

NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 4-6, 2009

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

Action Items

- **Football** – Practice Requirement (Football Committee is requesting this be taken off the table but is interested in going forth with the penalty for non-compliance). **Approved only the penalty portion.**
- **Boys Lacrosse** – Officials for Regionals, 3rd option to use a combination of officials. **Approved (23 yes & 20 no)**
- **Modified Sports / Extension of the Season** – Section VIII have requested an extension of the Modified sport season to June 13, 2009. **Retroactive Action Requested. Approved**
- **Licensing Resource Group** – In January, permission was granted to engage in an agreement with LRG to provide opportunity for schools to receive sales revenue from licensed products. Due to the national interest in this program, the agreement for schools has become an “opt-out” program. Approval to continue to support this program is requested. **Approved**
- **Track & Field / Reduction Of Contests** – Section VII has requested a reduction in the required number of contests from six (6) to four (4) for Track & Field due to the limited number of meets. **Retroactive Action Requested. Approved**
- **Section Sports Seasons** – Reminder to schedule all contests, including Senior All Star contests within the section designated season dates. **Approved**
- **Sites & Dates** – Approval is requested for the following changes:
 - Boys Tennis: June 3-5, 2010
 - Boys Golf: June 5-7, 2010
 - Girls Golf: June 11-13, 2010 – SUNY Delhi (4) **Approved**
- **Sport Coordinator Appointments**
 - Boys Basketball – Bill Higgins – Effective September 1, 2009-August 31, 2014. Bill was served as the State Coordinator since 1989. **Approved**
 - Boys Golf Assistant – Dylan Bronson – Effective through August 31, 2012. Dylan has served on the Boys Golf Comm. for many years and is currently the Section V Coordinator. **Approved**
- **Girls Basketball** – 16 Minute Halves **Approved**
- **Bowling** – Oil Pattern on Lanes **Approved**
- **Boys & Girls Swimming** – Swimming suits. **Approved**
- **Volleyball** – Waiver to permit 60 second time outs. **Approved**
- **Wrestling** – Revisions for the seeding of the State Wrestling Championships. **Approved**
- **Girls Basketball** – Three (3) person crews for the Regional and State Championship Tournaments at no additional cost. **Approved**
- **Boys Basketball – replay review** – To approve the use of NFHS Rule 2-2-1 for all NYSPHSAA Championship semi-final and final games which will adopt the replay review rule, if it can be done at no additional expense to the Association. **Postponed until Dec. Meeting.**
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- **Girls Gymnastics – technical handbook** – To approve the existing Technical handbook along with the 2009 changes and additions to the Technical Handbook. **Approved**
- **Cheerleading** – Motion to approve the formation of a committee to research and discuss the possibility of cheerleading becoming a sport. **Approved**

Action Items, continued

- **Supervision in Individual Sports** – A Board of Education approved coach and/or school designee will attend State Championship contests serving in a supervisory capacity. This is effective for the 2010-2011 school year. **Tabled**
- **Handbook Committee**
 1. **Interstate Contests** – (b.) (pg.97) **Approved** Added language: “No member school will engage in athletic competition, scrimmage and/or practice with an out-of-state school...”
Rationale: This has always been implied but needs to be stated.
 2. **Sportsmanship Regulation** – Any coach and player: **Approved**
 - Who receives a disqualification penalty in a sport shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest;
 - Who receives a second disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly scheduled contest; and,
 - Who receives a third disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season.If the third disqualification penalty takes place in the last contest of the season (regular season or post season play), the Section Athletic Council will assess the penalty carrying over into the next season of participation.
Rationale: These language changes meet the intent of the Sportsmanship Committee.
- **Life Of An Athlete** – Procedure to follow when a coach violates the Code of Conduct. **Approved**
- **Safety Committee** – Wrestling Release for participation with Skin Lesion. The NYSPHSAA has developed a form that has been combined with a similar form produced by the NFHS. **Approved**

