

## ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING May 20, 2009 – Agenda item 8.3

### NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 1-2, 2009

#### REPORT

Cindy Bullis, Girls Rep and Don Scholla, Boys Rep

#### Executive Director's Report

- **Action Item:** The Partnership for a Drug Free America – The Association has been approached by the Partnership and Major League Baseball Charities to provide banners, DVD's posters and advertisements educating students about the dangers of steroid use. If approved, the Association will have the responsibility of mailing the materials to our member schools. **Approved** / Vote 22-0
- **Action Item:** NYSPHSAA Emergency Cancellation & Declared Emergency Policy (*DRAFT*) Approval for use as a guideline and being given to the Safety committee for further review. **Approved** / Vote 22-0
- NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame – The 2010 Class of the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame will be inducted at the August Central Committee meeting at the Lake Placid Crowne Plaza, Section VII. The ten inductees include Ted Bondi (administrator), Robert Garrow (official), Daryl Johnston (athlete), Jack Jones (administrator), Gary Montalto (coach), Ron Montalto (administrator), Bernie O'Brien (administrator), James Pinkerton (coach), Howard Vogt (coach) and Sue Wicks (athlete). The press release has been distributed.
- Participation Survey – was sent to all member schools this week. The Association will be collecting the usual sport participation data however, questions regarding season placement; cheerleading and Mixed Competition have been added to the survey.
- Progress of NYSPHSAA Committees - At the conclusion of committee meetings a synopsis of items, either for action or future consideration, is sent to all Executive Directors and committee members to aid in the communication process.
- Basketball Coaches Association of New York – Proposal for the concept of an Endowment or Foundation Game similar to what occurs in North Carolina and Ohio. **Nina Van Erk will draft a letter in response to this Association addressing their concerns. No action taken.**
- Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops – Section 6 / August 31, 2009
- Future Meetings – The following meetings are scheduled to be held in the NYSPHSAA office:
  - Legal Meeting – May 8, 2009 Friday 10:00am
  - Transfer Committee Meeting – May 18, 2009 Monday 10:00am
  - Classification Meeting – June 9, 2009 Tuesday 10:00am
- CSJET Advisory List – the 2009-2010 CSJET Advisory List is now available on the CSJET website, [www.csiet.org](http://www.csiet.org).
- LRG – School districts will be receiving information regarding the licensing program that protects the marks of those schools that may want to choose to participate in the program. This program will assist schools in generating revenue from the sale of merchandise being sold in retail stores.
- Ing Run for Something Better – A partnership with the National Association for Sport and Physical education has created a new awards program that will provide fifty \$2,000.00 grants to schools that desire to establish a school- based running program or expand their existing program fro students in grades 5-8.
- **Future Meeting Dates**

August 4-6, 2009	Crowne Plaza – Lake Placid – Section VII
December 6-7, 2009	Holiday Inn-Wolf Road, Albany
April 30-May 1, 2010	Binghamton TBA
August 2-5, 2010	Holiday Inn – Ellicottville (Section 6)

#### NYSPHSAA PROPOSED BUDGET

- **Action Item:** Approval of 2009-2010 NYSPHSAA Budget of \$1,803,673.00 (-7.4%). **Approved** / Vote 22-0

#### Championship Advisory Committee (CAC)

- **Action Item:** Three (3) person officiating crews in the Girls State Soccer Championships beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. **Approved** / Vote 16-2
- **Action Item:** Ice Hockey Committee presented a proposal to the CAC for classification by enrollment. This would be for the 2010-2011 season. **Approved** / Vote 18-0

- **Action Item:** Change in the Boys Lacrosse schedule format beginning in the 2011 season. **Approved** / Vote 18-0
- **Action Item:** Use of "top" officials from the completing Sections in Boys Lacrosse beginning with the 2010 season if both Sections agree. **Tabled until August Meeting. Need future discussion with Sections.**
- **Action Item:** Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving qualifying standards will be given a one year extension to be an average of 3 years for individual events and 4 years for relay events. The fastest time will be adopted. **Approved** / Vote 22-0.
- **Spring Championships – 2009**
  1. The Federation Golf Championships will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at Mark Twain Country Club in Elmira (4).
  2. The East Semi-finals in Boys Lacrosse will be played at Middletown High School (9).
- **Next meeting** of the CAC will be Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 9:00am via conference call.

