

Meeting: Football Committee

Date: Tuesday March 26th 2019

Topics Discussed:

NYSPHSAA Staff Reports

- 1) eight man championships
- 2) practice requirements
- 3) proposal to start playoffs week 8
- 4) Hall of Fame
- 5) Social media/Web site
Media at tournaments

Football Committee Business

- 1) USAA Football
- 2) Flex Football
- 3) New Rules
- 4) Football officials report
- 5) Classification
- 6) modify penalty for game ejection
- 7) expand potential season length
- 8) 7 on 7 practice guidelines
- 9) participation rule
- 10) NYSHSFCFA

Attendees:

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| 1) Susan Dullea | Gary VanDerzee |
| 2) Bob Dorrance | Mike Kerrigan |
| 3) Bob Campese | Ric Hamblin |
| 3) Keith Kempney | Slade Norris |
| 4) David Garbarino | Paul Seely |
| 5) Scott Barker | Steve Nolan |
| 6) Ken Stoldt | Ed Passino |
| 7) Pat Keleher | |
| 8) Matt Mclees | |
| 9) David Coates | |
| 9) Tom Cassata | |
| 10) Matt Tesemer | |
| 11) Tim Horan | |
| Special guest | John Ford |

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| Joe Altieri | Todd Nelson |
| Roxanne Trama | Chris Joyce |
| Chris Watson | Robert Zayas |

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Robert Zayas

Eight-man championship: There is no current New York State eight-man Championship. The criteria/philosophy for an eight-man football championship must be established before moving forward with this proposal.

Practice requirements: New. The Requirement for a player to represent their school is 10 practices. This is for all levels and a change is due in the handbook.

Proposal to start Fall Season Week 8: Fall 2020- proposal to start each season one week later. This would move the semi-finals to thanksgiving week and the state championships to the week after thanksgiving.

2019 NYS championships Dates: Friday November 29th- Sunday December 1. Games will be played Friday/Sunday.

Joe Altieri

Hall of Fame: Nominations of players and coaches must be made by the section that the coach/player participated in and have 5 supporting items. They must be at least 35 years of age. They will remain on the ballot for three years. The section is responsible to move forward with the nominees.

Some possible nominees: Sorry for the spelling errors... *remember the section must go forward with these if they choose to.

section	Player, Coach
2	Brent Stuerwald
3	Markis Walker, Greg Paulus, Mike Hart
5	Roland Williams
6	Wally Huckno
7	Jack Daley, Larry Ewald
8	Vinny Testaverde, Buddy Krumenacker
9	Pat D'alisio, Charlie Davis
10	Brian Leonard
11	Wayne Schierant, Rob Burnett

Chris Watson

Social media/Web site... Media at tournaments: Keep an eye on the website. Great media coverage at the Championships. Streaming of the games has been very successful.

Football Committee Business

USAA Football: Ed Passano. Coaches must complete the blocking, defeating blocks, shoulder tackling and equipment fitting course on NFHSlearn.com **even if they attend** the “in person” clinic for certification. The online course takes about 90 minutes and must be completed annually for certification.

“In person” clinics will be held in sections 2,3,5,10 with a date, time, and location to be determined by May 1st. The locations are encouraged to have a place where the attendees can complete the online portion as well.

The online and “in person” clinics give a different presentation each year and there is a need for more participation. New York had a lower participation rate last year than the previous year.

A motion was made by Keith Kempney and second by Bob Dorrance to **mandate** heads up certification. The rationale, Minimizing risk of injury to football players. All committee members were in favor. Robert, Todd and Joe will work on a proposal.

Flex Football: Slade Norris. Presented 9 vs. 9 flex football approach which is used by many pro teams as part of their weekly practice plan. Included in the presentation was the hands first approach, player progression, off season gameplay, and in season practice style. The goal of flex football is to increase participation and have less contact. The “gameset” (equipment) includes soft headgear along with a shoulder/chest protector. The rental cost is \$35 per season or purchase price of \$110. Different sizes are available.

