

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING March 25, 2009 – Agenda item 8.3

**NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 30-31, 2009
REPORT
Cindy Bullis, Girls Rep and Don Scholla, Boys Rep**

Executive Director's Report

- **Sport Coordinator & Committee Representative Booklet** – this manual outlines the roles and responsibilities of sport coordinators & committee members.
- **Summary Reports to Executive Director** – Executive directors will be sent a summary of action taken at the sport committee meetings at NYSPHSAA office.
- **On December 10**, Nina attended a senate hearing that discussed the pros and cons of an abbreviated school week schedule and the possible effect on interscholastic athletics.
- **NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame** – the screening committee will be evaluating 14 applications. Hall of Fame is now located in the Latham office.
- **NFHS Spirit Of Sport Award** – has established an award to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of sport that represents the core mission of education-based athletics. NYSPHSAA office has nomination forms.
- **NYSPHSAA Legal Seminar** – Workshop will be Friday, April 24, 2009 at the NYSPHSAA office at 10:00am.

Annual Classification of Schools

- Requesting approval of the official enrollments numbers for the 2009-2010 classification of schools. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
- Requesting approval for the classification cutoff numbers for the **2009-2010** school year. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
- Requesting to postpone the proposed classification numbers for 2010-2011, until they are reviewed at the next winter's Executive Committee meeting. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)

Class	Current Classification Numbers		
	Minimum Enrollment	Schools	Percent
AA	950	144	18.58%
A	550	149	19.23%
B	325	153	19.74%
C	193	159	20.52%
D	0	169	21.81%

Championship Advisory Committee (CAC)

- **Softball** – Super Regional Doubleheader: In Classes B and C in Sections 1-8-9-11 the winners of the 1@9 and 8@11 will play each other at Section 8, with that winner advancing to the State Semi-Finals. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
- **Boys and Girls Tennis:** An athlete will not be allowed to participate unless there is a Board of education approved coach/school designee from that school in attendance acting in a supervisory role of the participating athlete(s). This will be on future CAC agendas to review all other individual sports. **DENIED** (Vote: 9-12) Sections 4,6,7,8, & 10(1) voted YES and Sections 1, 2,5,7,8, & 11 voted NO.

- **Boys Basketball** – 3 person crews for the Regional and State Championship Tournaments at no additional cost. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
- **Softball** – Increase the student-athlete roster size and support personnel in Softball. **DENIED** (Vote: 10-11) Sections 4,6,7,8,10(1), & 11(1) voted YES and Sections 1,2,3,5,9,11(1) voted NO.
- **Lacrosse** – Student-athlete roster size for both boys & girls will be 30 beginning this spring season **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
- **Boys & Girls Tennis** – The medal awards in for both B & G will be 1st – 4th. **APPROVED** (Voted 21-0)
- **Next meeting** of the CAC will be Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 9:00am via conference call.

Sports Committees

- **BOYS/GIRLS GOLF:**
 - 1) **Range Finders:** Not approved during competition, however may be used in practice rounds by coaches or players. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
 - 2) **Rulings:** Rulings may only be pointed out by the competitors and markers. Spectators are not permitted to make rulings. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
 - 3) **Practice Rounds at NYSPHSAA Championship:** Only competitors may play in the student athlete's practice round. Coaches are limited to being on the course in a supervisory and coaching capacity. **APPROVED**(Vote:21-0)
- **BASEBALL:**
NYSPHSAA Baseball Tied & suspended Game Rule (For NYSPHSAA Championship Tournament Play)
 - 1) An official is 5 innings or 4 and a half if the home team is ahead. If the winner can be determined and no more baseball can be played that day, the game is over and a winner is declared. The game does not have to go 7 innings.
 - 2) If a game is stopped before it becomes an official game, the game is a suspended game. This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter etc. etc should all be recorded on scorebook.
 - 3) If the game is stopped after having gone long enough to be an official game, however a winner cannot be determined due to a tied score. This game becomes a tied/suspended game at that point. This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter etc. etc should all be recorded in scorebook.
 - 4) If a game is stopped after having gone long enough to become an official game and;
 - a) The visitors score a run or runs in the top half of the inning. The game reverts back to the last completed inning and either a winner is declared or we have a tied/suspended game. Or,
 - b) The visitors score a run or runs in the top half of the inning and the home team does not complete their at bat. The game reverts back to the last completed inning and either a winner is declared or we have a tied/suspended game. If we have a tied/suspended game we pick up from that point (Visitors runs in the top half of the inning and home team runs in bottom half count). This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter etc. etc should all be recorded in scorebook.
 - c) The home team ties the game in the bottom half of the inning but doesn't complete the inning. If we cannot play anymore we have a tied/suspended game at that point. This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter etc. etc should all be recorded in scorebook. Or,
 - d) The home team takes the lead in the bottom half of the 5th or 6th inning, and then the game is called. At that point the home team is declared the winner. **APPROVED** (Vote:21-0)

