

**SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS**  
**January 2009 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Binghamton Regency, Binghamton, NY**

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. P4 Approved October 2008 Executive Committee minutes.
2. P5 Approved the proposed sites for the 2009-2010 State Championships.
3. P5 Approved the reappointments of Charles Wiltse as Boys Cross Country State Coordinator, Oscar Jensen as Boys Indoor Track and Field State Coordinator, Diane Hicks-Hughes as Girls Swimming and Diving State Coordinator and Jamie Harter as Girls Golf State Coordinator effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2013.
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6. P6 Approved to postpone the proposed classification numbers for 2010-2011 until they are reviewed at next winter's Executive Committee meeting.
7. P6 Approved to adopt, retroactively, the Internet Broadcasting agreement for use at NYSPHSAA State Championships.
8. P8 Approved policies on range finders, practice rounds and rulings in Boys and Girls Golf.
9. P9 Approved the Tied & Suspended Game Rule in Baseball.
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14. P10 Approved a moratorium on the expansion of existing NYSPHSAA tournaments as it pertains to participation.
15. P10 Approved centralized sites should be considered as part of the bid process for state tournament site selection when it can be proved that cost savings outweighs other criteria.
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17. P10 Approved a language change in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Sports Standards-Football (p. 112).
18. P10 Approved the reduction of the number of classes and divisions in team and individual NYSPHSAA Championship competition be referred to the Championship Advisory Committee.
19. P10 Approved the reduction of participants in NYSPHSAA Championships in individual and combination (team/individual) sports be referred to the Championship Advisory Committee.
20. P10 Approved the Executive Committee will meet three times per year with one meeting at the site of the Central Committee meeting.
21. P10 Approved supporting the establishment of a moratorium eliminating mandated attendance beginning with the 2009-2010 school year at the following NYSPHSAA workshops: Safety, Life of an Athlete, Sportsmanship and Chemical Health workshops.
22. P10 Defeated eliminating participation in the NFHS Student Leadership Conference.
23. P11 Defeated eliminating Friend & Neighbor status at the high school level.
24. P11 Approved waivers for the reduction of contests from 6 to 3 in Winter Track in Sections 1, 3 and 10; from 6 to 4 in Winter Track in Section 8 and 9; from 6 to 3 in Skiing in Section 1; from 6 to 4 in Alpine

and Nordic

Skiing in Section 9 and from 6 to 4 in Gymnastics in Section 9.

25. P11 Defeated to allow four of the 6 leagues in Section VI to use the waiver of linespeople in volleyball during regular season play.
26. P14 Approved as Friends and Neighbors: **EF International School of English (1), German School of New York (1), St. Mary School (5), Southern Tier Catholic School (6), North Shore Hebrew Academy High School (8).**
27. P14 Approved as a New Member: **Covenant Love Community School (4).**
28. P14 Approve the Handbook Committee's recommendation addressing overtime procedures be inserted in the Handbook (p. 88 – Definitions).
29. P14 Approved the Handbook Committee's recommendation to add language for clarification to Penalties (p. 99 – letter "c") when an athlete exceeds the maximum number of contests.
30. P14 Approved the Handbook Committee's recommendation to remove the references to "high" schools in the General Objectives of the NYSPHSAA Handbook (p. 27).
31. P15 Approved with Section/League approval, a 'mercy rule' experiment in Modified Baseball and Softball will be permitted, allowing a game to end after a team at the short end of the 15 run rule has completed their fifth at bat.
32. P15 Approved a super regional doubleheader in Classes B and C in Softball in Sections 1, 8, 9, and 11.
33. P15 Defeated in Boys and Girls Tennis an athlete will not be allowed to participate in the State Championships unless there is a Board of Education approved coach/school designee from that school in attendance acting in a supervisory role of the participating athlete(s).
34. P15 Approved 3 person crews for the Regional and State Championship Tournaments at no additional cost in Boys Basketball.
35. P15 Defeated to increase the student-athlete roster size and support personnel from 20 to 23 in Softball.
36. P15 Approved to increase the student-athlete roster size in Girls Lacrosse from 25 to 30 and decrease the student-athlete roster size in Boys Lacrosse from 35 to 30 effective Spring 2009.
37. P15 Approved in Boys and Girls Tennis medals will be awarded from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place effective Spring 2009 for the boys and Fall 2009 for the girls.
38. P15/16 Approved for the Safety Committee to collect and analyze data pertaining to head and neck injuries in Girls Lacrosse.
39. P19 Approved adjournment.

**ACTION ITEM – MAY MEETING**  
New Association Logo

**NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Binghamton Regency, Binghamton, NY  
January 30-31, 2009**

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Patrick Pizzarelli at 1:35PM on January 30, 2009. Executive Director Nina Van Erk introduced Judy Hess from the Binghamton Convention and Visitors Bureau who welcomed the group to Binghamton. Executive Director Nina Van Erk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers & Staff**

President Patrick Pizzarelli  
First Vice President Mark Ward  
Second Vice President Eileen Troy  
Past President Ronald Black  
Executive Director Nina Van Erk  
Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker  
Assistant Director Todd Nelson  
Assistant Director Joe Altieri  
Treasurer Kathleen Higl  
Counsel Renee James  
Director of Government Relations Kevin Banes  
Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**

Kathy Faber  
Karen Lopez

**Section Representatives**

Section 1: Karen Peterson, Jen Simmons (proxy for CSO Rep.)  
Section 2: Liz Hemstead, Glenn Westfall  
Section 3: Bruce Quimby, Evelyn Sammons  
Section 4: Julie Maney, Ed Redmond  
Section 5: Dennis O'Brien, Kathy Smith  
Section 6: Bob Dinse (proxy for Don Scholla), Cindy Bullis  
Section 7: Patricia Ryan-Curry, Joe Staves (Karen Lopez-proxy for Joe Staves-Saturday)  
Section 8: John Piropatto, Laura Orticelle  
Section 9: Robbie Greene, Jim Wolfe  
Section 10: Carl Normandin (proxy for Paul Harrica)  
Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis

**Ex-Officio & Consultants**

Mike Schwenk, Life of an Athlete Co-Coordinator (Friday)  
Robbie Greene, Handbook Coordinator  
Allan Mallanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA  
Ron Woodruff-NYS Coaches Association  
David Garbarino-NYS COA

**Section Ex. Directors**

Jen Simmons (1) Karen Lopez (7)  
Doug Kenyon (2) Todd Heimer (8)  
John Rathbun (3) Carl Normandin (10)  
Ed Stores (5) Ed Cinelli (11)  
Bob Dinse (6)

**Section Treasurers**

Tom DeLaurentiis (4)  
Loren Ratajczak (6)  
Jim Osborne (9)

**Guests**

Greg Ransom  
Kermit Moyer, AD-Chenango Valley HS (4)  
Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer State Coordinator

A motion to approve the October 2008 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written **carried**.

