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TO: NYSPHSAA Executive Committee
FROM: Robbie Greene, Handbook Committee
DATE: April 30, 2008
RE: Handbook Committee Report

Attendance: Robbie Greene, Ted Bondi, Carol Rog, Steve Broadwell, Julie Maney, John Gallagher, Bonnie Smith, Renee James, Nina VanErk

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

TRANSFER RULE – Student in good standing

The question was raised, if when students transfer to a new school, possibly to avoid a school imposed penalty, ineligibility or discipline should the Association require the penalty to follow the student. The committee believes this to be a local school decision. The receiving schools can impose their established penalty. The Handbook recommends Sections should advise their member schools to establish school policy if they so desire.

APPEALS

The committee recommends the establishment of a \$200.00 filing fee for all appeals. School districts have the choice to have the appeal heard “in person” or by conference call. The expenses incurred by the appeal panel members will remain in effect as outlined in the handbook. (Appellant 50%, Section 25% and NYSPHSAA 25%). **ACTION REQUESTED**

ALL STAR CONTESTS

The committee recommends the removal of “solely” out of the definition of an all star contest. Rationale – to require student to have exhausted their eligibility in that sport prior to participating in these individual type contests. **ACTION REQUESTED**

The committee discussed the current penalty imposed upon students. “A student who participates in any unapproved all-star contest shall be ineligible to compete in interschool athletics in all sports for a period of one year from the date of such participation.” The committee recommends this be placed on the agenda as a discussion item at the Central Committee meeting in August.

OUTSIDE AGENCY

The committee recommends support of a common form to be used by all sections when approving events which are co-sponsored by outside agencies.

K-8 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

There are approximately 11 schools that do not have a high school within their district. These K-8 school districts make formal arrangements with neighboring districts to



educate their district residents. These students, upon entry in the 9th grade, have the choice of one, or possibly 2-3 high schools.

The committee recommends the following interpretation of the Transfer Rule. Once a student enters 9th grade in a school district, that district becomes the district of their residency. These students would be subject to the transfer rule if there were to be a subsequent transfer.

2008 – 2010 HANDBOOK

Nina shared with the committee examples of her efforts to add process and reporting procedures to the handbook. This effort will help to further guide athletic administrators, coaches, principals and superintendents.

PENALTIES

The committee received very little written input – most were not in support of the current draft of penalties citing the penalties were too severe. The committee wanted to postpone any changes to the draft of penalties until the Executive Committee representatives summarized their Section Athletic Council’s feedback. The committee recommends any formal action on “penalties” should be taken by the Central Committee.

FUTURE DISCUSSION

OUTSIDE AGENCY REGULATION

Consider narrowing the focus of the outside agency rule to avoid the micro management of regular season events held at such venues as local parks, college facilities, golf courses and bowling lanes.

TRANSGENDER POLICY

At the fall meeting consider the establishment of a policy to accommodate transgendered students. The committee will evaluate the Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association policy in addition to soliciting professional advice from outside groups.

FUTURE MEETINGS

July 23, 2008 - WEDNESDAY – 9:30 CONFERENCE CALL
September 29, 2008 – MONDAY – NYSPHSAA OFFICE