- **BOYS VOLLEYBALL**
 - 1) NCAA RULES – The boys Volleyball Committee requests approval to adopt the NCAA Volleyball Rules with the same modifications used in girl’s volleyball beginning in the fall of 2009. **APPROVED** (Vote:21-0)
- **BOYS LACROSSE**
 - 1) 2011 Championships: Is considering changing the dates of the regionals from a Thursday-Saturday schedule to a Wednesday-Saturday rotation to provide for additional rest in between contests and greater flexibility to deal with inclement weather. **Referred to CAC.**
- **GIRLS TENNIS**
 - 1) COACHING: To permit coaching on the court at NYSPHSAA Championship. Cheering would not be permitted. These changes would make the Girls Tournament comparable to Boys Tennis. **APPROVED** (Vote:21-0)

Modified Committee

- With section/league approval, a “mercy rule” experiment in modified baseball and softball will be permitted; allowing a game to end after a team at the short end of the 15 run rule has completed their fifth at bat. **APPROVED** (Vote:21-0)
- All sections are reminded that if they participate in any of the experiments that were approved at the October or January Executive Committee, schools are required to return surveys to their sectional representative, so that the Modified Committee can evaluate the data collected.
- The next meeting of the modified committee is scheduled for April 3, 2009 at the NYSPHSAA office. If anyone has any items they wished to have discussed, should contact their sectional representative or Jim Rose or Mira Martincich.

Handbook Committee

- **OVERTIME:** Sections will have the authority to decide if overtime sessions will be played in a particular sport. If approved, the overtime procedure included in the sport specific rule book must be followed. Any approved waiver or modification of the overtime procedures are noted in the Sport Standards section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook (pages 110-117) **APPROVED** (Vote:21-0)
- **EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS:** The committee discussed the appropriate interpretation to use when an individual athlete exceeds the maximum number of contests. Discussion focused on the scenario when a player moves from the JV level to the Varsity level; which team is effected when the maximum number of contests are exceeded? The committee recommends the following note to be added to page 99, Penalties letter “c”. NOTE: The level in which the student athlete participated as an ineligible competitor will be effected. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
- **RE-DEFINING A SCRIMMAGE:** The committee discussed the merits of re-defining a scrimmage to be a “practice competition”. At this time the committee would like to withdraw their request for consideration of any change to the definition of a scrimmage. **TABLED**
- **GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE NYSPHSAA:** The committee recommends removing the two references to “high” schools in the General Objectives of the NYSPHSAA (page 27) to better reflect the inclusion of both high schools and middle schools. **APPROVED** (Vote:21-0)
- **Next meeting:** April 22, 2009 – Wednesday – Conference Call / 9:30am

Safety Committee

- The safety Committee will collect and analyze data provided by a certain number of certified athletic trainers from schools that play girls lacrosse in New York State, the NFHS injury surveillance survey provided by Dawn Comstock’s committee, and number of claims provided to Pupil Benefits Inc. for head and neck injuries in the sport of girls lacrosse. **APPROVED** (Vote:21-0)
The Committee will review the data collected and bring a recommendation to the Executive Committee at the December 2009 meeting.

