

NYS Girls Basketball Committee Meeting

Monday, September 28, 2015

9:30 a.m. – NYSPHSAA Office

Attendance: Pete Bly (State Coordinator); Steve Young (Section 1); Dan Hytko (Section 2); Larry Stockwell (Section 3); Kurt Ehrensbeck (Section 4); Tim Lincoln (Section 5); Chris Durr via telephone (Section 6); Greg Waters (Section 7); Stephanie Joannon (Section 8); Steve Boucher (Section 9); Shawn Dack (Section 10); Kevin O'Reilly (Section 11); Robert Zayas (NYSPHSAA - Exec. Director); Todd Nelson (NYSPHSAA – Asst. Director); Joe Altieri (NYSPHSAA – Asst. Director); Joe Agostinelli (NYSPHSAA - Dir. of Communications); Leo Kaminsky (Tournament Officials); Louie Stellato (Officials President); Eileen Troy (NYSPHSAA – Past President); Kevin Shultes (Tournament – Media); Kristen Jadin (NYSPHSAA - Special Program Coordinator); John Paulsen (NYSPHSAA - Intern); Tyler Mochrie (NYSPHSAA - Intern); Steve McWhorter (Secretary)

Minutes

I. Introductions

Pete welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.

Joe A. described the re-organization of duties with the NYSPHSAA staff and introduced the new staff members.

- Next Meeting - Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 5:00 pm
Barnsider Restaurant, 480 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205

II. March 2015 Meeting Minutes – Coordinators received minutes prior to meeting.

- **MOTION** made to waive the reading of minutes and accept them. (Ehrensbeck / Hytko)
Vote: PASSED

III. NCAA Rules Interpretation – Louie Stellato

- Pete expressed his desire to stay with NCAA rules and informed the Committee that the NCAA does not consult NYS Girls Basketball when new rules are considered.
- Previous waivers are still active: 3-pt line distance, no restricted area arc and uniform colors
- Louie stated that the NCAA adopts a new rule book every 2 years. Last year, no major changes were made just minor editorial adjustments.
- Louie read through the girls basketball rule changes that have been implemented for the 2015-16 season. Hard copies were distributed to the committee.
- Committee members asked Louie for clarification of specific scenarios regarding the “Option to Advance” rule. If the NCAA provides any clarification or updates regarding the new rules, Louie will contact Pete immediately.
- **MOTION** made to accept all the 2015-17 NCAA rule changes as written. (Joannon / Waters)
Roll call: 1-Yes; 2-No; 3-Yes; 4-Yes; 5-Yes; 6-Yes; 7-Yes; 8-Yes; 9-Yes; 10-Yes; 11-Yes
Results: 10 Yes; 1 No - PASSED

IV. **NYSPPHSAA report** - Robert Zayas

- Selection of state sites - The RFP process was revised approximately a year and a half ago and it has been successful. The RFP bid process has become more competitive, transparent and equitable. Under the revised RFP, the Sports Committee will always have a recommendation within the process. The NYSPPHSAA staff also submit a recommendation. The ultimate authority and final decision rests with the Executive Committee. Robert Z. confirmed that HVCC is the only bid for the NYS Girls Basketball Tournament for 2017-19.
- Student-athlete gifts - The Spaulding ball adoption starts with the 2016-17 season for all sports from the Sectional level through the State Championships. It is a 5 year contract with no athlete gifts tied to the ball adoption agreement. The official ball for the girls basketball tournament will be the Spaulding TF1000 Classic. Revenue sharing money will be distributed to Sections using a formula based on section size. On October 21st, Robert Z will send a proposal to the Executive Committee that athlete gifts be discontinued and every championship team and championship individual for all sports will receive a champions t-shirt. This will bring equity to all sports.

NYSPPHSAA report - Joe Altieri

- Joe A. distributed an updated standard calendar of weeks (NYSPPHSAA State Championships - 7 year calendar)
- Regional plagues - It was approved that the host section will be responsible for providing a Champion and Finalist plague to the teams that participate.
- Coordinator elect - If a Section Coordinator or State Chair plans to step down after their current term, they are asked to have a Coordinator elect shadow them for the remainder of their term. This will provide a smoother transition for the following year.
- Hall of Fame - Deadline for nominations is December 15. Joe A feels that athletes and coaches need greater representation in the Hall.

NYSPPHSAA report - Media / Communications - Joe Agostinelli

- Joe Ag. will take over the responsibility of radio contacts and media credentials with assistance from Kevin S.
- Team rosters and pictures will continue to be submitted to MaxPreps
- Kevin S. expressed concern with the accuracy of team information sent to MaxPreps from the participating schools. Todd N. requested that when a team sends a team photo to MaxPreps that they also send him a copy for back-up purposes.
- Website - 2016 brackets are on-line, tournament packet has yet to be updated
- Joe Ag. stated that a new format will be in place for unannounced media credentials.

