



SPECIAL NYSPHSAA REPORT

Highlights from Executive Committee Meeting

December 5-6, 2010

FINANCIAL: All Items were approved

Dues 2011 - 2012: Add to the Central Committee agenda (conference call December 21, 2010) an Action Item for a dues increase of \$30.00 per district and \$.03 per student for the 2011-2012 school year.

Fiscal Concerns: To bring the following motion for a vote by the Central Committee on December 21, 2010 at 10:30 AM - To extend the Fiscal Concerns Items (numbers 1-7) for a period of one year (2011-2012) with one exception. Item 6 will be changed to reinstate the original Executive Committee meeting schedule to October, January and May. The January meeting will be held by conference call.

SPORTS MEDICINE - SAFETY: All Items were approved

Concussion: The Concussion Management Model School Policy Draft and support materials be shared with our member schools to help them through the concussion management process.

Track & XC: A waiver of the Jewelry Rule to allow hair restraints as defined in the sport specific rule book.

GENERAL: All Items were approved

Classification: Official enrollment numbers presented for 2011-2012. (No change to cut off numbers).

Student Leadership: The NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge Award as a way for schools and students to take on a leadership role and give back to their community.

Fact Finding and Arbitration Process: To negotiate with the Officials Coordinating Federation to include the new Fact Finding and Arbitration Process Guidelines in the next OCF agreement.

Cheerleading: 1. The Cheerleading Ad Hoc Committee continue to study cheer and how it would be defined as a sport. 2. NYSPHSAA recommends that beginning in 2011-2012, all coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) complete the following courses prior to coaching: First Aid for Coaches, CPR & ACCAA Safety Course.

SPORTS: All Items were approved

Coordinators: Dick Cerone (Football), Dan Doherty (Girls Outdoor Track & Field), Mike Andrew (Boys Soccer), Cathy Allen (Softball) and Jim Amen (Boys Lacrosse).

Girls Basketball: Recommends the use of the NFHS Concussion Rule.

Wrestling: A wrestler who receives a forfeit will not have to wait 45 minutes before their next match.

Penalty for exceeding the maximum number of tournaments: Exceeds the maximum 5 bouts limitation in a tournament – individual wrestler penalized, team loses standing in tournament, but other wrestlers individual performances would stand. Exceeds the 6 tournament limitation or the 2 two-day day dual meet limitation - the individual would be penalized. Exceeds 20 point limitation - entire team penalized.

Softball: 1. Moving the pitching distance to 43 ft for all high school programs in spring of 2011. 2. Continue to prohibit the use of metal cleats for all levels of play.

Field Hockey: A waiver of the NFHS field hockey uniform rule change for one year (2011 season).

Basketball: A waiver of the orange ball rule during the month of February if both teams agree.

STANDING COMMITTEE REQUESTS: All Items were approved

Modified Committee: 1. With Section/League approval, a "mercy rule" in modified baseball and softball will be permitted, allowing a game to end after a team at the short end of the 15 run rule has completed their fifth at bat. **APPROVED** 2. Beth Staropoli (1) as the Modified Girls' Lacrosse Sport Coordinator.

Sportsmanship Committee: To have the "Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive" statement read at the beginning of all NYSPHSAA Championship events.

Transfer Committee: For Academic Hardship waivers: Evidence *that the student is taking* three units of credit in a particular subject area or *any combination of three units of credit in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or dual college credit* courses not offered in sending school which qualify for graduation requirements. *Each dual college credit course is the equivalent of one unit of study at the high school level.* The Director of Guidance or Principal of the receiving school must submit a copy of the student's schedule through grade 12 and a list of course offerings. *Subsequent verification of the student's schedule may be requested.*

Handbook Committee: Misidentified player –The appeals must be heard and decided on a case by case basis. Counsel suggested that the misidentified player and the newly identified player be part of the hearing.

Transfer Rule – The term "exempted" be changed to "waiver" when referring to the one transfer without penalty.