

NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 5-6, 2010

REPORT: Cindy Bullis, Girls Rep and Don Scholla, Boys Rep

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NYSPHSAA FISCAL CONCERNS RECOMMENDATIONS

ITEMS APPROVED / **Vote 18- 4 (Sections 4 & 6 voted no) to extend Items 1-7 for one Year**
(see inside page for items #1-#7)

Vote 16-6 (Sections 2, 4 & 6 voting yes) Not interested at looking at any other options for Item #5 adding the games back!

Executive Director's Report

♦ **Friend and Neighbor: Approved 22-0**

Section 2 - St Mary's/St. Alphonsus School (effective September 1, 2010)

Section 6 – Aurora Waldorf (effective September 1, 2010)

Section 6 – Elmwood Franklin School (effective September 2010) renewal

♦ **Membership: Approved 22-0**

Section 2 – Albany Leadership Charter School (effective September 1, 2010)

Assistant Director Reports

Bob Stulmaker

♦ **Championship Sites and Dates** - Proposed for 2011 – 2012 **Approved 22-0**

♦ **Ice Hockey** – 2012-2014 Ice Hockey Championships will be held at the Utica Memorial Auditorium (3).

Approved 22-0

♦ **Sport Coordinator Appointments:** Dick Cerone (Football), Dan Doherty (Girls Outdoor Track & Field), Mike Andrew (Boys Soccer), Cathy Allen (Softball) and Jim Amen (Boys Lacrosse). **Approved 22-0**

Todd Nelson

♦ **Classification of Schools** - the official enrollment numbers for the 2011-2012 school year. **Approved 22-0**

♦ **Gate List** – For team sports at NYSPHSAA semi-finals and finals. **Approved 22-0**

Sport Committees

♦ **Girls Basketball** Requests approval to follow the NFHS Concussion protocol. **Approved 22-0**

♦ **Wrestling** Requests approval to waive the 45 minute rule between bouts for wrestlers who receive a forfeit. **Approved 22-0**

♦ **Softball**

1) To adopt the 43' pitching distance for the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman levels commencing with the 2011 season. **Approved 14-8 (Sections 11, 10, 6 & 4 voted No)**

2) The use of metal cleats will be prohibited on all levels of play. **Approved 22-0**

Budget and Finance Committee

♦ **Dues** - Membership Dues for 2011 – 2012 **Vote by Central Committee on Dec. 21st for a budget increase of \$30.00 & .03 same as 2010-2011 budget. Approved 18-4**

Championship Advisory Committee

♦ **Boys Lacrosse** - The use of the Chief Bench Official (from host section) at the State Regionals, Semi-finals and Finals. **Approved 20-2 (Section 4 voted No)**

♦ **Softball** - A change in the umpire rotation at the State Semi-finals and Finals. **Approved 22-0**

A change in the Regional format in Classes B, C and D for Sections 2, 7 and 10. This would be effective for the 2012 season. **Approved 20-2 (Section 2 voted No)**

♦ **Girls Golf** - To include the PSAL, CHSAA and AISAA in the NYSPHSAA Golf Championships, effective 2012. **Approved 20-2 (Section 6 voted No)**

Safety Committee

Hair restraint in Track & Field and Cross Country

“To waive the Jewelry Rule to allow hair restraints in the sport of Track and Field and Cross Country in the sport specific rule book”. **Approved 18-4 (Sections 8 & 11)**

Concussion Management Policy Draft

The NYSPHSAA Concussion Management Team, under the leadership of Lloyd Mott, has recommended a Concussion Management Draft Policy for our member schools. We fully believe that, in the near future, New York State Legislation will be passed as well as possible United States legislation on concussion management that will require schools to have a policy approved by the Board of Education. The Safety Committee supports the draft policy and the recommendation to the Executive Committee to share the policy with our member schools. Action requested. **Approved 22-0**

Concussion Management guidelines and support materials include also. Approved 22-0

Modified Committee

- ◆ **Baseball and Softball** - With Section/League approval, a “mercy rule” 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. **Approved 20-2**
- ◆ **Coordinator Appointment** - Recommends Beth Staropoli (1) as the Modified Girls’ Lacrosse Sport Coordinator. **Approved 22-0**

Sportsmanship -

- ◆ **Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive** – Approve the message to be read at all NYSPHSAA semi-finals and finals.

Cheerleading

NYSPHSAA recommends all coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) are recommended to complete the following courses prior to coaching for the beginning of the 2011 school year. **Approved 20-2**

(Section 2 voted No)

- First Aid for coaches
- CPR
- ACCAA Safety Course (course is offered online)

Cheerleading committee has been asked to continue looking at the possibility of cheerleading becoming a sport. Approved 13-9 (Sections 2, 6, 8, 10(1) & 11 voting No)

Transfer

- ◆ Approve the following changes to two sentences in the Academic waiver:
 - Evidence **THAT THE STUDENT IS TAKING** three units of credit in a particular subject area or **ANY COMBINATION OF** three **UNITS OF CREDIT IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE or DUAL COLLEGE CREDIT** courses not offered in sending school which qualify for graduation requirements.
 - The Director of Guidance or Principal of the receiving school must submit a copy of the student’s schedule through grade 12 **AND A LIST OF COURSE OFFERINGS. SUBSEQUENT VERIFICATION OF THE STUDENT’S SCHEDULE MAY BE REQUESTED.**
- Approved 22-0 with additional wording being sent to Sections from Nina**

