

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING May 19, 2010 – Agenda item 6.6

NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 30-May1, 2010

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

Action Items

- **Championship Sites and Dates for 2010-2011. Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Section participation in 2010-2011 Regional & Championship events. Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **George Hathaway – Rifle Coordinator 2010-2015 Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Football – Change in Pre-Season High School Practice Regulation from 3-2-6-4 to 2-3-6-4
Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Volleyball Jewelry Rule. Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Swimming – Requesting approval to continue to use the criteria established for qualifying standards for relays and individual events. Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Wrestling – Adding 96lb. and 285lbs. weight classes. Approved / Vote 20-2 (Sect. 4 = NO)**
- **Baseball – Option of playing Monday scheduled Regional games on Sunday.
Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Girls Lacrosse – In games when 100% playing time is required, the game will be resumed from the point of interruption. Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Girls & Boys Tennis – Sections would have the option to increase the number of matches to four in one day using modified scoring. Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Practices – Athletes who switch from a contact/collision or limited contact/impact sport to a strenuous/noncontact or nonstrenuous/non contact sport. Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Scrimmage – definition Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Foreign Exchange Student –definition Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **International Student – definition Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Sportsmanship – language change to disqualified by a sport official. Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Budget & Finance Committee - \$1.00 convenience fee for on-line tickets Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Modified Football – use of two wide receivers Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Modified Wrestling – time periods for wrestlers who compete in 2 or 3 bouts Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Modified Wrestling – sudden victory, overtime period Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Modified Baseball/Softball Rule – Approved / Vote 20-2 (Sect. 1 (1) & Sect. 2 (1) NO Votes)**
- **Modified Scrimmages – 50% of the maximum number of games may be designated as scrimmages during 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. Approved / Vote 18-4 (Sect. 3 + 6 NO)**
- **Sportsmanship – during regular season and sectionals, the Section imposes penalty. During regional and state championships the NYSPHSAA Executive Director will impose the penalty.
Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Ice Hockey – Regional rotation Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Officials Fees and Policies – Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Wrestling – certified at a minimum weight rather than a minimum weight class.
Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Heat Index and Wind Chill Index – Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Certified Athletic Trainers – discussion at August Central Committee meeting**
- **Sportsmanship Rule – consequence for a coach not serving the penalty Approved / Vote 17-3
(Sect. 9 and 8 (1) voted NO)**
- **Player or coach that is disqualified from a scrimmage: coach or player is disqualified from a scrimmage, they should be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled contest.
Approved / Vote 22-0 (Sit out a contest not a scrimmage)**

Executive Director's Report (Nina Van Erk)

- **NYSPPHSA Hall of Fame** – The 2010 Class of the NYSPPHSA Hall of Fame will be inducted at the August Central Committee meeting at Holiday Valley, Section VI. The six inductees include Nick DeCillis (administrator), **Sally Kus (coach)**, Stanley Moore (coach), Martha Slack(administrator), and Jim Tolle (administrator). The press release has been distributed. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.
- **Progress of NYSPPHSA Committees** – At the conclusion of committee meetings a synopsis of items, either for action or future consideration, has been sent to all Executive Directors and committee members to aid in the communication process. In addition, the Section Executive Directors have provided me with a list of league presidents. The synopsis has been sent to the league presidents in an effort to begin discussion of issues earlier and in a timelier manner. This is a supplement to the Albany Office Report.
- **Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops** – August 30th – Section 6 – Erie1 BOCES
- **LRG** – This program will assist schools in generating revenue from the sale of merchandise being sold in stores.
- **Senior All-Star Contests** – Section 6
 - 03-12-10 Niagara-Orleans vs. Genesee Region Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Basketball
 - 03-24-10 Chautauqua County Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball
 - 03-25-10 Cattaraugus County/Board 121 Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Basketball
 - 03-27-10 Cheektowaga Lions Club Sr. All-Star Game-G. Basketball
 - 03-27-10 Silver Hoops Sr. All-Star Game-B. Basketball**Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **CSIET Advisory List** - The 2010 – 2011 CSIET Advisory List is now available on the CSIET website, www.csiet.org
- **2009 – 2010 NYSPPHSA Handbook** – version is available on line. The most recent changes are underlined.
- **Future Dates** -
 - Central Committee** – August 3-5, 2010 – Holiday Valley – Ellicottville (6) (Tuesday-Thursday)
 - Executive Committee** – December 5-6, 2010 Holiday Inn, Wolf Road –Albany (Section 2)
 - January Conference Call – TBA
 - May 5 & 6, 2011 Meeting - TBA

