

## ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING January 20, 2010 – Agenda item 6.6

### NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 5-6, 2009

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

#### Action Items

- **Section 4** -Request a call for a vote to reinstate the maximum number of contests in all sports. **Vote to amend the motion to a one year reduction in the number of contests in all sports. Denied 16-6** (Sections voting YES to reinstate games were 2-4 & 6). **Other discussions concerning the number of games were met with the same outcome.**
- **Boys Basketball Proposal** – Use of NFHS Rule 2-2-1 for all NYSPHSAA Championship semi-final and final games if it can be done at no additional expense to the Association. **Approved 14-8** (Sections 1-5-7-9 voting No)
- **Proposed Dues Increase** - \$30.00 per school and \$0.03 per student for the 2010-2011 school years. **Approved 14-8** (Sections 5-6-10-11 voting No)
- **Section II Wrestling Season Dates** – Section II requests changing the start of the wrestling season to November 9, 2009 for all schools except Green Tech, Christian Brothers Academy, Albany and Warrensburg. **Approved 22-0**
- **Friend and Neighbor** - Christian Central Academy/Section 6 (effective August 2009) and Northern Chautauqua Catholic School/Section 6 (effective October 2009) **Approved 22-0**
- **Membership** -Global Concepts Charter School/Section 6 (effective November 2,2009) **Approved 22-0**
- **2011-2012 Championship Sites and Dates** **Approved 22-0**
- **Rotation for Track & Field Championship** – Every other year at Cicero-North Syracuse and alternate between Sections 2-4-9 in the odd years. **Approved 22-0**
- **State Championships:** Request for the approval of dates and sites for 2010- 2011. **Approved 22-0**  
Request approval that commencing in 2012 and every other year until 2020 the State Outdoor Track & Field Championships be held at Cicero-North Syracuse High School (3). In the odd years the meet would be held in either Section 2-4-9. **Approved 22-0**
- a) **Ice Hockey** – Two (2) Divisions based on enrollment **Approved 20-2** (Section 3 voted No)
  - **Sport Coordinator Appointments: Approved 22-0**
  - **Classifications of Schools Approved 22-0**
  - **Bowling Committee** – Baker Tournament Proposal: **Approved 20-2** (Section 2, voted No)
  - **Girls Basketball** – A waiver from the NCAA Rule Book requiring two (2) visible shot clocks: **Approved 22-0**
  - **Wrestling** – Starting weight class is still drawn: **Approved 22-0**  
Waiver of NFHS Rule 4-5-3 regarding dual met and tournament weigh-ins. **Approved 22-0**  
To allow the PSAL and CHSAA to receive at-large bids: **Approved 16-6** (Sections 2-3-10 voted No).
  - **Softball** – A waiver of ASA Softball rules to prohibit the use of metal cleats. **Approved 21-1** (Section 1= 1 no vote).
  - **Annual Classification of Schools:**
    - 1) Requesting approval of the official enrollment numbers for the 2010-2011 classification of schools. **Approved 22-0**
    - 2) Requesting approval for the following change in the classification cutoff numbers for the 2010-2011 school years. **Approved 22-0**

#### Executive Director's Report (Nina Van Erk)

- **2009-2010 NYSPHSAA Handbook** – 2009-2010 version is available on line. The most recent changes are underlined.

- **CSIET Advisory List** – A link to the 2009-2010 list is available at [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org)
- **NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame – Reminder-** Nominations for the 2010 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame are due to the association office by December 15<sup>th</sup>. All nominations must be endorsed by a section.
- **Participation Survey-** The participation survey data for 2008-2009 is still being collected and submitted to the data base. Reminders to athletic administrators of the importance of this survey so we may, once again, accomplish our goal of 100% data submission.
- **Senior All-Star Contests / Section 6**  
 11-07-09 Section 6 Senior All-Star Contest – Girls Soccer  
 11-07-09 NFL/NO Senior All-Star Game – Boys & Girls Soccer  
 11-08-09 WNY Exceptional Seniors Soccer – Boys & Girls Soccer  
**Approved 22-0**
- **Combining Of Schools / Section 6**  
 Ripley & Clymer (Boys Basketball) Pine Valley & Frewsburg (Boys Swimming) West Valley & Franklinville (Varsity & JV Wrestling)  
**Approved 22-0**
- **Future Meeting Dates**  
**Executive Committee** – April 30 & May 1, 2010 – Holiday Inn – Binghamton  
**Central Committee** – August 3-5, 2010 – Holiday Valley – Ellicottville (6)  
 (Tuesday-Thursday)

