



*Presented at the
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*New Items
of
Interest and Concern*



STRATEGIC PLANNING

Chaired by Steve Broadwell – 1st Vice President

Reviewing:

*Legal and Legislative Concerns,
Technology & Staffing, Instructional Programs,
Sports Information, Marketing,
Championships and Sportsmanship*



CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY

Quality vs. Quantity - 5% - 8% in championship events

Representation – Every Section has a minimum of one representative

At Large Competitors – For individual sports to round out the field to bring the best competitors to the tournament

Qualifying Process – Establish uniformity



CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY

CHANGES

Swimming – Average of 32 competitors in each event and average of 24 in relays.

Skiing – Alpine 61 competitors (1 school team/1 section team) and At Large competitors to round out field

Track and Field – Indoor 30 competitors and 16 relay teams
Outdoor 20 competitors per division, 16 relays per division

Cross Country – Reduced to 4 Classes due to the Team/Individual sport status



CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE

NYSPHSAA recommends all coaches to be certified in:

- First Aid and CPR
- AACCA Safety Course



CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE

Recommending

Competitive Cheer be recognized as a sport

Follow NYSPHSAA Eligibility Standards and NYSED Regulations

Adopt NFHS Spirit Rules

Maximum number of Contests - 12

Nights Rest – 1 night



LICENSING RESOURCE GROUP

- ❑ LRG partnership with NFHS and NYSPHSAA
- ❑ Provides royalties to NYSPHSAA and member schools
- ❑ School choice to participate – please communicate with the NYSPHSAA office if opting out of program



NFHS COMPOSITE BAT RULE

- 2011 – All hollow composite bats must meet the BESR and ABI standards
- NFHS Website - Coach should print out page that indicates the bat is “approved”
- 2012 – All hollow composite bats will need to meet the BBCOR standard



SOFTBALL PITCHING DISTANCE

- Varsity, JV and Freshman – 43 feet
- Modified - Between 36 and 40 feet



SCRIMMAGE

PLEASE WARN YOUR SPRING COACHES

Scrimmages must adhere to the scrimmage rule
Interschool practice session

If schools “call” contests “scrimmages” - it will result in exceeding the maximum number of contests.

Consequence - team ineligibility for remainder of season



NAERA - FOOTBALL HELMETS

- National Athletic Equipment Reconditioners Association – 21 Reconditioners & 4 helmet manufacturers
- Beginning September 1, 2011 for the 2012 football season any helmet dated 2002 or later will NOT be reconditioned or recertified. (Date as required by NOCSAE)



IEP and SPORTS ALERT

- Recent OCR Decision found a coach failed to implement a student's IEP properly.
- IEP required
 - the student to be the last golfer in the last group.
 - the coach to provide reminders to student to remain focused and concentrate.
 - Judgment of \$30,000 to student and family



NCAA/ASA vs NFHS Rules

Executive Committee will be addressing this concern

Sports: NCAA Volleyball, NCAA Girls Basketball and ASA Softball



HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

- Considering – When a student enters the high school sports program (through Selection Classification) the Transfer Rule would apply

- Seeking feedback from Sport Committees
 - Reducing penalty for the “Individual” exceeding maximum number of contests



FISCAL CONCERNS - ACTION

- Use of Telephone & Video Conferencing
Sections saved in travel, meals and hotel
- Host Officials at Regional Contests - results in savings for the Sections
- Executive Committee meeting held by Conference Call in January
- Moratorium on the expansion of existing NYSPHSAA Tournaments



FISCAL CONCERNS - ACTION

Executive Committee Extension

Reduction of Contests for 2011 – 2012

Without any further action, the contests will be restored to the 2008 – 2009 maximum numbers

NYSCOSS request for cost saving suggestions



UNIFORM RULE CHANGES

- Soccer – NFHS Rule moved implementation to 2013
- NYSPHSAA can waive or postpone uniform rule implementation
- Schools can apply for a waiver from Executive Director if fiscal restraints prohibit compliance



ELIGIBILITY WORKSHOPS

Well received by the Membership
Eligibility Brochures

Next year : **Submit Questions in Advance**

- Continue with interactive group problem solving highlighting changes & specific issues designated by the Section
- New Athletic Administrators – full session

Mandate Remains in Effect



NON PUBLIC & CHARTER SCHOOLS

You asked.....