Maney/Nickerson

## **ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF**

**President Pat Pizzarelli** reported on his participation in conference call meetings with the Fiscal Concerns Committee and the Championship Advisory Committee. He reported he was also interviewed by radio WAMC in Section 2 regarding the Fiscal Concerns Committee recommendations. He reminded the group that the 21 people sitting on the Executive Committee who represent over 700 member schools are the ones voting on the recommendations. The Association took the lead in forming the committee to bring forward recommendations to help save money but in the end the membership will decide what is to be done.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mark Ward** welcomed the group to Binghamton. He reported on his participation in conference call meetings with the Fiscal Concerns Committee and the Championship Advisory Committee

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Eileen Troy** reported on her attendance at various athletic council meetings, the Boys Volleyball Committee meeting, the Girls Volleyball Championships in Glens Falls and the Cross Country State Championships at Sunken Meadow Park.

**Executive Director Nina Van Erk** reported on her attendance at various conferences, meetings and championships during the months of October through January and presented the following items of interest.

- **Sport Coordinator & Committee Representation Booklet** - In an attempt to improve communication between the NYSPHSAA committees and the member schools, she has developed a Committee Manual which outlines the roles and responsibilities of sport coordinators and committee members. A copy of the manual was included in the meeting folders.
- **Summary Reports to Executive Directors** - In another attempt to bridge the communication gap, a summary of actions taken at sport committee meetings at the NYSPHSAA office will be sent to Executive Directors to assist them in developing their Athletic Council meeting agendas. A synopsis of those summaries was included in the meeting folders.
- **Senate Hearing** - On December 10<sup>th</sup> she participated in a Senate hearing on the pros and cons of an abbreviated school week schedule. The NYSPHSAA was one of many associations to speak to the possibilities of such a change but also weighed in on the unintended consequences for the interscholastic athletic program.
- **NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame** - The Screening Committee will be evaluating 14 applications; 4 administrators, 5 coaches, 3 officials and 2 athletes.
- **Licensing Resource Group** - The NFHS is working with LRG to establish an agreement to provide associations and school districts with a new revenue resource. LRG will work with schools on an "opt-in" basis to handle trademark and licensing of products at local major retail stores such as Wal-Mart and CVS. These products, such as t-shirts and sweatshirts would become "official licensed products" generating royalties from the manufacturer to the schools and association. The Executive Committee supported joining this pilot program.
- **NFHS Spirit of Sport Award** - The NFHS has established an award to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of sport and represent the core mission of education-based athletics. The award may be given in recognition of a specific act or for an activity of longer duration. Contact the NYSPHSAA office for nomination forms.
- **NYSPHSAA Legal Seminar** - The Strategic Plan calls for a Legal Seminar for Section Executive Directors and their legal counsels. The date of the workshop will be Friday, April 24, 2009 at 10:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

- **NYSPPHSAA Future Meetings** - The Classification of Non-Public and Charter Schools and the coordinators of the Transfer Committee will meet prior to the May Executive Committee meeting. The meeting dates will be announced shortly.
- **Gymnasium Floor Coverings** - Dunlap Industries has contacted the NYSPPHSAA office to inform us of the availability of protective gym floor covers at the cost of hemming the outer edges. All shipping is free. Contact Bob Blackmon at 800-504-0434.
- **Future Meeting Dates** –
  - May 1-2, 2009 (Friday-Saturday) @ Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, Syracuse
  - August 4-6, 2009 (Tuesday-Thursday) @ Crowne Plaza-Lake Placid (Section 7)
  - October 19, 2009 (Monday) @ Holiday Inn-Wolf Road, Albany
  - January 29-30, 2010 (Friday-Saturday) SUGGESTIONS ARE REQUESTED
  - April 30-May 1, 2010 (Friday-Saturday) Syracuse Area
  - August 3-5, 2010 (Tuesday-Thursday) @ Holiday Valley – Ellicottville (Section 6)

### Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker

#### **State Championships**

A **motion to approve** the proposed sites for the 2009-2010 State Championships as per the NYSPPHSAA Championship Site Selection Policy **carried.** Staves/Sammons

- **Future Dates/Sites** as projected for 2009-2010 and beyond were included in the meeting folders.
- **Fall 2008 Income/Expenses** known to date were included in the meeting folders.
- **2008-2009 Winter Girls Volleyball Regionals** will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009. Class B and C will be at Beekmantown Central School (7) and Class D at Jamesville-DeWitt High School (3).
- **2008-2009 Riflery Regional** will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the Nassau County Public Rifle Range (8)
- **2009 Boys Lacrosse East Semi-Final** will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at Middletown High School (9).
- **AED's/Emergency Preparedness Plans** will be in place for use at all 2008-2009 Winter State Championships.
- **Thank you** to the Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau for supplying volunteers who sold NYSPPHSAA Football programs at the Championship finals. These same individuals have offered to volunteer to be program sellers and travel to Cornell University for the 2008-2009 Indoor Track & Field Championships for the 4th year in a row.
- **Courtesy passes** along with photo ID will be accepted at all NYSPPHSAA events.

