



# NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

## APRIL 2008



### BREAKING NEWS

#### NYSPHSAA HALL OF FAME

The NYSPHSAA is pleased to announce the inductees for the Class of 2008. The Hall of Fame ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Central Committee meeting and is scheduled for August 6, 2008 at the Rye Town Hilton in Westchester County (Section I).

- Dr. John Foley – Administrator (Section XI)
- Dr. William Moran – Administrator (Section IX)
- Sal Ciampi – Coach (Section XI)
- Gene Masters – Coach (Section VI)
- Peter Oley – Coach (Section I)
- Boomer Esiason – Athlete (Section XI)

#### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SEARCH

NYSPHSAA is proud to announce the selection of Todd Nelson as a NYSPHSAA Assistant Director. Todd is the Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics at Herkimer Schools (Section III). Todd has been extensively involved in the Section III Athletic Council and NYSAAA. Todd will begin his work with the Association on July 1st. This position is a result of Lloyd Mott's retirement which is effective on September 1st.

#### STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The NYSPHSAA will be selecting six (6) student athletes to attend the NFHS Student Leadership Conference. Athletic administrators are urged to reach out to potential candidates in their school to encourage their student leaders to apply. The application can be obtained directly from the NYSPHSAA or your Section office. The NFHS National Student Leadership Conference will be held July 17-20, 2008 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Please return applications to the NYSPHSAA Office no later than April 25, 2008.

#### REMINDERS

*From the*

*February 1, 2008 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting*

**SOFTBALL** - The pitching distance for Varsity, JV & Freshman will remain at 40 feet.

**SPORTSMANSHIP** - Beginning next year the Sportsmanship Workshop will be coupled with the yearly NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop. Both workshops are mandatory.

**FIELD HOCKEY**— Rule clarification—if undershirts are worn - they must be white in color for the home team and dark in color for the away team. Classification numbers will remain the same.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES** - The Association will establish two ad hoc committees this spring; Membership & Classification Committee and Sport Season Placement Committee. There will also be a Task Force established to study and make recommendations in regards to an adapted sport program.

**2008-2009 CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS** - The cut off numbers will remain the same for next school year; Class AA 950-up, Class A 550-949, Class B 325-549, Class C 193-324, Class D 192-below.

#### NYSPHSAA NEW WEBSITE

*The site is up and running*

**Visit [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org)**

#### SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boys Tennis	May 30-31	US Tennis Center (NYC)
Boys Golf	May 31-June 2	Cornell University (4)
Girls Golf	June 7-8	Foxfire Golf Club (3)
Boys Lacrosse	June 12	Semi Finals East(8) & West (3)
Outdoor Track	June 13-14	University of Buffalo (6)
Girls Lacrosse	June 13-14	SUNY Cortland (3)
Boys Lacrosse	June 14	Hofstra University (8)
Baseball	June 14	Binghamton & Endicott (4)
Softball	June 14	BAGSI, Binghamton (4)
FED Golf	June 15	Mark Twain Golf Club (4)

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE** - The Committee presented a draft of specific penalties and/or fines for rule and eligibility infractions by coaches and member schools. Sections are requested to fully discuss and seek the input from their schools so the representatives are prepared to report to the Executive Committee at their May 2nd meeting.

#### POSTPONED ITEMS

*Vote scheduled for May 2, 2008*

**OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD** - To adjust the at large entry to permit one entry for Division I and one entry for Division II when the qualifying standard has been met. (Vote in May)

**WRESTLING**—The committee is seeking approval for a wrestler to compete twice in a regular dual meet under specific situations pertaining to forfeits and exhibition matches. (Vote in May)

## ITEMS of INTEREST– REMINDERS

**SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM AWARD** - May 16th (Friday) is the filing deadline for the spring season.

### FUTURE MEETING DATES

April 1	Wrestling	10:00
April 2	Wrestling Advisory Committee	9:00
April 2	Swimming & Diving (B & G)	10:00
April 3	Soccer (B & G)	10:00
April 4	Modified Committee	9:00
April 4	Girls Tennis	10:00
April 22	Championship Advisory	9:30
April 24	Boys Volleyball	10:00
April 24	Skiing	10:00
April 29	Membership & Classification	10:00

### COACHES CLINICS *(Brochures have been mailed)*

Volleyball	April 25, 2008	Union College
Soccer	May 30, 2008	Oneonta

### FUTURE SECTION MEETINGS

April 8                      Section 9

## ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION & DISCUSSION

**WRESTLING** - The concept of a regional wrestling format to advance to the state championship finals is still being discussed. The wrestling committee members gave input at their April meeting and some changes will be made to the proposal.

**BASEBALL**— The committee is considering requesting a two day tournament format.

### FUTURE CHANGES—BE PREPARED

**GIRLS LACROSSE** - Beginning with the 2008 season girls lacrosse jerseys will be required to have the 6" numbers centered on the front and 8" numbers to be centered on the back.

**FIELD HOCKEY** - Protective eye wear will be required for the 2008 season.

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**POINT OF EMPHASIS** - All safety related equipment required for competition should be worn in all "practice sessions". Examples include but are not limited to: mouth guards, goggles, ear guards and shin guards. Jewelry should not be worn in practice.

**SPORTS RECORDS** - Coordinators are reminded to send in any new records at the conclusion of the season.

### PERMISSION FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

School districts are reminded to follow the procedures outlined in the NYSPHSAA Permission for Special Accommodations policy to ensure all students in need of religious or physical accommodations are reviewed and approved prior to any competition. Please contact Assistant Director Lloyd Mott.

**FUELING SPORTS PERFORMANCE DVD** - The NFHS has partnered with Gatorade to provide a free video which aims to educate high school coaches on the performance benefits of hydration, how dehydration can affect health and performance and what to do in an emergency situation. The free video is available online at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com) as part of the NFHS Coaches Education Program.

**SPORTSMANSHIP EJECTION POLICY** - Any player or coach:

- Ejected from one contest shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest;
- Ejected from two contests in the same sport in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests; and,
- Ejected from a third contest in the same sport in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season.

NOTE: If a contest is suspended, all violations of the Sportsmanship Policy and/or any red/yellow cards received during that contest will be enforced regardless if the contest is replayed in its entirety or resumed from the point of interruption.

**CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT** - Sections will be scheduling concussion management workshops for athletic directors and physicians with whom the schools work. Superintendents are encouraged to support attendance at the workshop. Any school interested in purchasing the ImpACT Concussion Management program, please check the NYSAAA or NYSPHSAA websites.

**RISK MANAGEMENT DVD** - The NFHS and NIAAA have joined to produce a Risk Management DVD. The two part DVD can be shown to parents & students to highlight the need to take responsibility for one's safety. Part II targets administrators and coaches focusing on the 14 duties involved in inter-scholastic athletic programs. The DVD can be purchased on our on-line store for a cost of \$34.95.

**SANCTIONING** - When traveling out of state for an athletic contest please contact Lloyd Mott or Barb Hennessey in the NYSPHSAA office to give notice or to determine if the event is properly sanctioned.

**ON LINE COACHING COURSES** - The NYSPHSAA has partnered with SUNY Cortland in offering the New York State Coaching Certification Courses on line - an asynchronous web-based program. Go to [www.cortland.edu/physed](http://www.cortland.edu/physed) for registration information.