



# SPECIAL NYSPHSAA REPORT

## Highlights from Executive Committee Meeting

### December 5-6, 2010

#### **FINANCIAL: All Items were approved**

**Dues 2011 - 2012:** Add to the Central Committee agenda (conference call December 21, 2010) an Action Item for a dues increase of \$30.00 per district and \$.03 per student for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Fiscal Concerns:** To bring the following motion for a vote by the Central Committee on December 21, 2010 at 10:30 AM - To extend the Fiscal Concerns Items (numbers 1-7) for a period of one year (2011-2012) with one exception. Item 6 will be changed to reinstate the original Executive Committee meeting schedule to October, January and May. The January meeting will be held by conference call.

#### **SPORTS MEDICINE - SAFETY: All Items were approved**

**Concussion:** The Concussion Management Model School Policy Draft and support materials be shared with our member schools to help them through the concussion management process.

**Track & XC:** A waiver of the Jewelry Rule to allow hair restraints as defined in the sport specific rule book.

#### **GENERAL: All Items were approved**

**Classification:** Official enrollment numbers presented for 2011-2012. (No change to cut off numbers).

**Student Leadership:** The NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge Award as a way for schools and students to take on a leadership role and give back to their community.

**Fact Finding and Arbitration Process:** To negotiate with the Officials Coordinating Federation to include the new Fact Finding and Arbitration Process Guidelines in the next OCF agreement.

**Cheerleading:** 1. The Cheerleading Ad Hoc Committee continue to study cheer and how it would be defined as a sport. 2. NYSPHSAA recommends that beginning in 2011-2012, all coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) complete the following courses prior to coaching: First Aid for Coaches, CPR & ACCAA Safety Course.

#### **SPORTS: All Items were approved**

**Coordinators:** Dick Cerone (Football), Dan Doherty (Girls Outdoor Track & Field), Mike Andrew (Boys Soccer), Cathy Allen (Softball) and Jim Amen (Boys Lacrosse).

**Girls Basketball:** Recommends the use of the NFHS Concussion Rule.

**Wrestling:** A wrestler who receives a forfeit will not have to wait 45 minutes before their next match.

Penalty for exceeding the maximum number of tournaments: Exceeds the maximum 5 bouts limitation in a tournament – individual wrestler penalized, team loses standing in tournament, but other wrestlers individual performances would stand. Exceeds the 6 tournament limitation or the 2 two-day day dual meet limitation - the individual would be penalized. Exceeds 20 point limitation - entire team penalized.

**Softball:** 1. Moving the pitching distance to 43 ft for all high school programs in spring of 2011. 2. Continue to prohibit the use of metal cleats for all levels of play.

**Field Hockey:** A waiver of the NFHS field hockey uniform rule change for one year (2011 season).

**Basketball:** A waiver of the orange ball rule during the month of February if both teams agree.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REQUESTS: All Items were approved**

**Modified Committee:** 1. With Section/League approval, a "mercy rule" 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. **APPROVED** 2. Beth Staropoli (1) as the Modified Girls' Lacrosse Sport Coordinator.

**Sportsmanship Committee:** To have the "Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive" statement read at the beginning of all NYSPHSAA Championship events.

**Transfer Committee:** For Academic Hardship waivers: Evidence *that the student is taking* three units of credit in a particular subject area or *any combination of three units of credit in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or dual college credit* courses not offered in sending school which qualify for graduation requirements. *Each dual college credit course is the equivalent of one unit of study at the high school level.* The Director of Guidance or Principal of the receiving school must submit a copy of the student's schedule through grade 12 and a list of course offerings. *Subsequent verification of the student's schedule may be requested.*

**Handbook Committee: Misidentified player** –The appeals must be heard and decided on a case by case basis. Counsel suggested that the misidentified player and the newly identified player be part of the hearing.

**Transfer Rule** – The term "exempted" be changed to "waiver" when referring to the one transfer without penalty.