#### **State Sports Coordinators**

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A **motion to approve** the appointment of Al Roy as Baseball Assistant State Coordinator through August 31, 2013 **carried.** Westfall/DeCillis

#### **Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program**

- The program has entered into year 18 with an increase in participation: 2,798 teams; 555 schools and 32,638 student athletes.
- Fall 2008 Scholar Athlete State Champions and their awards presenters were included in the meeting folders.
- **Thank you** to Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. and Lee's Trophies, Inc. for their continued support of the program.
- **The Winter 2008-2009** sports season deadline is **Friday, March 6, 2009.**

#### **NYS Federation**

- At the December 9, 2008 meeting, the Council acted on the following:

1. Approved the brackets for the Basketball Tournament of Champions for March 27, 28, 29, 2009 at the Glens Falls Civic Center.
  2. The date of the Golf Championship was approved at Mark Twain Golf Course, Elmira (4) for Sunday, June 7, 2009.
  3. Renewed the current slate of officers for 2008-2009 as follows: President – Donald Douglas, PSAL; Vice President – Donal Buckley, CHSAA; Secretary – M.J. Quigley, AISA; Treasurer – Nina Van Erk, NYSPHSAA; Executive Secretary – Walter Eaton.
- The next meeting of the Federation Council is scheduled for May 12, 2009.

**Assistant Director Todd Nelson**

- **Annual Classification of Schools**

A **motion to approve** as official the enrollment numbers presented for 2009-2010 with the cut-off numbers remaining the same **carried**. Piropato/Dinse

The cut-off numbers are as follows: Class AA 950 and up; Class A 550-949; Class B 325-549; Class C 193-324; Class D 192 and below.

A **motion to approve** to postpone the proposed classification numbers for 2010-2011 until they are reviewed at next winter’s Executive Committee meeting **carried**. DeCillis/Normandin

- **Coaching Certification Committee** is currently reviewing an updated outline for the First Aid course for coaches. The outline should be completed by the end of February, at which time it will be shared with all the approved agencies in New York State. Trish Kocialski (SED) is updating the list of approved instructors to teach the coaching courses. We have renewed our contract with SUNY Cortland to continue our partnership to teach on-line coaching courses.
- **Sanctioning** - Schools have done a great job notifying the NYSPHSAA office of tournaments and games being played with schools outside of the state. We are going to have discussions with the PSAL, CHSAA and AIS to provide consistency in our sanctioning process as well as our outside agency approval process.
- **Sportsmanship** - The Sportsmanship Committee will be discussing the issue of a player receiving more than one red card or game disqualification in the same contest. The issue of appealing an official’s decision when the official is found to have made a wrong call will also be placed on the committee’s agenda.
- **Coaching Clinics** - The following clinics are scheduled:

Baseball	Hall of Fame, Cooperstown	February, 27, 2009
Field Hockey	Field of Dreams, Utica	March 6, 2009
Track, Field & X-C	Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, Syracuse	March 27-28, 2009
Volleyball	Union College, Schenectady	April 24, 2009
Cheerleading	Syracuse area	May 15, 2009 (tentative)
Soccer	Hall of Fame, Oneonta	May 29, 2009

**Assistant Director Joe Altieri** reported on his attendance at various meetings, championships and conferences.

**Fall Championships**

- **Programs** showed a net profit of \$5,759.
- **Media/Broadcasting** - The Association netted an all-time season high of \$18,350 for Fall championship broadcasts.

A **motion to approve** to adopt, retroactively, the Internet Broadcasting agreement for use at NYSPHSAA State Championships **carried**. DeCillis/Staves

- **Vendor/Souvenir Fall Sales** were reviewed from 2005 through 2008 showing an increase in revenue each year for the Association.

**Corporate Sponsorships**

- **Eastbay** - A three-year agreement for a “Silver” level sponsorship for all championships has been finalized.
- **MaxPreps** - A three-year agreement for a “Bronze” level sponsorship for all championships has been finalized.
- **Global Sports** - A three-year agreement for a “Bronze” level sponsorship for all championships has been finalized.

- **SportsGist** - A three-year agreement for a “Contributing” level sponsorship for all championships has been finalized.

It was noted that the first four sponsors will guarantee the Association a net revenue of over \$100,000 each over the next three years.

- **Worldwide Sport Supply** - Finalized and signed a one-year renewal agreement for a “Contributing” level sponsorship for the wrestling championships increasing the 2008 contribution by more than \$2,000 for this year.
- **American Dairy Council** - Finalized and signed a one-year agreement for a “Contributing” level sponsorship for the football championships. Cash and product was included in this sponsorship for both the semifinals and finals.
- **Price Chopper** - Finalized a one-year renewal agreement for over 350 cases of water for the 2009 championships, plus in-store and window signage, and sales of tournament tickets in 70 Price Chopper stores statewide.

#### **Your Opinion Please**

- The Executive Committee was in support of a company sponsoring a sit-down lunch at future Executive Committee meetings and in return a representative of the sponsor would speak on their product/service. All Executive Committee meeting attendees would be asked to attend a set luncheon to give the sponsor an opportunity to address the entire group.

#### **Marketing/Public Relations**

- **TV** - Due to significant bed tax funds being available from Warren County from the 2008 boys’ basketball tournament, a \$15,000 TV marketing campaign was launched on January 20<sup>th</sup> across the state to market the 2009 boys’ basketball state tournament. Markets in Albany, Binghamton and Syracuse were included in the campaign.
- **Radio** - Radio campaigns in Albany, Glens Falls and Central New York have continued for the winter championships.
- **Press Releases** have been distributed state wide for coaching clinics and ticket sales for the Wrestling and Boys Basketball Championships.

#### **New Association Logo**

- He has been working with a company to evaluate and re-design the Association logo to give it a more dynamic, modern representation of our organization. Different logo designs were presented for review. Approval will be requested to adopt a newly designed logo at the May Executive Committee meeting.

#### **Spring Intern**

- **Raechel Molo**, a senior communications major at SUNY Albany, is the Association’s spring intern. A graduate of Ramapo High School in Section 1, Raechel is a former 2-sport cheerleader. She will be full-time with our office this semester.