### **State Championships/Regionals 2009-2010**

- **Action Item:** Approval of Championship venues. **Approved** / Vote 22-0
  1. Girls Swimming and Diving at Webster Schroeder (5)
  2. Boys & Girls Bowling at Mardi Bob Lanes, Poughkeepsie (9)
  3. Boys Volleyball winter regional at Whitesboro High School (3)
- **Action Item:** Approval is requested for 2009-2010 Intent to Participate, as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V,5. **Approved** / Vote 22-0

### **State Sports Coordinators**

- **Action Item:** Approval is requested for the following appointments.
  1. Rich Bullis as Assistant Rifle Coordinator through August 31, 2010. **Approved** / Vote 22-0
  2. Patrick Ryan as Assistant Girls Swimming & Diving Coordinator through August 2010. **Approved** / Vote 22-0

### **Scholar/Athlete Team Award**

- The Winter 2008-2009 program results are as follows:  
# of teams (1,850), # of schools (523), # of athletes (19,384)
- Instructions and application forms are only available online.
- The spring 2008-09 sports season deadline is Fri, May 15, 2009. Required filing continues to be electronic.
- School of Distinction Award Applications, in order to be placed on the NYSPHSAA "Academic Honor Roll", are to be completed following the Spring 2009 deadline and must be received no later than June 30, 2009.

### **New Association Logo**

- **Action Item:** Request adoption of a newly designed Association logo for use in all correspondence, web site, marketing, and all other materials promoting and branding NYSPHSAA. **Approved** / Vote 22-0  
**Rational:** The current Association logo was created in the late 1940's and does not portray a dynamic, modern representation of our organization. A new logo would give our brand more appeal to the general public in our marketing campaigns. Further, the newly designed logo options are simplified like most other state association logos and related organizations, and eliminate the busy-ness and static our logo presents to the eye.

### **NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association**

- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009.

### **Officials Coordinating Federation Report**

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

### **NFHS Student Leadership Conference**

- July 16-19, 2009 – Indianapolis, IN
- Application deadline has been extended: Friday, May 8, 2009.

- All expenses for the student-athletes are covered by the NFHS through a grant by T-Mobile.

## Sports Committees

- **Action Item:** **Field Hockey** – Overtime procedure – If a player is yellow carded in the overtime procedure the offending team will play shorthanded. This is the same procedure that is followed during regulation. **Approved** / 18-0
- **Action Item:** **Track & Field** – Permission to include the 5000M run on the list of approved events. If permission is granted, an athlete would be limited to the 5000M and not be eligible for any other event during that meet. **No Motion – no support for this at this time!**
- **Action Item:** **Boys Volleyball** –
  1. Request for a Boys Volleyball Championship beginning November 20, 2010. (Cicero North Syracuse will host). **Approved** / Vote 22-0 Sections must commit by January 2010.
  2. Rule Modification Request: Center Line – A player may touch the opponent's court with hand(s) or feet, provided some part of the hand(s), foot/feet remain either in contact with or directly above the center line, and the penetration does not interfere with the opponents play. **Approved** / Vote 22-0
- **Action Item:** **Football** –
  1. **Change to the practice regulation:** The first day of practice must be non-contact, without the use of protective pads and blocking devices. Helmets may be worn. The next four 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 days consist of contact practice with full protective equipment and the use of all training devices. Four additional practices must be completed by the individual and team prior to the first contest. Scrimmages may commence after 11 practices have been completed by the individual and team. **NOTE:** For any violation of this rule, the head coach will be suspended from the next regularly scheduled contest. The coach may not be present at the game site nor communicate in any manner during the contest with any person present at the site. Not being present at the site means the disqualified coach is not present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game. **TABLED for further discussion because it went against the Safety Committee recommendation.**
  2. **Permission for a 10<sup>th</sup> Game:** With Section approval, teams not participating in Sectional Football Championship play may participate in a 10<sup>th</sup> game as part of a Section sponsored/approved contest. (i.e.; Bowl game or Championship Cup Game). **Denied** / Vote 16-6

## Modified Committee

- **Action Item:** Recommend the following sport coordinators: Pat Levy (Section 1) boys and girls tennis, James Miller (Section 5) girls basketball coordinator and Matt Wood (Section 4) to modified boys and girls soccer. **Approved** / Vote 18-0
- **Action Item:** Football pilot program be extended with section approval through the 2009 season. **Approved** / 18-0
- 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