Assistant Director's Report (Robert Stulmaker)

- **State Championships** - Spring Championships 2010 –
 - Girls Lacrosse Semi-final on Friday, June 11, will be played at Tompkins Cortland Comm. College.
 - Girls Gymnastics will be held at Shaker High School (2) on Saturday, March 5, 2011
 - Rifle at West Point (9)
 - Bowling in Section 3
 - Boys Volleyball Regional's on Saturday, March 12, 2011 (2). **Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **State Sports Coordinators**
Rifle committee is requesting to appoint George Hathaway for another 5 year term, effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2015. George has served as State Coordinator since 2000. **Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Scholar / Athlete Team Award Program** –
 - The Winter 2009-2010 program results are as follows:

	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
# of teams	1,874	1,850
# of schools	508	523
# of athletes	20,228	19,384
 - The Spring 2010 deadline to apply for the S/A Team Award is Friday, May 14, 2010.
 - School of Distinction Award Applications, in order to be placed on the NYSPPHSA "Academic Honor Roll", are to be completed following the Spring 2010 deadline and must be received no later than June 30, 2010.

- **Supervision at Individual Sports Championships:**
Basketballs Bid Meeting was held on January 20, 2010. The Times Union Center, Albany (2) was selected for 2011-2013.
- **NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association**
2009-2010 Meetings: Spring: May 17, 2010
- **NFHS Student Leadership Conference** - Next years conference date: July 15-18, 2010. All expenses for the student-athletes are covered by the NFHS through a grant by T-Mobile. The deadline has been extended to Friday, May 7th. Applications can be found on website.

Championship Advisory Committee

I. Approval is requested for the following recommendations:

A. Ice Hockey Regional Rotation **Approved / Vote 22-0**

Regional Play - 2 year rotation

Division I

East - Sections 1, 2, 9, 10

West - Sections 3, 4, 5, 6

Regional Play:

9 @ 1

3 @ 6

2 @ 10

4 @ 5

Semi-Finals:

Winner 9 @ 1 vs. Winner 3 @ 6

Winner 2 @ 10 vs. Winner 4 @ 5

Division II

East - Sections 1, 2, 7, 9

West - Sections 3, 5, 6, 10

Regional Play:

9 @ 1

5 @ 6

7 @ 2

3 @ 10

Semi-Finals:

Winner 9 @ 1 vs Winner 5 @ 6

Winner 7 @ 2 vs Winner 3 @ 10

B. 2010-2011 Officials Fees and Policies **Approved / Vote 22-0**

1. 2009-2010 fees were extended for 2010-2011. They are:

Baseball - \$91

Cross Country - \$1,469

Field Hockey - \$89

Football - \$96

Clock Operator - \$60

Minor Official - Decision Making - \$30/contest

Minor Official - Non-Decision Making - \$25/contest

Golf - \$135/day

Boys Gymnastics: Preliminaries - \$91, Finals - \$60

Girls Gymnastics - \$100

Ice Hockey - \$89

Minor Officials - Decision Making - \$30

Minor Officials - Non-Decision Making - \$25

Rifle - \$135/day

Skiing - \$135/day

Boys Soccer - Referee - \$100

Assistant #1 - \$80

- Assistant #2 - \$80
- Softball - \$91
- Swimming & Diving
- Starter - \$100
- Meet Referee - \$100
- Diving Referee - \$91
- Judges - \$84
- State Tournament Host Section - Chapter receives 10 officials - \$269
- Tennis - \$785
- Outdoor Track & Field - \$9,346
- Volleyball
- Contest Fee - \$84
- Game Fee Pool Play - \$15.70
- Winter Track & Field - \$8,116
- Wrestling - \$430
- Hourly Rate - \$20
- Alternate Officials - \$215
- Host Section Chapters Fee - 30 officials - \$432
- 2. Regional's - the new language under I. General Policies - J was included.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the NYSPHSAA office.

