



# SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Wednesday, May 19, 2010  
Mt. St. Mary College at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order: Bob Thabet
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Thabet
3. Approval of April 13, 2010 Minutes: Bob Thabet
4. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
5. Review of Meeting Materials
6. NYSPHSAA Representative – Mr. Robert Stulmaker
7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
8. Back from the Leagues
  - A. Sport Rules – NFHS rules for all sports
  - B. Field Hockey Chairperson
  - C. Modified Sports – Budget Options and Considerations
  - D. Heat Index Policy
  - E. Wind Chill Policy
  - F. Wrestling Recommendation – Wrestlers will be certified to minimum weight instead of a maximum weight class
9. Chapter IX, Distinguished Service Award – David Coates – Shoprite
10. Championship Philosophy Committee
11. Spring Chair Reports:
  - a. Softball                      Bruce Guyette
  - b. Baseball                      Dave Onusko
  - c. Boys Golf                      Dick O’Neill
  - d. Girls Golf                      Bill Earl
  - e. Girls Lacrosse                Wendy Crandall
  - f. Boys Lacrosse                Bob Slate
  - g. Boys Tennis                  Bob Siracuse
  - h. Track & Field                Joe Iatauro
  - i. Track & Field                Eric McLaud
12. Chair Reports:
  - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports                      Brian Devincenzi & Helenanne Gillinder
  - b. Safety    Janet Carey
  - c. Chemical Health                                        Marco Lanzoni
  - d. Officials Coordinator                                Dennis Burkett
  - e. Eligibility    Fred Ahart
  - f. Sportsmanship                                        Glen Maisch
13. New Business
14. Old Business
15. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

Orange County Park, 211 State Route 416 Montgomery, NY 12549-2439 (845) 457-4949

**New York State Public High School Athletic Association**  
**April 30 – May 1, 2010**  
**Highlights**

Ms. Nina Van Erk, Executive Director

Participation Survey – will be collected as part of the mandatory Athletic Administrators Workshop.

Mandatory Athletic Director Workshop at Wallkill High School on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 after the Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

Memo of Concern: Relating to amending education law and the Management of Head Injuries (enclosed).

Mr. Robert Stulmaker, Assistant Director

Future Dates/Sites for NYSPHSAA Championship for 2010-2011 and information for 2011-12 / 2012-2013 (enclosed)

Spring 2010 deadline to apply for the Scholar Athlete Team Award in Friday, May 14, 2010.

School of Distinction Award Application must be received no later than June 30, 2010.

Mr. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

Sanctioning: School Districts are reminded to notify the NYSPHSAA when one of their teams is traveling out of state to an event.

Cheerleading: Next Meeting is Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Fishkill.

Back to the Section for discussion and possible vote:

Cheerleading as a sport with Governance by NYSPHSAA

1. Yes
2. No

Committee Recommendations

All coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) are required to complete the following courses prior to coaching

- A. First Aid for Coaches
- B. CPR
- C. ACC AA Safety Course

By the completion of the third year, complete the following:

- A. SED Philosophy and Principles Course
- B. Supplement with NFHS Spirit Coaches Bronze level, Theories and Techniques, Health Science

Sport Committees: (See enclosed items)

Football – Change in Pre-Season Practice Regulation from 3-2-6-4 to 2-3-6-4

Approved for High School

Volleyball Jewelry Rule – to continue the use of 2009-2010 NCAA Jewelry Rule to replace Rule 7.2.3 of the NCAA 2010-11 rules – Approved

Swimming – Request approval for Boys and Girls to continue to use the criteria to establish the qualifying standards. – Approved

Wrestling – Mandatory of all high school competitions – Duals and Tournaments 96 lb. and 285 lb. weight classes. – Approved

Baseball – By mutual agreement of the Section’s Executive Director, Coordinators and Athletic Directors, schools would have the option of playing regional games on Sunday. – Approved

Girls Lacrosse – In games when 100 % playing time is required the game will be resumed from the point of interruption on the next available date. – Approved

Girls and Boys Tennis – In Sectional and League Tournament Competition, Sections would have the option to increase the number of matches to four in one day using modified scoring. – Approved

Section IV request to increase the maximum number of Boys and Girls Basketball games back to 20 per season. – Defeated 16 No 6 Yes

Ms. Roberta Greene: Handbook Committee

Approved (See enclosed)

- A. Scrimmage – Night’s rest and limitations per day
- B. Interschool Scrimmage is a simulated contest.