#### Assistant Director's Report (Robert Stulmaker)

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  - 2) Request approval that commencing in 2012 and every other year until 2020 the State Outdoor Track & Field Championships be held at Cicero-North Syracuse High School (3). In the odd years the meet would be held in either Section 2-4-9. **Approved 22-0**
- **2009-2010 Boys Volleyball Regionals** – change in site – Oneida High School (3)
- **Ice Hockey** – Two (2) Divisions based on enrollment  
 Division I – 1,100 and above  
 Division II – 1,099 and below  
**Approved 20-2** (Section 3 voted No)
- **State Sports Coordinators**  
 Sports who's State Coordinators are up for appointments (reappointments) scheduled during 2009-2010 are: Marbry Gansle (Girls Gymnastics and Girls Cross Country), Judy Hartmann (Boys Volleyball), Dennis O'Brien (Boys Skiing), Bob Underwood (Girls Skiing) and Jacquie Gow (Girls Lacrosse). **Approved 22-0.**
- **Scholar / Athlete Team Award Program** – The winter 2009-2010 deadline is Friday, March 5, 2010. Required filing continues to be electronic.
- **Supervision at Individual Sports Championships:** The local Superintendent and/or Board of Education should approve the individuals who are responsible for supervising the athletes. The athletes should know who is responsible for their supervision.
- The next meeting of the CAC will be Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 9:30am at the NYSPHSAA office.
- **NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association**  
**2009-2010 Meetings:** Winter: December 10, 2009  
 Spring: May 17, 2010  
 Tournament Site Presentations: January 12, 2010  
 Federation Basketball Tournament: March 26, 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.

### Assistant Director's Report (Todd Nelson)

- **Interstate Contest Sanctioning:** The NFHS is scheduled to have all sanctioning completed on-line, starting in August of 2009. AD's can visit the NFHS website to receive information about sanctioning and to verify if an event has been sanctioned by the NFHS. The fee structure for sanctioning has changed!
- **Coaching Clinics** – check website for all upcoming clinics
- **Annual Classification of Schools:**

3) Requesting approval of the official enrollment numbers for the 2010-2011 classification of schools. **Approved 22-0**

Class	Minimum Enrollment (779)	Schools	Percent
AA	950-up	141	18.12%
A	550-949	153	19.66%
B	325-540	147	18.89%
C	193-324	164	21.07%
D	0-192	174	22.36%

4) Requesting approval for the following change in the classification cutoff numbers for the 2010-2011 school years. **Approved 22-0**

Class	Minimum Enrollment (779)	Schools	Percent
AA	925-up	151	19.38%
A	525-924	158	20.28%
B	305-524	157	20.15%
C	175-304	155	19.90%
D	0-174	158	20.28%

### Assistant Director's Report (Joe Altieri)

- **Corporate Sponsorships are:** US Marines, CSEA, Holiday Inn, Worldwide Sport Supply and TicketLeap.
- **Media Credentials** – requests available via online form on the website.
- **New Log 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.

### SED Update

- **Pupil Personnel Services Staff** – coaching license issue. The regulation requires PPS staff (guidance counselors, social workers and psychologists) to apply for a Temporary Coaching License/Professional Coaching License to coach.
- **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.

### Section Correspondence/Concerns

- **Section 3** – Discussion concerning a reduction in price or no price for coaches attending State meets (example: Track & Field)
- **Section 4** - Requested a review, discussion and vote to use the same rules for all sports.
  - Request a call for a vote to reinstate the maximum number of contests in all

sports. **Vote to amend the motion to a one year reduction in the number of contests in all sports. Denied 16-6** (Sections voting YES to reinstate games were 2-4 & 6). **Other discussions concerning the number of games were met with the same outcome.**

- **Section 7** – Asking for reduction in the number of indoor track & field meets to 3 because of facilities available. **Approved 22-0.**
- **Section 8** – Boys volleyball will be moving to the Fall in 2010.

### Sport Coordinators Requests

- **Bowling Committee** – Baker Tournament Proposal: During a controlled Sectional championship tournament, Sections, at their discretion and subject to Section Athletic Council approval, will be allowed to utilize a combination tournament that will consist of a maximum of three (3) standard team games and a maximum of fifteen (15) Baker style games. **Approved 20-2** (Section 2, voted No)
- **Girls Basketball** – A waiver from the NCAA Rule Book requiring two (2) visible shot clocks, one (1) at each end of the court. If the shot clocks are not functional, the waiver would permit the game to be played with an alternate timing device. **Approved 22-0**
- **Wrestling** –
  - 1) Starting weight class is still drawn, recommendation to follow the Federation Rule and have the pre-meet disc toss for choice of odd/even matches in dual meet matches. This would be a removal of the waiver already in place. This would be for the 2010-2011 season. **Approved 22-0**
  - 2) Waiver of NFHS Rule 4-5-3 regarding dual met and tournament weigh-ins. **Approved 22-0**
  - 3) To allow the PSAL and CHSAA to receive at-large bids if the wrestlers placed in the top four (4) of the preceding year's State Tournament and qualified as based on the at-large criteria. This would be in place for the 2009-2010 seasons. **Approved 16-6** (Sections 2-3-10 voted No).
- **Softball** – A waiver of ASA Softball rules to prohibit the use of metal cleats. **Approved 21-1** (Section 1= 1 no vote).

