



NYSPHSAA Office Report

SEPTEMBER 2007



MANDATORY ATHLETIC DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

Beginning this school year all schools are required to have their athletic director attend a NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop. Failure to comply with the mandate will result in the school being ineligible for post season competition.

The workshop schedule for the 2007-2008 school year is:

August 23	Section 4
August 28	Section 5
September 13	Section 10
September 18	Section 9
September 19	Section 11
September 20	Section 6
September 26	Section 7
September 27	Section 1
October 2	Section 2
October 4	Section 3
October 10	Section 8
October 11	NYSPHSAA Office

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.

VOLLEYBALL

The NYSPHSAA has adopted the Molten USA Volleyball as the “official volleyball” for state championship competition. The agreement with Molten USA begins with the 2007-2008 school year. Molten USA has sent all volleyball schools a ball to familiarize teams with the product. The girls programs will use the IV58L-U Super Touch while the boys programs will use the V58L-U Pro Touch.

STRUCTURE & POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting again on September 25th to further discuss the four items of concern: Governance, Non Public Schools, Transfer and Sport Season Placement.

FUTURE MEETING DATES (8 Airport Park Blvd, Latham)

September 9	Track & Field	10:00AM
September 21	Ice Hockey	10:00AM
September 24	Bowling	10:00AM
September 25	Structure & Policy	9:30 AM
October 1	Wrestling	10:00AM
	<i>Blue Cross Arena</i>	
October 3	Girls Lacrosse	9:00AM

FUTURE SECTION MEETINGS

September 11	Section 9
September 19	Sections 4, 5 and 6
September 20	Sections 1 and 8
September 26	Section 2
September 27	Section 3
October 4	Section 7

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.

PERMISSION FOR SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

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.

DISCUS CAGES - Schools are encouraged to plan for the extensions to the cage sides for the future. Most cages can be adapted and do not have to be replaced.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

Approved

- Coordinators: Doug Courtright (Boys Golf), Selina DeCicco (Boys Tennis)
- Friend & Neighbor: Rye Country Day(1), Holy Family School (6)
- New Member: Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School (6)
- Expanded Treasurer position to full time
- Skiing - Helmets are required in all alpine practices and races.
- 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.

Approved Handbook Changes:

- Sportsmanship Rule: Coaches may not be present at the game site *nor communicate in any manner during the contest with any person present at the site.*
- Amateur Rule—*\$250 limit per event*
- Scrimmages - *The use of officials would be permitted and encouraged whenever possible for the purpose of instruction regarding rules and proper application of rules.*
- Transfer Rule - Enforcement and application of the Transfer Rule as written with no variations permitted.
- Transfer Appeal Guidelines

COACHES CLINIC (*Brochures will be forth coming*)

Wrestling November 2, 2007 Cornell University

PARTICIPATION REPORT - *THANK YOU*

A special thanks goes out to all the schools for providing the Participation Survey data. This vital information assists NYSPHSAA in planning for the future.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

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

PREVIOUS APPROVED ITEMS (May 2007)

- *Clarification of:*
 - **Transfer Rule** - Students who transfer from any school to the public school district of the residence of his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months) or a private school within that district's boundaries shall be exempt from the Transfer Rule.
 - **College Rule** - A student is no longer eligible to represent the school in that sport in that season if the student participates in practice or competition with or against any individual or team(s) representing a college in that season.

Additional Items of Interest

- **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.
- **FIELD HOCKEY**- Protective eye wear to be recommended for the 2007 season and required for the 2008 season.
- Concussion Management Checklist is recommended for use.
- **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.
- **SOCCER YELLOW CARD ACCUMULATION** policy will include coaches.
- **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.
- **FOOTBALL** - Schools are reminded to include the following field markings for the 2007 season:
 - 2 yard restraining line around the field
 - 9 yard marks if the field of play is not visibly marked.

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Football Committee - The committee is requesting a change to the classification numbers for the 2008 season. If approved the change in cut off numbers would be: Class AA (1051 and up), Class A (626-1050), Class B (441-625), Class C (281-440) and Class D (280 and below).

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.