Game Rules must be altered – See sport specific requirements

- C. Foreign Exchange Student – Definition
- D. International Student – Definition
- E. Sportsmanship – Disqualified by a sport official
- F. Conducting a contest – page 86

**See scrimmage sport definitions.**

Jim Rose – NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics

(See enclosed report.)

- A. Football Pilot Program – Approved
- B. Wrestling Pilot Program – Approved
- C. Wrestling Overtime Period – Approved
- D. Baseball – Softball Catcher Rule – Approved
- E. Budget Options and Considerations – Approved

Mr. Robert Stulmaker – Championship Advisory Committee

- A. Ice Hockey Regional Rotation – Approved  
Regional play – 2 year rotation

Division I

East – Sections 1, 2, 9, 10

West – Sections 3, 4, 5, 6

Regional play

9 @ 1 – 3 @ 6

2 @ 10 – 4 @ 5

Semi-Finals

Winner 9 @ 1 vs. Winner 3 @ 6

Winner 2 @ 10 vs. Winner 4 @ 5

Division II

East – Sections 1, 2, 7, 9

West – Sections 3, 5, 6, 10

Regional play

9 @ 1 – 5 @ 6

7 @ 2 – 3 @ 10

Semi-Finals

Winner 9 @ 1 vs. Winner 5 @ 6

Winner 7 @ 2 vs. Winner 3 @ 10

- B. Approved NYSPHSAA Policy # 1B. - In team sports, the best available officials from each section shall be selected. Assignments will not be made on a Chapter by Chapter or rotating basis.

Mr. Todd Nelson – Safety Committee (Report enclosed)

- A. Minimum Weight Certification Program – Approved
- B. Heat Index and Wind Chill Policy – Approved  
(Amended to be Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedure)
- C. Mandated Athletic Trainers – Summer Discussion

Mr. Todd Nelson – Sportsmanship (Report enclosed)

Approved Consequence for a coach not serving penalty of Sportsmanship Standard – (Enclosed)

## Championship Philosophy Committee Report (Complete Report is enclosed)

### Statement:

The Committee supports the current philosophy with the following addition:  
“NYSPHSAA will sponsor Championships that represent excellence achieved in each sport.”

### Quality vs. Quantity

The percentage of opportunities for athletes to compete in NYSPHSAA Championships should fall within a designated range of 5 % to 8 % for all sports.

### Representation

Each Section would be permitted to qualify a minimum of one representative for all NYSPHSAA Championship events.

### At-large Competitors

For designated individual sports a cap will be established to limit the number of at-large competitors participating in Championship events.

### Qualifying Process

A uniform process will be established to bring state-wide consistency across all sections for the purpose of qualifying athletes for NYSPHSAA Championship events.

### Gender Equity

Every effort should be made to provide for equitable participation opportunities in NYSPHSAA Championships, when the sport is the similar or the same.

### Championship Categories

NYSPHSAA Championship events will continue to be contested in one of 3 categories:  
Team, Individual or Combination Team/Individual.

### Classes and Divisions

A formula will be used to identify the maximum number of championship classes or divisions allowed. The formula will be based on the number of varsity programs sponsored by NYSPHSAA member schools in a sport.



# Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

## *NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop*

**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2010  
**Time:** Registration begins at 11:00 am  
**Site:** Walkkill High School Auditorium  
**Presenter:** Ms. Nina Van Erk  
Executive Director  
N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A.

This is a **mandated** workshop for all Athletic Directors.

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fax your RSVP to the OCIAA Office by Monday, August 2, 2010 to  
(845) 291-7306**

**If you do not attend a mandated workshop, your school will NOT be eligible  
for Sectional, Regional and State competition.**



***Section IX will host their meeting before the NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop.***



# NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

*"Promoting Sportsmanship and Citizenship through Interscholastic Athletics"*

## **MEMO OF CONCERN S.6297-A (Squadron) On Finance Agenda (4/27/10)**

*AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to training of school athletic coaches in the recognition and management of head injuries*

The New York State Public High School Association (NYSPHSAA) believes S.6297-A falls short of its intended goal of ensuring the safety of students who compete in school-related sports activities and respectfully requests the bill be held until further discussions take place to address the following concerns.

NYSPHSAA's number one priority is to ensure the safety of all students, regardless if they participate in interscholastic competition. The rate of head injuries double if you take into account the number of incidents that occur outside of sports. The Association wholeheartedly believes a concussion management program must include training teachers, athletic administrators, school nurses, physicians, parents and students on the symptoms to ensure the proper treatment is provided to anyone who has experienced a head injury.

