

Athletic Council Meeting March 21, 2012 - Agenda Item 6.3

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

March 2012

Chairperson: Fred Thornley

1. SED and the NYS Department of Health are finalizing the details of the concussion management law that was passed earlier this school year. The law is scheduled to go “in effect” prior to the start of the 2012-13 school year and currently includes:
 - a. A course in concussion identification/management for coaches and physical education teachers
 - b. A requirement that students must be symptom free for 24 hours prior to returning to play in interscholastic athletics.

More information will be forthcoming and may actually be shared at the NYSAAA conference currently in session. The concussion management law is open to public comment on the internet on March 21st. Again, the details of this may be shared with Timm Slade and attendees at the NYSAAA conference currently in session.

2. Leagues have been asked to respond to questions involving safety including:
 - a. Amount of rest between scrimmages- game or vice versa in football Currently, only two nights rest is required between a football scrimmage – game and vice versa. Four nights rest is required from game to game.
 - b. Modified football including the kicking component in their contests
 - c. Modified baseball pitch count being used in lieu of innings pitched as the indicator of maximum amount of pitching allowed

Submitted by Fred Thornley, Chair

