, 2012 and January 31, 2012

**CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS** - The Classification Numbers have been approved for 2012-2013 and will be available on the website shortly.

**CHEERLEADING** - Approved to begin planning for a NYSPHSAA East and West Cheerleading event for the 2012-2013 school year.

**GIRLS LACROSSE** - Approved a waiver to rule 2-13, 3 "side panel and trim around the neck for the 2012-2013 seasons."

**FIELD HOCKEY** - Approved a waiver to rule 1-5-1, player uniforms, for the 2012-2014 seasons.

**SOCCER** - Approved a waiver to rule 4-1-1, i1; goal keeper jersey for the 2012-2014 seasons and a waiver to rule 4-1-1b: home white jerseys for the 2013-2015 seasons.

**FOOTBALL** - Approved a waiver to rule 1-5-1b, 6 and 7 for both jerseys through 2014.

**WRESTLING** - Approved a waiver to rule 4-1-5 to allow tape on the chin straps and straps on the top of the head gear and a waiver of the uniform rule to permit pink ribbons on the uniform in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness initiatives during the month of February.

**GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING** - Approved the revised Girls Swimming and Diving Qualifying Standards for the 2012 State Championship. Standards are on [www.nysphsaa.org/sports](http://www.nysphsaa.org/sports)

**SOFTBALL** - Approved the Class D realignment.

**GIRLS GOLF** - Approved the use of a pull/push cart.

**BASEBALL** - Approved a change in the required number of baseball practices for a team to 10 for a scrimmage and 15 for a game at all levels.

**APPEAL PROCEDURE** - Approved a fee of \$300.00 for a telephone conference call appeal which will be paid for in full by the Appellant.

**COLLEGE RULE** - Approved the following additional language to the College Rule, "Prior to competition, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director may grant an exemption of the College Rule for an individual sport athlete when vying for a standard that would qualify them for the Olympic trials and/or Olympic Games when this opportunity is not offered through New York State Public High School Athletic Association and/or the National Federation of State High School Associations. The exemption would permit a student to participate as an "unattached" individual with no affiliation to their school team in a competition against open and college competitors in an approved competition set forth by the Olympic Committee without violating the College Rule".

### FUTURE CONSIDERATION

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** - The committee will be discussing and considering raising the nights of rest required for football games and scrimmages to be 4 nights. Sections are asked to include the Section safety and football representative in their discussions.

**MODIFIED COMMITTEE** - The committee will be discussing the following items at their spring meeting. Please include all necessary representatives in the Section discussions. The items include pilot program for modified football kick - off, awards for multi-school events, baseball pitch count vs innings pitched, and a modified/JV pilot program.

### REMINDERS

**SKIN INFECTIONS** - With Section and State Wrestling Championships in February, schools are asked to continue to be diligent and responsible when protecting all of our athletes from the spreading of any skin infections. Please refer to [www.nysphsaa.org/safety](http://www.nysphsaa.org/safety) for further information.

### NFHS SPORT RULE CHANGES

**BOYS LACROSSE** - All hollow crosse handles must have their open end covered with a plastic or rubber end cap manufactured for a lacrosse stick.

**GIRLS LACROSSE** - The goalkeeper's stick may be 35.5"-52" in length (previously 35.5-48"). The goalkeeper's helmet must include a chin strap which must be fastened.