Sportsmanship

- Committee will be discussing the issue of a player receiving more than one red card or game disqualification in the same contest. The question is if a player receives multiple red cards where does that put him in regards to our sportsmanship regulation on our Handbook. Recommendation will be made at the Executive Committee meeting in May.

Broadcasting

- Approval is requested to adopt, retroactive, the Internet broadcasting agreement. **Approved**

New Association Logo

- Approval is requested to adopt one of the following newly designed Association logos for use in all correspondence, web site, marketing, and all other material promoting and branding NYSPHSAA. **Tabled to May Executive Committee Meeting.**

Future Meeting Dates

May 1-2, 2009	Holiday Inn – Carrier Circle – Syracuse
August 4-6, 2009	Crowne Plaza – Lake Placid – Section VII (Tuesday-Thursday) Hall of Fame: Wednesday, August 5th
October 19, 2009	Holiday Inn-Wolf Road, Albany
January 29-30, 2010	Suggestions Are Requested
April 30-May 1, 2010	Syracuse Area
August 3-5, 2010	Holiday Inn – Ellicottville (Section 6)

State Championships/Regionals

- 2008-2009 Riflery Regional: Saturday, February 28 – Nassau County Public Rifle Range (8)
- 2009 Boys Lacrosse East Semi-Final: Thursday, June 11 – Middletown HS (9)
- AED's/Emergency Preparedness Plans will be in place for use at all 2008-2009 Winter State Championships.
- Sites for the 2009-2010 State Championships. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
- Courtesy passes along with photo ID will be accepted at all NYSPHSAA events.

State Sports Coordinators

- Approval is requested for another 5 year term effective September 1, 2009 – August 31, 2014. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
Boys Cross Country.....Charles Wiltse
Boys Indoor Track & FieldOscar Jensen
Girls Swimming & Diving.....Diane Hicks-Hughes
Girls Golf.....Jamie Harter
Boys Baseball.....Al Roy (through Aug. 31, 2013)
APPROVED (Vote 21-0)

Scholar/Athlete Team Award

- **Fall 2008 Student/Athlete State Champions**
West Seneca West (6) Girls Volleyball 97.964
Southwestern (6) Football 95.427
- Instructions and application forms are only available online.
- The winter 2008-2009 sports season deadline is Friday, March 6, 2009. Required filing continues to be electronic.

NYS Federation

At the December 9, 2008 meeting, the Council acted on the following:

1. Approved the brackets for the Basketball Tournament of Champions for March 27, 28, 29, 2009 at the Glens Falls Civic Center.
2. The date of the Golf Championship was approved at Mark Twain Golf Course, Elmira (4) for Sunday, June 7, 2009.
3. Renewed current slate of officers for 2008-2009:
President: Donald Douglas, PSALA
Visa President: Donald Buckley, CHSAA
Secretary: M.J. Quigley, AISA
Treasurer: Nina Van Erk, PHSAA
Executive Secretary: Walter Eaton
4. Next meeting: May 12, 2009.

NFHS Student Leadership Conference

- July 16-19, 2009 – Indianapolis, IN
- All expenses for the student-athletes are covered by the NFHS through a grant by T-Mobile.