### Championship Philosophy Committee

- Committee met on October 15, 2009.
- Future Review: The committee agreed we need to have the best athletes at our championship events. The committee would like to review the following:
  - 1) The relay procedure for the sports of track & swimming.
  - 2) The Individual Sport formula for the number of varsity programs needed for two divisions.
  - 3) Should it be a choice of the committee or an automatic approval to increase to two divisions when the required number of programs is achieved?
- Next meeting will be held on January 14, 2010 at the NYSPHSAA office.

### NYSED Physical Education Update

- **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. **5<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/) under the **Toolkit** section.
- **Contact information:** [pkocials@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:pkocials@mail.nysed.gov) or 518-474-5922.

### Modified Committee

- **Baseball/ Softball Re-Entry Rule Motion:** *“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 substitutions have been used.”*  
**Approved 22-0**
- **Softball Pilot Program:** *“With sectional/league approval, a two year pilot program in modified softball may be implemented that shall allow innings 1-6 to be completed at five runs or three outs. The 7<sup>th</sup> inning shall be played as a normal inning, with three outs and no run restrictions for that inning.”* **Approved 22-0**
- **Badminton/Tennis Motion:** *“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/day for badminton and tennis (Reference: Modified Sports Standards Chart, NYSPSAA handbook, pages 134-5) shall be increased to two matches per day, provided that every individual eligible player plays once before any player plays twice.”* **Approved 22-0**
- **Appointment of New Modified Softball Coordinator:** Micki Bedlington (Section 1) shall be appointed as the NYSPHSAA girls’ modified softball sport coordinator. **Approved 22-0**
- **Spring 2010 Meeting:** Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 9:00am at the NYSPHSAA office.

### Handbook Committee Meeting

- **Sportsmanship and Ethics** – the committee discussed situations where by coaches did not fulfill the penalty of the Sportsmanship Regulation being present at the site of the contest. The long standing interpretation has been that the coach has not fulfilled the penalty and remains ineligible to coach. The committee felt that during the regular season and sectional activity, the Section should impose a penalty on the coach/school. During regional and state championship activity, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director should impose the penalty.
- **Practices** – input is needed for the following: 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.
- **Multiple High School Districts** – A suggestion was made to include the approved interpretation in the handbook on page 105 Transfer. **Note:** Multiple High School Districts – The policies/boundaries of the school district will be followed. If the district has an open enrollment policy, the interpretation to be used will be same as used for students of K-8

school districts. When a student enrolls in 9<sup>th</sup> grade that is the district (building) of their residence. Any subsequent transfer would be subject to the Transfer Rule.

- **Scrimmages** - the handbook committee requests each sport committee provide a detailed definition of a scrimmage by the May meeting of the Executive Committee.
- **Next Meeting:** February 10, 2010 at 9:30am

### **Budget & Finance Committee**

- **Conflict of Interest Statement** – The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to protect the interest of the NYSPHSAA, Inc. when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer, committee member, agent or employee of the NYSPHSAA or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. An excess benefit would be the receipt of benefits, compensation, contracts or other transactions greater than comparable market value. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations. **Approved 22-0**
- **Championship Ticket Prices** – The committee discussed the need for championship ticket prices to be data driven based on such items as the venue and official cost. The committee would like to see a comparison of Sectional, Regional and State ticket prices.
- **Proposed Dues Increase / 2010-2011 Budget** - \$30.00 per school and \$0.03 per student for the 2010-2011 school years. **Approved 14-8** (Sections voting No were 5-6-10 & 11)

### **Annual Treasurer's Report** (Kathleen Higle, CPA)

- Net Assets in excess of planned uses = \$254,572 (audited at 8/31/09)
- Attendance was down at the Football State Championship games because no Section 3 team were in the finals.

### **Safety Committee Report**

- **Girls Lacrosse Helmets:** continuing to collect data annually concerning this issue. **Approved 22-0**
- **Concussion Management** – Any questions or concerns contact Lloyd Mott at [fit4lifeconsulting@gmail.net](mailto:fit4lifeconsulting@gmail.net)
- **Heat Index** – Sections 7 & 10 are asking for a wind chill factor added to this proposal for all sports.
- **Early Season Football Practices:** Safety committee will be discussing this for the spring meeting.
- **Next Meeting: April 21, 2010**

### **Officials Coordinating Federation Report**

- Request to approve the OCF Officials Agreement for 2010-2012 **Approved 22-0**
- **Schedule of meeting for 2009-2010 school year.**  
Spring: May 2, 2010, 9:00am, Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, East Syracuse

### **Sportsmanship Committee Report**

- **Citizenship Through Athletics Course:** The CTA course will be offered in the NYSPHSAA office on February 3, 2010.
- **Ejection Free Program:** continuing to work toward securing a sponsor for this program.
- **Sportsmanship Promotion Program:** School assessments are due on April 15<sup>th</sup> annually and nominations for the state banner award are due on May 10<sup>th</sup> annually.
- **Carry-over penalty for our Sportsmanship Standard:** needs to be discussed at the section level and will be a topic on the spring agenda.
- **Coaches not serving penalty for Sportsmanship Standard:** needs to be discussed at the section level and will be a topic on the spring agenda.