Assistant Director's Report (Todd Nelson)

- **Coaching Clinics** – check website for all upcoming clinics
- **Sanctioning:** Schools districts are reminded to notify the NYSPHSAA when one of their teams is traveling out of state to an event. We have tried to make this process easier for our member schools by allowing them to notify us on-line. Once we receive notification of your school traveling out of state we will monitor the sanctioning process for that event. The NFHS is continuing to improve the on-line sanctioning process with many suggestions from New York State. If an athletic administrator has any questions or concerns they can contact me in the office.
- **Coaching Education:** The Coaching Education Committee has set a date to meet on June 9, 2010 through a conference call with Trish Kocialski (SED) to receive updates on instructor certifications and approved agencies. The committee will also discuss the final steps necessary to blend in the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course with NYSED Principles and Philosophy course.

Assistant Director's Report (Joe Altieri)

- **Media Credentials** – requests available via online form on the website.
- **Championship Programs** – Income \$85,172 and Expenses \$60,775.
- **Vendor/Souvenir Sales** - \$44,796
- **New Logo Reminder:** If you are looking to use the new logo we will offer permission in a limited capacity. Please make a request to our office, we will consider it, then supply you with the appropriate style/color and the Logo Guidelines Manual.

NYSED Update:

- **Coaching Requirements -Pupil Personnel Services Staff** – Beginning July 1,2010, PPS staff (counselors, school social workers, social psychologists, tec.) will no longer be required to apply for a coaching license on TEACH. Teachers **DO NOT** need to apply for a coaching license on TEACH.
- **Commissioner's Regulations**
Athletics for Physical Education credit currently may be used, BUT the student must be assessed to meet the commencement level of the learning standards before this is an option for the student. (citation states: *for those pupils who have demonstrated acceptable levels of physical fitness, physical skills, and knowledge of physical education activities;*) The NYSED Physical

Education Profile is a tool that is recommended to be used to assess commencement level standards.

Other questions to ask before doing this:

- 1) What if the student doesn't make the team?
- 2) What if the student is injured and can no longer participate?
- 3) Sport seasons do not last an entire semester and winter season overlaps two semesters. How will this be handled when the sport season ends?

Director of Physical Education position as required by regulation.

- 1) If they are only doing physical education, the Office of Teacher Certification will accept a building level administrative certificate.
- 2) If they are combining with Health or any other subject area, the Office of Teacher Certification will require the district level administrative certificate.
- 3) School Districts may choose to require the higher level (district) certificate.

- **Fingerprinting of Sport Officials**

OSPRA interpretation of SAVE Legislation on Fingerprinting for Sport Officials:

- 1) A sport official who participates in *less than five events* in a *school district per school year*, and is under the direct supervision of an employee from the district who meets the SAVE requirement, may be waived from fingerprinting.
- 2) Districts may require all sport officials to be fingerprinted if the monitoring of them is determined to be too burdensome for the district to manage.
- 3) Less than five events includes:
 - all sport levels;
 - all sports;
 - all school buildings in the district during one school year.

- **School Budgets** - Reminder: school districts can not institute a "pay to play" policy for athletics.

- **Online Physical Education:**

Although online course work can be a "part" of a physical education program or alternate physical education program, **it can not comprise the entire course for physical education.** Physical education requires student performance of skills and those can not be accomplished online. The State education Department has not approved online physical education for course/graduation credit.

- **Commissioner's Regulation Revisions:**

1. **Elementary PE Required Instruction:** School districts that have grades 5 and/or 6 in a middle level school may now opt to follow the secondary required instruction requirement instead of the elementary required instruction requirement.

2. **Requirements to Coach in NYS public schools:** Several changes in this area.

- A. All coaches, whether paid or unpaid must follow the coaching requirements.
- B. The time line to complete course work has been increased to five years from the date of the initial appointment, with an extension of up to 2 additional years for extenuating circumstances by applying to SED. Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education must still be completed within 2 years of the initial appointment. Time line is the same for both teacher coaches and non-teacher coaches.
- C. Lapse of service extension has been added. A two year extension of time can be added to complete the courses for coaches who had a lapse in coaching service due to pregnancy, military leave, accident/illness or other extenuating circumstance.

