



Varsity845 and the Times Herald-Record would like your opinion on several matters as we begin planning for the 2008-09 high school sports year.

Please take a moment to think about the following topics and forward your responses to me at your convenience, using any of the following contact methods:

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Marketing/promotional endeavors

1. Would your school be interested in being chosen for an on-site promotion such as a welcoming kiosk and giveaways at Friday night football games?
2. What permissions are needed in your school district for that sort of thing to happen?
3. Who is the person to contact at your school to arrange this type of thing?

Varsity845 feedback

4. What do you like about Varsity845.com?
5. What do you dislike about it?
6. What would you like to see added to Varsity845.com?
7. What would you suggest we change about Varsity845.com?



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

New York State Public High School
Athletic Association
May 2-32008
Agenda Highlights

A. Executive Director – Ms. Nina Van Erk

1. NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame – The 2008 Class of the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame will be inducted at the August Central Committee Meeting at the Rye Town Hilton, Section I. Congratulations to Dr. William Moran.
2. Assistant Director search – Todd Nelson was selected as the NYSPHSAA Assistant Director replacing Lloyd Mott. Mr. Nelson is the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics at Herkimer (Section III).
3. NCAA Eligibility Center – NCAA suggests updating the list of core courses at least once a year. Students should be encouraged to register with the Eligibility Center in their junior year of High School. The Eligibility Center has a telephone line specifically for high school personnel; they can be reached at 877-622-2321. Please encourage your Director of Guidance to register for their list serve by sending an e-mail to ec-clientrelations@ncaa.org (handout)
4. Sport Season Placement Committee – Mr. Jim Osborne will chair this NYSPHSAA Committee to meet sometime in June 2008.
5. CSIET Advisory List – The 2008-2009 CSIET Advisory list is available at www.csiet.org

B. Assistant Director Report – Bob Stulmaker

1. Scholar/Athlete Team Award deadline for application is Friday, May 16, 2008.
2. School of Distinction Award applications must be received by June 30, 2008.
3. 2008-2009 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites (5/2/08) (handout)

C. Assistant Director Report – Lloyd Mott

1. Outside Agency approval application (handout) (approved by NYSPHSAA)

D. Action Items:

1. Approved – Wrestling Proposal
Competing twice in a regular dual meet. (handout)
2. Approved – Outdoor Track & Field Proposal – two-year Experiment
Vote: 11 – Yes 10 – No (handout)
3. Approved – Girls Volleyball NYSPHSAA Championship Finals
On Sunday, November 16, 2008 with the first match to start at 10:00 a.m.

- E. Championship Advisory Report: NYSPHSAA – Bob Stulmaker
1. Approved – Boys Lacrosse classification numbers for 2009
Class A – 1,100 Class B – 650 – 1,099 Class C – 0 – 649
 2. Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving: Approved a 1 year trial.
 - a. 30th place time in the preliminary heat, from the times of last year’s State Meet being used for individual events.
 - b. Relays for the 15th place time in the preliminary heat with the average time over the last four years.
 - c. Diving – score of 396.
 3. Committee meetings will hold joint sport committee meetings that have Boys/Girls teams. Equity issues need to be addressed.
- F. Boys/Girls Soccer – Overtime procedures Approved by a vote of 11 – Yes 10 – No for the different overtime procedures for Boys and Girls Soccer.
- G. New York State Education Department – Ms. Kocialski
Review Legislative Resolution Update on Physical Education Compliance, Coaching Qualifications and Selection Classification. (handout)
- H. Membership and Classification Implementation Committee (handout)
President Ron Black reviewed the role of the committee, time line and issues to be addressed.
1. Item 1 – The establishment of statewide consistency for a classification procedure of non-public and charter schools.
NYSPHSAA motion to approve “concept” for a October review, with possible implementation by 2009-2010 school year.
 2. Item 2 – The establishment of a separate post season competition for non-public schools.
NYSPHSAA motion to postpone any action regarding separate post season competition for non-public schools until the Classification of Non-Public Schools Committee final report is received.
 3. Item 3 – Separate membership categories for public and non-public schools.
NYSPHSAA motion to postpone any action regarding separate membership categories for public and non-public schools until the Classification of Non-Public Schools Committee final report is received.
 4. Item 4 – The elimination of Friend and Neighbor status at the high school level.
NYSPHSAA recommendation that the proposal to change Friend and Neighbor status by eliminating the high school level be taken back to the sections for discussion with action at the Central Committee Meeting in August.
- I. NYSPHSAA motion to approve Section VI and the Buffalo Public Schools request to play one extra football game in 2008. Motion defeated 11 No 10 Yes
- J. Budget & Finance Committee – The committee recommended a dues increase of \$50.00 per school and .05 per student for 2009-2010.
- K. Modified Committee – (handout)
1. NYSPHSAA Approved Modified Athletics Code of Ethics (see handout)