NYSPHSAA has conducted extensive research on this subject and has worked with both state and national organizations to provide our member schools the most up-to-date information pertaining to concussion management. We have successfully implemented a concussion management program for the past five years, educating school personnel, student athletes and parents on the signs and symptoms of moderate to severe head injuries. Our program consists of regional workshops with updated information and resources, guidelines cards for all first aid kits, and regional clinics to help school personnel make informed "return to play" decisions. In order to continue to provide efficient programming we strongly encourage the state to invest in an on-line training that can be downloaded at no cost and participation can be monitored.

We encourage our member schools to have a proper "return to play" (and return to class) protocol when a student has been concussed. NYSPHSAA is concerned that section 2, paragraph (b) of the bill which allows an athlete to return to play "no sooner than one day after the member experienced the injury" may put a student in further harms way. NYSPHSAA supports a "return to play" policy only after he or she is symptom free for at least 5 – 7 days. Further, subparagraph (ii) of this same section allows a student to participate if they receive a medical release from a "health care professional." It is well documented that a high percentage of health care personnel are not trained in concussion management. We strongly recommend a physician or psychologist with expertise in concussion management to authorize a student to return to play. NYSPHSAA also believe a concussed student should be tracked by a trained school nurse to monitor lingering symptoms.

Lastly, NYSPHSAA is concerned that the bill calls for regulations to be established by the Education Department but does not provide funding for schools to implement the program. Section 1, paragraph (c) relieves districts from being responsible for implementing the regulations if funding is not provided. We are concerned that schools will be liable for injuries that occur on school grounds regardless of this loophole. NYSPHSAA believes schools will recognize this vulnerability in the law and redeploy existing resources to cover the cost of the program, thus being forced to cover another unfunded mandate.

For the above reasons, NYSPHSAA respectfully requests S.6297 be held for further consideration.

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association Inc. is a non-profit, voluntary, educational service organization composed of public, parochial, and private schools dedicated to providing equitable and safe competition for the students of its member schools. Membership is open to secondary schools providing interschool athletic activities for boys and girls in grades 7-12.

Contact: Nina Van Erk, Executive Director, NYSPHSAA  
Kevin Banes, e3communication Inc.



## 2010-2011 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites

### Fall 2010

Nov. 6, 7, 8	Girls Tennis	Eastside Racquet Club, Manlius (3)
Nov. 13	Boys Gymnastics (Reg.)	SUNY Brockport (5)
Nov. 13	Boys/Girls X-Country	Lakeside Park (1)
Nov. 19-20	Field Hockey	Cicer-North Syracuse (3)
Nov. 19-20	Girls Soccer	SUNY Cortland/Homer /Tompkins CCC (3)
Nov. 19-20	Girls Swimming/Diving	Erie CC (6)
Nov. 19-20	Football East Semi	Dietz Stadium, Kingston (9)
Nov. 19-20	Football West Semi	Paetec Park, Rochester (5)
Nov. 20	Boys Volleyball	Cicero-North Syracuse HS (3)
Nov. 20	Federation X-Country	Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls (1)
Nov. 20-21	Boys Soccer	Middletown HS (9)
Nov. 20-21	Girls Volleyball	Civic Center, Glens Falls (2)
Nov. 26-28	Football Finals	Carrier Dome, Syracuse (3)

### Winter 2010-11

Feb. 25-26	Wrestling	Times Union Center, Albany (2)
Feb. 26	Girls Volleyball (Regional: 3/4/7)	TBA
March 1-2	Boys/Girls Skiing	Hunter Mountain (4)
March 4-5	Boys Swimming/Diving	Erie CC (6)
March 5	Girls Gymnastics	Shaker High School (2)
March 5	Rifle (Regional)	West Point (9)
March 5	Boys/Girls Indoor Track/Field	Barton Hall, Cornell U., Ithaca (4)
March 5-6	Boys/Girls Bowling	Section 3
March 6	Boys Volleyball (Regional: 2/3)	Section 2
March 12-13	Ice Hockey	Memorial Auditorium, Utica (3)
March 18, 19, 20	Boys Basketball	Glens Falls Civic Center (2)
March 18,19, 20	Girls Basketball	Hudson Valley C.C., Troy (2)
March 26-27-28	Boys/Girls Federation Basketball	Times Union Center, Albany (2)