#### **Treasurer Kathy Hagle**

- She highlighted the following:
  - Investment/Interest Income showed a loss of approximately 20% in the value of investments since the end of August due to the volatile market.
  - Net Championship revenues were down due to about a \$40,000 decrease in football from last year.
  - Sport Clinic revenue was lower based on lower attendance at the clinics.
  - An increase in Sponsorship revenues.
  - On the Benefits & Pension line the savings was due to the Association joining a new health plan whose costs were much lower than the health plan we had.
  - Under Expenditures, the Post-Retirement Health benefit liability loss will decrease significantly because of the much lower cost of the new health plan.

#### **Counselor Renee James**

- Reported the Association heard two appeals.
  - **Schenectady Christian School (2)** - An appeal of the transfer rule based on undue hardship was



heard regarding two students who transferred from a high school labeled by State Ed as a persistently dangerous school. The hardship transfer appeal was denied on the basis that no individualized threats were made to these students and that the label of persistently dangerous school was from incidents that took place a couple of years ago.

- **The Albany Academies (2)** - An appeal was heard on the reclassification of their basketball team from Class A to Class AA. She suggested that when committees or athletic councils make a decision to move a school, it is important to include rationale as to why the school was being moved so if the decision is appealed there is documentation the Association and/or the court can refer to.
- Reported there were two appeals before the Commissioner.
  - A student who claims they missed a season because they suffered from depression was denied an extended year of eligibility.
  - Tioga High School (4) has 2 wrestling issues. One wrestler failed the hydration test. The other wrestler was unhappy with the weight he was certified at and SUNY Cortland didn't have an opening for a hydrostatic test within the 5 day weight certification guidelines for retesting.
- Reported on pending litigation in which a field hockey coach was injured when she tripped over a cone marking the field.
- Reported Title IX is still an issue around the state and stated the Association is being proactive in making sure there is equity between boys and girls teams.
- Announced a legal seminar for Section Executive Directors and Section Counsels will be held Friday, April 24, 2009 at 10AM at the NYSPHSAA office. If there are any issues to be addressed, please let her or Nina know.

#### **Director of Government Relations Kevin Banes**

- Gave a brief overview of the anticipated \$15 million budget and the governor's proposed \$2.5 million decrease in State Aid.
- Announced he and Nina will be meeting with legislators and the new members of the Senate and Education Committee in February to share the Association's priorities and concerns and continue to build our rapport with them.
- He will continue working with Nina on budget issues and will be writing a memo of opposition on cuts in the budget and asking legislators to reinstate those cuts.
- After the budget is done, he will continue to advance legislation on behalf of the Association on the issues of steroid education and prevention funding and increasing the penalties for the assault of an official.

#### **SPORT COORDINATOR ISSUES & REPORTS**

**Boys and Girls Golf** - Executive Director Nina Van Erk presented the proposal.

A **motion to approve** the following policies **carried**.

Greene/Lopez

- **Range Finders** are not approved during competition, however may be used in practice rounds by coaches or players.
- **Rulings** may only be pointed out by the competitors and markers. Spectators are not permitted to make rulings.
- **Practice Rounds at NYSPHSAA Championships** - Only competitors may play in the student athlete's practice rounds. Coaches are limited to being on the course in a supervisory and coaching capacity.

**Baseball** - Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the proposal.

A **motion to approve** the Tied & Suspended Game Rule **carried**.

Westfall/Piropato

It states:

*"1. An Official game is 5 innings or 4 and a half if the home team is ahead. If a winner can be determined and no more baseball can be played that day, the game is over and a winner is declared. The game does not have to go 7 innings.*

*2. If a game is stopped before it becomes an official game, the game is a suspended game. This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter etc. etc. etc should all be recorded in scorebook.*

*3. If the game is stopped after having gone long enough to be an official game, however a winner cannot be*

determined due to a tied score. This game becomes a tied/suspended game at that point. This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter etc. etc. etc should all be recorded in scorebook.

4. If a game is stopped after having gone long enough to become an official game and;

a. The visitors score a run or runs in the top half of the inning. The game reverts back to the last completed inning and either a winner is declared or we have a tied/suspended game. Or,

b. The visitors score a run or runs in the top half of the inning and the home team does not complete their at bat. The game reverts back to the last completed inning and either a winner is declared or we have a tied/suspended game. If we have a tied/suspended game we pick up from that point (Visitors runs in the top half of the inning and home team runs in bottom half count). This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter etc. etc. etc should all be recorded in scorebook.

c. The home team ties the game in the bottom half of the inning but doesn't complete the inning. If we cannot play anymore we have a tied/suspended game at that point. This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter etc. etc. etc should all be recorded in scorebook. Or,

d. The home team takes the lead in the bottom half of the 5th or 6th inning, then game is called. At that point the home team is declared the winner.”

**Boys Volleyball** - Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the proposal.

A **motion to approve** to adopt the NCAA Volleyball Rules for boys' volleyball with the same modifications used in girls' volleyball beginning in the fall of 2009 **carried**.

Quimby/Smith

**Girls Tennis** - Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the proposal.

A **motion to approve** to permit coaching on the court at the NYSPHSAAA Championship; cheering would not be permitted **carried**. These changes would make the Girls Tournament comparable to the Boys Tournament.

Westfall/DeCillis

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**Sport Season Committee** - Jim Osborne reviewed the minutes of their December 18, 2008 conference call meeting highlighting:

- The process Sections used to distribute the Sport Season Survey.
- Section Executive Directors will ask schools who have not completed the survey to do so and forward them on to Nina.
- Expanding the NYSPHSAA Participation Survey to include Mixed Competition participation and participant and teams competing outside of sport season.
- Their next conference call meeting will be after the Participation and Sport Season Surveys have been completed.

**Fiscal Concerns Committee** - Chairperson Julie Maney gave a brief review of the meetings held by the committee and presented the recommendations of the committee.

