

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING May 16, 2012
Appointments to these positions are an ACTION ITEM 4.2

Leagues and Committees are asked to forward nominations to Section VI:
tslade@e1b.org or cszczesny@e1b.org

NOMINATIONS FOR SECTION VI POSITIONS

Section VI Principals Rep to the Central Committee

To serve a 4-year term (9/1/12- 8/31/16)

Fall Sports Chairpersons

To serve 3-year terms (7/1/12 - 6/30/15)

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominated by:</u>
Cross Country (Boys)	Michael Janisch	Incumbent
Cross Country (Girls)	James Zubler	Incumbent
Field Hockey	Judith Otto	Incumbent
Football	Ken Stoldt	Incumbent
Football Assistant	Adam Stoltman	Incumbent
Gymnastics (Boys)	Joe Buscaglia	Incumbent
Gymnastics (Girls)	Donna Aquino	Incumbent
Soccer (Boys)	Todd Marquardt	Incumbent
Soccer (Boys) Assistant	Jon Luce	Incumbent
Soccer (Girls)	Chris Durr	Incumbent
Soccer (Girls) Assistant	Joanna Fildes	Incumbent
Swimming (Girls)	Bruce Johnson	Incumbent
Tennis (Girls)	Mike Venditti	Incumbent
Volleyball (Boys)	Walter Stefani	Incumbent
Volleyball (Girls)	Debby Schruefer	Incumbent
Co-Chairperson	Sue Pernick	Incumbent

Athletic Council Meeting January 18, 2012 – Agenda Item 6.1

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson: Steve Penhollow
January 2012

ACTION ITEMS

- 1.4 Approve the Proposed Section VI Budget for 2012-13.
- 4.3 Approve funding for the Section VI Football website with the review of potential corporate sponsorship for the future

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING January 5, 2012

Attendance (* indicates present)

Committee: Chairperson: Steve Penhollow*
Section reps: Timm Slade*, Loren Ratajczak*
League Reps: CCAA: Al Gens ECIC: Jim Graczyk* Buff: Aubrey Lloyd
NO: Joel Reed* NFL: John Forcucci
Superintendents: ECIC: Jeff Rabey, Depew

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- 1.0 Fund Balance (agenda item for each meeting):
 - 1.1 Audit: The report was received indicating that all is in order. The appropriate IRS reports have been filed.
 - 1.2 Fund Balance: We are currently at 1.1 million dollars. Most fall sports transactions are complete but some inconsistencies exist that need clarification. Some invoices are also outstanding. **Fall Sports Financial Reports will be available when they are complete.**
 - 1.3 Section VI office: C.Szczesny will retire in June. Office staffing is currently being reviewed. The new position will be filled by an Erie 1 BOCES civil service employee.
 - 1.4 Proposed Budget 2012-13 will be an action item at the January 18 meeting. It was noted that this is the 4th year with no change to the formula for calculation of dues.

Recommendation: Approve the Proposed Section VI Budget for 2012-13.

- 2.0 Sectional championship venue concerns: Fees charged by high schools to host sectionals vary significantly. Some high school sites are over utilized and not conducive to gate set-up. High Schools sign venue contracts stating the fees to be assessed but consequent invoices are higher than quoted. T.Slade and L.Ratajczak are working with the sportchairs on resolving these issues. A flat fee for usage as for wrestling class tournaments may be an option.
- 3.0 Old Business:
 - 3.1 Centralized Management of Officials: RefPay payments for boys and girls soccer officials at neutral sites were completed successfully. Boys and girls ice hockey officials' payments are in process.
 - 3.2 Corporate Sponsorships: The contract and funds have been received from Time Warner and Select Soccer.
 - 3.3 The financial reports for Boys Basketball have been corrected. The \$19,000 cost for trainers was incorrectly placed. The net profit for boys basketball is as follows:

2008-09	\$40,144
2009-10	\$35,202
2010-11	\$28,725

The corrected reports will be emailed to the Finance Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Old Business continued

3.4 Purchase updates:

- a) Walkie Talkies have been priced at \$25-50 per set. Two sets will be purchased for use by Indoor Track. Additional sets will be purchased as previously approved if these prove useful.
- b) Laptop computer for the Section VI office (~\$1000): Instead of this purchase, Bob Dinse's old computer was rebuilt and is now in use.
- c) Hy-Tek 3.0 software for track is priced at \$533 but includes the XC version. Anticipated cost was \$300.