### Spring 2011

June 2, 3, 4	Boys Tennis	USTA Complex (NYC)
June 4, 5, 6	Boys Golf	Cornell Univ. (4)
June 8	Boys Lacrosse East Semi	Marist College (9)
June 8	Boys Lacrosse West Semi	St. John Fisher (5)
June 10-11	Boys/Girls Outdoor Track/Field	Caledonia-Mumford HS (5)
June 10-11	Girls Lacrosse	SUNY Cortland (3)
June 11	Boys Lacrosse Finals	Cicero-North Syracuse HS (3)
June 11	Baseball	Binghamton (4)
June 11	Softball	Adirondack Sport Complex (2)
June 10, 11, 12	Girls Golf	SUNY Delhi (4)
June 12	Federation Golf	TBA

**FUTURE DATES/SITES as of 4/1/10**

FALL		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
G. Tennis	Date	Nov. 5, 6, 7	Nov. 3, 4, 5	
	Site	Eastside Racquet Club (3)	Eastside Racquet Club (3)	
B/G X-Country	Date	Nov. 12	Nov. 10	
	Site	Vernon-Verona-Sherril HS (3)		
G. Volleyball	Date	Nov. 19-20	Nov. 17-18	
	Site	Glens Falls (2)		
B. Soccer	Date	Nov. 19-20	Nov. 17-18	
	Site	Middletown HS (9)		
G. Soccer	Date	Nov. 18-19	Nov. 16-17	
	Site	SUNY Cortland/Homer/Tompkins CCC	SUNY Cortland/Homer/Tompkins CCC (3)	
Field Hockey	Date	Nov. 18-19	Nov. 16-17	
	Site	Cicero-North Syracuse (3)		
G. Swimming	Date	Nov. 18-19	Nov. 16-17	
	Site			
Football	Date	Nov. 25-27	Nov. 23-25	
	Site	Carrier Dome, Syracuse (3)	Carrier Dome, Syracuse (3)	
B. Volleyball	Date	Nov. 19	Nov. 17	Nov. 16
	Site	Cicero-North Syracuse (3)	Section 2	Section 2
B. Gymnastics (Reg.)	Date	Nov. 12	Nov. 10	
	Site			
WINTER		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Skiing	Date	Feb. 28, 29		
	Site	Lake Placid (7)		
G. Gymnastics	Date	Feb. 25	Feb. 23	
	Site	Section 9		
Wrestling	Date	Feb. 24-25		
	Site	Times Union Center (2)		
B. Swimming	Date	March 2-3	March 1-2	
	Site			
B/G Bowling	Date	March 3-4	March 2-3	
	Site	Section 4		
B/G Ind. Track	Date	March 3	March 2	
	Site			
Ice Hockey	Date	March 10-11	March 9-10	
	Site			
G. Basketball	Date	March 16-18	March 15-17	
	Site	HVCC (2)	HVCC (2)	
B. Basketball	Date	March 16-18	March 15-17	
	Site	Glens Falls CC (2)	Glens Falls CC (2)	
Rifle (Regional)	Date			
	Site			
B. Volleyball (Reg.)	Date	March 3	March 2	
	Site			
SPRING		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
B. Tennis	Date	May 31, June 1-2	May 30-31, June 1	
	Site	USTA Complex (NYC)	USTA Complex (NYC)	
B. Golf	Date	June 2, 3, 4	June 1, 2, 3	
	Site	Cornell Univ.	Cornell Univ.	
B/G T&F	Date	June 8-9	June 7-8	
	Site	Cicero-No. Syracuse (3)		
G. Lacrosse	Date	June 8-9	June 7-8	
	Site	SUNY Cortland (3)	SUNY Cortland (3)	
B. Lacrosse	Date	June 9	June 8	
	Site			
Baseball	Date	June 9	June 8	
	Site	Binghamton (4)	Binghamton (4)	
Softball	Date	June 9	June 8	
	Site	Adirondack Sport Complex (2)	Adirondack Sport Complex (2)	
G. Golf	Date			
	Site			



## SPORT COMMITTEES

April 30 – May 1, 2010

Approved  
for High School

- ◆ **FOOTBALL – Change in Pre Season Practice Regulation from 3-2-6-4 to 2-3-6-4**  
The **first two (2) days** of practice must be non-contact, without the use of protective equipment and mechanical blocking devices. The use of cones, ropes, ladders, step-over dummies, soft hand shields and similar devices as teaching aids is permissible. Helmets may be worn. The **next three (3) days** provide a transition from the conditioning phase to full contact. During this phase, players are permitted to wear a helmet and shoulder pads. Blocking dummies, sleds and similar devices are permitted. During this phase, player to player tackling drills, team scrimmaging, running full contact plays etc. are not permitted. The **following six (6) days** consist of contact practice with full protective equipment and the use of all training devices. Full player to player contact and team scrimmaging is permitted. **Four (4) additional practices** must be completed by the individual and team prior to the first contest. Interscholastic scrimmages may commence after 11 practices have been completed by the individual player and team. Interscholastic contests may commence after 15 practices have been completed by the individual player and team.