A **motion to approve** supporting the use of telephone conference calls and video conferencing for NYSPHSAA meetings to reduce the travel reimbursement costs for the NYSPHSAA and Sections **carried**. Wolfe/Redmond

A **motion to approve** supporting the use of officials from the host Section at all NYSPHSAA regional contests, except when the Sections involved mutually agree to use neutral officials effective with the 2009-2010 season and continuing the 2010-2011 school year **carried**. O'Brien/Normandin

(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 1 yes; Section 11: 2 yes. 19 Yes/2 No)

A **motion to approve** supporting a moratorium on the expansion of existing NYSPHSAA tournaments as it pertains to participation **carried**. Greene/Nickerson

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A **motion to approve** centralized sites should be considered as part of the bid process for state tournament site selection when it can be proven that cost savings outweighs other criteria **carried**. Peterson/Westfall

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A **motion to approve** supporting the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season **carried**. Sports with 24 contests will be reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests will be reduced to 18 and sports with 18 contests will be reduced to 16. Wrestling will be reduced to 20 points. Football will be reduced from 10 to 9 contests.

Simmons/Greene

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A **motion to approve** the following language change in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Sports Standards – Football (p. 112) **carried**.

Westfall/Simmons

*“The 9<sup>th</sup> game is permitted, with section approval, for teams who do not qualify for sectional play. For the teams involved in the sectional tournament the maximum number of contests shall be 10. For those sections involved in the state championship three additional games are permitted for a total of 13 games for the season: 1 game for regionals, 1 game for semifinals, and 1 game for championships. Effective for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.”*

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A **motion to approve** supporting the reduction of the number of classes and divisions in team and individual NYSPHSAA Championship competition be referred to the Championship Advisory Committee **carried**.

Hemstead/Dinse

A **motion to approve** supporting the reduction of participants in NYSPHSAA Championships in individual and combination (team/individual) sports be referred to the Championship Advisory Committee **carried**.

Hemstead/Dinse

A **motion to approve** the Executive Committee will meet three times per year with one meeting at the site of the Central Committee meeting **carried**.

Quimby/Simmons

A **motion to approve** supporting the establishment of a moratorium eliminating mandated attendance beginning with the 2009-2010 school year at the following NYSPHSAA workshops: Safety, Life of an Athlete, Sportsmanship and Chemical Health workshops **carried**.

Westfall/Simmons

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A **motion to approve** to support eliminating participation in the NFHS Student Leadership Conference was **defeated**.

Nickerson/Smith

(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 1 yes, 1 no; Section 4: 2 no; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 1 yes; Section 11: 2 no. 10 Yes/11 No)

No action was taken on the following recommendations:

- Support the reduction of tournaments (multi-school competition) for team and individual sports.
- Support the establishment of a maximum number of scrimmages permitted by a team to: Varsity, JV and freshmen – 2 scrimmages and Modified – 1 scrimmage.
- Support the establishment of a team travel restriction for all member schools limiting out of state team travel to competition with bordering states only.

Other suggestions to be looked at:

- Designating a maximum meal reimbursement
- Reducing the number of past presidents attending Executive/Central Committee meetings by possibly attending meetings on a rotating basis.
- Attendance of sport chairs at Executive Committee meetings. It was felt they should be in attendance for questions and/or clarification when presenting an issue/change to the group to vote on but when a written proposal is included in the meeting folders, they felt it was fiscally unnecessary for the sport chair to attend to read the proposal.

- The number of staff and officers at particular State Championships. Do they all need to attend?

## DISCUSSION ITEM

### Eliminating Friend & Neighbor status at the high school level -

A **motion to approve** eliminating Friend & Neighbor status at the high school level (9-12 grades) when the Friend & Neighbor membership expires was **defeated**. Wolfe/DeCillis  
 (The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 1 yes; Section 11: 2 yes. 9 Yes/12 No)

## SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

A **motion to approve** reducing the number of required contests to be eligible for sectional or state competition for the following sports and Sections **carried**. Normandin/DeCillis

- Winter Track - from 6 to 3 in Sections 1, 3, 10
- Winter Track - from 6 to 4 in Sections 8 and 9
- Skiing - from 6 to 3 in Section 1
- Alpine and Nordic Skiing – from 6 to 4 in Section 9
- Gymnastics – from 6 to 4 in Section 9

**Section 10** voiced a concern regarding the lack of criteria in determining who is placed in Division I or Division II in Ice Hockey.

**Section 9** asked if the Modified Committee could give the same consideration for Cross Country and Indoor/Outdoor Track as it does for Swimming where schools have the option of running combined modified and varsity swimming meets, alternating the events. They voiced a concern with an interpretation received from the Basketball State Rules Interpreter that stated if the shot clock is not working before the contest is played, the game cannot be played. Nina sent an email to Mary Struckoff of the NFHS who is responsible for women's basketball officiating for the NCAA requesting her interpretation. She stated the game should be played and that someone at the table should alert the teams using a PA system at certain increments and then count down the last 10 seconds. Nina will send the basketball interpreter the revised interpretation.

**Section 7** inquired about the different overtime procedures in boys and girls soccer that the Executive Committee approved. Feedback from their Boys Soccer Section Coordinator was the boys' procedure was working very well. As they hadn't received any feedback from the Girls Soccer Section Coordinator, they inquired if the Girls Soccer Committee was happy with their procedures. They had a concern with not receiving enough passes for all their coaches for the Outdoor Track State Championships and inquired if the number could be increased or could tickets be put on sale prior to the tournament to purchase the additional tickets needed. They also inquired about a Sportsmanship issue in which a coach was ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct at the Varsity game; can he attend the JV game to see his daughter play?

**Section 6** A **motion to approve** to allow four of the six leagues in Section VI to use the waiver of linespeople in volleyball during regular season play was **defeated**. Dinse/Wolfe

**Section 3** voiced a concern with not having the ability to appeal an official's decision in the ejection rule especially when the official ejected the wrong person. This concern will be added to the agenda of the Sportsmanship Committee's next meeting.

## SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONCERNS AND INPUT

The Section Executive Directors voiced the following concerns:

- Section 7 had a concern with the Foreign Student Reporting form and requested the Handbook Committee to review Standard #9 to clarify the difference between foreign student, foreign exchange student and international student.
- They recommended resurrecting the Championship Philosophy Committee to review quality vs. quantity in the State Tournaments.
- Section 7 voiced a concern with the mileage reimbursement, to keep an eye on it and get it back where it was.
- One Section had a concern with automatic transfer waivers.

