



APRIL 2010 NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

CALENDAR

APRIL 13

Championship Advisory 9:30

Section 9 - 9:30

Safety Committee 10:00

APRIL 14

Section 2 - 10:00

APRIL 16

Wrestling Committee 10:00

APRIL 22

Section 1 - 8:30

Section 7 - 9:30

Skiing Committee 1:00

APRIL 26

NYS Federation

APRIL 27

Championship Philosophy

Committee 10:00

APRIL 30 - MAY 1

Executive Committee

Binghamton

MAY 2

OCF - Syracuse

MAY 3

Boys Golf 10:00

MAY 6

Section 10 - 9:00

UPCOMING CLINICS

CHEERLEADING

May 21, 2010

Holiday Inn—Fishkill

SOCCER

June 4, 2010

Field of Dreams—Utica

NFHS STUDENT LEADERSHIP

CONFERENCE

APPLICATIONS DUE

MAY 1, 2010

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CURRENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE—INTERSCHOOL SCRIMMAGES: A scrimmage is **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**, (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.

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 indicate scrimmage or game.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT – 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.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT – 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 his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months).

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.

VOLLEYBALL - JEWELRY RULE - Requesting to continue the use of 2009-10 NCAA Jewelry Rule to be compliant with the NYSPHSAA jewelry rule.

SPORTSMANSHIP - Any coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the Sportsmanship Standard #27, is ineligible to coach until the next two (2) regularly scheduled contests have been completed. If the coach continues to not serve the penalty, the matter will be referred to the Section Executive Director for further action.

WRESTLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Requesting approval for wrestlers to be certified at a minimum weight rather than a minimum weight class. Considering utilizing the National Wrestling Coaches Association data base for the submission of Minimum Weight Certification results.

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.

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.

TENNIS - The committees would like to take this proposal to the Safety Committee: In Sectional 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.

FOOTBALL - 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.

MODIFIED COMMITTEE

FOOTBALL – With section approval, schools will be allowed to use two wide receivers on opposite sides of the formation.

WRESTLING - 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 – 1½ minutes.

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. (Pending Safety Committee Recommendation)

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.

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.

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.

**FOR THESE ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST
PLEASE REFER TO PREVIOUS ALBANY OFFICE REPORTS**

**Practices Carrying Over
Conducting a Contest
Cheerleading Ad Hoc Committee Report
Foreign Exchange and International Student
Classification Cut Off Numbers**