

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Aug. 5-7, 2008

Cindy Bullis, Girls Rep

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- **Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops** beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Section 6 workshop will be at Erie 1 BOCES on August 25th at 8:30am.
- **2008 – 2010 NYSPHSAA Handbook** will be mailed to all member schools during the next few weeks. The Handbook is available on line and will be updated after each NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting so all schools will have access to the most current information possible.
- **Empire State Games:** There are two main issues – students who have graduated are still eligible for the Scholastic Division if they are 17 years old as of August 31 and juniors who turn 18 prior to August must compete in the Open Division even though they have high school eligibility remaining.
- **CSIET Advisory List** for 2008-2009 is available at the web site www.nysphsaa.org.
- **NYSPHSAA Executive Committee future meeting dates:**
 - October 19, 2008 – Lloyd Mott’s Retirement Celebration – Albany
 - October 20, 2008 – Albany – Holiday Inn Wolf Road
 - January 30-31, 2009 – Binghamton – TBA (Regency or Holiday Inn)
 - May 1-2, 2009 Syracuse – Holiday Inn at the Carrier Circle
 - August 4-6, 2009 – Lake Placid – Crowne Plaza (Tuesday – Thursday)
- **2008-2009 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites change:**
 - Winter 2008-2009 - Feb. 27-28 / Wrestling at the Times Union Center. Albany (2)
- **Classification of Schools:** Letters of instruction for the 2009 – 2010 classification process will be sent to the Sections in early September. The 5-class parameters, along with all other classification variations can be found in the 2008-2010 NYSPHSAA Handbook on pages 174 and 175. Changes are as follows.

Football	Boys’ Lacrosse
Class AA 1051 – up	Class A 1100 - up
Class A 626 – 1050	Class B 650 - 1099
Class B 441 – 625	Class C/D 649 - below
Class C 276 - 440	
Class D 275 – below	
- **NYSPHSAA Sports Records**
 - Sport Coordinators are to stress that we collect only records set by teams and individuals in member schools.
- **Coaching Certification Committee**
 - Continue to recommend ASEP’S Successful Coaching, 3rd Edition as the main textbook which may be purchased at a discounted rate through the NYSPHSAA Book Order process. Tim Flannery from the NFHS in June who introduced the NFHS Coaching Certification Course which can be taken online or used in a “blended approach” with our courses.
- **Rule Books and Publications**
 - It is encouraged schools to place orders on line by going to www.nysphsaa.org and clicking on the NYSPHSAA Online Store which expedites the process.

- **Interstate Contest Sanctioning**
When hosting or attending a contest involving an out-of-state school please contact the NYSPHSAA office before you plans are final to make sure the event is Sanctioned and all forms are properly filled out!
- **Treasurer's Report**
Financials – should finish the 2007 -2008 year \$21K better than planned because of increase in sponsorship revenues.
Dues – No dues increase for the 2008-2009 school year.
- **Task Force On Adapted Athletics**
Committee agreed that we should call the program "Adapted Athletics". Future discussion will include the development of the concept of Computer Assisted Competition.
- **Sport Season Committee**
Survey will be given to Athletic Directors at their mandatory meeting this Fall.
- **NYSPHSAA Suggested Penalties (revised 2-13-08)**
Still open for future discussions.
- **Combining Of Schools**

Westfield & Ripley	Cross Country-B/G
Ripley & Westfield	Soccer-B/G and Football (V,JV)
Hinsdale & Allegany-Limestone	Swimming-G
Hinsdale & Olean	Wrestling
Portville, Allegany-Limestone & Olean	Swimming-B
Ellicottville & Franklinville	Swimming-G
Westfield & Chautauqua Lake	Swimming-G
Kenmore East & Kenmore West	Field Hockey (JV only)
- **Senior All-Star Contests**

Section 6 Senior All-Star Contest- Lacrosse-G	06-08-08
Chautauqua County Senior Game-Baseball	06-14-08
- **State Sports Coordinators** – the following sports whose State Coordinators are up for appointments (reappointments) scheduled during 2008-2009 are: Boys Basketball, Boys Cross Country, Boys Indoor Track and Field, Girls Swimming and Diving and Girls Golf.
- **Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program**
Spring 2007-2008 Scholar/Athlete State Champion from Section 6 is
Southwestern – Boys Golf – Team GPA: 97.243
Medina – Boys Tennis – Team GPA: 98.539
Schools of Distinction Award Winners for 2007-2008
Clarence - 30 programs (2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007)
Iroquois – 27 programs (2002-2003)
Grand Island – 25 programs
Williamsville North – 28 programs (2003-2004)
Williamsville East – 28 programs (2005-2006)
- **NFHS Student Leadership Conference**
Next year's conference date: July 16-19,2009.
- **Safety Committee** – NYSPHSAA mandates the wearing of protective eyewear that meets ASTM standards, effective in the fall of 2008.
Action Item **Changes to the **Wrestling Parental Awareness Form. Approved**
- **Modified Committee** – Looking for a State Girls Basketball Chairperson and Gymnastics Chairperson for these modified sports.
- **NYSED** – All School Districts have or will be receiving a copy of the Guidance For Auditing School District Physical Education Compliance Form. This form also includes Coaching Certification Compliance.