Handbook Committee

- ◆ **Misidentified player** –The appeals must be heard and decided on a case by case basis. Renee suggested that the misidentified player and the newly identified player be part of the hearing. **Approved 22-0**
- ◆ **Transfer Rule** – The term “exempted” be changed to “waiver” when referring to the one transfer without penalty. **Approved 22-0**
- ◆ **Wrestling – Penalty for exceeding the maximum number of tournaments / Approved 22-0**
 - o Exceeds the maximum 5 bouts limitation in a tournament – individual wrestler penalized, team loses standing in tournament, but other wrestlers individual performances would stand.
 - o Exceeds the 6 tournament limitation or the 2 two-day day dual meet limitation - the individual would be penalized.
 - o Exceeds 20 point limitation - entire team penalized.

Section Concerns

- 1) Waiver for Indoor Track going from 6 to 4 for meets for the 2010-2011 season. **Approved 22-0**
(Section 6 was included in this motion)
- 2) **May Voting Item : For all sports to go to NFHS Rules.** Information coming to all sections (sport by sport) concerning this issue.
- 3) Asking NFHS to put a moratorium on all new uniform changes because of fiscal concerns. Nina has been talking with the NFHS concerning this financial concern.
- 4) Motion to wave the field hockey uniform requirement for the 2011 season. **Approved 22-0**
- 5) Waiver to be able to use a pink basketball during the month of February for boys or girls basketball if both schools agree. **Approved 22-0**

Todd Nelson / Sportsmanship Committee

Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive

The Sportsmanship Committee is recommending the following statement be read at all NYSPHSAA championship events starting with the 2011 winter championships. Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive – New York State Public High School Athletic Association supports and encourages spectators to enjoy the competition between our student athletes and cheer for their teams in a positive manner. Negative comments and behavior will be addressed by the appropriate site personnel. Spectators should Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive toward all players, coaches, officials, and spectators. Thank you for your support and enjoy the game. Action requested. **Approved 22-0**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Nina Van Erk

NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame – REMINDER - Nominations for the 2011 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame are due to the association office by December 15th. All nominations must be endorsed by a section.

May 2011 Executive Committee Meeting – The hotels in downtown Saratoga were booked for the first weekend in May. The Gideon Putnam was available; however, the room rate was high. The Holiday Inn Liverpool, the host of previous May meetings, was available at a savings of over \$2,000. The meeting is planned for **May 6-7, 2011 in Liverpool.**

Three Executive Committee Meetings Per Year – Your input and feedback on the current year's meeting schedule is encouraged. I would suggest going back to a schedule of in person meetings in October, January and May. A telephone conference call meeting could be arranged in December to approve the classification numbers if needed. **Approved 22-0**

NFHS National Championships – At the NFHS National Council meeting in January, there will be action taken on approval of two national athletic events, cross country and golf. In order to be approved, a 2/3 majority is needed. The NFHS would secure sponsorship of these events. A description of the events will be presented to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee at the meeting. Feedback and direction will be requested. Vote for the opportunity to attend.

Retroactive Action Requested – I have received the following requests for approval pending retroactive action:

Friend and Neighbor: **Approved 22-0**

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Participation Survey – The survey reflects significant growth in girl's ice hockey, girl's golf and boy's and girl's lacrosse. Overall participation rose from 583,590 to 622,774, an increase of 39,184 participants since 2006-2007.

Future Meeting Dates

December 21, 2010 Central Committee Meeting – 10:30 AM Telephone Conference Call

May 6 -7, 2011 Holiday Inn – Liverpool – Section III

August 2 - 4, 2011 High Peaks – Lake Placid – Section VII

Robert E. Stulmaker, CAA, Assistant Director

I. State Championships

- A. Change in site for the 2011 East Boys Lacrosse Semi-Finals, new site - White Plains High School (1).

- B. Approval is requested for the proposed dates and sites for 2011-2012. **Approved 22-0**
- C. Approval is requested that the site for the 2012-2014 Ice Hockey Championships be held at the Utica Memorial Auditorium (3). **Approved 22-0**

II. State Sports Coordinators / **Approved 22-0**

- A. Based on the support of the Football Committee, approval is requested to appoint Dick Cerone for another 5 year term, effective September 1, 2011-August 31, 2016. Dick has served as the State Coordinator since 1981.
- B. Based on the support of the Girls Outdoor Track and Field Committee, approval is requested to appoint Dan Doherty for another 5 year term, effective September 1, 2011-August 31, 2016. Dan has served as the State Coordinator since 1987.
- C. Based on the support of the Boys Soccer Committee, approval is requested to appoint Mike Andrew for another 5 year term, effective September 1, 2011-August 31, 2016. Mike has served as the State Coordinator since 2001.
- D. Based on the support of the Softball Committee, approval is requested to appoint Cathy Allen to a 5 year term, effective September 1, 2011-August 31, 2016. Cathy has served as the State Coordinator since 2002.
- E. Based on the support of the Boys Lacrosse Committee, approval is requested to appoint Jim Amen to a 5 year term, effective September 1, 2011-August 31, 2016. Jim has been the Section 8 Coordinator for many years and has served as the Assistant Coordinator since 2008.

III. Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program

The Winter 2010-2011 deadline is Friday, March 4, 2011. Required filing continues to be electronic.

IV. NYS Federation

- A. Fall meeting was held on September 30, 2010.
- B. Officers for 2010-2011:
 - President: Donal Buckley, CHSAA
 - Vice President: Bob Stulmaker, PHSAA
 - Secretary: MJ Quigley, AISAA
 - Treasurer: Nina VanErk, PHSAA
 - Executive Secretary: Walter Eaton
- C. The next meeting will be January 13, 2011.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Executive Director

- 1. Requesting approval of the official enrollments numbers for the **2011-2012 classification of schools**. Action Requested. **Approved 22-0**
- 2. **Cut-off numbers for 2011-2012**

Class 2010-2011	Enrollment	Schools 779	Present	Class 2011-2012	Enrollment	Schools 778	Percent
AA	925 - UP	151	19.38%	AA	925 - UP	146	18.77%
AA	525-924	158	20.28%	A	525-924	153	19.67%
B	305-524	157	20.15%	B	305-524	158	20.31%
C	175-304	155	19.90%	C	175-304	162	20.82%
D	0-174	158	20.28%	D	0-174	159	20.44%

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHOOL GATE LIST

The school gate list is intended for school Superintendents, High School Principals, Athletic Administrators and other school personnel. I would like to recommend that we continue the Championship School Gate List for the 2010 – 2011 Winter and Spring Team Championships for all semifinal and final games. Action Requested. **Approved 20-2** (Sect. 5 = 2no votes)

COACHING CLINICS

Lacrosse	SUNY Cortland	January 14, 2011
Softball	Albany Location	January 28, 2011
Baseball	Hall of Fame, Cooperstown	March 4, 2011
Sports Medicine	Binghamton	March 5, 2011
Track-Field & XC	Utica – Radisson Hotel	March 25-26, 2011
Volleyball	TBD	March 26, 2011
Cheerleading	Rochester	May 13, 2011

Joe Altieri, Director of Marketing & Media Relations**Report of Projects and Progress August 4 – December 4****Fall Championship Report** (revenues, invoices have not yet been submitted/calculated)

- * Radio & Internet broadcasting is estimated to be \$3,000 revenue
Time Warner Cable broadcast all 10 football semifinals and 5 finals at the Dome live
(TWC is a platinum level partner and pays exclusive rights fees for champs.)
- * Vendor agreements revenue is estimated to be at least \$40,000
- * For programs, printing expenses are estimated to be \$25,500 while advertising revenues will exceed \$13,000 and program sales are estimated at \$15,000 (conservative).

ONLINE TICKET SALES: The Association sold 1,322 online tickets in the fall which generated an extra \$1,322 on top of standard ticket sales for tournaments, thanks to the approval of a \$1 convenience fee for online sales. Football led all sports with 564 tickets sold.

Corporate Sponsorships

Signed contracts for 2010-11:

Platinum - American Dairy Association (chocolate milk), Marines, Time Warner Cable

Gold - None

Silver – Eastbay, Pupil Benefits

Bronze – CSEA, MaxPreps, Global Sports

Contributing – Holiday Inn, Worldwide Sport Supply (GVB, Wrestling), Nike, SportzVentures, Albany Broadcasting (verbal commitment)

American Cancer Society – We are in discussions about providing schools a small pink ribbon decal to promote cancer awareness on helmets in the sports of baseball, softball, lacrosse and football. All NFHS rules permit this kind of decal on helmets and it would be optional for schools and no cost.

SPORT COORDINATOR'S REQUESTS**Girls Basketball**

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NYSPPHSAA FISCAL CONCERNS RECOMMENDATIONS

Action Taken January 2009

ITEMS APPROVED / **Vote 18-4 (Sections 4 & 6 voted no) to extend Items 1-7 for one Year**
Vote 16-6 (Sections 2, 4 & 6 voting yes) Not interested at looking at any
different scenarios of options for item #5

1. Support the use of telephone conference calls and video conferencing for NYSPPHSAA meetings to reduce the travel reimbursements costs for the NYSPPHSAA and Sections.
2. Support the use of officials from the host Section at all NYSPPHSAA regional contests, except when The Sections involved mutually agree to use neutral officials. Effective with the 2009-2010 season and continuing to 2010-2011 school year.
3. Support a moratorium on the expansion of existing NYSPPHSAA tournaments as it pertains to participation.
4. 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.
5. Support the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season. 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. The 9th 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 the 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.
6. The Executive Committee will meet three times per year with one meeting at the site of the Central Committee meeting. **Meetings will be Oct., Jan. (Phone Conference, only), May, and Aug.**
7. Support the establishment of a moratorium eliminating mandated attendance beginning with the 2009-2010 school year at the following NYSPPHSAA workshops: Safety, Life of an Athlete, Sportsmanship and Chemical Health workshops.