NYSPPHSAA report - Todd Nelson

- Tournament program - Updated layout with more pictures (including all-stars, team champions). Coordinators will be receiving an on-line copy of the program through ProofHQ which will enable them to proof the program and provide editing comments.
- Modified committee - point of emphasis with the office staff of that committee is that the sports chair be involved with the high school meeting. Current rep is Jim Miller.
- Modified - if a rule is not specifically addressed at the modified level in the modified section of the handbook then the high school rule is followed. If the high school rules doesn't have a waiver addressing the issue then it reverts to the governing body (NCAA)

V. **HVCC Update**

- Next year HVCC is installing two new baskets.
- Court lighting has been updated and locker rooms renovated.
- New possession arrow purchased.

VI. **NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament**

- Karen B. would like all tournament packets available on-line. Joe Ag. stated this can be achieved. A public packet (sans any personal contact info) will be placed on the website. A separate packet which contains personal contact info will be sent directly to the appropriate individuals.
- Tournament committee is requesting more programs than the allotted 20. Joe A. stated this is the last year of the current contract with CP Sportswear and we have to follow the current guidelines for this season. Possibility of negotiating the number of allotted programs in the next contract.
- Breakfast option - The hotel rate does not include breakfast.
- Todd N. suggested to possibly change the order of awards with the All-star awards presented before the championship plagues.

VII. **2016 Tournament Dates**

- 2016 Regionals: February 29 - March 5
- 2016 NYS Tournament: March 11 - 13
 - Region 3 vs Region 2
 - Region 4 vs Region 1
- 2016 Federation Tournament: March 18 - 20

VIII. **2017 Tournament Dates**

- 2017 Regionals: March 6 - 11
- 2017 NYS Tournament: March 17 - 19
 - Region 2 vs Region 4
 - Region 1 vs Region 3
- 2017 Federation Tournament: March 24 - 26

IX. **2016 Federation Tournament**

- 2016 Federation Tournament is back at the Albany Times Union Center. This is the last year of the current contract and the TU Center has not submitted a bid to host next year. Only Glens Falls and Binghamton have submitted bids to host the Federation tournament.
- Brackets have not been released to the public. The late release of brackets is to allow for flexing times and match-ups to improve attendance.
- Hotel for 2016 Federation Tournament is still the Albany Hilton
- AIS will only play in Class AA and A. Class B will play on Friday and Sunday.

- X. **Official's Committee Report** – Leo Kaminsky
- Leo requested a copy of the fee schedule and is looking for confirmation that the officials will be staying at the Comfort Inn & Suites in East Greenbush.
 - Leo indicated that he is looking to step down either this year or next year. Tim L and Chris D expressed interest in shadowing Leo.
 - Leo reminded the Coordinators that it is their responsibility for selecting the two best officials from their section, based on their ability to work a 3-person system of girls basketball using NCAA rules.
 - Leo proposes that the deadline to submit officials for the state tournament is February 8th, 2016. This is consistent with the Boys Committee who last week adopted the same deadline.
 - **MOTION** made for the 2016 deadline to submit officials for the NYS Girls Basketball Tournament be set for Monday, February 8th at Noon. (Stockwell / O'Reilly)
Vote: 1-Yes; 2-Yes; 3-Yes; 4-No; 5-Yes; 6-Yes; 7-Yes; 8-Yes; 9-Yes; 10-Yes; 11-Yes
Results: 10 Yes; 1 No - PASSED
 - Re-visit the topic of a sub-committee of coordinators providing evaluations of the game officials during the tournament. Chris D and Tim L created a basketball evaluation form. Hard copies were distributed to the committee. Tim L stated that he would like ratings from the officials group and the sub-committee in order to create an overall, objective evaluation.
- XI. **2016 Regional Tournament**
- Larry presented his awards order form which contains the number of needed certificates and indicates which Sections are hosting regional finals to present plaques. Section coordinators are to confirm that information is accurate.
- XII. **Old Business**
- Joe A inquired who on the committee had at least 10 years of service as a coordinator for the purpose of issuing state passes. (Stephanie J., Kevin O., Larry S.)
- XIII. **New Business**
- Joe A asked the committee to review the only bid (HVCC) for the NYSPHSAA State Championship Site / Facility Proposal for Girls Basketball
 - **MOTION** made to approve the HVCC site proposal for the Girls Basketball State Championship for 2017-19 (O'Reilly / Waters)
Vote: 1-Yes; 2-Yes; 3-Yes; 4-Yes; 5-Yes; 6-Yes; 7-Yes; 8-Yes; 9-Yes; 10-Yes; 11-Yes
Results: 11 Yes; 0 No - PASSED
- XIV. **Section Concerns**
- Section 3 - Larry wanted to make everyone aware that Football is discussing the possibility of 6 classes and if passed it may filter down to other sports.
- XV. Motion made to adjourn - 12:09pm (Hytko / Stockwell) Vote: PASSED

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