



NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

APRIL 2009

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

FOOTBALL

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.

Permission for a 10th Game: With Section approval, teams not participating in Sectional Football Championship play may participate in a 10th game as part of a Section sponsored/approved contest. (ie; Bowl Game or Championship Cup Game).

SWIMMING

Permission to continue: The use of the established procedure to determine the qualifying times for entry into the Championship meet. For individual events the 30th place time from the preliminary heat. For relays the 15th place time in the preliminary heat averaged over the last four years. For diving, a score of 390.00.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Changes to the Sportsmanship Rule: 1. With section approval, a school may appeal the **penalty** of our sportsmanship rule, if a student athlete is **misidentified** as the violator of our sportsmanship rule. The section would establish the proper procedure to hear and rule on that appeal from the school. When making the appeal the school district must be able to identify the student athlete that should serve the penalty for violating our sportsmanship rule. With section approval, the use of video tape may be permitted in the appeal of the **misidentified** student athlete.

2. Recommendation to the Handbook Committee that the Sportsmanship Rule for both the coach and player be changed from, "...ejected from one contest", to "receiving a disqualification penalty". The language would be changed at all three levels of the sportsmanship rule.

MODIFIED

Football: Requesting a one year continuation of the Football pilot program permitting the use of two wide receivers.

CALENDAR

APRIL 2009

- 1st Section 2
- 2nd Wrestling Committee
- 3rd Modified Committee
- 8th Wrestling Advisory Committee
- 16th Section 1
- 22nd Section 9
 - Safety Committee
 - Handbook Committee

- 23rd Section 7
 - Skiing Committee

- 24th Championship Advisory

MAY 2009

- 1st NYSPHSAA Executive Committee
- 4th Boys Golf
- 7th Section 10
- 13th Section 5
- 14th Section 3
- 19th Section 8
- 20th Bowling Committee
 - Sections 6, 9 and 11
- 21st Section 1

ALERT

SOCCER BALL

The Adidas Finale is not approved for play according to NFHS Soccer Rules

COACHING CLINICS

- APRIL 24th
 - Volleyball
 - Union College
- MAY 15th
 - Cheerleading
 - Holiday Inn - Liverpool
- MAY 29th
 - Soccer
 - Soccer Hall of Fame
 - Oneonta

NFHS STUDENT LEADERSHIP Conference

The NYSPHSAA is now accepting applications for those students interested in attending the NFHS Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. Six students will be selected to represent the NYSPHSAA at the NFHS Conference.

Applications can be found on the Association website at www.nysphsaa.org The four day conference is scheduled for July 16-19, 2009.

NYSPHSAA SPORTSMANSHIP PROMOTION PROGRAM

Sportsmanship Promotion Program Assessments are due on April 15, 2009. The assessments are designed for schools share their efforts to **PROMOTE** good sportsmanship. The assessment targets policies, procedures, and programs that schools implement in their district. Every school that fills out the assessments will receive a certificate of recognition. The Section Sportsmanship Committee will select 3 or 4 school districts to receive a plaque in recognition of their efforts to promote good sportsmanship. The Sportsmanship Committee will accept nominations from the sections for schools to be considered for the Sportsmanship Promotion Program Award.