ITEMS REFERRED TO CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Support the reduction of the number of classes and divisions in team and individual NYSPPHSAA Championship competition.
2. Support the reduction of participants in NYSPPHSAA Championships in individual and combination (team/individual) sports.

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

ITEM DENIED

1. Support eliminating participation in the NFHS Student Leadership Conference.

2011-2012 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites

FALL 2011

G. Tennis.....	Nov. 5, 6, 7.....	Eastside Racquet Club, Manlius (3)
B/G X-Country.....	Nov. 12.....	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill HS (3)
G. Soccer.....	Nov. 18-19.....	SUNY Cortland/Homer/Tompkins CCC (3)
Field Hockey.....	Nov. 18-19.....	Cicero-North Syracuse HS, Cicero (3)
G. Swimming/Diving.....	Nov. 18-19.....	TBA
Football East Semi-Finals.....	Nov. 18-19.....	TBA
Football West Semi-Finals.....	Nov. 18-19.....	TBA
Federation X-Country.....	Nov. 19.....	Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls (1)
B. Volleyball.....	Nov. 19.....	Cicero-North Syracuse HS, Cicero (3)
G. Volleyball.....	Nov. 19-20.....	Civic Center, Glens Falls (2)
B. Soccer.....	Nov. 19-20.....	Middletown HS (9)
Football.....	Nov. 25-27.....	Carrier Dome, Syracuse (3)

WINTER 2011-2012

Wrestling.....	Feb. 24-25.....	Times Union Center, Albany (2)
G. Gymnastics.....	Feb. 25.....	Section 9
B/G Skiing.....	Feb. 28, 29.....	Whiteface, Mt. Van Hoevenburg, Lake Placid (7)
B. Swimming/Diving.....	March 2-3.....	Erie CC, Buffalo (6)
B/G Ind. Track.....	March 3.....	Barton Hall, Cornell Univ., Ithaca (4)
B. Volleyball (Reg.).....	March 3.....	TBA
Rifle (Regional).....	March 3.....	TBA
B/G Bowling.....	March 3-4.....	Section 4
Ice Hockey.....	March 10-11.....	Utica Memorial Auditorium (3)
G. Basketball.....	March 16-18.....	Hudson Valley CC, Troy (2)
B. Basketball.....	March 16-18.....	Civic Center, Glens Falls (2)
B/G Federation Basketball.....	March 23-25.....	Times Union Center, Albany (2)

SPRING 2012

B. Tennis.....	May 31, June 1-2.....	USTA Complex (NYC)
B. Golf.....	June 2, 3, 4.....	Cornell Univ., Ithaca (4)
B. Lacrosse East Semi-Finals.....	June 6.....	Stony Brook University (11)
B. Lacrosse West Semi-Finals.....	June 6.....	Cicero-No. Syracuse HS, Cicero (3)
B/G T&F.....	June 8-9.....	Cicero-No. Syracuse HS, Cicero (3)
G. Lacrosse.....	June 8-9.....	SUNY Cortland (3)
G. Golf.....	June 8-10.....	TBA
B. Lacrosse.....	June 9.....	Middletown HS (9)
Baseball.....	June 9.....	Binghamton (4)
Softball.....	June 9.....	Adirondack Sport Complex, Queensbury(2)
Federation Golf.....	June 10.....	TBA

CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY COMMITTEE / November 16, 2010

The Championship Philosophy Committee was unanimous on the following points:

- **Skiing** -The skiing proposal was accepted by the Championship Philosophy Committee. The skiing representatives limited the number of entries while maintaining a championship event for the skiers. It should be noted that in their proposal the 5%-8% of opportunity is higher due to the limited number of school and section programs in this sport. The Championship Philosophy Committee would like to thank the ski committee for their innovative and well thought out proposal.
- **Cross Country** – The Championship Philosophy Committee recommends no change to the original proposal. All team/individual sports would be limited to four classifications.
- **Outdoor Track** – The Championship Philosophy Committee agrees with the current qualifying standards. However, the committee requests the following information from the representatives: How would a cap on the number of competitors affect the meet regarding the cost and length of the meet? What is the coordinator's rationale for leaving the 3rd best competitor home if they are possibly the 4th best competitor state wide?
- **Indoor Track** – The Championship Philosophy Committee agrees with the current qualifying standards. However, the committee requests the following information from the coordinators: How would a cap on the number of competitors affect the meet regarding the cost and length of the meet? What is the coordinator's rationale for leaving the 4th best competitor home if they are possibly the 5th best competitor state wide? What is the rationale for not expanding the individual and relay entries to the maximum capped levels proposed by the Championship Philosophy Committee?
- **Swimming** – The Championship Philosophy Committee did not approve the swimming committee's proposal. The committee requests the following information from the coordinators: What is the rationale for using the 32nd and 35th seed time? Why didn't the coordinators revert back to using the 16th and the 18th place as it had years ago? What is the rationale for not limiting the number of entries? Any statistics provided by the sport committee should include the number of entries (four entries per relay).