- Each Section must evaluate the classification of their non-public and charter schools
- Sport specific
- Criteria
- Placement



FOREIGN STUDENT LETTER

You've Asked.....

BE AWARE – Actual email a school received

“My name is Romain Burle, I'm an eighteen year old boy coming from France. I live in Angers, a city situation in approximation 400km of Paris. If i contact you today, (you surely guess it), that's because I'm interested in you university. In the few words this below, I will try to describe a little part of my life and my expectations”.....BASKETBALL



CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

You've Asked.....

- **NFHS Concussion Rule**
 - NYSED requires the Chief Medical Officer to “clear” all students



CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

- www.keepyourheadinthegame.org
- Todd Nelson – Presenting at NYS School Board Association workshops in April
- ImPACT – Division I - \$450.00 Division II - \$350.00
- FREE Concussion Course www.nfhslearn.com



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Building a Bridge - Working to develop positive relationships with lawmakers:

Working in support of:

- CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION

Government Relations – Proactive Meetings

- Government Relations Director – Kevin Baner



NFHS STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Created Community Service Challenge

You can help change the world

Program deadline for Section Award – May 1st

Program deadline for NYSPHSAA Award – June 1st



UNIFORM COMPLIANCE

- Uniform compliance begins at the start of the season.....

Not with Regional and State play



CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS

2011 – 2012

Class AA 925 - up
Class A 525 - 924
Class B 305 - 524
Class C 175 - 304
Class D 174 - below

- *No change for the upcoming school year*



VARIATION NUMBERS

Football

<i>Class AA</i>	<i>1000 - up</i>
<i>Class A</i>	<i>600 - 999</i>
<i>Class B</i>	<i>400 - 599</i>
<i>Class C</i>	<i>260 - 399</i>
<i>Class D</i>	<i>259 - below</i>

Cross Country

<i>Class AA</i>	<i>1025 - up</i>
<i>Class A</i>	<i>645 - 1024</i>
<i>Class B</i>	<i>425 - 644</i>
<i>Class C</i>	<i>256 - 424</i>
<i>Class D</i>	<i>255 - below</i>

Field Hockey

<i>Class A</i>	<i>915 - up</i>
<i>Class B</i>	<i>450 - 914</i>
<i>Class C</i>	<i>449 - below</i>

Ice Hockey

<i>Division I</i>	<i>1100 - up</i>
<i>Division II</i>	<i>1099 - below</i>



VARIATION NUMBERS

Girls Volleyball

<i>Class AA</i>	<i>1040 - up</i>
<i>Class A</i>	<i>690 - 1039</i>
<i>Class B</i>	<i>436 - 689</i>
<i>Class C</i>	<i>256 - 435</i>
<i>Class D</i>	<i>255 - below</i>

Boys Volleyball

<i>Class A</i>	<i>1000 - up</i>
<i>Class B</i>	<i>999 - below</i>

Boys Lacrosse

<i>Class A</i>	<i>1050 - up</i>
<i>Class B</i>	<i>650 - 1049</i>
<i>Class C</i>	<i>649 – below</i>

Girls Lacrosse

<i>Class A</i>	<i>1050 - up</i>
<i>Class B</i>	<i>675 - 1049</i>
<i>Class C</i>	<i>674 – below</i>



HELPFUL RESOURCES and REMINDERS



NFHS Learn.Com

□ Useful Tool

National Federation of State High School Associations



The Role of the Parent in Sports

Tool Kit for YOUR Preseason Parent Meeting!

www.nfhslearn.com

Access in the “Locker Room” under “More Great Stuff”

The Preseason Parent Tool Kit Contains:

- Video presentation with assessment exercise for parents
- Instructions for using presentation at preseason parent meetings
- Outline of course content for distribution
- Instructions to parents on how to order the FREE course
- Ideas to promote the course to parents