- **Action Item:** **Representation Regulation:** To add the following – NOTE: For the sports of golf and girls gymnastics, a waiver of the Representation Standard may be granted by the NYSPHSAA Executive Director when a student has qualified for participation in the current school year's NYSPHSAA championship event and has subsequently transferred to a NYSPHSAA member school. The athlete must meet all other eligibility standards, including transfer, to receive the waiver. **Approved** / Vote 16-0
- **Next meeting:** April 22, 2009 – Wednesday – Conference Call / 9:30am

## Safety Committee

- **Action Item:** The Wrestling Advisory Committee is recommending nine (9) changes to the Minimum Weight Certification Program. **Approved** / Vote 18-0
  1. Assessors will be able to practice on available student athletes, with the provision that no information will be shared with anyone during or after the training session. Section consultants will be able to provide instruction to the assessors during the training session.
  2. In the assessor and school handbooks the sentence under **weight** on page 6 will read, "A certified digital scale (certified at the beginning of the school year) must be available".
  3. In the assessor and school handbooks the sentence next to **Record Weight:** on page 6 will read, "An approved assessor must weight each wrestler."
  4. The Contract for Determination of Body Composition by Hydrostatic Weighing (underwater) will have the following two changes.
    - a. The first sentence of the third paragraph will read, "**Dry body weight will be taken at the site.**"
    - b. The athletic director signature will be added to the bottom of the form. The signature of the athletic director is required.
  5. The minimum weight of a wrestler should be added to the team form (if the program can accommodate)
  6. The hydrostatic testing results should be added to the website (if the program can accommodate).
  7. The actual weight of the wrestler on the day of the assessment or the appeal will be used if the wrestler passes the hydration test.
  8. The section consultants will verify if an assessor has worked a centralized site over the past three years.
  9. Athletic Directors and assessors do not need to send their verification forms into the section coordinator or sectional consultant. All the information can be viewed on-line. Athletic directors are still required to send their forms to their opponents.
- **Action Item: Track & Field Proposal** – Supports the request from the Outdoor and Indoor Track & Field Committees to allow students to wear wristwatches in **practices only**. **Approved** / Vote 18-0 (effective immediately)

## Sportsmanship

- **Action Item:** Change language under Standard 27 to read, "A coach or player who receives a *disqualification* penalty (ejection) during a contest shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest". The same language would be changed for a second and third disqualification penalty. **Approved** / Vote 18-0
- **Action Item: Appeals of Sportsmanship Program** – The committee discussed situations that may arise when a student athlete is misidentified as the rejected player by an official. The committee would like to make the following recommendation. With section approval, a school may appeal the penalty of our sportsmanship rule, only if the player has been misidentified, using an appeal process established by the section. The school must be able to identify the student athlete that should serve the penalty of our sportsmanship rule. The use of video tape may be used with section approval. **TABLED / sent to Council for re-wording.**
- **Action Item: The Sportsmanship Ejection Free Program** – Permission to find a sponsor for this program to go forward with their data collection. **Approved** /Vote 18-0

## Corporate Sponsorships

- **American Dairy Association** - Has verbally agreed to a one-year contract for \$23,000-\$24,000 plus sponsorship of an eligibility poster for \$6,000-\$7,000 that we intend to distribute to schools at next year's Athletic Director workshops.
- **CSG** – Sponsored today's Executive Committee meeting luncheon. They sponsor our wrestling state championships.

## 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

- Cheerleading May 15, 2009 Holiday Inn - Syracuse
- Soccer May 29, 2009 Hall of Fame – Oneonta

## Rule Books

- Order rule books through the NYSPHSAA website on the on-line store. Concerns or questions contact Todd Nelson or Eileen Davis at (518) 690-0771.

## Senior All-Star Contests

- 03-21-09.....Silver Hoops Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball
- 06-11-09.....Section 6 Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball

## Combining Of Schools

### Section VI

- Ripley & Westfield .....Track & Field

## 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.

## Student Leadership

- The NFHS Student Leadership Conference will be held July 16-19, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN.
- Year 5-Putting it all Together: Stakeholders Unity – Presentation for section 6 is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>. The DVD's for Year 5 have arrived and are available at the NYSPHSAA office.
- All expenses for the student-athletes are covered by the NFHS through a grant by T-Mobile.
- Next meeting is scheduled on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the NYSPHSAA offices at 6pm.