The next meeting of the Championship Philosophy Committee is scheduled for January 18, 2011 at 10:00 AM. The sport coordinators are requested to provide the NYSPHSAA office the information indicated above prior to the next meeting

Cheerleading Meeting / November 22, 2010

RECOMMENDATION: ACTION REQUESTED

The committee makes the following recommendations:

- NYSPHSAA recommends all coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) are recommended to complete the following courses prior to coaching for the beginning of the 2011 school year. **Approved 20-2 (Section 2 voted No)**
 - First Aid for coaches
 - CPR
 - ACCAA Safety Course (course is offered online)

Cheerleading committee has been asked to continue looking at the possibility of cheerleading becoming a sport. Approved 13-9 (Sections 2, 6, 8, 10(1) & 11 voting No)

FUTURE DISCUSSION:

- A sub-committee has been formed to determine the competition guidelines for the sport cheer. Marsha, Michelle, Cheri, Colleen Neilsen, Mary Lou and Todd will meet by telephone conference call to outline the competition standards. Mid January is the target date for the completion of their efforts.

POSSIBLE FUTURE RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend and encourage cheerleading coaches to complete:

- SED Philosophy & Principles Course, Theories & Techniques, Health Science Rationale: This enables candidates to be eligible to coach other sports.
- NFHS Partner Stunt Level I Spirit Coaches and other cheerleading courses available through the NFHS.

NYSPHSAA TRANSFER COORDINATOR'S MEETING /November 15, 2010

REVIEW & DISCUSSION:

The Transfer Committee met via telephone conference to consider including Dual College Credit courses and International Baccalaureate courses in the guidelines for an educational waiver of the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule. After lengthy discussion regarding the trend toward IB and dual college credit courses, the committee agreed to recommend the inclusion of these courses. The proposed would be:

Educational – (BOLD - Indicates the new language added)

- Evidence **THAT THE STUDENT IS TAKING** three units of credit in a particular subject area or **ANY COMBINATION OF** three **UNITS OF CREDIT IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE or DUAL COLLEGE CREDIT** courses not offered in sending school which qualify for graduation requirements. Academic advantage is limited to courses that can be taught in public schools. (Implementation Date: 2011-2012 school year) The Director of Guidance or Principal of the sending school must submit a list of their school's course offerings. The Director of Guidance or Principal of the receiving school must submit a copy of the student's schedule through grade 12 **AND A LIST OF COURSE OFFERINGS. SUBSEQUENT VERIFICATION OF THE STUDENT'S SCHEDULE MAY BE REQUESTED.**

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Transfer Coordinators will be scheduled for the spring of 2011. Topic of discussion will include:

- Evidence of taking the examination at the conclusion of the AP and IB courses.
- How are Sections addressing the "limited to courses that can be taught in public schools"?

TRANSFER APPEAL GUIDELINES

NYSPHSAA TRANSFER RULE

For consideration when determining hardship waivers of the Transfer Rule

Financial – Appeals require documented proof of a significant loss of income or a significant increase in expenses.

- Written description outlining the circumstances that led to the financial hardship. Appropriate documentation may include:
- Evidence of loss of income or change in financial obligations that are not self imposed.
- Family W2 forms – pay stubs.
- Notarized statement from parent.
- Statement from employer, attorney, accountant, social services or other professional personnel with knowledge of the circumstances.
- Most recent tax returns – past two years.

Health and Safety – Appeals are considered for safety, mental health, personal relationships and other similar circumstances.

- Written documentation is required from Superintendent of Schools or HS principal of the sending school indicating the specific circumstances which necessitated the transfer.
- Supporting documentation from a third party outside of the school may be submitted. Example: Police report.

Educational –

- Evidence THAT THE STUDENT IS TAKING three units of credit in a particular subject area or ANY COMBINATION OF three UNITS OF CREDIT IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE or DUAL COLLEGE CREDIT courses not offered in sending school which qualify for graduation requirements. Academic advantage is limited to courses that can be taught in public schools. (Implementation of the sending school's Guidance schedule Date: 2011-2012 school year) The Director of Guidance or Principal of school must submit a list of their school's course offerings. The Director of or Principal of the receiving school must submit a copy of the student's through grade 12 AND A LIST OF COURSE OFFERINGS. SUBSEQUENT VERIFICATION OF THE STUDENT'S SCHEDULE MAY BE REQUESTED.
- Written documentation from Superintendent of Schools or HS principal of the sending school indicating the specific academic circumstances requiring the transfer.

Foreign Exchange student –

- Report these students through the Section office by using a standardized form.

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 Approved (Vote 22-0)
6	11-07-10	Exceptional Seniors Soccer Match – B/G Soccer
	03-11-11	GR/NO Senior All-Star Game – B/G Basketball
	03-24-11	Cattaraugus County Sr. All-Star Game – B/G Basketball

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS **Approved (Vote 22-0)**

Applications have been received for Friend and Neighbor status from the following schools.