2. Tabled for NYSPHSAA August meeting changes in the Modified Sports Standards Chart for Interschool Competition (see handout)
3. No Action Taken regarding wrestling motion “There must be a 45 minute rest period between bouts.”

L. Sportsmanship Workshop – Each section Sportsmanship Committee is to plan and implement a workshop. The workshop is to be on the same date and site as the Annual Athletic Directors Workshops.

M. Safety Committee Report – Lloyd Mott

Concussion Management Workshop – This workshop is focusing on school physicians, school nurses and athletic trainers. The physicians attending would receive Continuing Medical Education credits and attending athletic trainers would receive NATABOC Continuing Education credits.

Date: June 5, 2008

Time: Registration at 8:00 a.m.

Site: Wallkill High School Auditorium

N. Handbook Committee – Robbie Greene

NYSPHSAA approved the establishment of a \$200. filing fee for all appeals. School districts have the choice to have the appeal heard “in person” or by conference call. The expenses incurred by the appeal panel members will remain in effect as outlined in the handbook. (Appellant 50 %, Section 25 % and NYSPHSAA 25 %)

NYSPHSAA approved the removal of “solely” out of the definition of an all-star contest. Rationale - Student to have exhausted their eligibility in that sport prior to participating in these individual type contests.

Future items for discussion (handout)

1. Outside Agency regulation
2. Transgender Policy

O. Meeting of Section Secretaries, Treasurers and Executive Directors

1. Athletic Directors Workshop:

Need dates and site

A. Sportsmanship Workshop 1 ½ - 2 hours

B. NYSPHSAA Workshop Update 1 ½ - 2 hours

Lunch

C. New Athletic Director Workshop

New York State Public High School Athletic Association OUTSIDE AGENCY Approval Application

(for use in events involving New York State schools only - for interstate events use Sanctioning Application)

NYSPHSAA ELIGIBILITY STANDARD

18. OUTSIDE AGENCIES: Cooperation is permitted with any organization, college, or university which may offer encouragement and/or the use of facilities for competition. An application for approval is to be submitted to the Section Athletic Council. Approval may be given if these conditions are satisfied:

1. A school, league, section or the Association must cosponsor the activity.
2. Secondary school personnel shall be responsible for planning and for conducting the activity.
3. The contest shall be developed with due regard for health and safety standards as set forth by the NYS Commissioner of Education Regulations, and policies and standards of the NYSPHSAA, Inc.
4. Insurance shall be provided which will protect the participants in case of injury and the organization or institution against liability.
5. The philosophy and standards which are to be followed shall be consistent with those listed in the most current NYSPHSAA, Inc. HANDBOOK.
6. Financial arrangements are to be clearly specified in the application for approval.

To be completed by host member high school (complete ALL items)

APPLICATION DATE _____ SECTION (Section 1-11) _____ DATE OF EVENT _____

HOST HIGH SCHOOL (or LEAGUE) RESPONSIBLE FOR EVENT _____

HOST HIGH SCHOOL (or LEAGUE) RESPONSIBLE PERSON _____

_____ *print name, phone numbers & email address of person responsible for this event*

EVENT NAME _____

SPORT _____ VENUE _____
name the sport and specify Boys or Girls *location of event*

EVENT CO-SPONSOR _____
name of organization *address* *city state zip*

CO-SPONSOR CONTACT _____
print name *title*
_____ *email address* *phone numbers:* *work* *cell*

PROVIDER of INSURANCE for EVENT* _____
name & address of agency providing insurance

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: On the attached form list entry fees, admission fees, sponsorship monies, expenses and the distribution of profits if any.
REQUIRED SIGNATURES OF APPLYING SCHOOL: Execution of this form constitutes an agreement by the administrators of the host school to assume oversight responsibility for the event and to be present on site at the event, either in person or by a designee.