Sport Season Committee

- In the process of collecting missing surveys.
- Expand NYSPHSAA Participation Survey to include:
 - 1) Mixed Competition participation
 - 2) Participants and teams competing outside of sport season
 - 3) The participation survey and sport season survey will be completed prior to the next conference call. If needed, the Sport Coordinators of any sport being considered for a change will be invited to the next meeting.
 - 4) A “talking points” document will be drafted when needed.
- Next Meeting: Spring 2009

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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| • Baseball | February 27, 2009 | Hall of Fame –Cooperstown |
| • Field Hockey | March 6, 2009 | Field of Dreams – Utica |
| • Track, Field & X-Country | March 27-28 2009 | Holiday Inn, Syracuse |
| • Volleyball | April 24, 2009 | Union College, Schenectady |
| • Cheerleading | May 2009 | TBD |
| • Soccer | May 29, 2009 | Hall of Fame – Oneonta |

Combining Of Schools

Section VI

- Clymer & Sherman.....Boys Golf & B/G Track & Field
- Ellicottville & Franklinville.....B/G Track & Field

Senior All-Star Contests

- Niagara Orleans-Genesee Region Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball 3/13/09
- Cheektowaga Lions Sr. All-Star Contest-G. Basketball 3/21/09
- IAABO Board #121 and CCAA Sr. All-Star Contest –B/G Basketball 3/26/09
- Chautauqua County Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball 3/26/09

Friends & Neighbors

- **Section 6** – Southern Tier Catholic School in Olean, NY / Grades 7-8 **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
- A motion to approve eliminating Friend & Neighbor status at the high school level (grades 9-12) when their membership runs out. **DEFEATED** (Vote: 9-12) Sections 3,4,9,10(1), & 11 voted YES and Sections 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, & 8 voted NO.

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 May 18, 2009 at the NYSPHSAA offices with a planning meeting scheduled on Sunday, May 17 at the NYSPHSAA offices at 6pm.

Fiscal Concerns Committee

- **The items for consideration**
 - 1) Supporting the use of telephone conference calls and video conferencing for NYSPHSAA meetings to reduce the travel reimbursement costs for the NYSPHSAA and Sections. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
 - 2) Support the use of officials from the host section at all NYSPHSAA regional contests, except when the sections involved mutually agree to use neutral officials. Effective with the 2009-2010 season and continuing to 2010-2011 school year. **APPROVED** (Vote: 19-2) Section 2 voted NO.
 - 3) Support a moratorium on the expansion of existing NYSPHSAA tournaments as it pertains to participation. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
 - 4) Centralized sites should be considered as part of the bid process for state tournament site selection when it can be proven that cost savings outweighs other criteria. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
 - 5) Support the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season. Sports with 24 contests be reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests be reduced to 18 and sports with 18 contests be reduced to 16. Wrestling would be reduced to 20 points. Football will be reduced from 10 to 9. **APPROVED** (Vote: 12-9) Sections 1,3,5,8,9,& 11 voted YES and Sections 2,4,6,7,& 10(1) voted NO.
To approve the following language change in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Sports Standards-Football (p. 112) The 9th game is permitted, with section approval, for teams who do not qualify for sectional play. For the teams involved in the sectional tournament the maximum number of contests shall be 10. For the sections involved in the state championship three additional games are permitted for a total of 13 games for the season: 1 game for regionals, 1 game for semifinals, and 1 game for championships. Effective for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. **APPROVED** (Vote:17-4) Sections 1,2,3,4,7,8,9, 10(1) & 11 voted YES and Sections 5 & 6 voted NO.
 - 6) Support the reduction of the number of classes and divisions in team and individual NYSPHSAA Championship competition. **Referred To**

Championship Advisory Committee (CAC).

- 7) Support the reduction of participants in NYSPHSAA Championships in individual and combination (team/individual) sports. **Referred To Championship Advisory Committee (CAC).**
- 8) Support the reduction of tournaments (multi-school competition) for team and individual sports. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- 9) Support the establishment of a maximum number of scrimmages permitted by a team to: Varsity, JV and freshman – 2 scrimmages and Modified – 1 scrimmage. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- 10) The Executive Committee will meet three times per year with one meeting at the site of the Central Committee meeting. **APPROVED** (Vote: 21-0)
- 11) Support the establishment of a team travel restriction for all member schools limiting out of state team travel to competition with bordering states only. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- 12) Support the establishment of a moratorium eliminating mandated attendance beginning with the 2009-2010 school year at the following NYSPHSAA workshops: Safety, Life of an Athlete, Sportsmanship and Chemical Health workshops. **APPROVED** (Vote: 19-2) Section 4 voted NO.
- 13) Support eliminating participation in the NFHS Student Leadership Conference. **DENIED** (Vote 10-11) Sections 1,3(1), 6,8,9,& 10(1) voted YES and Sections 2,3(1), 4,5,7,& 11 voted NO.