Executive Director’s Report (Nina Van Erk)

- **Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops** – Section 6 / Aug.31, 2009 Erie 1 BOCES at 8:30am.
- **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
- **Concussion Management** – Lloyd Mott will be working with the Concussion Management teams across the state to schedule webinar dates for IMPACT training sessions geared toward physicians, psychologists and certified athletic trainers.
- **NFHS Appointments** – Carl Normandin – Coaches Quarterly Publications Comm.
Jacquie Gow – Girls Lacrosse Rules Comm.
Bob Kersch – Officials Quarterly Publications Comm.
Nina Van Erk – Board of Directors- President Elect
- **Senior All-Star Contests / Section 6**

06-10-09	Exceptional Senior Lacrosse Game-B. Lacrosse
06-14-09	Senior Game- WNY – G. Lacrosse
11-14 & 15-09	Chautauqua County Sr. All-Star games- B/G Soccer
- **Combining Of Schools / Section 6**

Clymer & Sherman	Cross Country B/G
Ripley & Sherman	Football V & JV
Ripley & Clymer	Basketball G
Hinsdale & Allegany-Limestone	Swimming G
International Prep at Grover & Grover Cleveland	All Sports
Kenmore East & Kenmore West	Field Hockey JV
Chautauqua Lake & Panama	Swimming B
Westfield & Chautauqua Lake	Swimming G
Portville & Olean	Swimming G
Portville, Allegany-Limestone & Olean	Swimming B
Ellicottville & Franklinville	Swimming G

- **Future Meeting Dates**
Executive Committee – December 6-7, 2009 – Holiday Inn – Turf - Albany
(Sunday 2:30-5:00pm & Monday 9:00am to conclusion)
April 29-30, 2010 – Holiday Inn – Binghamton
Central Committee – Aug 3-5, 2010 – Holiday Valley, Ellicottville (6) (Tues-Thurs)

Assistant Director’s Report (Robert Stulmaker)

- **State Championships**
Emergency measures (crowd control and AED) were effective at all 2008-2009 State Championships and will continue to be in place for 2009-2010.
- **State Sports Coordinators**
Sports whose State Coordinators are up for appointments (reappointments) scheduled during 2009-2010 are: Riflery, Boys Skiing, Girls Skiing, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Girls Cross Country, girls Gymnastics, and Girls Lacrosse.
- **Scholar / Athlete Team Award Program - 18th year results (2008-2009)**
of teams 6,646 (+151)
of athletes 79,180 (+1,744)
- **Spring 2009 S/A State Championships / Section 6**
Southwestern Boys Golf 97.971
Medina Boys Tennis 97.486
- **School of Distinction Award Winners for 2008-2009 were:**
Barker CS # of programs = 17
Clarence CS # of programs = 30 (2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008)
- **NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association**
2009-2010 Officers are:
President: Doug Douglas, PSAL
Vice President: Donal Buckley, CHSAA
Secretary: Mary Jane Quigley, AISAA
Treasurer: Nina Van Erk, PHSAA
Executive Secretary: Walter Eaton
2009-2010 Meetings: Fall: Sept.14, 2009, Winter: Dec.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
- **National Exam Dates for 2009-2010**
SAT October 10, November 7, December 5, January 23, march 13, May 1, & June 5.
ACT September 12, October 24, December 12, April 10, & June 12.
PSAT October 17.

Assistant Director’s Report (Todd Nelson)

- **Reminder:** the Executive Committee will review the classification numbers for the 2010-2011 school year at our December meeting. Numbers need to be submitted by November 13, 2009.
- The **classification numbers** for the 2009-2010 school year are the same as the 2008-2009 school year. The classification numbers can be found on page 174-175 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook. The following classification changes for the 2008-2009 school year, will remain in effect for the 2009-2010 school year.