3.5 Remuneration for Boys Ice Hockey Sportchair position: T.Slade met with the Executive Committee of the Federation. Both the Sportchair and the committee support the current pay schedule.

3.6 Costs for computer scorers at sectionals (wrestling, swimming) remain inconsistent. The wrestling chairs have been requested to contact their host sites. Investigation into a solution continues. The Section has a sports management [fee schedule](#) posted online. A set fee for computer scorers could be added.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Admission:

- a) A student rate for sectionals: This has been considered in the past. Varied fees for different individuals increases the difficulty of managing the gates. It was agreed that the current admission policy remain status quo: that is the same fee be charged to all individuals with the exception of pre-school children who are admitted free.
- b) \$4 admission charge for football bowl semi-final games-Ken Stoldt: Complaints were received regarding \$4 charge since these games are not state playoff tournament games. It was felt that the \$4 charge did not affect attendance as was indicated. The 10 games lost \$363 overall. Reducing the admission will increase this loss. The treasurer and Football Chair recommend leaving the admission fee for bowl semis at \$4. Reducing the required number of officials for bowl games from 5 to 4 was recommended but this is contractual. T.Slade will contact the leaders of WNYSO about a potential Memorandum of Agreement for 2012 on this issue.

4.2 Awards: The need for 2nd place plaques for crossover games was questioned. Is a 2nd place plaque desired by the loser of a crossover game when they have already won a 1st place plaque for their division?? The cost for these plaques is less than \$400 per year. It was agreed to continue with 2nd place plaques for crossovers.

4.3 Anticipated future purchases/expenses (Equipment, etc)

- a) Football website: The Section pays for the girls soccer and girls basketball websites with Shawn Houston who does the Section 5 websites. These sites are very informative and productive. The football website has not been maintained in several years. The sportchairs do not have the time or technical abilities for this task. In the future, funding for these sites can be sought from corporate sponsors by selling ads on the sites. **Motion to recommend approval for funding the football website with the review of potential corporate sponsorship for the future**
CARRIED Penhollow/Forcucci

Recommendation: Approve funding for the Section VI Football website with the review of potential corporate sponsorship for the future.

4.4 Travel- Mileage vs rental car: Many sportchairs travel to various regional/state competitions as well as meetings, requesting reimbursement for mileage at the Federal rate. This is costly. T.Slade is working to develop a reduced-rate agreement with a rental car agency. If so, sportchairs who travel will then be asked to use a rental car instead of their own car with mileage, to save money for Section VI.

FUTURE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

Thursday 12pm: Apr. 26 via teleconference

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**SECTIONAL/ INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE
January 2012 REPORT
Chairperson: Timm Slade**

Action Items for the Athletic Council

- 1.1 Accept the Girls Lacrosse and Softball Pre-season reports.
- 1.2 Approve the venues selected for girls basketball semis and finals
- 4.2 Accept the fall post-season reports as submitted. (Girls Gymnastics not received)

MINUTES SECTIONAL/INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE

January 5, 2012

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Attendance (* indicates present)

League Reps: Buff: Aubrey Lloyd CCAA: Ben Drake* ECIC: Jim Graczyk *
 NFL: P.Burke* NO: Dave Carson*

Section Reps: Timm Slade*, Loren Ratajczak, Don Scholla* , Cindy Bullis*

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1.0 Sports concerns:

- 1.1 Pre-Season [Girls Lacrosse](#) and [Softball](#) reports were reviewed. The girls lacrosse alignment was acceptable. It was noted that the softball committee clarified the cancellation policy.

Recommendation: Accept the Pre-season Girls Lacrosse and Softball reports as submitted.

- 1.2 Football:
- With BEDS numbers not being approved until late January, the alignment and schedules will be late. An emergency meeting of the Athletic Council may be needed for approval.
 - \$4 admission charge for the first round of the bowl games: K.Stoldt will discuss this issue with the Finance Committee this afternoon.

- 1.3 Softball: The pitching distance for modified softball will be an action item at the January 18 Athletic Council meeting. NFL and CCAA support 40 feet. NO does not have modified. ECIC will discuss this at their meeting January 9.