## NYSED – Physical Education /Athletics :Proposed Commissioner’s Regulation Changes

- The proposed changes to the Regulations of the Commissioner will go before the Board of Regents for a final vote at their June meeting to be effective in July.
- Summary of proposed changes:
  1. Required Instruction: Schools with grades 5 and 6 in a middle level building will have the choice to follow either the secondary days/times (Days: 3x one semester, 2x the other semester or every other day – Time: unit of study which must be an average of 90 minutes per week minimum) for these grades **OR** the elementary days/times (Days: 3x a week for a minimum of 120 minutes per week).
  2. Coaching Requirements:

ALL (other than PE) teacher-coaches and non-teacher coaches, whether paid or non-paid must follow the regulations: FA/CPR and completion of the required coaching courses\*:

    - i. Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics must be completed within two years of appointment.
    - ii. Health Sciences Applied to Coaching and Theory & Techniques of Coaching (that is specific to the sport coached) must be completed within five years of appointment.
    - iii. An extension of two additional years to complete the remaining two courses may be applied for to SED for appropriate reasons.
    - iv. Coaches who have had a lapse in service (military leave, maternity leave, or accident/illness) and have not completed the coaching courses, may request an additional extension of time (max. of 2 years) to complete the courses upon returning to coaching.
  3. 5<sup>th</sup> Year of Athletic Eligibility: This section has been revised to require the chief school officer to provide documentation on how the “accident, illness or other similar circumstances beyond their control” has resulted in additional semester(s) for the athlete to complete their requirements for graduation.

\*Note: The child abuse workshop, violence abuse workshop, and fingerprinting are not coaching requirements but appointment/employment requirements by Education law and will be required of non-teacher coaches when they apply for a Temporary Coaching or Professional Coaching License (a coach applying for a PCL must possess 3 TCL's in the sport before they may apply for a PCL).

## **Temporary and Professional Coaching Certificates – Application Process Changes**

To ensure that qualified non-teacher coaching applications are accurately reviewed for issues of moral character, certification revocations, and fingerprint clearance, the State Education Department – Office of Teaching Initiatives will be processing all Temporary and Professional Coaching certificate applications through the TEACH system. The reasons for doing this are the following:

1. The issuance of certificates/licenses through the TEACH system incorporates several important safeguards. Before a credential can be issued, the individual applicant's identifying information is checked against data in TEACH regarding:
  - a) disciplinary action against a teaching license;
  - b) active OSPRA investigations; and
  - c) loss of a teaching credential in another jurisdiction.
2. Incorporation of coaching license data on the TEACH system makes it more complete for parents and the general public to confirm school district employees are properly credentialed.
3. The coaching licensure application process can gain the efficiencies of the TEACH system:
  - a) Online application (data entry by the applicant)
  - b) Credit card payment
  - c) Online status checks

## **Selection/Classification**

Please remember to include the required forms if you are applying for a selection and classification waiver to SED for an athlete. Also include your email address somewhere on the forms if you want a quick response, otherwise it will come via U.S. Mail. The following forms need to be mailed or faxed (518-473-4884).

- a) Individual Athletic Profile Form
- b) Special Approval Request Application
- c) Special Case Form (only if athlete is rated below required standard)

## **Mixed Competition**

- Mixed Competition Guidelines are now on the PE web page. [www.emsc.nysed.gov](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov)

## **Budget and Finance Committee**

- **Action Item:** The committee is recommending an increase of 30 cents to the transportation reimbursement. The reimbursement would go from \$1.00 to \$1.30 per mile. **Approved** / Vote 22-0

## **Championship Ticket Prices**

- **Action Item:** For the 2009-2010 year increase the ticket price of the Girls Basketball Tournament from \$8.00 to \$10.00 / same as the boys. **Approved** / Vote 20-2

## **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 Requests**
  - 1) Request to start Modified Football on August 24<sup>th</sup>. **Approved / Vote 21-1 (Modified Chairperson need to bring this up at the State Modified Committee for future permanent approval).**
  - 2) Permission for a 10<sup>th</sup> football game for the Buffalo City Schools Harvard Cup Championships. **Approved/Vote 15-7**
  - 3) To bring up for re-visiting the topic of the reduction of games. **Discussion item as a Cracker Barrel Session at the August meeting. (Section 6 & 2 asked for this to be added)**

## **Action Items – August 2009 Meeting**

None at this time!