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New Rules: Patrick English. 2019 NFHS football rules changes:

- Use of video review allowed for state post season contest
- Improved visibility of numbers
- Redefined requirements for a legal scrimmage formation
- Prohibition on tripping the runner
- 40 second play clock
- Horse-collar tackle addition
- Illegal kicking and batting penalty educed

2019 points of emphasis. 1) proper procedures for weather delays. 2) expanded neutral zone as it applies to run or pass options. 3) Free-blocking zone and legal blocking

Football officials report: Ric Hamblin. Overall good officiating in championships. A few of the officials may have had a hard time keeping up with the speed of the game. Good officiating but sometimes not in great position. The officials are screened by each section, therefore it is important for documentation of officiating to be done by each section.

The documentation suggests “approval” of officials assigned to the state semi-final & final games by the Sectional Football Coordinators. In effect, this approval signifies that the officials being sent are assigned to the proper positions and are capable of physically officiating a game at this level.

The use of Video (hudl) is a great tool for officials to learn and self-reflect.

Regional Rotation: Approved the Football Committee’s proposed 7 year rotation to fill potential Byes as they Occur at the Class AA, A, and D levels. Unanimous.

Classification: Keith Kempney. Rational to keep 11 man football in “class D”. Discussion on option 1 with a cutoff 0-275 and option 2 with a cutoff of 0-260 for the 2020 season. These were both 2 year proposals. A motion was made by Bob Dorrance with a second by Keith Kempney to vote on option 2.

Option 2 vote. Class “D” Cutoff 0-260 for the 2020 season for a two-year time period. Along with adjustments to the Class C, B, and A cutoff #'s. Proposal has been sent to CAC for approval.

Sections: 1,2,3,5,6,7,9,10 yes

Sections: 8 and 11 abstain

Section: 4 absent

Vote passes

Modify penalty for game ejection: Bob Campese. When ejected, Football players are being penalized at a higher rate of suspension due to the lower number of games played. Also, if ejected in the first quarter the suspension will incur even more time sitting out. The ejection could last up to 7 full quarters of suspension.

Bob Campese made a motion for the suspension to be a full 4 quarter penalty (starting with the Quarter following the ejection. Scott Barker second the motion.

Bob and Scott Barker will get Data and the committee will take a look at the data and how it applies to ejection and suspension.

Expand potential season length: Scott Barker. Since the practices have been reset to 10 for players to represent their school, can football teams elect play an 11th game in their section. Maybe a kick-off classic or play a rival or neighboring team. The max number of games a team can play in section is 10. Ken Stoldt will word this in proposal form for the 2020 season.

7 on 7 practice guidelines: Ken Stoldt. Ken presented a combined practice guideline for two or more schools.

Combined Practice Guidelines

A combined practice between two or more schools is designed to increase competition during a controlled instructional situation.

A combined practice **MUST** conform to the following:

(Day6-10)

- a) Coaches are to instruct their own players.
- b) "Full Live" contact is permitted but not required.
- c) Athletes/Teams may not participate in a combined practice unless they have previously completed five (5) days of practice.
- d) While working on team situational aspects, drills may not exceed seven (7) players from either team. This will allow for teams to conduct a 7 v 7 period for skill positions or it may be designed to focus an inside run package to emphasize offensive/defensive line play.
- e) Schools using more than seven (7) players in a team drill will be in violation of this rule.

(Post Day 10)

- f) Teams/athletes will follow all guidelines listed above with exception to letter D. Since teams have now met the legal requirement to scrimmage, they may line up in 11 v 11 situations provided they adhere to all scrimmage rules including the Two (2) nights rest period.
- g) If schools participate in a combined practice on or after Day 13, they must adhere to the "Football Contact Limitations" rule listed as #8 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook Sports Standards Section under Football.

A motion was made by Keith Kempney to accept Ken Stoldts' proposal of combined practice guidelines. The motion was second by Matt Tessmer.

Sections 1,2,3,5,6,7,9,10,11	yes
Section 4,8	absent

Vote passes

Participation rule: Ken Stoldts' Participation rule Defeated 13-8 at the executive meeting in February. We would like to resubmit the "Modification to the participation standard" in the summer to the safety committee.

NYSHSFCFA: Paul Seely. Regional combines and state combine news. Dates times and locations on the nyshsfca website. The 7 On 7 tournament news also on the nyshsfca website. The coaches association looking into helping out in the nfhs certification process. Paul stated that the organization would like to continue to work with the state football committee and help out high school football however they can.

Motion to adjourn made by Pat Keleher and second by Bob Dorrance.

Next Meeting: Sunday December 1, 2019 @ 10:00 AM @ Carrier Dome