Football = Class AA	1051 – up	Boys’ Lacrosse = Class A	1100 - up
Class A	626 – 1050	Class B	650 - 1099
Class B	441 – 625	Class C/D	649 - below
Class C	276 – 440		
Class D	275 - below		

- **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!

Assistant Director's Report (Joe Altieri)

- **Media Advisory Committee** is scheduled to meet August 25 in the Association office.
- **Corporate Sponsorships** are US marines, American Dairy Association, CSEA, Holiday Inn and World Sport Supply.
- **Media Credentials** – requests available via online form on the website.
- **New Logo** – each Section Executive Director was mailed a CD of the new logo.

Annual Treasurer's Report (Kathleen Higle, CPA)

- The financial strength of the Association remains strong. We should finish the year \$174,000 better than budget. There were significant favorable increases in sponsorship revenues from the budget of \$145,000 combined with reduced expenses in many areas, particularly in health benefits. A new benefit provider reduced the amount needed for post retirement health benefits by \$88,000 and current benefits expenses \$52,000. This combination of favorable income and expenses served to more than offset our losses in investments of \$183,000.
- Championship net revenue at \$422,000 is slightly better than budget.
- Net Assets should finish the year at \$876,000 or \$251,000 more than the \$625,000 earmarked for contingencies.
- Dues will not increase for 2009-10. They will remain at \$750 plus \$.80 for each student over 300 students in grades 7-12.

NYSPPHSAA Transfer Coordinator's Meeting

- All representatives were asked to summarize the process they utilize when determining the eligibility of transfer students.
- Section VI was represented by Dr. Ron Black during this meeting.
- Discussion Item: Should Selectively Classified students be included in the Transfer Rule.
- Next meeting for the Transfer Coordinators will be scheduled for the spring of 2010.

Classification of Non Public and Charter Schools Committee

- Sections were asked to explain the process for the classification of schools within their section.
- Section VI was represented by Bob Dinse during this meeting. The section does not have a non public school in their membership; however, the section does have 5 charter schools.
- The committee debated the value of establishing a statewide committee to determine the placement of non public and charter schools. Consensus was reached on the following points:
 1. The process at the Section level is working and should remain locally controlled.
 2. The committee was reminded to provide a written rationale for their decisions when communicating with the schools that have been evaluated.
 3. The criteria for placement must be standardized.
 4. The forms used by all Sections must be standardized.
 5. The school of residence should be included on the roster form.
 6. Review of non public and charter school programs should be yearly but the placement should be for a two year period.
 7. All schools that are evaluated by a Section committee will be reported on the NYSPPHSAA website.

Sport Committee Summary

- **Girls Basketball / 16 Minute Halves**
Proposal: For the 2009-2010 season, a waiver of the NCAA women's rules

to allow for the sections that so desire to experiment with sixteen (16) minute halves. This waiver applies only to non-league contests at the varsity level upon mutual agreement of both schools. **Approved**

- **Bowling / Oil Pattern At NYSPHSAA Tournament**

Proposal: The oil pattern will be announced in advance of the NYSPHSAA Bowling Tournament. The pattern will be prepared for the practice round, with the understanding the pattern will be set as consistent as possible throughout the tournament. Other pertinent lane information will be included in then pre-tournament announcement. **Approved**

- **Swimming & Diving / Definition for Swimming & Diving Uniform**

Proposal: With the new tech suits being developed, the NYSPHSAA Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving Committees would like the state approval to limit the use of these suits by restricting the individuals to using one swimsuit during competition with the exclusion of divers who may need additional support. Therefore, we need your approval for acceptance of this definition.

