



# NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 2008

### DECEMBER CALENDAR

#### ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 2 Section 9
- 3 Section 2
- 4 Section 7
- 10 Section 8
- 16 Section 1

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 3 Boys & Girls Lacrosse
- 8 Fiscal Concerns Committee  
Conference Call 9:30 am
- 9 NYS Federation
- 12 Safety Committee  
Conference Call 9:30 am

### JANUARY '09 CALENDAR

- 5 Girls Soccer 9:00 AM
- 8 Boys Soccer 10:00 AM  
Sections 3 & 10
- 9 Field Hockey 9:00 AM
- 13 Sections 9 & 11
- 14 Baseball 10:00 AM  
Section 5
- 15 Handbook Committee  
Conference Call 9:30 AM  
Section 1
- 16 Championship Advisory  
Committee 9:00 AM
- 21 Sections 4 & 6
- 28 Section 8
- 30/31 Executive Committee

#### CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

Please have your Section Concussion Management Team contact Lloyd Mott to schedule your initial meeting.

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The following items were **APPROVED** at the October 20th Executive Committee meeting:

#### SPORTS

- Wrestling** - Procedures for seeding the NYSPHSAA championship.
- Girls Basketball** - A waiver of the requirement of the home team to wear a light colored uniform.  
A waiver of the requirement for officials to request a physicians note when an athlete wears a "sleeve" on the arms or legs.
- Cross Country** - Waiver of the Jewelry Rule to allow wrist watches worn on the wrist. Follows NFHS rule.

#### MODIFIED ATHLETICS

- Volleyball** - Permission to use the Libero player and waiver of the uniform requirement.
- Wrestling** - Reduce the time between bouts to 45 minutes. 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).
- Boys Track & Field** - Pilot experiment to raise the hurdle in the 55m from 30" to 33".

#### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

- Thunder and Lightning** - Approval to remove the word "approximately" from the policy.
- Senior All Star Contests** - Approval to remove 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."
- Practice**—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 have been completed.

#### SPORTSMANSHIP

The Good Sports Program will now be called the Sportsmanship Promotion Program.

## DISCUSSION & ITEMS for FUTURE CONSIDERATION

**FISCAL CONCERNS** - An Ad Hoc Committee will be formed to consider a moratorium on any changes that would have a fiscal impact on schools, leagues, sections and the NYSPHSAA. A report will be presented at the January Executive Committee meeting.

**SCRIMMAGE** - Redefining a scrimmage to be a practice competition.

**SAFETY** - The use of helmets in girls lacrosse and the establishment of a Heat Index Policy.

**MODIFIED** - Establishing a "mercy rule" in softball with Section/League approval when a team is ahead by 15 runs after 4 1/2 innings.

#### REMINDERS

**NYSPHSAA HALL of Fame  
Applications due by December 15th**

**NYSPHSAA  
Scholar Athlete Team Award  
Deadline—December 5th Friday**

**RECORDS SUBMISSION  
Forms are available on line**

#### COACHING CLINICS

January 16 - Softball @ Field of Dreams Utica

January 30 - Lacrosse @ SUNY Cortland

February 27 - Baseball @ Hall of Fame

March 6 - Field Hockey @ Field of Dreams Utica

March 27 & 28 - Cross Country & Track & Field  
Syracuse Holiday Inn at Carrier Circle