



NYSPPHSAA MONTHLY UPDATE

JANUARY 2012

2012 CALENDAR

- January 5** Sections III and X
Boys Soccer 10:00
- January 6** Field Hockey 9:30
- January 9** Girls Soccer 9:30
Transfer 1:00
- January 10** Section IX
- January 11** Section XI
Baseball 10:00
- January 12** C A C 9:30
Handbook 10:00
Constitution 1:00
- January 18** Sections V and VI
- January 19** Section VIII
Wrestling 10:00
- January 22** Executive Committee
11:00
- January 23** Girls Tennis 2:30
- January 26** Section I

UPCOMING CLINICS

Softball Clinic
January 20, 2012
Ithaca College

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 24-25, 2012
Holiday Inn, Liverpool

Volleyball Clinic
March 31, 2012
Binghamton

Cheerleading Clinic
April 28, 2012
John Jay - East Fishkill

B/G Soccer Clinic
June 1, 2012
Sports Plex - Clifton Park

HIGHLIGHTS FOR MODIFIED PROGRAM

MODIFIED SOFTBALL - Approved with section/league approval, innings 1-6 may be completed at five (5) runs or three (3) outs. The seventh inning shall be played as a normal inning, with three outs and no run restrictions for that inning.

MODIFIED TRACK and FIELD - Approved with section/league approval, the height of the hurdle in the 55m modified boys' hurdles may be increased from 30 inches to 33 inches and approved with section/league approval, a six (6) pound shot put may be used for modified girls' track and field, rather than a 4K shot put.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

PREVENT SKIN INFECTIONS - The Skin Infection Webinar has been recorded and is available on the NYSPHSAA website on December 1st for anyone wishing to learn more about preventing the spread of skin infections.

NYSPHSAA SPONSORED WEBINARS – The following webinars can be found on NYSPHSAA Website under Safety and Research or click this link to view any or all of the webinars.

www.nysphsaa.org/safety **Hazing Webinar** – Todd Nelson, **Skin Infection Webinar** – Todd Nelson and **Fueling Performance** – Molly Morgan

SKIN INFECTION OUTBREAKS – With a few reported skin infection outbreaks already this year, the NYSPHSAA has developed a guide to help schools address a potential skin infection outbreak. The guide can be found on the NYSPHSAA website under safety and research. Please feel free to contact Todd Nelson with any questions or concerns.

SPORTSMANSHIP MATTERS – A sportsmanship brochure was developed by the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee and can be found on the NYSPHSAA website. The brochure can be printed and distributed by our member schools. Go to www.nysphsaa.org/programs.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT REMINDER – The new Concussion Management Law will go into effect on July 1, 2012. The NYSPHSAA is waiting on the proposed regulations and requirements from the NYS Education Department and the NYS Department of Health. We have shared our recommendations to both agencies. Schools should begin discussions on how to address the new law and we will pass along any updates as soon as available. A draft policy and guidelines can be found on the NYSPHSAA website. Educate your coaching staff through a FREE on-line course at www.nfhslearn.org.

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

GIRLS LACROSSE - Will be requesting to waive the 3" side panel and trim around the neck on uniforms for the 2012-2013 season.

GIRLS GOLF - To allow competitors to use non-motorized push or pull carts during league, sectional or NYSPHSAA championship competition.

FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGES - The minimum nights of rest rule for a scrimmage and/or a contest will be 4 nights.

MODIFIED COMMITTEE - Requested the Safety Committee to discuss the following items:

Football - A two year pilot to allow kick-offs at the modified level for football.

Baseball - Discuss the limits on the number of innings a student athlete can pitch in a game and week. A request was made by a Section to consider counting the number of pitches that are made instead of the number of innings that are pitched.

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.