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I would like to thank all of those individuals who worked so hard to host and organize all of the fall NYSPHSAA State Championship events. The amount of work and dedication that went into these events was remarkable. I would also like to congratulate all of the student-athletes and coaches who had an opportunity to participate. I was thoroughly impressed with the level of competition and the display of sportsmanship exhibited at all of the recent State championships.

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NYSPHSAA Executive Director

SCHOLAR ATHLETE DEADLINE EXTENSION:

As a result of the effects of Hurricane Sandy still impacting schools, the deadline dates have been extended for Scholar/Athlete Team Award submissions

Deadline Date: 12/22/12

Late Deadline Date: 1/7/13



COMBINING OF TEAMS AD HOC COMMITTEE:

An ad hoc committee met via teleconference on Monday, November 19 to discuss combining of teams. The committee developed a proposal that is currently being discussed throughout the state for potential action at the January 29, 2013 Executive Committee meeting.

The draft proposal is as follows:

When two schools combine, the school with the lower enrollment will have X% of their BEDS numbers added to the school with the higher enrollment. The percentage is dependent upon the associations "5 sport classification cut off numbers."

Class AA= 50%

Class A= 40%

Class B= 30%

Class C= 20%

Class D=10%

Other details include:

- Mergers must be submitted before the season begins.
- Schools would have 5 practices at the beginning of the season to de-merge their programs.
- Schools will not have an opportunity to appeal their classification number as a result of a merger.



EXAMPLES:

A) Richfield Springs (Class D- 135 classification number) wants to merge with Cherry Valley-Springfield (Class D- 128 classification number) in the sport of baseball. Richfield Springs would have 12.8 (13) students added to their classification number for a total of 148; Richfield Springs/ Cherry Valley-Springfield would remain in Class D for post-season.

B) Briarcliff (Class B- 446 classification number) wants to merge with Putnam Valley (Class B- 474 classification number) in the sport of basketball. Putnam Valley would have 133.8 (134) students added to their enrollment for classification purposes; moving the Putnam/ Briarcliff basketball team to class A with a 613 classification number.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Executive Committee met Monday, December 3 and approved changing the language on page 1 of the Cheerleading Booklet under By-Laws and Eligibility Standards for Outside Agency and Interstate Contests to read ***“Future evaluation as the sport evolves.”***

The rationale for this proposal is the original regulations for Outside Agency and Interstate Contests required the section, NYSPHSAA, or the NFHS to sanction or approve any event that is co-sponsored by an outside agency. Currently, the NFHS, NYSPHSAA, or the sections do not officially approve or sanction these events. Many of our schools do attend events that are sponsored by an outside agency and not co-sponsored by a member school. If they did attend a similar event this year, they would be ineligible to compete in any of the two NYSPHSAA Invitational Events (*see below*). As the sport evolves and is recognized by SED and the NYSPHSAA as a sport, our Outside Agency and Interstate Contest regulations would be followed by all member schools.



REGISTRATION FOR CHEERLEADING REGIONAL COMPETITIONS:



Schools are encouraged to register for the FREE NYSPHSAA cheerleading East and West Regional Invitational Events being held during the 2012-13 Winter season; **East:** January 26, 2013 at Arlington High School (Section 1) and **West:** March 9, 2013 at Rochester Institute of Technology (Section 5).

The NYSPHSAA released the Cheerleading Booklet on Monday, October 15 which includes all of the regulations pertaining to these events.

These requirements and registration information are outlined in the booklet at the following link:

<http://www.nysphsaa.org/forms/pdf/Cheerleading.pdf>

SECTIONAL UNIFORMS:

As we prepare for the winter championships, schools are reminded that sectional uniforms are not permitted to be worn during state championship competition. The Executive Committee approved this regulation in May 2012. This issue was discussed again in July at the Central Committee summer meeting and most recently during the October Executive Committee meeting.



LOOKING AHEAD:

Dec. 5, 2012	Girls Lacrosse Committee Meeting (Teleconference)
Dec. 10, 2012	Boys Tennis Committee Meeting (Teleconference)
Dec. 14-18, 2012	NIAAA Conference (San Antonio, Texas)
Jan. 29, 2013	NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting (Teleconference) 9:00 AM
Mar. 13-15, 2013	New York Athletic Administrators Conference (Saratoga Springs)
May 3-4, 2013	NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting (Latham) TBD
July 30-31, 2013	NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting (Woodcliff Resort- Rochester)



QUOTE TO REMEMBER:

“Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.”

-Steve Jobs