SUPERINTENDENT _____
name *date*

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL _____
name *date*

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR _____
name *date*

Provide a list of all participating high schools on the reverse side of application form.

FOR SECTION ATHLETIC OFFICE USE ONLY

Signature of Section Director _____ Section # _____ Date _____

***Insurance Certificate must be attached naming Section as additional insured.**

List ALL Participating High Schools
New York schools only

PROPOSED BUDGET
Co-Sponsored Events (Outside Agencies)
Submit with application form.

Name of Co-sponsored Event: _____ Date of Event _____

Estimated Income:

Gate Receipts\$ _____

Sponsors\$ _____

Entry Fees\$ _____

Miscellaneous\$ _____

(Itemize below)

.....\$ _____

.....\$ _____

.....\$ _____

Total Income \$ _____

Estimated Expenditures:

Awards.....\$ _____

Equipment/Supplies\$ _____

Facilities.....\$ _____

Officials\$ _____

Personnel.....\$ _____

Programs\$ _____

Security.....\$ _____

Miscellaneous (itemize below)\$ _____

.....\$ _____

Total Expenses \$ _____

Proposed Net Profit \$ _____

Charitable or educational programs net profit to be donated to: _____

FINANCIAL REPORT
Co-Sponsored Events (Outside Agencies)
Submit within 2 weeks of completion of event.

Name of Co-Sponsored Event _____ Date of Event _____

Location of Event _____

Receipts:

Advance Sales\$ _____
Gate Receipts\$ _____
Program Sales\$ _____
Souvenir Sales\$ _____
Sponsorships\$ _____
In-Kind Donations\$ _____
Advertisements\$ _____
Entry Fees\$ _____
Radio/Television\$ _____
Other:\$ _____
.....\$ _____

Total Receipts \$ _____

Expenditures:

Awards.....\$ _____
Equipment/Supplies.....\$ _____
Officials.....\$ _____
Programs.....\$ _____
Tickets (tellers/sellers).....\$ _____
Security.....\$ _____
Custodial\$ _____
Site Rental\$ _____
Concessions\$ _____
Other:\$ _____
.....\$ _____

Total Expenditures \$ _____

Charitable or educational programs net profit donated to and amounts:

Signature _____ Total Receipts \$ _____

Date _____ Total Expenditures \$ _____

NYSED – Physical Education/Coaching Update

NYS PHSAA Executive Council Meeting
May 2-3, 2008

Physical Education Profile

1. Product Support
 - SED maintains a website devoted to updates on the Physical Education Profile at: www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/profile.htm
2. Progress to Date
 - Big 5: Yonkers, Buffalo and Syracuse are completed.
 - Rest of State: 192 school districts are completed.
3. Ongoing Issues
 - Compatibility with VISTA/Microsoft Office 2007 has been addressed and NYSED will make available a compatible version as soon as possible. The PE Profile web page will post availability when it is ready.
 - Summer events may be included in the scheduling...check with your local BOCES to see when PE Profile professional development is scheduled.

Update on Physical Education Compliance

NYS ASSEMBLY – COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION passed the following RESOLUTION:

Reso. NOLAN--

1271 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION urging the New York State Education Department to commence a comprehensive review of the level of compliance with the New York State physical education program requirements and provide greater programmatic oversight, technical support and identify resources to enable school districts to meet the requirements and ensure that all school children are able to benefit from establishing physical fitness, participating in physical activity, and maintaining personal health

NYS OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER – Auditing of Physical Education Compliance:

I am currently working on a check sheet for the OSC for use in their audits of physical education compliance. This check sheet will cover several items and documentation that will need to be presented to confirm compliance. It is hoped that the approved version of this check sheet will be made available to the field as soon as it is approved.

