

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING November 19, 2008 – Agenda item 8.3

NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 20, 2008

REPORT

Cindy Bullis, Girls Rep

Don Scholla, Boys Rep

Action Items

Executive Director's Report

- Approval of the Section III request to change the 2008 – 2009 Modified Season dates for the Frontier League. Volleyball October 27 – December 20, Wrestling November 6- January 10, Basketball January 12 – March 20 and Spring Sports start on March 23. **Motion Approved.**
- Retroactive action to approve as Friends and Neighbors: Rippowam Cisqua School (1), Hoosac School (2), Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs (2) and Chemung Valley Montessori Middle School (4). **Motion Approved**
- Dues Increase for the 2009-2010. **Motion Denied** (Vote:11-6-4)

Championship Advisory Committee (CAC)

- Approval for a Boys Volleyball State Championship for the Fall of 2009.
(Need additional section to achieve 6 total sections.) **Motion Tabled**
- Approval of the Wrestling Regional Proposal. **Motion Tabled**
- Approval of the seeding procedures for the Wrestling Championship. **Motion Approved**
- Approval of a revised Roster Size Form to clarify student athletes and bench personnel. **Motion Approved**
- Approval of a revised "Change Form" used by Sections and the CAC. **Motion Approved with changes.**
- The next meeting of the CAC will be Friday, January 16, 2009 at 9am at the State Office.
- **Future Discussion & Consideration Items:**
 - Indoor Track & Field** – Permission for a second entry for relay events
 - Skiing** – Permission for two divisions in Alpine and Nordic Skiing in 2010
 - Boys Basketball** – Use of three man crews for the 2009 Regional and State Championship Games.

Sports Committees

- Boys and girls Cross Country – Waiver of the Jewelry Rule to allow wrist watches worn on the wrist. Follows NFHS rule. **Motion Approved**
- Girls Basketball - A waiver of the requirement of the home team to wear a light colored uniform. **Motion Approved** A waiver of the requirement for officials to request a physician's note when an athlete wears a "sleeve" on the arms or legs. **Motion Approved**

Modified Committee

- Volleyball - Permission to use the Libero player and waiver of the uniform requirement. **Motion Approved**
- Wrestling - Reduce the time between bouts to 45 minutes. **Motion Approved** If a wrestler competes in 2 or 3 bouts the time period of the bouts may be either - 3 one minute periods or Program II which is Period 1 (1 minute) and Periods 2 & 3 (1 1/2 minutes). **Motion Approved**
- Boys Track & Field - Pilot experiment to raise the hurdle in the 55m from 30" to 33" **Motion Approved**

Handbook Committee

- Senior All Star Contests – The committee recommends the removal of the last paragraph, “A student who participates in any unapproved all-star contest shall be ineligible to compete in interschool athletics in all sports for a period of one year from the date of such participation.”

Motion Approved

- Approval of defining a scrimmage as a “practice competition”. **Motion Tabled**
- Schools that have made arrangements with another member school to share the use of a practice facility may do so without violating the Scrimmage Regulation as long as the athletes/teams do not scrimmage before the required number of practices has been completed. **Motion Approved**

Safety Committee

- Approval to remove “approximately” from the Thunder and Lightning policy. **Motion Approved**
- Lloyd will be meeting with each Section Concussion Management Team to assist them in establishing a viable program for their schools.
- Girls Lacrosse Helmets – data does show that girls are more likely to have a head/facial injury than boys.

Sportsmanship

- Approval to change the name of the Good Sports Award to the Sportsmanship Promotion Program. The award would be referred to as the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Promotion Recognition Award. **Motion Approved**
- Sportsmanship of a Coach: The committee has reiterated its position that they feel a coach that has been ejected from the last game of the season should sit out the next game coached in the next season. This is how the rule is currently written in the handbook.