- 1.4 Girls Basketball asked for approval of the following:

- Class AA, A, and B Finals and Crossover Finals will be held at Niagara County Community College with a backup site of Clarence HS
- The use of Kenmore West, Clarence, and Sweet Home, and Pioneer for Semi-Final sites.
- The use of home board officials for the pre-quarter and quarter final games. Semis and Finals will continue to be crossover games. Justification includes officials availability and travel concerns (distance and financial). A \$20 fee is paid to each official who works outside of his board's geographic area. This cost is assumed by the Section since officials for basketball are paid by the Section for all rounds. It was suggested that this option be used only in the case of an exhausted roster in the board representing the competing teams. Since there was no mutual agreement, no recommendation will be made at this issue. The Sportchair will be asked to follow the Officials Contract regarding assigning of Sectional level officials.

Recommendation: Approve the venues selected for girls basketball semis and finals.

- 1.5 [Divisional Track Proposal for 2013](#) - P.Ksionzyk: The proposal is for 5 meets: one on Thurs., two on Fri, and two on Sat. to be held two weeks before sectionals. This allows time for individual league meets to be held as in the past. Start times would be approx. 4:30 pm so lighted facilities will be required. Since it is a different type of meet, fewer officials may be needed. Several concerns were discussed. P.Ksionzyk plans to meet with every league to review this format. It was suggested that the track committee develop a cost worksheet for this format and the sportchairs attend the league AD meetings to explain the concept. League reps were asked to review this proposal at their league meetings and be prepared to develop a recommendation at the March 1 meeting for approval by Athletic Council on March 21.

2.0 Section Concerns

2.1 Venues:

- Winter venues were reviewed (see [Winter post season calendar](#)) Girls Basketball semis will be hosted by Clarence, Ken West, Sweet Home and Pioneer. Finals will be at Jamestown and NCCC. Sites for Wrestling Qualifiers are Lake Shore and East Aurora. The AA Tournament will be at Jamestown and the B tournament at Lew-Port.

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b) Spring venues were reviewed. (see [Spring Post-season calendar](#)) Girls Lacrosse Regionals will be at All High and Boys Lacrosse will be at Hamburg HS on Sat. June 2. Track sectionals will be at Starpoint. Pioneer/Hamburg will be considered for track in 2013, the year for a central site in the rotation. It was noted that a centralized site for the track state qualifier each year is preferred over the current site-rotation (North, Central, South) which requires travel and sometimes lodging for some districts. **T.Slade will discuss this with the sportchairs.**

3.0 NYSPPHSAA concerns:

- 3.1 Football: The state Safety Committee is recommending a change to 4 nights rest instead of 2 between a scrimmage and a game. This may be an action item at the May State Executive Committee meeting. Our Football Chairs recommend no change. **League Reps were asked to address this at their meetings. It will be discussed at the January 18 Athletic Council meeting.**
- 3.2 Combining of Schools: All were reminded that the deadline to request combining for spring sports and for football 2012 (NEW) is **Friday January 13**. Medina is considering combining with Lyndonville (Sec 5 school) for football and boys soccer. Concern was expressed over Section 5 athletes potentially displacing Section 6 athletes with such a merger. Barker, which has played football in Section 5 for many years, is combining with Roy-Hart in 2012. Section 5 will not accept the combined team. **League reps were asked to address this issue at their meetings.** These mergers will be action items January 18.
- 3.3 Transfer Policy: A recommendation that transfers be approved for hardship only may be forthcoming from the state committee. R.Black will report at the January AC meeting.

4.0 AC action items for the January meeting to date include:

- 4.1 Approvals of → [Senior All-Star](#), [Outside Agency Contests](#) and [Combining Schools](#). Applications must be in by **Friday January 13 at noon**. The deadline for Combining Schools for spring sports and **FOOTBALL (new deadline)** is at the January meeting.
- 4.2 Post-season Fall Sports Reports were reviewed. (see → [Athletic Council Page 1/18/12](#))
 - a) Field Hockey: T.Slade will discuss with the sportchair the time for the seeding meeting and the potential of Orchard Park as a venue instead of Amherst.
 - b) Girls Volleyball: Officials have been unavailable to work as linespeople. The pay rate is only \$18/game. If assignments cannot be made to this position, the primary officials will need to make the calls on the lines.
 - c) Boys Volleyball: T.Slade will discuss potential venues with the sportchair.

