



# MARCH 2010 NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

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- 1st Championship Philosophy 10:00
- 2nd Section 9 at 9:30
- 4th Section 10 at 9:00
- 9th Girls Volleyball at 10:00  
Section 11 at 9:00
- 10th Boys Volleyball at 10:00
- 20th Budget and Finance 9:30
- 23rd Championship Philosophy 10:00
- 24th Sections 4, 5, 6 and 8
- 25th Modified Committee at 9:30  
Sections 1 and 3
- 29th Football at 10:30

## UPCOMING CLINICS

### BASEBALL

March 5, 2010

Hall of Fame - Cooperstown

### TRACK and FIELD

March 26, 2010

Holiday Inn—Schenectady

### VOLLEYBALL

March 26, 2010

Union College

### CHEERLEADING

May 21, 2010

Holiday Inn—Fishkill

### SOCCER

June 4, 2010

Field of Dreams—Utica

## WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

### March 6

Indoor Track @ Cornell (4)

Boys Volleyball @ Oneida HS (3)

Rifle @ West Point (9)

### March 6-7

Bowling @ Mardi Bob Lanes (9)

### March 13-14

Ice Hockey @ Utica Aud (3)

### March 19-20

Basketball

Girls - Hudson Valley CC (2)

Boys - Glens Falls (2)

### March 26-28

Boys & Girls Federation Basketball

Glens Falls (2)

## CURRENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

### Handbook Committee is recommending the following changes:

**CONDUCTING A CONTEST** – When a contest or game is held in conjunction with a fund raising effort the following criteria is required to be met: 1. The host school is required to have the charity event approved by a school administrator and/or Board of Education. 2. The sport specific game rules (NFHS, NCAA, etc) may not be altered. 3. All NYSPHSAA and NYSED eligibility standards must be followed. 4. Donations may not be made based on the outcome of student performance. 5. If an outside agency or charity is directly involved in the administration, coordination, or organization of the contest, the event must be approved under the Outside Agency rule. 6. League or conference schedules may not be altered unless mutually agreed upon.

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE and INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** - The following criteria apply to all Foreign Exchange and International students: 1. Students who have been graduated from the secondary school system in their country are ineligible for the interschool athletic program. 2. No member of the school's coaching staff or athletic director, paid or voluntary, shall serve as the host family. 3. There shall be no evidence that a student, school or other interested party has influenced the assignment of the foreign exchange or international student to a school for athletic purposes. 4. Students must possess the appropriate visa. 5. The foreign exchange and international student must comply with all other NYSPHSAA and NYSED eligibility requirements. In addition to the aforementioned criteria, the following applies to: **A. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS** - All Foreign Exchange Students must be reported to the Section office using the appropriate form. A bona fide Foreign Exchange student may be immediately eligible the first year in residence and **be limited to one year eligibility** provided the student (a) is a participant in an established foreign exchange program accepted for listing by the Council of Standards for International Travel (CSIET) and (b) complies with all State Education Department and NYSPHSAA, Inc. standards. Students that are not in an approved CSIET program are subject to the Transfer Rule. NOTE: CSIET list is available at [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org) There shall be no evidence that a student, school or other interested party has influenced the assignment of the Foreign Exchange student to a school for athletic purposes. The foreign exchange program must assign students to host families by a method that ensures that no student, or his/her parents, school or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The Foreign Exchange student may not be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities. School districts will be notified by NYSPHSAA if a student is considered to be a "Direct Placement" by CSIET standards. Those Foreign Exchange students who are Direct Placements are subject to the Transfer Rule. **B. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** - When needed, International students, must receive a waiver of the Transfer Rule to be eligible to practice or compete. Schools must submit the required transfer form to the Section office. Athletes are not permitted to practice before the form has been submitted. Athletes are not permitted to compete without approval. All International students are considered to be transfer students. Eligibility is determined under the transfer rule. NOTE: If an International student has participated in an organized sports program in a particular sport, equivalent to or on a higher level than our high school programs, he/she is ineligible to participate in that sport for one year. There shall be no evidence that a student, school or other interested party has influenced the assignment of the International student to a school for athletic purposes. **NOTE:** Noncompliance with one or more of the foregoing provisions shall render the Foreign Exchange or International student ineligible for interscholastic athletics at any high school which is a member of the NYSPHSAA.

**CHEERLEADING** - The Cheerleading Ad Hoc Committee is recommending the following: 1. All coaches/ advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) are required to complete the following courses prior to coaching: First Aid for coaches, CPR, ACCAA Safety Course. 2. By the completion of the third year, complete the following: SED Philosophy & Principles Course. This could be supplemented with NFHS Spirit Coaches Bronze Level, Theories & Tech, Health Science. *Rationale: This enables candidates to be eligible to coach other sports.*

### OTHER ITEMS BEING CONSIDERED Details can be found in previous Office Reports

**Scrimmage Definition** - Establishing sport specific criteria for scrimmages.

**Sportsmanship** - When coaches do not fulfill the penalty of the Sportsmanship Regulation.

**Practice** - Athletes who switch from a contact/collision or limited contact/impact sport to a strenuous/non-contact or non-strenuous/non-contact sport are permitted to count conditioning practices toward their new sport.