3. **5th Year of Athletic Eligibility for Accident/Illness:** The change increased the requirement of supporting documentation by the chief school officer to include an explanation on how the accident/illness resulted in the athlete needing additional semester(s) to meet the graduation requirements.

- **NYS Guidelines for Coaching Regulations:** Revised guideline that incorporates the coaching changes may now be found on the physical education web page: www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/ under the **Toolkit** section.

- **Contact information:** pkocials@mail.nysed.gov or 518-474-5922.

Sport Committees

- **FOOTBALL** – Change in Pre Season High School Practice Regulation from 3-2-6-4 to 2-3-6-4
The **first two (2) days** of practice must be non-contact, without the use of protective equipment and mechanical blocking devices. The use of cones, ropes, ladders, step-over dummies, soft hand shields and similar devices as teaching aids is permissible. Helmets may be worn. The **next three (3) days** provide a transition from the conditioning phase to full contact. During this phase, players are permitted to wear a helmet and shoulder pads. Blocking dummies, sleds and similar devices are permitted. During this phase, player to player tackling drills, team scrimmaging, running full contact plays etc. are not permitted. The **following six (6) days** consist of contact practice with full protective equipment and the use of all training devices. Full player to player contact and team scrimmaging is permitted. **Four (4) additional practices** must be completed by the individual and team prior to the first contest. Interscholastic scrimmages may commence after 11 practices have been completed by the individual player and team. Interscholastic contests may commence after 15 practices have been completed by the individual player and team.
Approved / Vote 22-0
- **VOLLEYBALL JEWELRY RULE** - Requesting to continue the use of 2009-10 NCAA Jewelry Rule to replace Rule 7.2.3 of the NCAA 2010-11 rules: If a substitution request is acknowledged (whistled), and the player is wearing an illegal uniform or jewelry or has illegal equipment, the substitution is denied and a delay sanction assessed. If warm-up activities or play must be interrupted because of a player wearing an illegal uniform, jewelry or equipment, that team is assessed a delay sanction. The jewelry must be removed before the player can participate further. If, during the warm-up period, a player responds promptly to a referee's request to remove jewelry or illegal equipment, a delay sanction is not assessed. **Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **SWIMMING** - The Boys and Girls Committees will be requesting approval to continue to use the criteria to establish the qualifying standards which is the average of the 30th place for individual events and the average of 15th place for relays. Individual times are calculated by averaging the preliminary times for the last two years and relays by averaging the preliminary times over the last four years. **Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **WRESTLING** - Beginning with the 2010-2011 season, the 96 lb. and 285 lb. weight classes will be mandatory for all high school competitions - Duals and Tournaments. **Approved / Vote 20-2 (Sect. 4 / No)**
- **BASEBALL** - By mutual agree of the Section's Executive Directors, Section Coordinators and Athletic Directors schools would have the option of playing Monday scheduled regional games on Sunday. Rationale: This would allow for better facilities, potential for bigger crowds and less time out of school.
Approved / Vote 22-0
- **GIRLS LACROSSE**- In games when 100% playing time is required (all Sectional, Regional and State Semi-Finals and Finals) the game will be resumed from the point of interruption on the next available date. Teams that have possession at the point of interruption will retain possession in a draw alignment with the opposing center 4 meters away. If there is no team possession it will be a draw.
Approved / Vote 22-0
- **GIRLS AND BOYS TENNIS** - In Sectional & League Tournament competition, Sections would have the option to increase the number of matches to four in one day using modified scoring. The rest periods would be 30 minutes for the 1/4 final and below, 45 minutes for the semi-finals and 60 minutes for the finals.
Approved / Vote 22-0

Cheerleading Ad Hoc Committee

SUMMARY OF SECTION REPORTS

1. School teams participate in school only events
2. First Aid and CPR are required by most schools
3. Many require a Cheerleading Safety Course – AACCA
4. Eligibility standards should be followed
5. Standards need to be established for: Length of season & Practices

6. Control over the safety of participants and the sport
7. Judge for contests

The committee makes the following recommendations:

1. All coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) are required to complete the following courses prior to coaching: First Aid for coaches, CPR and the ACCAA Safety Course.
2. By the completion of the third year, complete the following: SED Philosophy & Principles Course, Supplement with NFHS Spirit Coaches Bronze Level, Theories & Tech, Health Science.

