



NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

DECEMBER 2007



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE— A referendum vote to classify Charter Schools in the same manner as non-public schools has been mailed to all member schools and **MUST** be returned to the designated teller is your Section no later than December 19th. **IMPORTANT**

FOOTBALL CLASSIFICATION CUT OFF NUMBERS - The following classification numbers will be used beginning with the 2008 season which were approved at October NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. (Please note - this is a change from previously published numbers)

Class AA	1051 and up
Class A	626 - 1050
Class B	441 - 625
Class C	276 - 440
Class D	275 and below

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE - Permission has been granted for the Handbook Committee to explore the establishment of specific penalties and/or fines for rule and eligibility infractions. Any suggestions should be sent to Nina Van Erk.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITION— Candidates interested in applying should contact the NYSPHSAA for further information. Major responsibilities include sanctioning, Modified & Sportsmanship Committees, Safety & Risk Management, annual school classification, coaching clinics, NY Good Sports, Wrestling Minimum Weight Certification and Citizenship Through Athletics, etc. Application deadline January 31, 2008.

POSTPONED ITEMS

The following items will be addressed by the Executive Committee on February 1, 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 February)

OFFICIALS COORDINATING FEDERATION - The approval of the 2008 - 2010 Officials Agreement. (Vote in February)

SPORTSMANSHIP - Requesting approval of a mandatory Sportsmanship Workshop to be coupled with the yearly mandatory Eligibility Workshop. (Vote in February)

ITEMS of INTEREST— REMINDERS

2007 -2008 NYSPHSAA HANDBOOK - An updated handbook will be available on our website shortly.

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

HALL OF FAME Nominations for Class of 2008 Pupil Benefits has sponsored the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame since its inception five years ago. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals for their outstanding contribution to high school athletics in the categories of administrator, coach, athlete, official and contributor. Nominations must first receive the endorsement of the Section and be received by the NYSPHSAA by the December 15th deadline. Nomination forms are available from the section and state association office.

SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM AWARD - The deadline for electronic submission is December 7, 2007.

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 video is available online at www.nfhslearn.com as part of the NFHS Coaches Education Program. Visit the website to view or download the free video.

RECENT NEWS

ICE HOCKEY - A number of rule waivers were approved to assist in the transition from NCAA to NFHS playing rules.

BOYS LACROSSE - The East Regional Semi-Final games scheduled for June 12, 2008 had to be moved from West Point due to construction at Michie Stadium. The games will now be played at Hofstra University.

GIRLS BASKETBALL - Headbands must be white, black, beige OR the same color as the predominate color of the uniform.

ON LINE STORE - When ordering NYSPHSAA Handbooks, sport rulebooks and scorebooks please use our on-line store at www.nysphsaa.org. The use of the on-line store enables orders to be processed more quickly and efficiently.

BOYS BASKETBALL - For 2008—2009 season permit each Section to have the opportunity to use two 16 minute halves as they feel appropriate in their schedules for tournaments and non league games.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

December 11	NYS Federation	10:00
January 4	Boys Soccer	10:00
January 7	Girls Soccer	10:00
January 8	Wrestling	10:00
January 9	Baseball	10:00
January 11	Field Hockey	9:00

COACHES CLINICS (*Brochures will be mailed*)

Softball	January 18, 2008	Adirondack Sports Complex
Lacrosse	January 25, 2008	SUNY Cortland
Baseball	February 29, 2008	Cooperstown
Field Hockey	March 28, 2008	Utica
Track & Field	March 28-29, 2008	Utica
Soccer	May 30, 2008	Oneonta
Volleyball	TBA	

FUTURE SECTION MEETINGS

December 4	Section 9
December 6	Section 7
December 12	Section 8
December 18	Section 1
January 3	Section 10
January 9	Section 5
January 10	Section 3
January 11	Section 11

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 interscholastic athletic programs. The DVD can be purchased through our on-line store for a cost of \$34.95.

NIKE CHIN STRAP RECALL—Please be advised of the chin strap recall.

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.

SKIING - Helmets are required in all alpine practices and races.

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

WRESTLING - Continuation of the waiver for the 1.5% weight loss rule. The 50% rule and the current minimum weight class will remain in effect.

BOWLING - A game consists of 10 frames. A Match (Contest) consists of a maximum of 3 games. The Baker format may be used a maximum of two times per season with a maximum of 15 Baker format games per tournament. A combination tournament is permitted with a maximum of eight (8) Baker format games and three (3) regular games. A combination tournament counts towards the maximum of two (2) Baker format tournaments.

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.

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.

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.

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 for registration information.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT - Any school interested in purchasing the ImPACT Concussion Management program, please check the NYSAAA or NYSPHSAA websites.

BOYS BASKETBALL - The NFHS rule requiring "white" uniforms for the "home" team affects varsity uniforms only. Lower level programs may still continue to wear "light-colored" uniforms as home jerseys.

Happy Holidays