Other suggestions to be looked at:

- Designating a maximum meal reimbursement
- Reducing the number of past presidents attending Executive/Central Committee meetings by possibly attending meetings on a rotating basis.
- Attendance of sport chairs at executive Committee minutes. It was felt they should be in attendance for questions and /or clarification when presenting an issue/chance to the group to vote on but when a written proposal is included in the meeting folders, they felt it was fiscally unnecessary for the sport chair to attend to read the proposal.
- The number of staff and officers at particular State Championships. Do they need to attend?

Student Leadership

- The NFHS Student Leadership Conference will be held July 16-19, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN.
- All expenses for the student-athletes are covered by the NFHS through a grant by T-Mobile.

NYSED – Physical Education /Athletics :Update on Physical Education Compliance

- The NYS Office of State Comptroller completed the audit of physical education compliance of 20 school districts and found 19 of 20 non-compliant with the regulations for physical education. Issues were mostly on the elementary (K-3) level and some on the secondary level where schools were offering elective courses in physical education for the required credit. Elective credit may only be used as such and may not count toward the required physical education credit that all students must attain in the regular physical education program. SED will be sending letters to the schools involved in the audits requiring them to submit a plan within 60 days on how they will come into compliance.
- **Standards review** for Health, Physical Education, Family & Consumer sciences are set for review cycle in 2010 but will possibly be set to a later date as the process is taking longer than expected.
- **Proposed Changes to the Regulations of the Commissioner, Section 135.4**
 1. Elementary physical education required instruction would be changed to allow schools that have grades 5-6 in middle schools to follow the same day/time schedules as grades 7-8.

- This will eliminate the scheduling and staffing issues of following two different required instruction days/times.
2. The time to complete the coaching requirements would be extended to 7 years to provide additional time for new teachers to complete their Master's Degree requirement and the coaching course requirement.
 3. The regulation would be clarified regarding the appointment of coaches to include paid and non-paid coaches.
 4. Additional authority would be included to allow SED to extend the time to complete the required courses due to lapse in services for extenuating circumstances (i.e. military service, pregnancy, etc.)
 5. Teacher coaches and non-teacher coaches will have the exact same language regarding coaching requirements.
 6. The extension of eligibility due to injury or accident would be clarified to require the Chief School Officer to provide documentation on how the injury/accident directly affected the educational plan of the student to a fifth year.

Approved On-Line Coaching Courses

- The following agencies are approved to teach the coaching courses on-line(or combination on-line and face-to-face).
 - SUNY Cortland – Cortland, NY
 - SUNY Stony Brook – Stony Brook, NY
 - Sullivan County Community College - Loch Sheldrake, NY
 - Long Island Institute for Learning in Education (LILIE) – Centereach, NY
 - Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES – Fredonia, NY
- Please go to the PE web page, click on "Approved Courses" then click on Coaching Courses to find the contacts for these agencies (by location).
- No on-line First Aid or CPR courses are approved.

NYS Athletic Administrators Association

- Annual conference is scheduled for March 18-21, 2009 in Saratoga Springs. The theme is "From Good to Great". They will be offering 6 leadership training courses and a CAA exam.

NYS Coaches Association

- Annual NYSPHSAA Coaches section Conference will be held November 2009 at the Turning Stone Resort, Vernon, NY

Discussion Items for Sections

- **Section 6:** Request a waiver for 2 of the 6 leagues in Section 6 to be able to use lines-people during the girls' volleyball regular season. **Denied**

Action Items – May 2009 Meeting

- New Association Logo