Each Section needs to vote to see if they want Cheerleading to be a Competitive Sport?

*** *Rationale: This enables candidates to be eligible to coach other sports.*

- Next Meeting- Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 5:30pm at the Holiday Inn – Fishkill.

Modified Committee

- **FOOTBALL** – With section approval, schools will be allowed to use two wide receivers on opposite sides of the formation. **Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **WRESTLING** – With section/league approval modified wrestlers who compete in two or three bouts in a contest, the time periods are either: Three 1 minute periods or 1st Period – 1 minute, 2nd and 3rd Periods – 1 and ½ minutes. **Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **WRESTLING** – With section/league approval an additional, sudden victory, overtime period shall be permitted in modified wrestling. Wrestlers must start in the standing position, and the period shall not exceed 30 seconds. **Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **EARLY FALL MODIFIED STARTING DATES** - Some sections have approved earlier fall 2010 modified starting dates: Section 5 – August 28 for football, Section 6 – August 23 for football and Section 7 – August 25 for all sports. **Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **BASEBALL/SOFTBALL** - With sectional/league approval, when the team at bat has two outs with the catcher on base, a pinch runner may be used to allow the catcher to get his/her gear on prior to the third out. The pinch runner is a player who is a substitute, or in the case that all substitutes have been used, a player off the bench who is not currently in the lineup. This rule does not change the normal substitution rules and does not overshadow the need to get all players in the lineup; it allows for cutting time off the transition between innings. **Approved / Vote 20-2 (Section 1 (1) & Section 2 (1) voted NO)**
- **SCRIMMAGES** –Due to current fiscal concerns in New York State, with sectional/league approval, up to 50% of the maximum number of games permitted for each modified level sport may be contested as scrimmages during the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years. Example: Basketball – 14 games permitted, 50% (7) could be scrimmages plus 7 games for a total of 14. Also three additional scrimmages are permitted. Scrimmages must follow all the guidelines in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. **Approved / Vote 18-4 (Sections 3 & 6 voted NO)**
- **Information Items**
 1. **The Baseball/Softball Re-Entry Rule** was passed by the Executive Committee and is in effect as of this spring:
“In the spirit of modified athletics, in the sports of baseball/softball, the re-entry rule may be waived only if an injured player must be replaced and all eligible substitutes have been used.”
 2. **The Badminton/Tennis Match Limitations/Day** proposal was passed by the Executive Committee and is in effect:
“For the purpose of ensuring that every eligible badminton/tennis player has the opportunity to play in a match, each player may play one additional singles or doubles match per day. The individual limitations per day for badminton and tennis shall be increased to two matches per day, provided that every individual player play once before any player plays twice.
 3. **The new State Modified Tennis Sport Coordinator** is Pat Levy from Section I. She has posted a tennis survey on the NYSPHSAA website to gather demographic information regarding this sport across NYS. Please help us by going to the NYSPHSAA website:

<http://www.nysphsaa.org/surveys> and filling out the requested information about your modified tennis programs. Pat Levy is available to assist you in initiating or promoting your tennis program with the assistance of the USTA. Grants are available to obtain equipment, supplies and promotional items for your Physical Education students and your athletes. Contact Pat at 914-764-3031 (home), 914-588-0818 (cell) or at pat@slought.org for help. The best direct USTA contact recommended by Pat is Sandy Hoffman at 914-980-8216 or at hoffman@usta.com.

- **Next Meeting:** Friday, October 15, 2010 – 9:30am at the NYSPHSAA office.