Recommendation: Accept the post season fall reports (except Girls Gymnastics – not submitted).

- 4.3 The tentative Athletic Council agenda for January was emailed. League reps were asked to review the action items.

5.0 Old Business:

- 5.1 Spring Sports Handbooks: Sportchairs have been notified that updates are needed. Baseball updates are in. The book will be sent for review after combining schools requests have been approved January 18.

6.0 New Business:

- 6.1 Fall Sportchair terms expire 6/30/12. Interested parties should review the [Job Description](#) and submit a *request to be considered* for the position.
- 6.2 The Principals Rep to the Central Committee term expires 8/31/12. Jim Dunnigan is stepping down. Please forward nominations to the Section office. Click here for → [Current nominations](#)

DATES FOR 2011-12 teleconference meetings 9:00am- noon: THURSDAYS): Mar. 1, Apr. 26

BOYS SOCCER REPORT
Sportchair Todd Marquardt
January 2012

Below is a summary of the discussion at the state meeting held Thursday January 5, 2012.

- 1) The state is looking into combining boys/girls state tournament in the future.....same weekend, same site for cost savings measure.
- 2) Brine sponsored a sportsmanship award and chose a school from each section based on fewest yellow cards received.....There were 7-8 schools who received zero for the year and Pioneer was chosen from that group.
- 3) Jim Clauss (Lew-Port) will be inducted into the NYS Soccer Hall of Fame in 2012.....Joe Adamec (Lancaster) was inducted this past fall and Bob McCalister (Clarence) was inducted in the fall of 2010
- 4) Section VI referees will have a bye for the 2012 state tournament and will continue to rotate every other year with Section V.
- 5) The 2012 State Tournament will be hosted by Middletown High School again.
- 6) Everyone is waiting for BEDS #'s for next year.
- 7) Soccer Academies are a big threat to high school soccer programs.....The soccer state committee has brain stormed a few ideas to keep the premier players participating in interscholastic soccer. These academies are pouching players to belong to the academy and then not allowing them to play for their high school.
- 8) Uniforms.....The NYS committee is applying for a waiver to eliminate the required home uniform to be completely white and visiting team to be dark.....main reason is school budgets do not allow for the purchase of brand new uniforms. The NYS Executive Committee is meeting Jan 22nd (not sure about the date because it's a Sunday but this is what Bob Stulmaker said) and will vote on the waiver. The committee is hoping for a 3 year approval.

**2011 NYSPHSAA BOYS TENNIS STATE COORDINATORS ANNUAL
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

12/12/11

9:30 AM

Attendance:

(Present): Selina DeCicco (State Chair), Robert Stulmaker (Asst.Dir.), Joe Altieri (Media/Marketing/PR) Stan France (II), Bob Walrath (III), Mike Burke (IV), Rick Steiner (V), Terence McMahan (VI), Barry Kubit (VIII), Luann McCarthy (IX)

(Absent): Ray Pappalardi/Cal Kramer(I), George Bailey (VII), Joe Braico (XI)

Agenda:

1. Welcome and updates to our directory

***Section XI- Joe Braico**

- Southold School District AD-replaced John Valente on 8/2/11

2. 2010 Tournament Dates

***May 31st - June 2nd, 2012**

-USTA National Tennis Center

-Seeding Meeting scheduled for Thursday morning, May 31st, 2012 at 8 AM at the Plaza LaGuardia Hotel Conference Room

3. 2011 Tournament Concerns, if any.

