

7. NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Highlights of the August 2009 Executive Committee Meeting
- a. The 2009-2010 version of the NYSPHSAA Handbook is available on-line.
 - b. CSIET Advisory List for 2009-2010 is available on the website.
 - c. Scholar Athlete Team Award application forms for the Fall season are due December 4, 2009 to NYSPHSAA.
 - d. Classification of Schools – The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee will be asked to review the classification numbers for 2010-2011 at the next meeting. Therefore school districts will need to report their BEDS numbers to Pete Meoli for the MHAL schools and to Jim Osborne for the OCIAA schools by Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the latest.
 - e. Girls Basketball – 16 minute halves – This waiver applies only to non-league contests at the varsity level upon mutual agreement of both schools. – Back to the Leagues.
 - f. Trish Kocialiski – NYSED
Commissioner Regulation Revisions:
 1. Elementary Physical Education Required Instruction
 2. Requirements to Coach in NYS Public Schools – See Coaching Certification Process
 3. 5th Year of Athletic Eligibility for Accident/Illness
 4. New York State Guidelines for Coaching Regulations
Physical Education web page
Elementary Integration Guidelines
 - g. Approved by unanimous vote by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee
Protocol and penalty should a coach / supervisor violate the code of conduct statement # 9 “A coach or supervisor in a supervisory capacity will abstain from the use of alcohol and controlled substances unless prescribed by a physician.”
 1. The school and Section will be notified immediately.
 2. Documentation of the incident will occur.
 3. A recommendation from the Section for disciplinary action will be given.
 - h. Safety Committee Report:
 1. Concussion Management – (See report on Section IX website)
 2. Heat Index – Draft Policy – Need input from the leagues before the Safety Committee meets October 2009. See Safety Report from Janet Carey.
 3. Girls Lacrosse Helmets – Data will be reviewed by the Safety Committee.
 4. Approved Wrestling release for participation with skin lesion form (See Section IX website.)
 - i. Sportsmanship Report
Ejection Free Program – Need information from the school districts regarding 2008-2009. Please e-mail Bob Thabet if your school district did not have any athlete ejected from a contest in 2008-2009.
 - j. NYSPHSAA voted unanimously to approve an Ad-hoc Committee to look into Cheerleading as a competitive sport.
8. Softball – Criteria Qualifications
Back to the Leagues.

9. Girls Golf – Criteria Qualifications
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10. NYSPHSAA – Admission for coaches whose athletes are competing.
Mr. Chris Townsend, NFA Athletic Director, expressed concerns about making the coaches of athletes who are participating in the NYSPHSAA Championships pay to enter the venue. Ms. Van Erk discussed the possibility of Spring Track & Field doubling the number of tickets given to coaches. The concept was going to be discussed by NYSPHSAA at the next Budget & Finance Committee Meeting. Ms. Van Erk also discussed that Sections handle coaches attendance at NYSPHSAA Championships differently. Eric McLaud reported that the NYSPHSAA Spring Track & Field Committee was also looking at possibly charging coaches a reduced entry fee.

11. Wrestling Section IX Duals
Motion to table the proposal was made by Jeff Hartman 2nd by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried. Refer to additional Division Two Wrestling Final.

At large bids for CHSAA/PSAL
Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Transportation to NYSPHSAA Tournament – Frank Carrozza
Mr. Carrozza discussed the problems and cost factor in participating at the NYSPHSAA Championships. Toni Woody discussed having coaches apply for CDL licenses. This would require coaches to take a written exam and DOT physical. Ms. Roberta Greene discussed and reviewed the various issues that school districts are facing regarding transportation.

13. Proposed Change to the Section IX Constitution – Bob Thabet
The proposed change to the Section IX Constitution was read at the Tuesday, September 15, 2009 Athletic Council Meeting. The current language on page 6 regarding League Representatives would be changed to be apportioned based on the four BOCES with the Superintendents Council selecting their own representative to the Section IX Athletic Council. The governance of the Section IX Athletic Council would be increased from 15 members to 21 members. Jim Wolfe discussed how this process would change the selection of representatives to the Section IX Athletic Council. Jeff Hartman asked about changing the constitutional process. Don Andrews stated if the Superintendent of Schools doesn't want you to serve as a representative then you won't. Bob Thabet read Mr. Terrence Olivo, COO at Orange-Ulster BOCES, letter regarding a clarification to the JMT position on this matter. The following is a breakdown of the number of schools in each County and how the representatives would be apportioned.
Sullivan County 9 schools – 3 representatives
Ulster County 9 schools – 3 representatives
Dutchess County 7 schools – 3 representatives
Orange County 18 schools – 3 representatives