- Section 10 had a concern with the classification of Ice Hockey.
- Sections still had concerns with fingerprinting.
- Nina mentioned wrestling coaches should be tutored in the hydration testing process to eliminate or reduce the number of failed hydration tests.
- They had a concern about the changes in five classification sports.

### COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

SECTION	SCHOOLS	SPORT
3	Canastota, Notre Dame, Rome Catholic, Oriskany, Oneida, Camden, Poland, West Canada & Westmoreland (Canastota was added to this group)	Ice Hockey
	Ilion, Mohawk, Sauquoit, Holland Patent & Utica Proctor	Ice Hockey
	Morrisville-Eaton & Sherburne-Earlville	Swimming-B
	Oppenheim-Ephratah & Dolgeville	Wrestling
	Madison, Hamilton & Morrisville-Eaton (Madison was added to this group)	Wrestling (V, JV)
	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill, Waterville & Hamilton	Ice Hockey
5	Pittsford Sutherland & Pittsford Mendon	Football
		Golf-G
		Swimming-B/G
		Wrestling
		Lacrosse-B/G
	Nazareth & Livonia	Bowling-G
	Charlotte & Marshall	Wrestling
	Frederick Douglas & Franklin	Basketball-B
	Greece Odyssey & Greece Arcadia	Swimming-B
	Greece Arcadia & Greece Olympia	Lacrosse-B/G
		Golf-G
		Swimming-G
	Webster Thomas & Webster Schroeder	Golf-G
		Gymnastics
		Skiing-Nordic & Alpine
		Swimming-B
6	Clymer & Sherman	Golf-B
		Track & Field-B/G
	Ellicottville & Franklinville	Track & Field-B/G
7	Lake Placid, Keene & Ticonderoga (Ticonderoga was added to this group)	Ice Hockey-B
8	Lynbrook North MS & Lynbrook South MS	All Sports
	Elmont, Floral Park, H. Frank Carey, New Hyde Park & Sewanhaka	Golf-B/G (V)
		Tennis-B/G (V)
		Swimming-B/G
	H. Carey HS & Sewanhaka HS	Field Hockey (V/JV)
	Carle Place & Wheatley	Football (V/JV)
	Valley Stream District	Lacrosse-B/G (V, JV, Mod.)
		Golf (V)
	Malverne & East Rockaway	Tennis-B/G (V)

Plainview-Old Bethpage MS & H.B. Mattlin MS	Lacrosse-B (V, JV) Lacrosse-G (JV) Soccer-B/G (V/JV) Lacrosse-B/G (Mod.) Swimming-G (Mod.) Football (Mod.) Volleyball-B
Levittown District Wheatley & Carle Place South Woods MS & Thompson MS Bellmore Merrick District Carle Place & East Williston	Lacrosse-B (V, JV) Swimming (Mod.) Swimming (V/Mod.) Football (Mod.)

### SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTESTS

The following contests were approved by the Executive Director per Executive Committee authorization and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #9).

SECTION	DATE	CONTEST
1	11-23-08	Section 1 Sr. All-Star Contest-Football
2	03-03-09 03-24-09	CHVL Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball Section 2 Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball
3	03-05-09 03-05-09 03-07-09	CSC Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball CSC Sr. All-Star Contest-G. Volleyball OHSL Senior Game-G. Volleyball
5	11-08-08 11-08-08 11-08-08 02-11-09 03-27-09	Finger Lakes Sr. All-Star Contest-B. Soccer LCAA Boys Soccer Sr. All-Star Contest Steuben County League Volleyball Sr. All-Star Contest-G. Volleyball ACAA Boys Volleyball Sr. All-Star Contest LCAA Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball
6	03-13-09 03-21-09 03-26-09 03-26-09	Niagara Orleans-Genesee Region Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball Cheektowaga Lions Sr. All-Star Contest-G. Basketball IAABO Board #121 and CCAA Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball Chautauqua County Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball
7	03-17-09 03-26-09	CVAC Boys & Girls Senior Basketball Game MVAC Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball

### FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried**.  
(Expiring in January 2011)

DeCillis/Hemstead

#### Section 1

EF International School of English  
100 Marymont Avenue  
Tarrytown, NY 10591  
Grade 10

#### Section 1

German School New York  
50 Partridge Road  
White Plains, NY 10605  
Grades 7-12

#### Section 5

St. Mary School  
16 E. Gibson Street  
Canandaigua, NY 14424  
Grades 7-8

#### Section 6

Southern Tier Catholic School  
205 W. Henley Street  
Olean, NY 14760

#### Section 8

North Shore Hebrew Academy High School  
400 North Service Road  
Great Neck, NY 11020

**NEW MEMBERS**

A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPHSAA Membership status **carried**.

DeCillis/Hemstead

**Section 4**

Covenant Love Community School  
1768 Dryden Road  
Freeville, NY 13068  
Grades 7-8

**ORAL AND/OR PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Handbook Committee** - Chairperson Robbie Greene presented the report and committee recommendations.

- The minutes of the Handbook Committee meeting on January 15, 2009 were reviewed.
- **Overtime**

A **motion to approve** the committee's recommendation addressing overtime procedures be inserted in the Handbook (p. 88 - Definitions) **carried**.

Wolfe/Lopez

It shall read: "*overtime* – Sections will have the authority to decide if overtime sessions will be played in a particular sport. If approved, the overtime procedure included in the sport specific rule book must be followed. Any approved waiver or modification of the overtime procedures are noted in the Sport Standards section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook (pages 110-117)".

- **Exceeding the Maximum Number of Contests** - The committee discussed the appropriate interpretation to use when an individual athlete exceeds the maximum number of contests. The discussion focused on the scenario when a player moves from the JV level to the Varsity level; which team is affected when the maximum number of contests are exceeded?

A **motion to approve** the committee's recommendation to add the following language for clarification to Penalties (p. 99 - letter "c") when an athlete exceeds the maximum number of contests **carried**.

