



NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

OCTOBER 2007



NEWS

POINT OF EMPHASIS

All safety related equipment required for competition should be worn in all "practice sessions". Examples include but are not limited to: mouth guards, goggles, ear guards and shin guards. Jewelry should not be worn in practice.

ON LINE STORE

When ordering NYSPHSAA Handbooks, sport rulebooks and scorebooks please use our on-line store at www.nysphsaa.org. The use of the on-line store enables orders to be processed more quickly and efficiently .

FUTURE MEETING DATES

October 12	Modified Committee	9:00
October 15	Girls Basketball	9:30
October 18	Girls Golf	10:00
October 19	Championship Advisory	9:30
October 22	Life of an Athlete	10:00
October 24	Safety Committee	9:00
October 25	Handbook Committee	9:00
October 28	Officials Coordinating Fed	9:00
October 28	Budget & Finance	11:00
October 29	Executive Committee	9:00
@ Holiday Inn Turf		

PERMISSION FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

School districts are reminded to follow the procedures outlined in the NYSPHSAA Permission for Special Accommodations policy to ensure all students in need of religious or physical accommodations are reviewed and approved prior to any competition. Please contact Assistant Director Lloyd Mott.

COACHES CLINIC *(Brochures will be forth coming)*

Wrestling	November 2, 2007	Cornell University
Softball	January 18, 2008	TBA
Lacrosse	January 25, 2008	SUNY Cortland
Baseball	February 29, 2008	Cooperstown
Field Hockey	March 28, 2008	Utica
Track & Field	March 28-29,2008	Utica
Soccer	May 30, 2008	Oneonta
Volleyball	TBA	

FUTURE SECTION MEETINGS

October 4	Section 7
October 10	Section 11
October 16	Section 9
October 18	Section 1
November 1	Section 10

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Football Committee - The committee is requesting a change to the classification numbers for the 2008 season. If approved the change in cut off numbers would be: Class AA (1051 and up), Class A (626-1050), Class B (441-625), Class C (281-440) and Class D (280 and below).

BOYS BASKETBALL - The committee is requesting consideration for the following: For 2008—2009 season permit each Section to have the opportunity to use two 16 minute halves as they feel appropriate in their schedules.

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD—To add one at large entry for Division I and II when the qualifying standard has been met.

WRESTLING Committee - To permit athletes from the CHSAA & PSAL to be selected for at large berths into the NYSPHSAA/Federation Championships. To increase the 275 lb weight class to 285 lbs. The 96 & 285 lb weight classes would remain optional.

ICE HOCKEY - Accept Utica AUD as the venue for Championships through 2011 season.

ITEMS of INTEREST

2007 -2008 NYSPHSAA HANDBOOK - An updated handbook will be available on our website on November 1, 2007.

SPORTS RECORDS - Coordinators are reminded to send in any new records at the conclusion of the season.

BOYS LACROSSE - The East Regional Semi-Final game scheduled for June 12, 2008 will be played at West Point.

SKIING - Helmets are required in all alpine practices and races.

BOWLING - A game consists of 10 frames. A Match (Contest) consists of a maximum of 3 games. The Baker format may be used a maximum of two times per season with a maximum of 15 Baker format games per tournament. A combination tournament is permitted with a maximum of eight (8) Baker format games and three (3) regular games. A combination tournament counts towards the maximum of two (2) Baker format tournaments.

FIELD HOCKEY- Protective eye wear to be recommended for the 2007 season and required for the 2008 season.

WRESTLING - Continuation of the waiver for the 1.5% weight loss rule. The 50% rule and the current minimum weight class will remain in effect.

SPORTSMANSHIP EJECTION POLICY - Any player or coach:

- Ejected from one contest shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest;
- Ejected from two contests in the same sport in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests; and,
- Ejected from a third contest in the same sport in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season.

SOCCER YELLOW CARD ACCUMULATION policy will include coaches.

GIRLS LACROSSE - Beginning with the 2008 season girls lacrosse jerseys will be required to have the 6" numbers centered on the front and 8" numbers to be centered on the back.

FOOTBALL - Schools are reminded to include the following field markings for the 2007 season:

- 2 yard restraining line around the field
- 9 yard marks if the field of play is not visibly marked.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

ON LINE COACHING COURSES

The NYSPHSAA has partnered with SUNY Cortland in offering the New York State Coaching Certification Courses on line - an asynchronous web-based program. Go to www.cortland.edu/physed for registration information.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

Any school interested in purchasing the ImpACT Concussion Management program, please check the NYSAAA or NYSPHSAA websites.

VOLLEYBALL

The NYSPHSAA has adopted Molten USA Volleyball as the "official volleyball" for state championship competition. The Molten USA agreement begins with the 2007-2008 school year. Molten USA has sent all volleyball schools a ball to familiarize teams with the product. The girls programs will use the IV58L-U Super Touch while the boys programs will use the V58L-U Pro Touch.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The NFHS rule requiring "white" uniforms for the "home" team affects varsity uniforms only. Lower level programs may still continue to wear "light-colored" uniforms as home jerseys.