“The uniform is defined as one swimsuit or garment. No other suit, garment or material is permitted to be worn attached or supplemented under, over, or as part of the uniform during competition. This includes tanks or briefs worn under the suit or drag suits worn over the suit. **Approved**

- **Volleyball / Waiver of the NCAA Time Out Rule**

Proposal: Requesting a waiver to read: “The time length of all time outs is 60 seconds. **Approved**

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2009 changes and additions to the Technical Handbook

1. (CV) Connection Value will be awarded unless a fall occurs. There will no longer be a 0.30 P. “ceiling”.
2. TABLE OF FAULTS
 - a. Insufficient amplitude of elements up to 0.20 P.
 - b. Insufficient height of salto dismounts up to 0.20 P. (UB & BB)
 - c. Relaxed / incorrect footwork throughout (UB & BB) up to 0.2
 - d. Relaxed / incorrect Body Posture throughout (UB & BB) up to 0.3
3. Coach gives instruction to gymnast 0.20
4. New Vault table values-raised values for TSUK and Yurchenko vaults-tucks 9.6; pike 9.7; stretch 10.0; front handspring front 10.0.
5. Bar angles slightly different
6. Clear hip circle for “B” value must be above the horizontal plane, if below horiz. It will be a “A”
The Special Requirement will allow the “A” clear hip to fulfill the SR.
7. Beam series recognition – a slow, non-rebounding backward connection of flic flacs and saltos will not be recognized. There must be a rebounding effect.
8. The only element change is the straddle jump facing the length of the beam
(cross) is a “B” value.
9. The straddle jump in the side position or a straddle ¼ turn remain a “C”.
10. New connection possibility for Turns C + A = +.10 (Beam)

11. New – instead of a dance series, a Dance Passage is allowed. The gymnast may directly or INDIRECTLY connect 2 different elements
 12. One of which must be leap with 180 split. Running steps, hops, small leaps, shasses may now connect the dance elements.
 13. No turns of Acro elements are allowed in the dance passage.
 14. CV- Connection Value remains only for directly connected different dance elements.
- **Football / Preseason Practice (Football committee is requesting this be taken off the table but is interested in going forth with the penalty for non-compliance).**
 1. The first three days of practice must be non contact, without protective pads and without any blocking devices. You may wear a helmet.
 2. The next two days provides a transition from the conditioning phase to full contact. Helmet, shoulder pads along with the use of blocking dummies, sleds and similar devices are permitted.
 3. The following six days consists of contact practice with full protective equipment and the use of all training devices.
 4. 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 disqualification coach is not present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game. **Approved only the penalty portion.**

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. **5th 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/ under the Toolkit section.
- **Contact information:** pkocials@mail.nysed.gov or 518-474-5922.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2009 as a teleconference.

Life Of An Athlete Committee Report

- Meeting was held on May 19th at the NYSPHSAA office.
- We were asked to recommend protocol and possible penalty should a coach/supervisor violate #9 of the Code of Conduct which states that a coach/supervisor in a supervisory capacity will abstain from the use of alcohol and controlled substances (unless prescribed by a physician). We recommend the following:
 1. The school and section will be notified immediately
 2. Documentation of the incident will occur
 3. A recommendation from the section for disciplinary action will be given **Approved**
- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2009 and will be a teleconference.

Handbook Committee Meeting

- **Ejection of a Coach:** The consistent interpretation from the NYSPHSAA office has always been; if a certified coach is ejected from a contest and there is no Board appointed certified coach present at that contest, the contest is a forfeit.
- **Sportsmanship Regulation:** At the request of section IX, the Sportsmanship Committee will be reviewing the issue of when a student athlete is ejected from the last contest of the year and is required to sit out 1 or 2 games in their next season of participation.
- **Transgender Policy:** A subcommittee was formed to address this issue.
- **Next Meeting: Wednesday - October 21, 2009 – Conference Call**

Championship Advisory Committee

- Committee met on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at the NYSPHSAA office.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 9:30am at the NYSPHSAA office.

