

**Modified Committee
Section VI Report
November 2009**

Chairpersons: Adam Stoltman (Boys), Katie McGowan (Girls)

Action Items for the Athletic Council
(recommended by the Modified Committee)

A. Baseball/Softball Re-Entry Rule Motion

“In the spirit of modified athletics, in the sports of baseball/softball, the re-entry rule may be waived only if an injured player must be replaced and all eligible substitutions have been used.”

Recommendation: Adopt this change in game conditions.

APPROVED by the Athletic Council 11/18/09 (item 9.6)

B. Softball Pilot Program

“With sectional/league approval, a two year pilot program in modified softball may be implemented that shall allow innings 1-6 to be completed at five runs or three outs. The 7th inning shall be played as a normal inning, with three outs and no run restrictions for that inning.”

Recommendation: Approve participation in the softball pilot and allow individual leagues to decide if they would like to pilot. Leagues would notify the Section VI modified Committee of their decision and we would convey to officials organizations.

APPROVED by the Athletic Council 11/18/09 (item 9.6)

D (4) Wrestling

“With sectional/league approval, a two year pilot program in modified wrestling may be implemented that allows modified wrestlers who compete in two or three bouts in a contest to wrestle using the time periods for bouts of ‘Program 2’: 1st Period – 1 minute, 2nd and 3rd Periods: 1 and ½ minutes.”

Recommendation: Approve participation in the wrestling pilot beginning in the 2009-10 season.

APPROVED by the Athletic Council 11/18/09 (item 9.6)

D (5) Track Pilot Program

“With sectional/league approval, a two year pilot program in modified track and field may be implemented that would increase the height of the hurdle in the 55m modified boys’ event from 30 inches to 33 inches.”

Recommendation: Approve participation in the track pilot beginning in the 2009-10 season.

APPROVED by the Athletic Council 11/18/09 (item 9.6)

Minutes Section VI Modified Committee

November 13, 2009

Attendance: * indicates present

Chairpersons: Adam Stoltman*, Katie McGowan*

NO Charlie Jufer* CCAA Timothy McMullen*

ECIC Steve Ferenczy* NFL Jeff Roth

BUFF David Thomas , Aubrey Lloyd

A. Baseball/Softball Re-Entry Rule Motion

The Section XI baseball request for a re-entry rule that would allow a coach to replace an injured player if the coach has already utilized all of his/her substitutions was discussed. The Committee members felt it was not a bad idea, if used respecting the spirit of modified athletics, and would be useful for softball as well. The concept is going directly to the Executive Committee and if passed, it can begin to be used in the spring.

"In the spirit of modified athletics, in the sports of baseball/softball, the re-entry rule may be waived only if an injured player must be replaced and all eligible substitutions have been used."

We recommend that Section VI adopt this change in game conditions.

APPROVED by the Athletic Council 11/18/09 (item 9.6)

B. Softball Pilot Program

"With sectional/league approval, a two year pilot program in modified softball may be implemented that shall allow innings 1-6 to be completed at five runs or three outs. The 7th inning shall be played as a normal inning, with three outs and no run restrictions for that inning."

We recommend that Section VI participate in this pilot and allow individual leagues to decide if they would like to pilot. Leagues would notify the Section VI modified Committee of their decision and we would convey to officials organizations.

APPROVED by the Athletic Council 11/18/09 (item 9.6)

C. Badminton/Tennis Motion

Currently, when a smaller team plays a larger team, it is not permitted to recycle tennis or badminton players in a match to give each opposing player an opportunity to play. Modified State sport standards limit the number of matches a modified player can play. This motion allows a variance:

"For the purpose of ensuring that every eligible badminton/tennis player has the opportunity to play in a match, each player may play one additional singles or doubles match per day. The individual limitations/day for badminton and tennis (Reference: Modified Sports Standards Chart, NYSPHSAA handbook, pages 134-5) shall be increased to two matches per day, provided that every individual eligible player plays once before any player plays twice."

Section VI is not impacted

Discussion and Information Items

D. Pilot Programs

Our section presently has decided to participate in the (EDIT HERE *football, baseball/softball mercy rule, volleyball libero player, wrestling bout times and/or track hurdle height*) pilot programs. We decided NOT to participate in the (EDIT HERE *football, baseball/softball mercy rule, volleyball libero player, wrestling bout times and/or track hurdle height*) pilot programs. We continue to need your cooperation and survey input for **each** of the following pilot programs we chose to participate in:

When participating in "pilots" individual coaches are asked to complete surveys on the NYSPHSAA website at <http://www.nysphsaa.org/surveys/>

1) Football

"The use of a wide receiver on each side of the offensive formation shall be allowed, to a maximum of 10 yards outside the lineman."

This pilot began in 2007 and continued into 2009. NYS sections were very supportive. The last phase of the survey will be done after this fall 2009 modified football season. **If your school participated, the survey is on the NYSPHSAA website and must be filled out after the fall season is completed.**

2) Volleyball Libero Player Motion

*“Modified volleyball Game Rule #6 (NYSPHSAA handbook, page 148) shall be changed to read: **‘With sectional/league approval, the libero player may be used at the modified level.’** “*

This pilot program is in effect this school year for boys’ and girls’ volleyball. **If your school participated, the survey is on the NYSPHSAA website and must be filled out after the season is completed.**

3) “Mercy Rule” Experiment in Softball and Baseball Motion

*“**With sectional/league approval, a ‘mercy rule’ experiment in modified baseball and softball will be permitted, allowing a game to end after the fifth inning when a team at the short end of the 15 run rule has completed their fifth at-bat.**”*

This pilot began in Spring 2009 and continues through this school year. If your school participated, the survey is on the NYSPHSAA website and must be filled out after the seasons are completed. You may still enter Spring 2009 data.

We do not recommend that Section VI participate in this pilot

4) Wrestling Motion

*“**With sectional/league approval, a two year pilot program in modified wrestling may be implemented that allows modified wrestlers who compete in two or three bouts in a contest to wrestle using the time periods for bouts of ‘Program 2’: 1st Period – 1 minute, 2nd and 3rd Periods: 1 and ½ minutes.**”*

This pilot began last winter and continues through this school year. Surveys received to date indicate approval of the pilot program. If your school participated, the survey is on the NYSPHSAA website and must be filled out after 2009-2010 season is completed.

We ask that Section VI allow us to participate in this pilot beginning in the 2009-10 season.

APPROVED by the Athletic Council 11/18/09 (item 9.6)

5) Track Pilot Program Motion

*“**With sectional/league approval, a two year pilot program in modified track and field may be implemented that would increase the height of the hurdle in the 55m modified boys’ event from 30 inches to 33 inches.**”*

This pilot began in Spring 2009 and continues through this school year. . Surveys received to date indicate that the variation has worked successfully, allowing for a better transition to the varsity boys’ hurdle height. If your school participated, the survey is on the NYSPHSAA website and must be filled out after the 2010 track season is completed. You may still enter Spring 2009 data.

We ask that Section VI allow us to participate in this pilot beginning in the 2009-10 season.

APPROVED by the Athletic Council 11/18/09 (item 9.6)