Normandin/Wolfe

"NOTE: The level in which the student athlete participated as an ineligible competitor will be affected."

- **Re-defining A Scrimmage** - The committee discussed the merits of re-defining a scrimmage to be a "practice competition". The committee withdrew their request for consideration of any change to the definition of a scrimmage until they saw what happened with the recommendations of the Fiscal Concerns Committee.

- **General Objectives of the NYSPHSAA**

A **motion to approve** the committee's recommendation to remove the references to "high" schools in the General Objectives of the NYSPHSAA Handbook (p. 27) to better reflect the inclusion of both high schools and middle schools **carried**.

Simmons/Maney

- The next meeting of the Handbook Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 9:30AM via conference call.

**Modified** Committee - Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

A **motion to approve** the committee's recommendation that with Section/League approval, a 'mercy rule' experiment in modified baseball and softball will be permitted, allowing a game to end after a team at the short end of the 15 run rule has completed their fifth at bat **carried**.

Quimby/Lopez

- All Sections are reminded that if they participate in any of the experiments that were approved at the October or January Executive Committee meetings, schools are required to return surveys to their Sectional representative so that the Modified Committee can evaluate the data collected.
- The next meeting of the Modified Committee is scheduled for April 3, 2009 at 9AM at the NYSPHSAA office. If anyone has any items they wished to have discussed, they should contact their Sectional representative, Jim Rose or Mira Martincich.
- Items for discussion at the Spring meeting:

- Evaluation of the football experiment
- Modified Promotional Rule
- Extra player for modified softball
- Molded cleats

**Championship Advisory Committee** - Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report and the recommendations of the committee.

A **motion to approve** a super regional doubleheader in Classes B and C in Softball in Sections 1-8-9-11 **carried**.  
Lopez/Nickerson

A **motion to approve** in Boys and Girls Tennis an athlete will not be allowed to participate in the State Championships unless there is a Board of Education approved coach/school designee from that school in attendance acting in a supervisory role of the participating athlete(s) was **defeated**. Quimby/Stores  
(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 1 yes; Section 11: 2 no. 12 No/9 Yes)

A **motion to approve** 3 person crews for the Regional and State Championship Tournaments at no additional cost in Boys Basketball **carried**.  
Dinse/Curry-Ryan

A **motion to approve** to increase the student-athlete roster size and support personnel from 20 to 23 in Softball was **defeated**.  
Nickerson/Lopez  
(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 1 yes; Section 11: 1 yes, 1 no. 11 No/10 Yes)

A **motion to approve** to increase the student-athlete roster size in Girls Lacrosse from 25 to 30 and decrease the student-athlete roster size in Boys Lacrosse from 35 to 30 effective Spring 2009 **carried**. Simmons/Normandin

A **motion to approve** in Boys and Girls Tennis medals will be awarded from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place effective Spring 2009 for the boys and Fall 2009 for the girls **carried**.  
Quimby/Nickerson

- President Pizzarelli appointed Past President Jim Tolle as the chairperson of the Championship Advisory Committee.

**Officials Coordinating Federation** - Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker

- The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2009 at the Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, Syracuse.

**Safety Committee** - Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

#### **Girls Lacrosse Helmets**

- The Safety Committee held a conference call on December 12, 2008 in which each representative reported on the discussion that took place in their Section.

A **motion to approve** the Safety Committee's recommendation for their committee to collect and analyze data provided by a certain number of certified athletic trainers from schools that play girls lacrosse in New York State, the NFHS injury surveillance survey provided by Dawn Comstock's committee and the number of claims provided to Pupil Benefits Plan Inc. for head and neck injuries in the sport of girls lacrosse **carried**.  
Hemstead/Piropato

The committee will review the data collected and bring a recommendation to the Executive Committee at their October 2009 meeting.

#### **Concussion Management**

- Lloyd Mott has reported that 8 of 11 Sections have established Section wide committees to help implement school based Concussion Management Teams. The three remaining Sections are being encouraged to establish their Concussion Management Teams.
- Contact Lloyd if you have any further questions or comments. His email address is: [fit4lifeconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:fit4lifeconsulting@gmail.com).

#### **Future Discussion Items – Spring 2009**

- Minimum Weight Certification
- Heat/Cold Index
- Suspended Games



- Jewelry Rule for Track and Field – wrist watches
- Human Growth Hormone

**Life of An Athlete** - Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.

- Training for Year 4 was completed in Section 8 and 11. Feedback stated it was the best program to date.
- Training for Year 5 “Putting it all Together: Stakeholder Unity” was given in Section 3.
- The committee’s next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2009 at 10AM at the NYSPHSAA office. A planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the NYSPHSAA office.

**Student Leadership** - Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.

- The NFHS Student Leadership Conference will be held July 16-19, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN.
- All expenses for the student-athletes are covered by the NFHS through a grant by T-Mobile.

## **REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS**

**State Education Department** - Trish Kocialski

### **Physical Education Profile**

- SED maintains a website devoted to updates on the Physical Education Profile at: [www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/profile.htm](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/profile.htm).
- Compatibility with VISTA/Microsoft Office 2007 is still an issue and due to budget restraints a fully compatible version will not be able to be produced. One version has been completed, but it has printing issues. It can be used for training/professional development/public relations but will not be able to print. The SED budget will limit reproduction of this version. She will update the PE Profile page when additional copies are available.

### **Update on Physical Education Compliance**

- The NYS Office of State Comptroller completed the audit of physical education compliance of 20 school districts and found 19 of 20 non-compliant with the regulations for physical education. Issues were mostly on the elementary (K-3) level and some on the secondary level where schools were offering elective courses in physical education for the required credit. Elective credit may only be used as such and may not count toward the required physical education credit that all students must attain in the regular physical education program. SED will be sending letters to the schools involved in the audits requiring them to submit a plan within 60 days on how they will come into compliance. The complete OSC report is available at [www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/audits/swr/2008/physical ed/physical edfinal.pdf](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/audits/swr/2008/physical%20ed/physical%20edfinal.pdf)
- The regulation for physical education is available on the physical education website: [www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/physed.html](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/physed.html).