Budget & Finance Committee

- NYSPHSAA dues increase for the 2010-2011 school year at \$50.00 per school district and .05 per student increase. **Denied (12 yes and 31 no)**
- NYSPHSAA dues increase for the 2010-2011 school year at \$30.00 per school district and .03 per student increase. **Postponed to the Dec. Meeting.**

Safety Committee Report

- **Minimum Weight Certification Program** – Handbooks for the assessors and for the schools have been updated and printed for distribution at the end of August.
- **Concussion Management** – Any questions or concerns contact Lloyd Mott at fit4lifeconsulting@gmail.net
- **Heat Index** – Asking that every Section review the DRAFT policy and provide feedback to the committee or the NYSPHSAA office prior to the Safety Committee meeting in October 2009.
- **Girls Lacrosse Helmets** – Data has been collected from the NFHS injury surveillance system, NYSPHSAA survey, the Girls' Lacrosse Committee survey and Pupil Benefits for future discussion.

Modified Committee

- Meeting was held on October 3, 2008 at the NYSPHSAA office.
- **Informational Items passed during the year 2008-2009**
 1. Mercy Rule experiment in modified baseball and softball: “Allowing a game to end after the team at the short end of fifteen run rule has completed their fifth at bat”
 2. Volleyball: Libero player may be used with Sectional approval
 3. Modified wrestling bouts must have a 45 minute rest between bouts.
 4. The Football Pilot Program was extended to cover the 2009-2010 school year.
 5. Wrestling Pilot is ongoing which allows wrestler's to wrestle 2 or 3 bouts in a contest providing they follow “program 2” 1st period 1 minute, 2nd and 3rd period 1 ½ minutes.

- 6. The Track Pilot is ongoing which increase the height of the hurdle for the 55m event from 30 to 33 inches.
- **The following Modified Sport Coordinators were appointed for 2009-2010.**
 Pat Levy (Section 1) Modified Boys & Girls Tennis
 James Miller (Section 5) Modified Girls & Boys Basketball
 Matt Wood (Section 4) Modified Boys & Girls Soccer
- **Discussion Items for the Fall 2009 Meeting on October 2, 2009.**
 1. Modified bats for baseball.
 2. Softball regulations for extra innings.
 3. Modified Track & Varsity Track combined meets.
 4. A review of the new online survey process.
 5. Fiscal concerns discussion (Cont.)
- **Vacant Coordinator Positions for 2009-2010**
 Girls & Boys Gymnastics, Girls Lacrosse, Softball
- **Next Meeting: October 2, 2009**

Officials Coordinating Federation Report

- **Schedule of meetings for 2009-2010 school year.**
 Fall: October 18, 2009, 9:00am, NYSPHSAA Office
 Spring: May 2, 2010, 9:00am, Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, East Syracuse

Sportsmanship Committee Report

- **Ejection Free Program:** Continuing to secure a sponsor for the program.
- **State Sportsmanship Promotion Award:** The state award winners were: Elmira City school District, Beacon City school District, and Commack UFSD.
- **Sportsmanship Tee Shirts:** Appropriate changes in the distribution of the sportsmanship tee shirts have been made to ensure that we are treating teams and individuals in the same fashion.

New York State Coaches Association & NYS AHPERD Coaches Section

- The NYS Coaches Association nominated, for the Hall of Fame, Jim Burke, Wayland HS and Robert Wolff, South Nyack, a news journalist for HS Sports for over 35 years. For the National High school Athletic Coaches Association "Coach of the Year" Award, from Region 1, NYS had Pat Pizzarelli, Lawrence HS as Athletic Director, Gerald Gasez, Williamsville East HS for baseball, Mary Jo Cerque, Baldwinsville/Baker HS for Volleyball, and Robert Coppola, central Square HS for Wrestling. ***Unfortunately, none of these coaches received the coach of the Year Award, but did represent NYS well in their clinics and at the conference.

Council of Administrators Report

- This year's conference will be November 18th & 19th at the Turning Stone Casino.
- This year's theme is "Climbing to New Heights in Physical Education and Health One Step at a Time."