Current items in the draft for the audit include:

- required instruction (time/days for all levels), adapted PE program, intramural program, and Title IX compliance;
- school district physical education plan (current – within 7 years)- covering schedules, curriculum maps and alignment with learning standards, assessment, policy for intramurals and interscholastic athletics and attendance requirements for PE;
- personnel are certified, integration with elementary teachers supported in plan, and coaches meet regulations for course work and licenses

Please note...If your school is not compliant with the regulations for physical education, it would benefit your school to come forward to SED (Curriculum, Instruction and Instructional Technology Unit [my unit] or a direct request to the Commissioner) and ask for assistance to achieve compliance rather than wait to be identified by auditors as a non-compliant district.

FYI...When the Associate Commissioner was asked by the NYS Assembly Committee on Education what the 'teeth' were for ensuring compliance she indicated that in the past school funding was withheld in some cases of non-compliance issues...it has not happened for physical education [as yet], but there is a precedent to withhold funds.

Coaching

Since this may be on the OSC check list...I would like to remind all Directors of Physical Education/Athletic Directors to continue their review of coaching qualifications for all their coaches:

- Certified teacher coaches (non-physical educators) need all the coaching courses completed within three years of their initial appointment as a coach per the Regulations of the Commissioner, Part 135.4(7)(i)(c)(2). A two year extension of time may be requested from SED. It is the Director of PE/Athletics job to ensure coaches meet the requirements and keep record of their coaching course completions and First Aid/CPR certifications.
- Non-certified coaches need a Temporary Coaching License or Professional Coaching License IN HAND prior to appointment as a coach. They must also

complete the coaching courses per the Regulations of the Commissioner, Part 135.4(7)(i)(c)(3).

Selection/Classification

I am still receiving waiver requests that are incomplete. This increases the time a student has to sit and wait for a determination. Please remember to include the required forms (filled out completely and legibly) if you are applying for a selection and classification waiver for an athlete. Also include your email address somewhere on the forms if you want a quick response, otherwise it will come via U.S. Mail. The following forms may be mailed or faxed (518-473-4884):

- Individual Athletic Profile form
- Special Approval Request Application
- Special Case Form (only if athlete is rated below required standard)

Revised Coaching Course Outlines

The effective date for the latest revision (Health Sciences) is July 1, 2008 (this will give agencies time to revamp their courses due to the extensive revision of this course). Outlines were sent to all agencies approved to teach the courses. Electronic versions were sent to agencies that provided email addresses and the rest were notified by U.S. Mail with a request to notify SED of their email address. ALL FUTURE COMMUNICATION WILL BE DONE ELECTRONICALLY. Agencies that fail to respond with updated information will be removed from the approved list and will no longer be able to provide the coaching courses.

If you are an approved agency to provide these courses, please check the PE web page (see link below) ... Click on Approved Courses, then click on Coaching Courses and check to see if your information is correct.

For Physical Education Information

Physical Education website: www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/physed.html

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**Membership and Classification
Implementation Committee**

April 29, 2008

Attendance: Joe Durney (1), Rich Beckley (1), G. Michael Apostol (2), Paul Harrison (3), Ken Fuller (3), Ed Redmond (4), Ed Stores (5), Bob Dinse (6), Greg Kaszubski (6), Karen Lopez (7), Pat Pizzarelli (8 & 1st VP), Toni Woody (9), Amber Wilcox (10), Ed Cinelli (11), Alan Mallanda (NYSAAA), Renee James (NYSPHSAA Counsel), Ron Black (President), and Nina Van Erk (Executive Director)

President Black called the meeting to order and introductions were made. The role of the committee and timeline were outlined by Dr. Black. The issues to be addressed are:

- ◆ ITEM 1 - The establishment of statewide consistency for a classification procedure of non public and charter schools.
- ◆ ITEM 2 - The establishment of a separate post season competition for non public schools.
- ◆ ITEM 3 - The establishment of separate membership categories for public and non public schools.
- ◆ ITEM 4 - The elimination of Friend & Neighbor status at the high school level.