### **Standards Review – Health, Physical Education, Family & Consumer Sciences**

- The learning standards are set for the review cycle in 2010 but will possibly be set to a later date as the process is taking longer than expected. Please think about the current standards and what if any adjustments should be made.

### **Proposed Changes to the Regulations of the Commissioner, Section 135.4**

- SED is recommending several changes to the Regulations of the Commissioner, Section 135.4. A summary of the changes are:
  1. Elementary physical education required instruction would be changed to allow schools that have grades 5-6 in middle schools to follow the same day/time schedules as grades 7-8. This will eliminate the scheduling and staffing issues of following two different required instruction days/times.
  2. The time to complete the coaching requirements would be extended to 7 years to provide additional time for new teachers to complete their Master’s Degree requirement and the coaching course requirement.
  3. The regulation would be clarified regarding the appointment of coaches to include paid and non-paid coaches.

4. Additional authority would be included to allow SED to extend the time to complete the required courses due to lapse in service for extenuating circumstances (i.e. military service, pregnancy, etc.)
5. Teacher coaches and non-teacher coaches will have the exact same language regarding coaching requirements.
6. The extension of eligibility due to injury or accident would be clarified to require the Chief School Officer to provide documentation on how the injury/accident directly affected the educational plan of the student to a fifth year.

### **Selection/Classification**

- She continues to receive waiver requests that are incomplete. This increases the time a student has to wait for a determination. She asked to please remind your Directors of Physical Education/Athletics to include the required forms (filled out completely and legibly) if applying for a selection and classification waiver for an athlete. Also include an email address somewhere on the forms if a quick response is desired, otherwise it will come via U.S. Mail.
- The following forms may be mailed or faxed (518-473-4884):
  - Individual Athletic Profile Form
  - Special Approval Request Application
  - Special Case Form (only if athlete is rated below required standard)

### **Course Outline Revisions**

- **Coaching Courses** - All revisions to the coaching course are complete and in effect. Agencies that failed to respond to the request for updated information were removed from the approved list. Agencies that were removed will need to re-apply to SED to be reinstated.
- **First Aid/CPR** - The committee is currently working on updates to the First Aid/CPR course outlines. The same process will be followed regarding distribution to approved agencies. Mailed updates will occur the first time to all agencies on the SED list and will request updated information including email addresses. If information is not received, the agency will be removed from the approved list. NOTE: BOCES Certification Units that issue coaching licenses refer to this list when applications are processed. If the agency on the certificate is not on the SED site, they will not approve the courses and the application will be denied.

### **Approved On-Line Coaching Courses**

- The following agencies are approved to teach the coaching courses on-line (or combination on-line and face-to-face).
  - SUNY Cortland – Cortland, NY
  - SUNY Stony Brook – Stony Brook, NY
  - Sullivan County Community College – Loch Sheldrake, NY
  - Long Island Institute for Learning in Education (LILIE) – Centereach, NY
  - Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES – Fredonia, NY

Please go on the PE web page, click on “Approved Courses” then click on Coaching Courses to find the contacts for these agencies (by location).

- No on-line First Aid or CPR courses are approved.
- A newly revised list of approved First Aid and CPR courses accepted as meeting the coaches First Aid and CPR requirement was included in the meeting folders. Please share this list with the schools in your Sections.

### **Applying to be an Approved Agency/Instructor for the Coaching Courses**

- SED with the assistance of NYSPHSAA has revised the requirements for agency instructors to ensure that all instructors are qualified and have the appropriate experience to cover the outlines for the courses as described by SED. The revised requirements were included in the meeting folders.

### **2009-2010 School Budget**

- With the growing deficit and reductions to school aid, schools must still provide students with the requirements in Education Law and Commissioner’s Regulation. That means that physical education may not be reduced because of budget issues. It is required by Education Law 803 (Required Instruction in Physical Education) as outlined in Commissioner’s Regulation 135.4. Students must receive the required

instruction indicated. Extra Class Activities (intramural, extramural and interscholastic competition) are also in the Commissioner's Regulation but the extent to which schools must offer these is not indicated and budgets for these programs are different than those for required instruction.

#### **Funding Interscholastic Athletics**

- The following is from a March 1995 memo by James Kadamus to School Superintendents regarding funding of interscholastic programs under contingent budgets: "Please remember that expenditure of funds for interscholastic athletics is a contingent expense and subject to voter approval. It is also improper for a school district to charge fees to participants as a method of funding interscholastic sports programs." The memo also included language from an appeal decision: "he also (Commissioner) cautioned the school district not to engage in activities which create the impression that it is requiring payment of fees for student participation in sports activities."

#### **Contact Information**

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- Physical Education website: [www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/physed.html](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/physed.html).

#### **NYS Athletic Administrators Association** - Alan Mallanda, Executive Director

- Announced their annual conference is scheduled for March 18-21, 2009 in Saratoga Springs. The theme is "From Good to Great". They will be offering six leadership training courses and a CAA exam.
- Announced their Winter newsletter will be mailed out shortly.
- Congratulated Dave Martens, a NYSAAA and NIAAA Past President who received special recognition from the NIAAA for his work with the National Emergency Network in relief effort for schools affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- Thanked the Association for its continued support and partnership.

#### **NYS Coaches Association** - Ron Woodruff

- Encouraged coaches who are not members of the NYSAPERD to join their organization.
- Announced the annual NYSAHPERD Coaches Section Conference will be held November 2009 at the Turning Stone Resort, Vernon, NY. He asked if anyone was interested in presenting at the conference to contact him or Elaine Hage (Utica City Schools).
- Thanked Nina for her presentation at the 2008 conference.
- Forms included in the meeting packets were: Individual Membership Application, Honor or Special Honor Award Nominations form, Century Club forms (100 varsity wins in the same sport) and Half Century Club forms (50 or more varsity football wins).

A **motion to approve** to adjourn the January 2009 Executive Committee meeting at 12:20PM on Saturday, January 31, 2009 **carried**. Orticelle/Normandin

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk  
Executive Director