

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING November 19, 2008 – Agenda item 9.9

Safety Committee Report

November 2008
Submitted by Chairperson Tim Marong 10/20/08

Report from the State Safety Committee Meeting - October 8, 2008

Wrestling

- A **new** NFHS Wrestling Skin Disease Form was revised and approved August 2008. All schools should use the new form.
- A **new** Minimum Weight Assessment Parental **Awareness** Form must be signed by parent/guardian before a wrestler participates in the Minimum Weight Assessment Program. The signed form must be kept in the Athletic Director's office for the duration of the season.

Be sure you are using the correct forms for 2008-2009.

Modified Wrestling: With section approval students competing in 2 or 3 bouts may use three 1-minute periods **OR** follow program 2 guidelines (period 1 – 1 minute, periods 2&3- 1 and ½ minutes)

Concussion Management

This year's goal is to establish local concussion management teams at every public school as well as a central concussion management team in Section VI at a site determined by the section.

Heat Index Guidelines

Should each section adopt a policy covering practice and the Thermal Heat Index (THI)? Section 11 currently has such a policy. A state sub committee was formed to make a recommendation.

Thunder and Lightning

I was moved and passed to remove the word **approximately** from the Thunder and Lightning Policy in the state handbook p.110 letter c.

Drug Testing Summit

October 29, 2008 in Albany

Waiver of Jewelry Rule

For Cross Country only it was voted and passed that the wearing of a wristwatch by a participating runner may be permitted.

Modified Track

A two-year pilot program was approved to allow boys track to increase 55m hurdles from 30 inches to 33 inches.

Girls Lacrosse

Information is being sought as to the pros and cons to requiring helmets in girl's lacrosse. Sport chairs/ coaches should contact Tim Marong with opinions on the subject. tmarong@frontier.wnyric.org State conference call December 12, 2008 on requiring helmets for girl's lacrosse.