Executive Director Report

- **Mandatory Eligibility Workshops** – All member schools have met the mandate for the 2008-2009 school year. The total cost to the NYSPHSAA was approximately \$5,500.
- **GED Diplomas** – NYSED Regulation on diplomas states: Earning a high school equivalency diploma or an IEP diploma shall not be deemed to be equivalent to receipt of a high school diploma pursuant to Education Law, section 3202(1) and shall not terminate a student’s entitlement to a free public education pursuant to such statute. Students can be enrolled in the school and eligible for interscholastic athletics as long as they meet all other eligibility requirements.
- **NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame** – Nominations for the 2009 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame are due to the association office by December 15th. All nominations must be endorsed by a section.
- **Office of Civil Rights** – The Office of Civil Rights will provide technical assistance regarding compliance with Title IX. They will assist schools in assessing compliance with Federal law.
- **Kings School** – Kings School is no longer a member of the NYSPHSAA for the 2008-2009 school year. However the Kings School was approved as a Friend and Neighbor of the NYSPHSAA in October 2007.
- **Participation Survey** – This survey will be conducted this spring. Please remind the Athletic Directors in your section of the importance of the survey.
- **Executive & Central Committee** – New Members:
 - Section II – female representative – Liz Hempstead
 - Section V – male representative – Dennis O’Brien
- **NCAA Freshman Eligibility Standards** – Starting August 1, 2008 student athletes in Division 1 institutions will be required to have 16 core courses.

- **Future Meeting Dates -**

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| January 30-31, 2009 | The Regency – Binghamton |
| May 1-2, 2009 | Holiday Inn – Carrier Circle – Syracuse |
| August 4-6, 2009 | Crowne Plaza – Lake Placid – Section VII
(Tuesday-Thursday) |
| October 19, 2009 | Hall of Fame: Wednesday, August 5th
Holiday Inn – Albany (Wolf Road) |
| August 3-5, 2010 | Holiday Valley – Ellicottville – Section VI |

State Championships/Regionals

- New Site for Field Hockey – Chittenango HS (3)
- Approval for 2009-2010's schedule will be an action item in January 2009

State Sports Coordinators

- Girls Indoor Track & Field / Marsha Horan – Assistant Coordinator through August 31, 2013
- Boys Indoor Track & Field / Peter Szymanski – Assistant Coordinator through August 31, 2009
- State Coordinators up for reappointment for 2008-2009 are:
Boys Basketball, Boys Cross Country, Boys Indoor Track and Field, Girls Swimming and Diving, and Girls Golf.

Scholar/Athlete Team Award

- Instructions and application forms are only available online
- The Fall 2008 deadline to apply for awards is Friday, December 5, 2008.

NYS Federation

- Federation Golf Tournament – Sunday, June 7, 2009 at Mark Twain Country Club, Elmira (4)

Sanctioning/ Outside Agency

- Encourage your schools to call the state office when they are considering competing against schools from outside the state.

Coaching Clinics

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| • Wrestling | October 30, 2008 | Cornell University |
| • Softball | January 16, 2009 | Field of Dreams – Utica |
| • Lacrosse | January 30, 2009 | SUNY Cortland |
| • Baseball | February 27, 2009 | Hall of Fame –Cooperstown |
| • Field Hockey | March 6, 2009 | Field of Dreams – Utica |
| • Track, Field & X-Country | March 27, 2009 | Syracuse |
| • Volleyball | April 2009 | TBD |
| • Cheerleading | May 2009 | TBD |
| • Soccer | May 29, 2009 | Hall of Fame – Oneonta |

Combining Of Schools

Section VI

- Ripley & Westfield - Baseball & Basketball (B)
- Pine Valley & Frewsburg - Swimming (B)
- International Prep School at Grover & Grover Cleveland - All Winter & Spring Sports
- West Valley & Franklinville - Wrestling (Mod.)

Senior All-Star Contests

- 11-06-08 Five Star Bank Exceptional Senior Game-G. Soccer
- 11-08 & 09-08 Chautauqua County Senior Games-B/G Soccer

Friends & Neighbors

- Section VI – Elmwood Franklin School **Motion Approved**
- Section VI – Archbishop Walsh High School (Retroactive to August 2008) **Motion Approved**

Officials Coordinating Federation Report

- Spring meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2009 at 9am at the Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle, East Syracuse, NY.

Life of an Athlete Committee

- Year “5” Putting it all Together Stakeholders Unity presentation for section VI will be scheduled for May 4, 2009.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2008 at the NYSPHSAA Office.

Discussion Items for Sections

- Should Friends & Neighbors Status be eliminated for High School level and only dealt with on the Middle School (Modified Level)?
- Should High Schools be required to join one of the Associations – AIS, CHSAA?
- “Mercy Rule” Experiment in Softball and Baseball – “With sectional/league approval, a “mercy rule” experiment in modified baseball and softball will be permitted, allowing a game to end after the fifth inning when a team at the short end of the 15 run rule has completed their fifth at bat”.
- The topic of Girls Lacrosse Helmets needs to be discussed at all section, league, and superintendent meetings before December 2008. Get information from Tim Marong.

Action Items – January 2009 Meeting

- Approval for the 2009-2010 State Championship schedule will be an action item at the January meeting