NFHS Learn.Com

- Useful Tool



**Coaching Sports in Middle School
Now Available!**

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FREE GYM FLOOR COVERINGS

- Dunlap Industries – Contact Gene Stephan
 - Call 530-274-0685

- Free protective gym floor covers – no shipping
 - 30 x 60 ft and 60 x 90 ft – 5400 sq ft
 - 40 x 50 ft and 80 x 100 ft – 8000 sq ft



COMMUNICATION

- *Albany Office Report – directly emailed to Athletic Administrators*
- *Please inform me if you are not receiving the monthly report or clinic brochures*



DUES 2011 - 2012

- INCREASE of \$30.00 per district and .30 per student (over 300) in grades 7-12

- NYSPHSAA MEMBER DUES
 - \$810.00 per school district (300 students)
 - Over 300 Students – .86 cents per student



COACHING CLINICS – 2011

- Track/Field & X-C – March 25 - 26th Radisson Hotel, Utica **CANCELLED**
- Volleyball - April 2nd at Broome CCC
- Cheerleading – May 13th at RIT – Rochester
- Soccer – May 3rd at Field of Dreams – Utica

On Line registration at Ticketleap.com

\$5.00 discount



SANCTIONING

REMEMBER TO:

PRIOR to competing out of state:

Contact the NYSPHSAA

Visit www.NFHS.org for sanctioning information and Notice of Entry



GOOD PROGRESS MADE - THANKS

BUT TWO STEPS BACK

Teams attending New Balance Nationals violated NYSPHSAA rules... unless

Attended as a Club Team

- Self insured
- Different Name – not school

Unattached – no school affiliation

No school uniforms

No school funds

- Transportation
- Lodging

Avoid Having Athletes Declared Ineligible for HS Competition



SPORTSMANSHIP PROMOTION PROGRAM

Assess your efforts in

PROMOTING SPORTSMANSHIP

- *Assessment forms are available on-line*
- **DEADLINE April 15th**

Sections will assess programs by May 10th for statewide recognition.



INJURY SURVEILLANCE

NEW

- Studying Heat & Wind Chill Index policy

CONTINUATION

- Girls Lacrosse
 - Collect and analyze injury data submitted by coaches and Certified Athletic Trainers
 - NFHS Injury Surveillance - Dr. Dawn Comstock



WRESTLING

FOCUS for 2010 and beyond

SKIN INFECTIONS – Education

Impetigo

Herpes Gladiatorum

Will continue to offer webinars



MODIFIED PROGRAMS

Modified programs are a vital part of education.

Cut costs, not programs

Softball Pitching Distance - Between 36 and 40 feet

Pilot Programs

Surveys need to be submitted on line to assist in the evaluation process



MIXED COMPETITION

- NYSED Regulation
- Yearly review of student

- Must comply with the sport specific uniform requirement or request a “special accommodation”



HANDBOOK NEWS

AVAILABLE ON WEB SITE

- 2010 – 2012 Handbook – full version
 - Changes are underlined
- Definitions
- By Laws & Eligibility Standards
- High School Sports Standards
- Modified Eligibility Standards
- Modified Sports Standards

2010 – 2012 Handbook is available in print form and available on “jump drive”



NEW IDEAS

Championship Souvenir Programs

New addition – “Where Are They Now?”

Please send suggestions to Todd Nelson

Scholastic Athletics

New addition – “Highlighting Community”

Please share stories with Joe Altieri



Web Site

Forms – Senior All Star Contest

Programs – Scholar Athlete and School of Distinction Award

Links – NYS Sportswriters Association

NYSPHSAA Rules and Regulations

NYSED – Coaching Certification

Concussion Policy – Draft

Community Service Challenge

Please let us know if something is missing





PROCESS FOR CHANGE

- ❑ League and Conference Input
- ❑ Sport Committees
- ❑ Modified, Safety and Championship Advisory Committees
- ❑ Handbook Committee
- ❑ Executive Committee Representation

CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS

Questions

Concerns

Feedback

