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FOOTBALL CONTACT LIMITATION APPROVED:

The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved the Football Committee’s proposal to limit contact beginning in the Fall of 2015. The newly approved rule states:

Contact in the sport of football for high school and modified football teams shall have no more than two “Full-Contact practices” per week during the season; with no “Full-Contact” session to exceed 90 minutes. “Full-contact” means a practice where drills or live action is conducted that involves collisions at game speed, where players execute tackles and other activity that is typical of an actual tackle football game.

Limitation of “Full-Contact practices” will begin with the 13th day (high school) and 14th day (modified).



2015 NYSPHSAA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) has announced the inductees for its 2015 Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame, launched in 2002, is sponsored by Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc., Jostens and Crown Awards.

Alan Mallanda (Administrator, Section 2), Dominic A. Cecere (Coach, Section I), Karen C. Funk (Coach, Section IV), James D. Hoover (Coach, Section IV), Paula Jones (Coach, Section IX), and Craig Biggio (Athlete, Section XI) were chosen through a two-level selection process involving a screening committee and a selection committee. Nominations were endorsed by each inductee’s member Section of the Association—a preliminary requirement in the nomination process—before going on to the NYSPHSAA screening committee for consideration. Nominations can be submitted to a section office by anyone.

The six inductees will be honored this summer at the NYSPHSAA’s Annual Hall of Fame Banquet on Wednesday, July 29th at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Tarrytown. The Hall of Fame is mirrored after the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) program which recognizes individuals in the categories of athlete, coach, official, administrator and related contributor.

MIXED COMPETITION UPDATE **FROM NYSED:**

The Department has received several questions regarding how the updated APP guidance relates to the standards for mixed competition reviews. It is important to clarify that the regulations surrounding mixed competition for participation in interscholastic sports pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation §135.4(c)(7)(ii)(c) remain the same. However, the physical tests to be used under that regulation will be updated and will also follow the President's Physical Fitness Test. The Mixed Competition Guidelines are currently under review at the Department and further communication will follow in the near future.

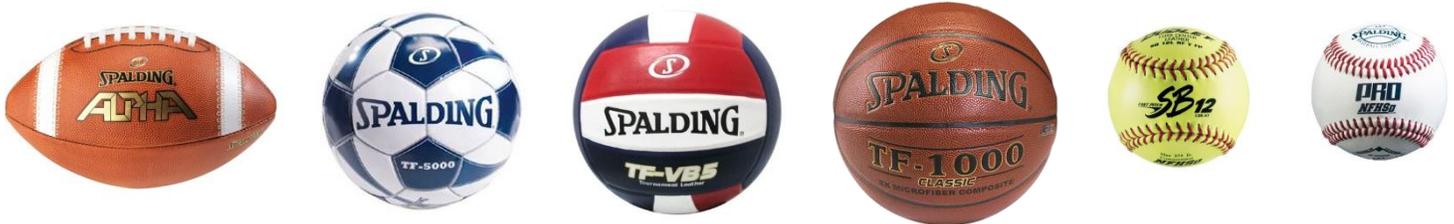
Please note: In mixed competition review, the fitness scores are not intended to be qualifying or disqualifying scores. The scores that appear in the chart are not absolute requirements for the panel. The scores only provide a reference for the panel to consider. If the scores of the student differ from the standards, the panel should assess the significance of that difference.

NYSPHSAA SPALDING BALL ADOPTION:

All 11 Sections of NYSPHSAA have agreed to the terms and conditions to become members of the NYSPHSAA Ball Adoption Program for a five-year period, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. All 11 Sections have agreed to use the Spalding ball for their Sectional soccer, volleyball, football, basketball, baseball and softball tournaments; in return the Sections will receive a guaranteed rights fee and product credit for five years.



Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, said "For the first time in our association's history, all 11 Sections have agreed to adopt the same ball for post season play. This program will provide consistency amongst the state for student-athletes and member schools, while also generating revenue for Sections to use at their desecration."



MODIFIED START DATES:

In an effort to coincide with the NYSPHSAA Standard Calendar of Weeks, the Modified Committee proposed the following start dates at the May 1 Executive Committee meeting:

Fall – Week #8; Winter – Week #18; Spring – Week #35

The NYSPHSAA Handbook currently states:

"Fall – With Section/League approval the modified program Fall season starting date will be the 4th Monday of August.

Winter – November 1st is the earliest possible date for the winter sports season. Later dates may be set.

Spring – March 1st is the earliest possible date for the spring sports season. Later dates may be set."

The Executive Committee did **not** take action on the proposal and has asked Sections to discuss the topic for a vote at the July Central Committee meeting.

SELECTIVELY CLASSIFIED STUDENTS & TRANSFER RULE:

During the May 1 Executive Committee meeting, Section I discussed the need for Selectively Classified 7th and 8th graders to be subject to the NYSPHSAA Transfer rule. Sections should be prepared to vote on this item at the late July Central Committee meeting. In 2010, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee voted 22 to 22 to have Selectively Classified Students subject to the transfer rule; the Association’s President voted to keep the rule as it stands today.

STULMAKER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT:

Bob Stulmaker has announced his retirement from NYSPHSAA as of August 31, 2015 after 38 years in the Interscholastic Athletic Profession. Bob has served the membership of NYSPHSAA since 2007 as the Assistant Director. Prior to joining the NYSPHSAA staff he was employed in the Saratoga Springs City School District for 30 years as a Physical Education Teacher, as well as a Football, Wrestling and Baseball Coach. From 1995-2007 Bob was the District Director of Physical Education, Athletics and Health.



Bob was also Past President of the NYS Athletic Administrators Association in 2005-2006; Officiated Baseball and Wrestling; Umpired the 1984 USA Olympic Baseball game vs. South Korea; and received the NIAAA State Award of Merit in 2009.

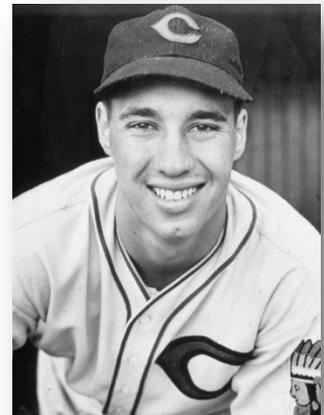
LOOKING AHEAD:

- May 28-30** Boys Tennis Championships (*Flushing- NYC*)
- May 30-June 1** Boys Golf Championships (*Cornell University- Section IV*)
- June 3** Boys Lacrosse Semifinals (*East/ West*)
- June 5-6** Girls Lacrosse Championships (*SUNY Cortland- Section III*)
- June 6** Boys Lacrosse Championships (*Vestal High School- Section IV*)
- June 12-13** Girls/ Boys Track & Field Championships (*University of Albany- Section 2*)
- June 12-14** Girls Golf Championships (*SUNY Delhi- Section IV*)
- June 13** Softball Championships (*Moreau State Park- Section 2*)
- June 13** Baseball Championships (*Binghamton- Section IV*)
- June 26** Participation Survey Deadline
- June 30** NYSPHSAA School of Distinction Deadline
- July 28-30** NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting (*Tarrytown- Section I*)

QUOTE TO REMEMBER:

“Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday’s success or put its failures behind and start over again. That’s the way life is, with a new game every day, and that’s the way baseball is”

– Bob Feller



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