APPROVAL REQUESTED

Section 6

Elmwood Franklin School
104 New Amsterdam Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14216
Grades 7-8
(Retroactive to September 2010)

Section 6

Aurora Waldorf School
525 West Falls Road 705 Barry Road
West Falls, NY 14170
Grades 7-8
(Retroactive to September 2010)

NYSED PHYSICAL EDUCATION UPDATE / December 2010

1. **NYSED Coaching/FA/CPR Approved Agency – renewals.** Beginning this past fall, to maintain status as an approved provider of the NYSED Coaching and FA/CPR courses, all agencies are required to submit an agency instructor evaluation form for each instructor in their agency. These are to be sent to SED every January to maintain agency approval status (if no classes have been taught this fall, a blank form should be sent indicating this and approval will be maintained). If your agency did not receive the form, please contact Trish ASAP. This is only required of those agencies issuing NYSED certificates.
2. **Commissioner's Regulation Revisions:**
 - 5th Year of Athletic Eligibility for Students with Disabilities** - The change will allow students with disabilities to have a 5th year of eligibility and eliminate the age 19 rule for them.
 - SED will be developing guidelines for this change in regulation when and if approved by the Board of Regents in December.
 - Athletic Associations will be invited to participate in the development of these guidelines.
3. **SELECTION & CLASSIFICATION** – Assistance Requested. Please remind your Directors of Physical Education/Athletics about the following regarding S/C waivers. The number of waivers being submitted to SED for review has been steadily increasing and makes a quick response more difficult.
 - a) Please try to do all S/C testing in advance of the sport season. Fax or send waiver requests with a return EMAIL address for a quicker response.
 - b) I will need only the following forms to complete a review:
 - Attachment B - both pages: Individual Athletic Profile form and Special Approval Request Application form – completely filled out.
 - Special Case form only if the student has a developmental rating that is lower than required for the sport. NOTE: the Special Case form will only support a waiver if the athlete passes ALL the performance tests.
 - Please do not send any of the other forms...everything I need is on these forms.
4. **Athletic Trainers.** It has come to the attention of the department that some school districts are hiring Athletic Trainers without verifying the name of their supervising physician. In NYS Athletic Trainers are required to work under the supervision of a physician. If your AT is from a group practice make sure that practice indicates who the supervising physician is. Do not automatically assume that your AT will be covered by your school medical officer (if he/she is a physician). **A physician must agree to allow the AT to work under their supervision/license.**
5. **Return to Play: Clarification/Reminder.** By regulation, the only individual that can return an athlete to play after an injury or prolonged illness is the school medical officer (physician or nurse practitioner). **The new NFHS rule regarding officials removing athletes for exhibiting signs/symptoms of a head injury will require that athlete to be cleared by the school medical officer before they can return to play.** The State Education Department is aware that the school medical officer may not be on the sideline for every game however, this is the current regulation and the health and safety of the athlete is the main concern. There has been much discussion about the use of other appropriate medical personnel such as Athletic Trainers, EMT's, or school nurses. However, the Office of Professions has informed us that these individuals would be exceeding the parameters of their licensure if they did so.
6. **Heads-up: CPR requirement for Nurses, Physicians and all others previously waived from this requirement who are non-teacher coaches.**

The Office of Teaching Initiatives has asked for a review of our policy to waive the CPR requirement for coaching licenses for Nurses and Physicians. The Office of Professions agrees to the policy of waiving the First Aid requirement, but not for CPR(or AED if required by the district). Beginning immediately, all individuals previously waived from the FA/CPR requirement will no longer be waived from CPR and will be required to have current valid certifications when they apply for a TCL or PCL. See attached revised FA/CPR List and please share with your Directors of Physical Education/Athletics ASAP.

7. **Reminder – TCL and PCL Applications:** Please ensure all non-teacher coaches have an ISSUED coaching license for the sport before they begin coaching. Allowing a coach to step on the field, court or ice without a valid license will put your district at risk of legal liability if a lawsuit should occur. The earlier you can have tentative coaches apply for their TCL or PCL on TEACH the better. With recent reductions in staffing at SED (and more expected in the future) it is important that you do these early to have coaching licenses issued prior to the sport season.

***FIRST AID – All cards must be renewed every 3 years or per certifying agency requirements – NO ONLINE COURSES ARE ACCEPTED**

1. A State Education Department approved agency that offers First Aid using the SED course outlines and time requirements: 12 hours initial; 5.5 hours update (valid for 3 years) (www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/physed.html - Click on Toolkit, then on Approved Coaching Courses)
2. American Red Cross:
 - a. Responding to Emergencies (new: only applies to FA)
 - b. Lifeguard Training (meets FA & CPR certification)
 - c. NYS First Aid for Coaches
3. NYS DOH/Bureau of Emergency Medical Services:
 - a. Certified First Responder (meets FA & CPR certification)
4. National Safety Council:
 - a. First Aid: Taking Action

***ADULT CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) – All cards must be renewed every 1- 2 years per certifying agency requirements – NO ONLINE COURSES ARE ACCEPTED**