Handbook Committee Meeting

- **PRACTICES** - Athletes who switch from a contact/collision or limited contact/impact sport to a strenuous/non contact or nonstrenuous/non contact sport are permitted to count conditioning practices toward their new sport as follows: 1. Sports with less than ten (10) practices for the individual before the first contest will be allowed to carry over three (3) days; 2. Sports with less than ten to fifteen (10-15) practices for the individual before the first contest will be allowed to carry over four (4) days. (Contact/collision or limited contact/impact sports include field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, wrestling, baseball, softball, diving, gymnastics, skiing, softball and volleyball. Strenuous/non contact or nonstrenuous/non contact sports include cross country, track and field, swimming, tennis, bowling, golf and riflery). **Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **SCRIMMAGE:**
 - Nights Rest** – All scrimmages will require one night rest, except football which will require two nights rest between scrimmages.
 - Limitations Per Day** – Change the headings on the Sports Standards Chart to state **Limitation of scrimmage or game.**
 - INTERSCHOOL SCRIMMAGES:** A scrimmage is a practice that is a **SIMULATED CONTEST.**
 - In scrimmages:
 - (a) both squads use the same field simultaneously with both coaches making corrections and giving instructions,
 - (b) **GAME RULES MUST BE ALTERED – SEE SPORT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ADDED TO HANDBOOK.**
 - (c) no official score is kept,
 - (d) time period(s) are defined in the Sport Standards section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook, (e) no admission is charged.
 - *** The use of officials would be permitted and encouraged whenever possible for the purpose of instruction regarding the rules and proper application of rules. **Approved / Vote 22-0**
 - **SPORTSMANSHIP** - The committee recommends adjusting the language of the Sportsmanship Rule to state, *...disqualified by a sport official....* This change would clarify that the penalty would be enforced during a scrimmage or a contest. **Approved / Vote 22-0**
 - **FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT**
 - Definition** – A foreign exchange student is a student that is enrolled in a NYSPHSAA member school that is a participant in a foreign exchange program. The foreign exchange program may or may not be accepted for listing by the CSIET. **Approved / Vote 22-0**
 - **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT**
 - Definition** – An international student is a student that is enrolled in a NYSPHSAA member school who is not enrolled in a foreign exchange program nor living with the his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months) **Approved / Vote 22-0**
 - **Foreign Exchange and International Students** – The rule has been streamlined by removing the inconsistency and has been made to be more easily understood. The committee recommends the following change to the Foreign Students regulation. **Approved / Vote 22-0**
 - 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 as 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. 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
- b. 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. (p.-)

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.**

- a. 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.
- b. 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.

- **Conducting a Contest** – The committee recommends the following addition to the Handbook to help clarify how a regular season contest must be contested when held in conjunction with a fund raising event. **Approved / Vote 22-0**

CONDUCTING A CONTEST – 2nd paragraph (page 86)

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.
- **Next Meeting: July 14, 2010 – Wednesday – 1:30pm Conference Call**

Budget & Finance Committee

- The committee is recommending the approval of a \$1.00 Convenience Fee for all on-line tickets purchased by Ticket Leap beginning with the spring 2010 championships. **Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **NYSPHSAA DUES** – The committee recommends that there should be a minimum dues increase of \$30.00 and .03 cents per student for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Next Meeting: October 2010 – Telephone Conference

Safety Committee Report

- **WRESTLING Approved / Vote 22-0**
 - Requesting approval for wrestlers to be certified at a minimum weight rather than a minimum weight class.
 - Utilizing the National Wrestling Coaches Association data base for the submission of Minimum Weight Certification results. The NWCA data base is currently being used for the submission of data for At-Large competitors and the seeding of the NYSPHSAA Championship.

Minimum Weight Certification Program: The rationale behind this recommendation is that on December 25th of every year wrestlers are given a two pound growth allowance by rule. A wrestler may be eligible by weight once this growth allowance has passed. When we certify to a weight class the wrestler may be wrestling at an unsafe weight class. The Safety Committee is recommending the following. For the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school year all wrestlers will be certified to a minimum weight instead of a minimum weight class. Our present procedure and calculation already provide the minimum weight of every wrestler that is assessed. The NYSPHSAA is also considering reporting the results of the assessments to the National Wrestling Coaches Association database directly. We currently use their database to help fill the at-large entries and seed our championship tournament. A recommendation will be coming in August 2010.