**ITEM 1 – STATEWIDE CONSISTENCY in the CLASSIFICATION OF NON PUBLIC
& CHARTER SCHOOLS**

DISCUSSION - Nina Van Erk reviewed the minutes of the February 28, 2008 Classification of Non Public Schools Committee meeting. The NYSPHSAA is currently in the 2nd year of a three year experiment which requires all sections to review the classification of their non public and charter school members. The minutes of the meeting were distributed along with a listing of all non public schools and the changes that were made to their classification during the 06-07 and 07-08 school years. Also provided were Excel spreadsheets which listed all non public school state champions dating back to the inception of the sport specific tournament.

It was noted in the minutes that the committee is recommending the establishment of a statewide committee for the classification of non public and charter schools. The rationale was to eliminate the political influences and roadblocks at the local section level. The recommendation outlined the process where sections would determine which non public and charter schools would be reviewed and where other sections could request a review of a school outside of their section providing for a "check and balance".

There was general support of the recommendation's concept. However, there was much discussion and debate regarding the "details" of the process the statewide committee would use to determine the classification of schools. (See concerns & suggestions listed at the end of the minutes)

MOTION – Support the recommendation to establish a statewide committee to determine the classification of non public and charter schools made by the Classification of Non Public Schools Committee. *APPROVED* (Section 2 voiced a concern over the loss of local control).

ITEM 2 - Separate Post Season Competition for Non Public Schools

DISCUSSION – Nina Van Erk distributed materials that were used by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Classification of Non Public Schools in the 2003- 2004 school year. The items included the documents used when they considered "a parallel tournament" and the committee's final report. It was suggested that the current classification experiment may in fact be working. The data should only be evaluated at the conclusion of the three year experiment.

MOTION - Postpone any action regarding separate post season competition for non public schools until the Classification of Non Public Schools Committee final report is received. *APPROVED*

ITEM 3 - Separate Membership Categories for Public and Non Public Schools

DISCUSSION – Limited discussion took place regarding this topic due to the previous motion. The committee felt that any action at this time would be premature.

MOTION - Postpone any action regarding separate membership categories for public and non public schools until the Classification of Non Public Schools Committee final report is received.

APPROVED

ITEM 4 - Elimination of Friend & Neighbor Status at the High School Level

DISCUSSION – Nina Van Erk indicated that most Friends and Neighbor schools would have the opportunity to join NYSPHSAA, CHSAA or AIS. The other associations in New York have seen significant growth in their rules and regulations. She suggested that currently there is no procedure to hold Friend and Neighbor Schools accountable for compliance. Some high school level schools seek Friend and Neighbor status to be eligible to participate in sanctioned events across the country. It was noted that some of the smaller local schools are simply looking for the ability to play our member schools and would not want to seek membership in any other association.

MOTION – Recommended that the proposal to change Friend and Neighbor status by eliminating the high school level be taken back to the sections for discussion with action at the Central Committee meeting in August. *APPROVED*

SUGGESTIONS & CONCERNS Statewide Classification Committee

Develop a detailed process with criteria and thresholds for re-classification

Establish common language statewide

Permit sections to recommend their member schools for evaluation

Permit sections to recommend any non public or charter school for evaluation

Develop a form for schools to complete prior to evaluation

Evaluate schools every two years

Should schools revert back to their BEDS classification at the end of the season?

Timing of evaluation period – may cause conflict in regular season scheduling

Develop a sign off form where a school can agree to stay at the adjusted classification

Provide the school the opportunity to "state their case"

Establish an appeal procedure

Procedures for Weather delays or cancellations of Section IX contests.

- 1. In sectional competition between two individual schools, e.g. baseball, basketball, etc., the respective superintendents of the competing schools will determine if weather conditions are safe enough for travel and competition. The Sports Chair for the contest in question will advise the respective athletic directors of the playing venue conditions.**
- 2. In sectional competition involving multiple schools, the respective Sports Chair will advise the Executive Director or Designee of any adverse conditions. The Executive Director or Designee will consult with the participating schools then decide whether to hold or cancel the competition.**
- 3. All sectional scheduling will include a make-up date, published in advance, to be used if necessary.**
- 4. In the unlikely event that no sectional play is possible to determine a Section IX representative for state competition, the Executive Director or Designee in consultation with the respective Sports Chair will determine the sectional representative. Under ordinary circumstances, this will be the highest seed. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the highest seed is not chosen, the selection of the sectional representative by the Executive Director or Designee is final and binding.**