

Section 6 Safety Report
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Information from On-line NYSPHSAA Committee Meeting
(Conference Call) 10/17/11

The NYS Legislature and Governor Cuomo passed into law the "Concussion Management and Awareness Act" (S3953-2011) which goes into effect in July 2012. Currently the SED and Department of Health (DOH) are determining the rules and regulations pertaining to this law. Input from NYSPHSAA will be requested as well.

NFHS and NYSPHSAA surveys have been completed and reviewed concerning injuries in the sport of girl's lacrosse. This is being reviewed to determine whether helmets should or should not be required. Lacrosse coaches in section six oppose helmets for girl's lacrosse. Further investigation is on-going at the state level.

Discussion occurred concerning the number of practices required to play in a contest at the beginning of a season. The number of team practices required for a baseball battery should be the minimum number of team practices required for any baseball player.

The state safety committee is recommending that the number of days rest between a football contest and scrimmage be the same and be established at 4 nights. Currently, the NYS handbook states that there are four nights of rest required between football games and only two nights required between a scrimmage and a game.

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