- **HEAT INDEX and WIND CHILL INDEX PROCEDURES- Approved / Vote 22-0**
- **Heat Index and Wind Chill Policy:** In the wind chill policy, language was added that this policy would exclude the sport of Alpine Skiing. The rationale behind this language was due to the fact that all ski centers have regulations in place that address these types of safety concerns. The other factor is that Alpine skiers are out in the elements for a short period of time and do not have the same type of exposure to the elements. The Safety Committee recommends that the heat index and wind chill policy be adopted for all member schools to follow during the regular season and post season play. The committee would like to note that a Section does have the right to make both policies more restrictive. **POLICY IS BEING UPDATED & WILL BE EMAILED AT A LATER DATE.**
- **CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS** – The Safety Committee is offering the following suggestion. “The NYSPHSAA recommends that all member high schools have some type of athletic training services provided to the school by a certified athletic trainer”. The committee understands that the Commissioner of Education Regulations state that, “It shall be the duty of the trustees and boards of education to determine the need for an athletic trainer and to permit individuals to serve as athletic trainers for interschool athletic teams, intramural teams or physical education classes only in accordance with the following:”. The qualifications and scope of duties and responsibilities are outlined on page 44 of the NYSPHSAA handbook. **To be discussed at August Central Meeting.**
- **Concussion Management** – Any questions or concerns contact Lloyd Mott at fit4lifeconsulting@gmail.net

Officials Coordinating Federation Report

- **Schedule of meeting for 2009-2010 school year.**

Spring: May 2, 2010, 9:00am, Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, East Syracuse

Sportsmanship Committee Report

- **Sportsmanship Promotion Program:** The Sportsmanship Promotion Program school assessments were due on April 15th. Each Section Sportsmanship Committee should be looking at each of the schools that completed an assessment survey and select 3 or 4 schools that have set themselves apart from other schools in the section. The schools that are selected by the section committee will be nominated for the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Promotion Program Banner Award. Each school that is nominated will receive a plaque for their accomplishments. The plaques will be awarded by the section in the fall at the mandatory athletic director workshop. **Nominations are due into the NYSPHSAA office by May 10th.**
- **Consequence for a coach not serving penalty of Sportsmanship Standard:** The committee discussed the recommendation from the Handbook Committee for a coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the Sportsmanship Standard. The Sportsmanship Committee is recommending a prescribed penalty for not serving the penalty for violating the sportsmanship standard. The recommendation is as follows, "Any coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the sportsmanship standard will be ineligible to participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests. If the coach continues to not serve the penalty, the matter will be referred to the Section for further action. If the coach is involved in the NYSPHSAA play-offs the matter will be referred to the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA". **Approved / Vote 17-3 (Sect. 9 (2) & 8 (1) NO)**
- **Player or coach that is disqualified from a scrimmage:** The committee discussed this issue and has recommended that if a coach or player is disqualified from a scrimmage, they should be eligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled contest. **Approved / Vote 22-0 (Sit out a contest not a scrimmage)**
- **New Initiative:** The Sportsmanship Committee is discussing and developing a program to help address spectator behavior during our contests. Section 5 has had discussion on a new program entitled "**Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive**". The NYSPHSAA would like to explore the options of expanding this concept to all of our member schools and to the NYSPHSAA Championship Tournaments. A sub-committee will be meeting this spring to discuss this program and to bring a recommendation back to the Sportsmanship Committee. Any athletic director or coach that has any comments or suggestions should contact their section sportsmanship representative.

Life Of An Athlete Committee

- Training for Year 5 "**Putting It All Together- Stakeholders Unity**" was completed in all sections. Just as a reminder, all DVD's from any of the 5 year program can be obtained by calling or emailing Eileen Davis (edavis@nysphsaa.org) at the NYSPHSAA or filling out the information found in the state magazine order blank.
- **Section Reports:** Sections report that they are continuing with workshops and summits for coaches and student athletes in regards to chemical health and leadership.
- **Issues and Concerns:** The latest reports are showing an increase in usage of drugs (alcohol, marijuana, cocaine and heroin). The newest information is showing an increase in over the counter drugs starting at age 12.
- **Next Meeting:** Teleconference on Monday, May 24 at 10 AM