



NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

NOVEMBER 2007



NYSPHSAA Executive Committee APPROVED ITEMS

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE— A referendum vote to classify Charter Schools in the same manner as non public schools will be mailed to all member schools in mid November. **IMPORTANT**

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

FOOTBALL— A change to the classification cut off numbers for the 2008 season: Class AA (1051 and up), Class A (626-1050), Class B (441-625), Class C (281-440) and Class D (280 and below).

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.

WRESTLING COMMITTEE - To increase the 275 lb weight class to 285 lbs beginning this season. The 96 & 285 lb weight classes would remain optional.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE - To explore the establishment of specific penalties and/or fines for rule and eligibility infractions.

BUDGET - The mileage reimbursement rate will be 48.5 cents, the IRS rate.

POSTPONED ITEMS

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD - To add one at large entry for Division I and 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

2007 –2008 NYSPHSAA HANDBOOK - An updated handbook will be available on our website on November 1, 2007.

GIRLS GOLF - This year 9 sections will be participating in the NYSPHSAA Championship.

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.

RECENT NEWS

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.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

November 8	Softball	9:30
November 19	Boys Tennis	10:00
November 19	Modified Sub Committee	10:00
December 11	NYS Federation	10:00

COACHES CLINICS (*Brochures will be mailed*)

Softball	January 18, 2008	TBA
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

November 8	Section 3
November 14	Sections 4, 5, & 6
November 20	Section 1
November 28	Section 2
December 4	Section 9
December 6	Section 7
December 12	Section 8
December 18	Section 1

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.

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.

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

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.

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 Thanksgiving