1. A State Education Department approved agency that offers CPR using the NEW SED course outline and time requirements: 2.5 hours initial; 1.5 hours update (must be renewed every 2 years to be valid) check out www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/physed.html - Click Toolkit, then on Approved Coaching Courses)
2. National Safety Council (NSC):
 - a. CPR/ AED Course
3. American Heart Association Courses (AHA):
 - a. Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) – (credited only for CPR/AED)
 - b. Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers (BLS)
 - c. Heartsaver AED (includes CPR)
4. American Red Cross Courses (ARC):
 - a. Adult CPR/AED
 - b. CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer (credited for CPR and AED)
 - c. Lifeguard Training (credited for both CPR and First Aid)
5. American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI)
 - a. Adult CPR/AED

SED does not require the following to have separate certification in First Aid to coach, HOWEVER A VALID CPR CERTIFICATE WILL BE REQUIRED: a. All Nurses b. Physician –

Physician Assistant d. Certified EMT/Paramedic e. Certified Athletic Trainer g. Fire & Police Officers (full time)

Modified Committee Action Items

A. Baseball/Softball “Mercy Rule”

Motion (Nolan, Bedlington):

“With Section/League approval, a ‘mercy rule’ 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.”

(Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, Baseball Game Rule #1, pages 140-141, and Softball Game Rule #1, page 149) Approved 19-0. Since this item was developed after a two-year pilot program, it will go directly to the Executive Committee. **Approved 20-2**

B. Volleyball Libero Player

Motion (Martincich, McMillan)

“With Sectional/League approval, the Libero player may be used at the modified level. The uniform requirement for the libero is waived.” Approved 19-0. This item will go directly to the Executive Committee. **Already in place!**

C. Appointment of New Modified Girls’ Lacrosse Coordinator / **Approved 22-0**

Motion:” *Beth Staropoli (Section I) shall be appointed as the modified girls’ lacrosse sport coordinator.* “Approved 19-0 This item will go directly to the Executive Committee.

New Business at Spring Meeting

A. Volleyball Service Line Motion (Brewer, Schlegel)

“With Sectional/league approval, the service line in modified boys’ and girls’ volleyball may be moved up into the court, at a distance not to exceed two meters from the regulation service line.”

Approved 19-0. This will be an Action Item at the Spring 2011 meeting.

B. Use of Volleyball Lite Ball Motion (Brewer, Schlegel)

“With Sectional/league approval, a regulation size lighter-weight (“Volleyball Lite”) volleyball may be substituted for the regulation ball in modified boys’ and girls’ volleyball.” Approved 19-0. This will be an Action Item at the Spring 2011 meeting.

C. Wrestling Weight Classes Motion (Robinson, McCarthy)

“Editorial changes shall be made to Modified Wrestling Game Rule #1(Program 1), sentence 3, as follows: (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 154)‘Optional classes may be 74, 165 (instead of 158), and unlimited classes with contestants competing weighing within 10 pounds of each other. A minimum weight of 67 pounds will be required to compete in the optional 74 pound weight class. Approved 19-0. This item will be an Action Item at the Spring 2011 meeting.

D. Goalkeepers in Extended Playing Time Concept Motion (Felice, McMillan)

“An editorial change shall be made to the modified Extended Playing Time Rule (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 131, beneath chart) as follows: ‘In boys’ and girls’ lacrosse and soccer, and in girls’ field hockey, if a team has only one goal keeper, that goalkeeper may play all 4 quarters...’ ”

Approved 19-0. This will be an Action Item at the Spring 2011 meeting.

E. Need for Modified Gymnastics Sports Coordinator

We are in need of a modified sport coordinator for girls’ gymnastics. The assistance of sectional representatives and current sports coordinators was requested in soliciting new Committee members to fill this role.

XI. Next Committee Meeting

The spring meeting of the Committee will be on **Friday, April 1, 2011 9:30 AM**

Robert E. Stulmaker, CAA, Assistant Director

CAC Report

The Championship Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, November 23, 2010 via conference call.

I. Approval is requested for the following recommendations:

A. **Boys Lacrosse**

The use of the Chief Bench Official (from host section) at the State Regionals, Semi-finals and Finals. **Approved 20-2 (Section 4 voted No)**

B. **Softball**

1. A change in the umpire rotation at the State Semi-finals and Finals. **Approved 22-0**

2. A change in the Regional format in Classes B, C and D for Sections 2, 7 and 10.

This would be effective for the 2012 season. **Approved 20-2 (Section 2 voted No)**

C. **Girls Golf**

To include the PSAL, CHSAA and AISAA into the NYSPHSAA Golf Championships.