14. Fall Chair Reports
 - a. Cross Country – Jim Glover and Steve Loturco
Information is on-line. Section IX is doing on-line entries. Contact the Chairperson if you have any questions.
 - b. Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch
The Rules Interpretations Meeting was reviewed. Thank you to Pine Bush for hosting the meeting. At the meeting the topics of Sportsmanship, Concussion Management and Heat Index were discussed.
 - c. Boys Soccer - Pete Ferguson
 - d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser
The booklets are on-line with contests being played at Middletown High School. All red and yellow card information for the MHAL should be sent to Pete Meoli and OCIAA to Jim Osborne.
The following are the Section IX Girls Soccer Committee
Class AA – John Sheperd
Class A – Jason Pavlich and Rick Miller
Class B – Kristen Stroppel and Pete Harris
Class C/D – Mary Feusner
 - e. Field Hockey – Linda Krause
Section IX Tournament begins November 2, 2009 with the finals being held at the Hudson Valley Sports Dome November 5, 2009. Section IX will host the Regionals.
Booklet is on-line.
 - f. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan
All new rules have been reviewed by the coaches. Information can be found on the website.
 - g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco
No report.
 - h. Volleyball – Ken Rubino
Toni Woody reported that the booklet is on-line.

15. Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi and Helenanne Gillinder
No report. Meeting in October
 - b. Safety Committee – Janet Carey
Concussion Management – Frank Carrozza stated more discussion and review is needed on the topic. Mrs. Carey stated the guidelines and check list should be followed.
Heat Index Policy – This is a school issue that needs to be reviewed. It would create problems if a Central Office issued a report because of the distances and geography of our school districts. Mr. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, NYSPHSAA, stated that this issue will be further reviewed by the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee in October.
Girls Lacrosse Helmets – The Safety Committee will be discussing this topic at great length at the October meeting. The data collected from NFHS, NYSPHSAA, Girls Lacrosse Committee and Pupil Benefits will be reviewed.
 - c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
No report at this time.
 - d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
No report at this time
 - e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart

No meeting after this meeting before the next meeting. Mr. Ahart will contact the Committee.

f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch

Congratulations to the Section IX schools who were presented their awards. Pine Plains, Chester, Wallkill, Washingtonville and Liberty. All school districts are working towards making sportsmanship an integral part of athletics.

16. New Business

Modified Volleyball: Libero player may be used with sectional approval. Motion by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Modified Cross Country: October 1, 2009 distance change from 1 ½ miles to 2 miles. Motion by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.

Girls Playing on Boys Teams:

The following school districts have reported girls playing on boys teams: Tuxedo, Coleman, Washingtonville, Monroe-Woodbury, Port Jervis, Onteora, Monticello, Roscoe, Goshen, Rondout, Kingston, Highland, Pine Plains and Spackenkill.

Host Officials for Regional Contests:

Section IX has been notified by Section I that they Section I will use host officials for all Regional contests. All Section IX Chairpersons have been notified and Section IX will also follow this policy.

Red Hook will have a boy on the girls Field Hockey team. The Superintendents of Schools and review panel have approved the athlete for participation. The MHAL recommends that Section IX approve the athlete participation. Motion by Don Andrews, 2nd by Jeff Hartman. All in favor. Motion carried.

17. Old Business

The Section IX Directory has been distributed to the Athletic Council, Athletic Directors and Sport Chairpersons. Please call or e-mail the Section IX Secretary with any additions, deletions or changes to the Directory.

18. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by John Landro, 2nd by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 a.m.

Items to be voted upon and presented at the next Section IX meeting are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne, Secretary
Section IX Athletics

Items to be discussed by the Leagues for a vote or information to be presented at the October 20, 2009 Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

- A. Section IX Boys Lacrosse Chairperson
- B. NYSPHSAA dues increase for 2010-2011
\$ 30. per school and .03 per student
- C. Girls Basketball – 16 minute halves – This waiver applies only to non-league contests at the varsity level upon mutual agreement of both schools.
- D. Classification of Schools – BEDS Report
- E. Ejection Free Program – Need data from 2008-2009. Please contact Bob Thabet.
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- H. Wrestling Section IX Duals – Allow the top 12 Division I teams to compete in the Section IX Duals Division I Tournament. Also to allow the top 2 seeded Division II teams to compete for the Section IX Duals Division II Champion.
- I. Propose change to the Section IX Constitution