I. (Rick Steiner-V):

a. A shortage of copies of the tournament draw for the 2nd and 3rd day of the tournament was brought to our attention. Selina asked that these concerns, if known, be brought to her attention at the tournament desk immediately so that it may be remedied. S. DeCicco believed the tournament desk had copies of the draw available upon request throughout the tournament. Coordinators should direct requests for copies at the tournament desk if more are needed by coaches or coordinators.

b. A request for more tournament ID tags/lanyards for high school coaches in each section who are accompanying participants, in addition to the section coordinators wearing ID tags. As suggested by S. DeCicco, it will be necessary to list the coaches from each section who will need an ID tag in order to supervise appropriate coaching on court. (Each singles player and/or doubles team is permitted to have exactly one high school coach on court during competition.) It was also suggested by S. DeCicco that coordinators will need to supervise the coaching rosters in their sections. She also requested that each section coordinator submit the coaching roster to the tournament director prior to competition for the purpose to list the names of coaches on the ID tags for identification by the tournament director, USTA officials, and sectional tournament committee.

c. there was a request to move the "Welcome/ Players Meeting" to a "stadium" court with seating for each section where it is quiet, while allowing all participants to hear the information that is delivered at the start of the tournament.

d. there was a request to move the consolation semi-finals to Day #2 of the tournament. After a discussion to consider, it was decided by the majority of coordinators in attendance that there should be no change in the format. The coordinators felt that competition on Day #2 would be excessive.

II. (Hotel Concerns):

a. *Hotel Representatives were not available, cleanliness was a concern in the conference room, the rates for lodging were more expensive, and breakfast at the Hampton was preferred by some sections.*

b. *J. Altieri was asked by the committee to compare the current contract with the rates at the Hampton vs. Plaza LaGuardia. Mr. Altieri felt that the Plaza LaGuardia parking fees, free rental of the conference room, and rates for lodging were very competitive items in the current contract, yet he said he would look into the possibility of considering the Hampton.*

III. (Commitment to Compete):

a. *R. Stulmaker will follow-up with the lack of commitment of the 2011 singles entry in section 7 who withdrew from the state tournament prior to competition.*

- b. *S. DeCicco suggested that each section consider their section's 4th place singles participant and doubles team as an alternate, to be substituted into the tournament, prior to completing the tournament draw. This would give an opportunity to a deserving athlete or team to compete, rather than minimize the competition for an opponent who would have received a forfeit.*

4. Modified Selective Classification-(Section II-Stan France)

I. (R. Stulmaker)-changes will occur soon.

a. State Education Department is in the process of making changes to Selective Classification in the form of the test to become similar to the Presidential Physical Fitness Test.

b. Dell Daily (SED replacement for Trish Kowalski), may be reached at (518)474-5922 or by email at

5. Participation Survey-no changes at this time. There is a moratorium preventing expansions in state championships in all sports.

6. New Concerns??

I. (R. Steiner)-

a. Volunteered to review the handbook to look at possible changes in language of which might be contradictory in regards to "Modified Scoring", number of Contests per day, and tournament scoring.

b. Proposed changes to the language will be shared by R. Steiner with the committee, then the committee may propose changes to the Handbook Committee (usually 1-2 weeks prior to the Executive Committee meeting, usually early January).

Respectfully submitted,

Selina M. DeCicco, NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Coordinator



NYSPPHSAA MONTHLY UPDATE DECEMBER 2011

HIGHLIGHTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 23-24, 2011

GIRLS BASKETBALL – Approved waivers of the NCAA Rules to maintain the 3 point line at a distance of 19’9” and eliminate the requirement of the use of the restricted area arc.

MODIFIED SOFTBALL - Approved with section/league approval, innings 1-6 may be completed at five (5) runs or three (3) outs .The seventh inning shall be played as a normal inning, with three outs and no run restrictions for that inning.

MODIFIED TRACK and FIELD - Approved with section/league approval, the height of the hurdle in the 55m modified boys’ hurdles may be increased from 30 inches to 33 inches and approved with section/league approval, a six (6) pound shot put may be used for modified girls’ track and field, rather than a 4K shot put.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

PREVENT SKIN INFECTIONS - The Skin Infection Webinar has been recorded and is available on the NYSPHSAA website on December 1st for anyone wishing to learn more about preventing the spread of skin infections.

FUELING PERFORMANCE WEBINAR - NYSPHSAA will be sponsoring this on December 15, 2011 at 3pm, lasting one hour. Anyone interested in an invitation please contact Todd Nelson at tnelson@nysphsaa.org. Invitation will also be sent to the Section offices for distribution.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

NYSPPHSAA HALL OF FAME - All nominations must be endorsed by a Section and nomination forms must be received by the NYSPHSAA Office by the deadline of December 15th.

