



NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

January 2009

JANUARY 2009 CALENDAR

5th Girls Soccer 9:00 AM
 8th Boys Soccer 10:00 AM
 Sections 3 & 10
 9th Field Hockey 9:00 AM
 13th Sections 9 & 11
 14th Section 5
 15th Handbook Committee
 Conference Call 9:30 AM
 Boys & Girls Golf 10 AM
 Section 1
 16th Championship Advisory
 Committee 9:00 AM
 20th Fiscal Concerns Ad Hoc
 Committee Conference
 Call 9:00 AM
 21st Sections 4 & 6
 28th Section 8
 30/31 Executive Committee

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding these recommendations can be directed to committee members:

Patrick Pizzarelli - President
 Nina Van Erk - NYSPHSAA
 Jennifer Simmons - Section 1
 Fred Gula - Section 2
 Dawn Field - Section 3
 Julie Maney - Section 4
 Rick Amundson - Section 5
 Mark Ward - Section 6
 Karen Lopez - Section 7
 Michael Mahoney - Section 8
 Bob Thabet - Section 9
 Pat Calnon - Section 10
 Ed Cinelli - Section 11

COACHING CLINICS

January 16th - Softball @ Field of Dreams Utica
 January 30th - Lacrosse @ SUNY Cortland
 February 27th - Baseball @ Hall of Fame
 March 6th - Field Hockey @ Field of Dreams Utica
 March 27 & 28th - Cross Country & Track & Field Syracuse Holiday Inn at Carrier Circle

FISCAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE - Recommendations for Consideration

On December 8th members of the Fiscal Concerns Ad Hoc Committee held a telephone conference call meeting to discuss ways the NYSPHSAA could assist member schools, leagues/conferences and Sections to reduce costs while maintaining quality interscholastic athletic programs for all students in grades 7-12. After considerable discussion on the merits and feasibility of each of the suggestions, the members of the committee unanimously reached consensus on the following items for consideration by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee:

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.
2. Support the use of officials from the host section at all NYSPHSAA regional contests. Officials at semi final and final contests will be reviewed in the future.
3. Support a moratorium on the expansion of NYSPHSAA tournaments as it pertains to participation.
4. Support the use of centralized sites for all NYSPHSAA Championship competition.
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 19 points (5 tournaments) and football would be reduced by one contest. Junior Varsity and Freshmen programs would be reduced by two (2) additional contests and the modified program would be reduced by two contests.
6. Support the reduction of the number of classes and divisions in team and individual NYSPHSAA championship competition.
7. Support the reduction of participants in NYSPHSAA Championships in individual and combination (team/individual) sports.
8. Support the reduction of tournaments (multi school competition) for team and individual sports.
9. Support the establishment of a maximum number of scrimmages permitted by a team to: Varsity, JV and freshmen – 2 scrimmages and Modified – 1 scrimmage.
10. Support the reduction of Central/Executive Committee meetings to three per year. (Constitutional change)
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.
12. Support the establishment of a moratorium on the following NYSPHSAA (mandated) workshops such as Safety, Life of an Athlete, Sportsmanship and Chemical Health workshops.
13. Support eliminating participation in the NFHS Student Leadership Conference.

POSTPONED ITEMS FROM NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Re-defining a scrimmage to be a practice competition.
- Eliminating Friends & Neighbor status at the high school level

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (January 30)

Modified - Mercy rule experiment in baseball and softball.
Safety - Collect data on injuries to head and neck area in girls lacrosse.
Softball - Super Regional in Classes B&C for Sections 1-8-9-11. Increase student athlete roster size from 20 -23 and bench personnel from 4-6 to equal baseball.
Baseball - Tied and Suspended game rule.
Girls Lacrosse - Increase student athlete roster size from 25 -35 to equal boys lacrosse.
Boys Tennis - To increase medals to award places 3-6 to equal girls tennis.
Girls Tennis - To permit coaching on the court at championship, but no cheering.
Boys and Girls Tennis - The student athlete's certified high school coach must be present at NYSPHSAA Championship events.
Boys Volleyball - The use of NCAA Volleyball rules beginning in September 2009.

Citizenship Through Athletics Course

February 4, 2009
 NYSPHSAA Office

NO REGISTRATION FEE
Materials and lunch will be provided

To register contact:
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