

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING May 18, 2011 – Agenda item 6.4

Modified Committee Report

May 2011

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

NYSPPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics Spring 2011 Meeting Report

The spring meeting of the State Committee for Modified Athletics took place on April 8, 2011 in Latham, New York. A synopsis of the meeting is as follows:

Items that will go to the State Executive Committee for Approval

A. Volleyball Service Line

Motion

“With Sectional/league approval, the service line in modified boys’ and girls’ volleyball may be moved up into the court, at a distance not to exceed two meters from the regulation service line.”

B. Goal keepers in Extended Playing Time

Motion

“An editorial change shall be made to the modified Extended Playing Time Rule (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 131, beneath chart) as follows: ‘In boys’ and girls’ lacrosse and in girls’ field hockey, if a team has only one goal keeper, that goal keeper may play in all periods of 4 Quarter Extended Play or in all periods of 5 Period Play. Except for the goal keeper, the “time” allocated for the game will not be extended. All players except for the goal keeper will follow the 4 quarter or 5 period extended playing time format and are therefore only eligible to play 3 periods.”

Items that will go to the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee for Approval. If passed, they will be forwarded to the Executive Committee

A. Wrestling Weight Classes

Motion

“Editorial changes shall be made to Modified Wrestling Game Rule #1 (Program 1), sentence 3, as follows: (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 154) ‘Optional classes may be 74, 165 (instead of 158), and unlimited classes with contestants competing weighing within 10 pounds of each other. A minimum weight of 67 pounds will be required to compete in the optional 74 pound weight class.’

B. Softball Pitching Distance

Motion:

“With sectional/league approval, the modified softball pitching distance may be established at 40’ or 43’.

C. Soccer Helmet

Motion:

“The requirement of the goalie helmet in modified boys’ and girls’ modified soccer will be eliminated. Soccer Game Rule #4(c) (Reference, NYSPHSAA handbook page 148) will be edited to eliminate the foam helmet requirement.”

Action Item for Next Meeting Our section's vote is required now on this item:

Three Point Shot in Basketball

Motion:

"With sectional/league approval, the 3-point shot may be used in modified boys' and girls' basketball. Boys' Basketball Game Rule #5 and Girls' Basketball Game Rule #4 (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook pages 141 and 142) will be eliminated."

Information Items

1. Data is still being collected for the pilot programs for the track and field boys' hurdle height, and the softball innings completion in 3 outs or 5 runs for innings 1-6, with a normal 7th inning. Surveys are available online on the NYSPHSAA website at <http://nysphsaa.org/surveys> . They are easy and quick to fill out, and require no mailings. But we need you to encourage every one of your modified coaches who is coaching these sports to fill them out annually! Please help us secure a good sectional return.
2. Any coach/athletic director/school representative can suggest a game modification to their modified sectional representative or share a good idea; we are open to making a recommendation to the State Committee for our section. Please remember that the State Committee will emphasize safety and educationally sound decisions; some variations may not fly for younger athletes.
3. The State modified tennis sport coordinator is Pat Levy from Section I. Pat is available to assist you in initiating or promoting your tennis program with the assistance of the USTA. Grants are available to obtain equipment, supplies and promotional items for your Physical Education students and your athletes. Contact Pat at 914-764-3031 (home), 914-588-0818 (cell) or at pat@slought.org for help. The best direct USTA contact, recommended by Pat, is Sandy Hoffman. You can contact her at 914-980-8216 or at hoffman@usta.com .
4. It is regrettable that many sections across the state are experiencing severe reductions in their modified program; some schools have eliminated modified athletic programs. We must continue to advocate and educate to maintain modified athletics. There are ways to cut costs while supporting modified athletics: scheduling up to three scrimmages in addition to the allowed number of games, scheduling up to 50% of your scheduled games as scrimmages following the NYSPHSAA guidelines, sharing transportation to away games by having multiple teams travel together (boys' and girls' teams, or modified with high school teams), the use of Extended Playing Time, and the use of doubleheaders and multi-school contests.
5. Beginning in 2011-2012, the NYSPHSAA recommends that all coaches/advisors of Cheerleading (sideline, spirit and competitive) complete the following coaching courses: First Aid for Coaches, CPR/AED and the AACCA Safety Course.

2011-2012 Modified Committee Meetings

The fall and spring meetings of the Committee will take place on:

Friday, October 14, 2011

9:30 AM

Friday, March 30, 2012

10:00 AM

The meeting will take place at the NYSPHSAA office in Latham, NY.