



NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

February 2009

The following items were voted on by the Executive Committee at their January 30-31, 2009 meeting in Binghamton.

FISCAL CONCERNS

(These items were approved to be implemented with the 2009-2010 school year unless otherwise noted)

- The use of telephone conference calls and video conferencing for NYSPHSAA meetings to reduce the travel reimbursement costs for the NYSPHSAA and Sections.
- The use of officials from the host Section at all NYSPHSAA regional contests, except when the Sections involved mutually agree to use neutral officials. Effective with the 2009-2010 season and continuing to 2010-2011 school year.
- A moratorium on the expansion of existing NYSPHSAA tournaments as it pertains to participation.
- Centralized sites should be considered as part of the bid process for state tournament site selection when it can be proven that cost savings outweighs other criteria.
- Support the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season. Sports with 24 contests will be reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests will be reduced to 18 and sports with 18 contests will be reduced to 16. Wrestling will be reduced to 20 points. Football will be reduced from 10 to 9. The 9th game is permitted, with section approval, for teams who do not qualify for sectional play. For the teams involved in the sectional tournament, the maximum number of contests shall be 10. For the sections involved in the state championship, three additional games are permitted for a total of 13 games for the season: 1 game for regionals, 1 game for semifinals, and 1 game for championships. Effective for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.
- The Executive Committee will meet three times per year with one meeting at the site of the Central Committee meeting.
- Support the establishment of a moratorium eliminating mandated attendance beginning with the 2009-2010 school year at the following NYSPHSAA workshops: Safety, Life of an Athlete, Sportsmanship and Chemical Health workshops.

Other Action:

- Denied eliminating participation in the NFHS Student Leadership Conference.
- Referred to the Championship Advisory Committee - Support the reduction of the number of classes and divisions in team and individual NYSPHSAA championship competition. Support the reduction of participants in NYSPHSAA Championships in individual and combination (team/individual) sports.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (approved)

Overtime: Sections will have the authority to decide if overtime sessions will be played in a particular sport. If approved, the overtime procedure included in the sport specific rule book must be followed. Any approved waiver or modification of the overtime procedures are noted in the Sport Standards section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook (pages 110-117).

Exceeding The Maximum Number Of Contests: Under Penalties add to page 99, letter "c". NOTE: The level in which the student athlete participated as an ineligible competitor will be effected.

SPORT COMMITTEES (approved)

Baseball – Tied and Suspended Game.

Tennis – Coaching on the court.

Boys Volleyball – Adoption of NCAA rules for fall of 2009 with the same rule modifications as girls volleyball.

Boys and Girls Golf – Policies on range finders, practice rounds and rulings.

Softball - Super Regional Doubleheader: In Classes B and C in Sections 1-8-9-11 the winners of the 1@9 and 8@11 will play each other at Section 8, with that winner advancing to the State Semi-Finals.

CLASSIFICATION of SCHOOLS (approved)

The official enrollments numbers for the 2009-2010 classification of schools.

MODIFIED PROGRAMS (approved)

Baseball & Softball - With sectional/league approval, a 'mercy rule' experiment in modified baseball and softball will be permitted, allowing a game to end after a team at the short end of the 15 run rule has completed their fifth at bat.

SAFETY COMMITTEE (approved)

Will collect and analyze data pertaining to injuries in Girls Lacrosse.

FRIEND & NEIGHBOR STATUS - Defeated the elimination of Friends & Neighbors at the HS level.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2009

2nd Section 2

3rd Section 7

24th Section 1

MARCH 2009

3rd Section 9

5th Section 10

10th Section 11

Boys & Girls Volleyball

17th Section 1

25th Sections 4,6, and 8

26th Section 3

30th Football Committee

31st Boys & Girls Swimming and Diving

CHAMPIONSHIPS

February 24-25

Skiing @ Bristol Mt (5)

February 27-28

Wrestling @ Time Union Center (2)

March 6 - 7

Boys Swimming & Diving - Nassau (8)

Indoor Track @ Cornell (4)

March 7

Boys Volleyball (2)

March 7-8

Bowling @ Gates Bowl (5)

March 14-15

Ice Hockey @ Utica Aud (3)

March 20-22

Basketball (2)

Girls - Hudson Valley CC

Boys - Glens Falls

March 27-29

Federation Basketball

Glens Falls (2)

COACHING CLINICS

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