- **State Committee Reports**

Baseball – Sectional chairmen and executive directors are asked to remind all coaches that the maximum number of participants for baseball is 23. Should travel rosters exceed 29, additional admission fees must be charged.

Girls Golf – Next year the event will be a 36 hole championship, again contested at Foxfire on June 6th & 7th, 2009.

Girls Lacrosse – The 2009 State Tournament will again be held at Cortland.

Boys Tennis – The 2009 NYSPHSAA Tennis Tournament is scheduled for May 28th-30th also to be held at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, NY.

Softball – The 2009-2010 State Tournaments will be held at Waterloo High School in Section 5.

Boys & Girls Outdoor Track & Field-

The new site selection rotation system was reviewed:

2009 Meet: sections 3,7,10 (Cicero N. Syracuse will host)

2010 Meet: sections 2, 4, 9 (Vestal will host)

2011 Meet: sections 5 & 6

Boys & Girls Cross Country – the 2008 intersectional meet is scheduled to be at Sunken Meadow State Park on Nov. 8, 2008. Section XI will host the meet.

Field Hockey – Due to the closure of CNS's turf field and scheduling mix up, we will play the State Championships in Syracuse at a TBD site for the 2008 season.

Girls Swimming & Diving – State meet will be at Erie County Community College on Nov. 21 & 22, 2008.

Girls Tennis – State tournament will be held at Eastside on November 7-10.

Girls Volleyball – State tournament will be back at Glens Falls Civic Center.

Boys Volleyball – 2008-2009 Regional will be the following: Fall – Nov. 8, 2008 at Cicero North Syracuse and Winter – March 7, 2009 at Hudson High School.

Boys Gymnastics – The 2008 regional will again be held at SUNY Brockport on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008.

Boys Basketball – State tournament is March 20-22, 2008 at Glens Falls Civic Center.

Girls Basketball – State tournament is March 20-22, 2008 at Hudson Valley Community College.

Boys & Girls Bowling – Section 5 is hosting the state tournament in 2009. It will be held March 6-8 at AMF Gates Bowl, Rochester.

Girls Gymnastics – 2009 NYSPHSAA Championship Meet will be at Section 2 at Shaker High school on Feb. 27th & 28th.

Ice Hockey – State tournament dates at Utica Memorial Auditorium on March 14th & 15th, 2009.

Boys & Girls Skiing – State meet will be at Bristol Mountain in Canandaigua – Hosted by Section 5 on Feb. 24th – 25th, 2009.

Boys Swimming – State meet in 2009 is March 6th-7th at the Nassau Aquatic Center, Long Island.

Boys & Girls Winter Track & Field – State meet is scheduled to take place at Barton Hall, Cornell on Saturday, March 7, 2009.

Wrestling – State tournament will be held at the Times Union Center in Albany during the last week-end in Feb. 2009.

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Action Items

- **2008-2009 Section Sports Seasons** schedule start and end dates. **Approved**
- **Buffalo City Schools** – Football request for an 11th game. **Approved**
- **Modified Sports Standards** for Interscholastic Competition
Team & Individual Maximum Number of Contest Increase. **Motion Denied**
- **Softball** – The pitching distance for the Varsity, JV and Freshman levels will remain at 40 feet. **Approved**
- **Boys Volleyball** – Modification request that an individual may have a different number when changing from a team uniform to a Libero shirt. A Libero shirt may not be passed among teammates. There should be no duplicate numbers. **Approved**
- **Girls Volleyball** – What will our Section position be concerning lines people for league play?
- **Wrestling** – NYSPHSAA Physician Release for Wrestler to Participate with Skin Lesions revised new form. **Approved**
- **Boys Basketball** – Request for a one year waiver to use three person officiating for the 2008-2009 NYSPHSAA Tournament (regional and finals). At the conclusion of the State Tournament a report is due to the CAC for review. **Motion Denied (Vote was 26-17)**
- **Handbook Committee**
 - **Military Training** – Recommends adding to the Practice Regulation; Letter “e” – “Upon returning from military training student athletes shall be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics once they have completed the required number of practices. Eligibility for participation will also include meeting all eligibility requirements imposed by the Commissioner of Education and NYSPHSAA such as, but not limited to, health examination, age, grade, etc.” **Approved**
 - **Senior All Star Contests** – Committee recommends the following editorial changes for clarification and consistency: Add the word **Senior** to the definition and letter “a”. Add the word **approved** to letter “d” to be placed before senior all star contests. **Approved**
- **Safety Committee** –
 - **Changes to the **Wrestling Parental Awareness Form**. **Approved**
- **Future Discussion Topics**
 - 🚫 **Elimination of Friends & Neighbor status at the high school level**
 - 🚫 **Transfer Rule – Should the Transfer Rule include students who have been selectively classified into the high school athletic program.**
 - 🚫 **Change in eligibility requirements for the Empire State Games – new age restrictions.**
 - 🚫 **The governance at the Section and Association levels.**