WRESTLING: The Wrestling Handbook is available at www.nysphsaa.org

14 Day Rule - A wrestler cannot begin practice until the waiver is approved. The approval date of the waiver starts the 14-day clock for certification.

Weight Classes 99, 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220 and 285. In order to compete, Selectively Classified athletes must weigh in excess of: 91 lbs. for 99 lb. weight class, 96 lbs. for 106 lb. weight class, 185 lbs for 220 lb. weight class and 210 lbs. for 285 lb. weight class. Students in grades 9-12 do not have to make minimum wt.

Skin Disease Form - “For NYSPHSAA member schools an appropriate health care provider is defined as a licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.”

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT - Schools are encouraged to develop a Board of Education approved concussion management policy. A draft policy and guidelines can be found on the NYSPHSAA website. Educate your coaching staff through a FREE on-line course at www.nfhslearn.org.

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

GIRLS GOLF - To allow competitors to use non-motorized push or pull carts during league, sectional or NYSPHSAA championship competition.

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2011 CALENDAR

December 1

Girls Lacrosse - 9:00

December 6

Transfer Coordinators

December 8

Sections VII and VIII

December 12

Boys Tennis - 9:30

December 20

Section I

2012 CALENDAR

January 5

Sections III and X

Boys Soccer 10:00

January 6

Field Hockey 9:30

January 7

Boys Lacrosse 10:00

January 9

Girls Soccer - 9:30

January 10

Section 9

UPCOMING CLINICS

Softball Clinic

January 20, 2012

Ithaca College

B/G Lacrosse Clinic

February 10, 2012

SUNY New Paltz

Baseball Clinic

March 2, 2012

Baseball Hall of Fame

Track and Field/X-C Clinic

March 24-25, 2012

Holiday Inn, Liverpool

Volleyball Clinic

March 31, 2012

Binghamton

Cheerleading Clinic

April 28, 2012

John Jay - East Fishkill

B/G Soccer Clinic

June 1, 2012

Sports Plex - Clifton Park

DEADLINE

Fall Scholar Athlete - December 2



NYSPHSAA MONTHLY UPDATE JANUARY 2012

2012 CALENDAR

January 5	Sections III and X Boys Soccer 10:00
January 6	Field Hockey 9:30
January 9	Girls Soccer 9:30 Transfer 1:00
January 10	Section IX
January 11	Section XI Baseball 10:00
January 12	C A C 9:30 Handbook 10:00 Constitution 1:00
January 18	Sections V and VI
January 19	Section VIII Wrestling 10:00
January 22	Executive Committee 11:00
January 23	Girls Tennis 2:30
January 26	Section I

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NYSPHSAA SPONSORED WEBINARS – The following webinars can be found on NYSPHSAA Website under Safety and Research or click this link to view any or all of the webinars.

www.nysphsaa.org/safety **Hazing Webinar** – Todd Nelson, **Skin Infection Webinar** – Todd Nelson and **Fueling Performance** – Molly Morgan

SKIN INFECTION OUTBREAKS – With a few reported skin infection outbreaks already this year, the NYSPHSAA has developed a guide to help schools address a potential skin infection outbreak. The guide can be found on the NYSPHSAA website under safety and research. Please feel free to contact Todd Nelson with any questions or concerns.

SPORTSMANSHIP MATTERS – A sportsmanship brochure was developed by the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee and can be found on the NYSPHSAA website. The brochure can be printed and distributed by our member schools. Go to www.nysphsaa.org/programs.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT REMINDER – The new Concussion Management Law will go into effect on July 1, 2012. The NYSPHSAA is waiting on the proposed regulations and requirements from the NYS Education Department and the NYS Department of Health. We have shared our recommendations to both agencies. Schools should begin discussions on how to address the new law and we will pass along any updates as soon as available. A draft policy and guidelines can be found on the NYSPHSAA website. Educate your coaching staff through a FREE on-line course at www.nfhslearn.org.

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NFHS SPORT RULE CHANGES

BOYS LACROSSE - All hollow crosse handles must have their open end covered with a plastic or rubber end cap manufactured for a lacrosse stick.

GIRLS LACROSSE - The goalkeeper's stick may be 35.5"-52" in length (previously 35.5—48"). The goalkeeper's helmet must include a chin strap which must be fastened.