

## **NYSPHSAA FOOTBALL COMMITTEE**

### **Monday, March 26, 2012**

- **2011 Playoff Results/Tournament Dates 2012/D. Cerone** – Update regarding the semi-finals to be held at Sahlen's Stadium with a completion deadline date of October 1, 2012, however, the stadium should be completed well before this deadline.
- **Update Committee Roster/ N. Zwierlein** – update completed with change(s) attached in minutes.
- **Executive Director/Nina Van Erk** – (No Report)
- **Finance/B. Stulmaker** – Uniform rule waived through the 2014 season. There is a charge to all sport chairs to try to increase revenues in their specific sport. The financial report will be attached to the minutes.
- **Sportsmanship/T. Nelson** – Safety/ Modified issues. The nights rest rule for football between contests and scrimmages is under discussion by the Safety Committee whereas, a player can play a contest on Friday and a scrimmage on Monday which could include 90 plays. The safety committee is not sure that this is enough time between contests and scrimmages and would like the Sections to take this back to their schools for discussion and input (there recommendation would be four nights rest between contests). Some discussion followed and it is a concern for smaller schools that this would directly impact their programs Sections VI, II, IX, I, III, have concurred with this concern on how it would impact their programs. Todd would still like the schools to go back and insure the rule for contests and scrimmages are being enforced. The direction this committee has given Todd is to go back to the safety committee with the request that they keep it the same.

Modified request to have live kick-offs at this level (request by Section V) rationale being that there is not teaching or instruction given as they progress to the upper levels of participation and could be a safety and injury factor. Section VI is not in favor of this proposal due to similar concerns, from the safety committee. Section II proposal said that the kickoff needs to be more clarified within this proposal. Section I is not in favor of it because of the additional training etc.

- **Sponsors/J. Altieri** – Nike will continue to sponsor NYS Championships for the next four years.
- **New Rules/M. Palermo** – emphasis on the helmet rule that a player must exit the field if the helmet comes off. Mike reviewed some of the new rules and chairmen should refer to the handout from your agenda packet. Nina regarding sponsorship logos on the field and could be a discussion for the State with approval from the Section Chairs.

- **Football Officials Report/R. Hamblin** – report sent to all chairmen from Ric for your review and follow through. Refer any concerns and/or comments directly to Ric regarding the report. Dick Cerone commented on the Semi-Final game with a called made and the time it took to get the call accurate. Also, referees assign to game in positions that they are not normally assigned too during the course of the season. It is important that the assignments of officials that this concern is taken into account. Errors in judgment will happen but must be kept to a minimum by officials in the enforcement of the rules of the game. Section chairmen must be more involved in the selection of officials in assigning officials to a position that they do not normally do during the course of the season.
- **Classification/M. Farmer** – report has been sent out however, a few people did not receive it. I will attach it to the minutes when I receive a copy from Mark. No changes in the cut-off numbers until the 2014 school year which we will vote and discuss at our next meeting.
- **NYSHSFCA/J. Vito** – Dick thanked the association for their financial support and involvement in making State football the best. Upstate/Downstate game at Carrier Dome to be held on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

● **Section 8 & 11 Playoffs/P. Pizzarelli** – No report.

● **Open Forum** –

- Section I- Later starting date of four days for next year which will not correspond with the starting date of the State. Classification issues with the number of teams within each Class.
- Section II- OK
- Section III- Kickoff Classic will be one weekend this year August 31<sup>st</sup>. and Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Section IV – OK
- Section V – Connors & Ferris Bowl games with every school having a game in the eighth block.
- Section VI – Look at six classification possibilities down the road.
- Section VII – OK
- Section IX – coaches working on an exceptional senior game.
- Section X – OK

Championship Game Admittance Policy/Todd Nelson – the gate list will be the only list accepted for anyone to get into the semi and final games of the specific sport championships. Schools participating must submit the list two (2) days prior to the contest with a maximum of eight (8) names per school.