This would be effective for the 2012 season. **Approved 20-2 (Section 6 voted No)**

II. 2010-2011 Officials Fees and Policies expires June 30, 2011

III. The next meeting of the CAC will be Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the NYSPHSAA office.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

Safety Committee Report

Girls Lacrosse Helmets

The committee reviewed the injury surveys from the NFHS, the NYSPHSAA, and the Girl's Lacrosse Committee. Information from US Lacrosse regarding rule changes for the 2011 season as well as the position statement from US Lacrosse on helmets in girl's lacrosse were also discussed. Representatives from the NYSPHSAA Girl's Lacrosse Committee were present to answer any questions and to provide the Safety Committee with the opinion from their committee. The representatives from the Girls Lacrosse committee were excused from the meeting, so that the Safety Committee could discuss the issue further. After much discussion a motion was made and seconded. The motion was, "Starting with the 2012 Girl's Lacrosse season all players will be mandated to wear a hard shell helmet with a facemask that meets all of the NOCSAE requirements for the sport of lacrosse". During the discussion of the motion a second motion was made to postpone the vote until December 2, 2010 so that Safety Committee Representatives could take back all the information that was presented to the sections for further discussion and direction. The motion to postpone the vote was approved. All the information that was presented was made available to all sections on the NYSPHSAA website. **No Action Taken**

Hair restraint in Track & Field and Cross Country

"To waive the Jewelry Rule to allow hair restraints in the sport of Track and Field and Cross Country in the sport specific rule book". **Approved 18-4 (Sections 8 & 11 voted No)**

Concussion Management Policy Draft

The NYSPHSAA Concussion Management Team, under the leadership of Lloyd Mott, has recommended a Concussion Management Draft Policy for our member schools. We fully believe that, in the near future, New York State Legislation will be passed as well as possible United States legislation on concussion management that will require schools to have a policy approved by the Board of Education. The Safety Committee supports the draft policy and the

recommendation to the Executive Committee to share the policy with our member schools.
Action requested. **Approved 22-0**

Concussion Management guidelines and support materials include also. **Approved 22-0**

Composite Bats

The committee was informed that the NFHS now allows certain composite bats to be used for the 2011 baseball season. All bats must pass the ABI and BESR standards in order to be legal for practice and competition. A list of approved composite bats can be found on the NFHS website, www.nfhs.org. Starting with the 2012 season, all bats must meet the BBCOR standards. If a bat meets the BBCOR standard, they also meet the ABI and BESR standard

Safety Mandate

The Safety Committee understands the crisis many of our schools are facing in these economic times. The

Safety Committee discussed the issue of mandated meetings by our member schools, particularly the safety mandate. The committee would like to recommend that if the fiscal concerns mandates are continued for the next year or two, that the safety meeting mandate would be required every other year. Action requested. **No Action until Spring**

The **next meeting** of the Safety Committee is scheduled for April 5, 2011 at 9am. This meeting will be through a conference call.

Handbook Committee / Robbie Greene

Misidentified player – The committee discussed an appeal process for a misidentified player. The appeals must be heard and decided on a case by case basis. Renee suggested that the misidentified player and the newly identified player be part of the hearing. ACTION REQUESTED **Approved 22-0**

Transfer Rule – Renee has suggested that the term “exempted” be changed to “waiver” when referring to the one transfer without penalty. This suggestion was made due to the requirement to submit a form before the student is eligible to play. The form serves two purposes, to track the student’s transfer and to verify there was not any undue influence or recruitment. ACTION REQUESTED **Approved 22-0**

Wrestling Points – The committee discussed what penalty should be assessed when a student/team exceeds the maximum number of tournaments (6) or 2 two-day dual meet tournaments within the 20 points permitted for the sport of wrestling. The committee recommends the following interpretation. The penalty is assessed to the individual athlete(s) who exceeds the tournament limitation. The committee felt that if the 20 points were exceeded the existing penalty of the team ineligibility should remain the same. ACTION REQUESTED **Approved 22-0**

Example:

- Exceeds the maximum 5 bouts limitation in a tournament – individual wrestler penalized, team loses standing in tournament, but other wrestlers individual performances would stand.
- Exceeds the 6 tournament limitation or the 2 two-day dual meet limitation - the individual would be penalized.
- Exceeds 20 point limitation - entire team penalized.

FUTURE MEETING: February 16, 2011 - WEDNESDAY – 10:00 AM CONFERENCE CALL

Todd Nelson / Sportsmanship Committee

Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive

The Sportsmanship Committee is recommending the following statement be read at all NYSPHSAA championship events starting with the 2011 winter championships. Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive – New York State Public High School Athletic Association supports and encourages spectators to enjoy the competition between our student athletes and cheer for their teams in a positive manner. Negative comments and behavior will be addressed by the appropriate site personnel. Spectators should Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive toward all players, coaches, officials, and spectators. Thank you for your support and enjoy the game. Action requested. **Approved 22-0**

Robert E. Stulmaker, CAA, Assistant Director / Murphee Hayes, Student Leadership Liaison

The **NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge Award** is a great way for schools and students to take on a leadership role and give back to their community and in the process have some good, friendly competition as well. **Approved 22-0**

How the process works:

1. Schools can determine their projects.
2. Schools present projects to the Section by May 1.
3. Each school would be responsible to present pictures and write-up their projects.
4. Through the use of the rubric, the Section evaluates and presents their winner to the NYSPHSAA by June 1.
5. Once the Sections submit their winner, the six students with the same rubric would review and evaluate to determine the overall State winner. The names of the schools would be anonymous.
6. The State winner would be announced prior to school being dismissed in June and recognized at the August Central Committee meeting.
7. The other Sectional winners would be recognized at their respective Section, similar to the Scholar/Athlete School of Distinction award winner. ACTION REQUESTED