Approved

- ◆ **VOLLEYBALL JEWELRY RULE** - Requesting to continue the use of 2009-10 NCAA Jewelry Rule to replace Rule 7.2.3 of the NCAA 2010-11 rules: If a substitution request is acknowledged (whistled), and the player is wearing an illegal uniform or jewelry or has illegal equipment, the substitution is denied and a delay sanction assessed. If warm-up activities or play must be interrupted because of a player wearing an illegal uniform, jewelry or equipment, that team is assessed a delay sanction. The jewelry must be removed before the player can participate further. If, during the warm-up period, a player responds promptly to a referee's request to remove jewelry or illegal equipment, a delay sanction is not assessed.

Approved

- ◆ **SWIMMING** - The Boys and Girls Committees will be requesting approval to continue to use the criteria to establish the qualifying standards which is the average of the 30<sup>th</sup> place for individual events and the average of 15<sup>th</sup> place for relays. Individual times are calculated by averaging the preliminary times for the last two years and relays by averaging the preliminary times over the last four years.

Approved

- ◆ **WRESTLING** - Beginning with the 2010-2011 season, the 96 lb. and 285 lb. weight classes will be mandatory for all high school competitions - Duals and Tournaments.

Approved

- ◆ **BASEBALL** - By mutual agree of the Section's Executive Directors, Section Coordinators and Athletic Directors schools would have the option of playing Monday scheduled regional games on Sunday. Rationale: This would allow for better facilities, potential for bigger crowds and less time out of school.

Approved

- ◆ **GIRLS LACROSSE**- In games when 100% playing time is required (all Sectional, Regional and State Semi- Finals and Finals) the game will be resumed from the point of interruption on the next available date. Teams that have possession at the point of interruption will retain possession in a draw alignment with the opposing center 4 meters away. If there is no team possession it will be a draw.

Approved

- ◆ **GIRLS AND BOYS TENNIS** - The committees would like to take this proposal to the Safety Committee:
  - \* In Sectional competition, Sections would have the option to increase the number of matches to four in one day using modified scoring. The rest periods would be 30 minutes for the 1/4 final and below, 45 minutes for the semi-finals and 60 minutes for the finals. (Boys Committee would like to have approval for regular season as well)

\* **Amended to: In Sectional and League Tournament Competition**

### **Handbook Committee**

- Approved** ♦ **PRACTICES** - Athletes who switch from a contact/collision or limited contact/impact sport to a strenuous/non contact or nonstrenuous/non contact sport are permitted to count conditioning practices toward their new sport as follows: 1. Sports with less than ten (10) practices for the individual before the first contest will be allowed to carry over three (3) days; 2. Sports with less than ten to fifteen (10-15) practices for the individual before the first contest will be allowed to carry over four (4) days. (Contact/collision or limited contact/impact sports include field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, wrestling, baseball, softball, diving, gymnastics, skiing, softball and volleyball. Strenuous/non contact or nonstrenuous/non contact sports include cross country, track and field, swimming, tennis, bowling, golf and riflery).
- Approved** ♦ **SCRIMMAGE: SEE REPORT - Nights Rest** – All scrimmages will require one night rest, except football which will require two nights rest between scrimmages. **Limitations Per Day** – Change the headings on the Sports Standards Chart to state **Limitation of scrimmage or game**. **INTERSCHOOL SCRIMMAGES: A scrimmage is SIMULATED CONTEST**. In scrimmages: (a) both squads use the same field simultaneously with both coaches making corrections and giving instructions, (b) **GAME RULES MUST BE ALTERED – SEE SPORT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**, (c) no official score is kept, (d) time period(s) are defined in the Sport Standards section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook, (e) no admission is charged. The use of officials would be permitted and encouraged whenever possible for the purpose of instruction regarding the rules and proper application of rules.
- Approved** ♦ **FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT Definition** – A foreign exchange student is a student that is enrolled in a NYSPHSAA member school that is a participant in a foreign exchange program. The foreign exchange program may or may not be accepted for listing by the CSIET.
- Approved** ♦ **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT Definition** – An international student is a student that is enrolled in a NYSPHSAA member school, who is not enrolled in a foreign exchange program nor living with his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months)
- Approved** ♦ **SPORTSMANSHIP** - The committee recommends adjusting the language of the Sportsmanship Rule to state,....disqualified by a sport official.....This change would clarify that the penalty would be enforced during a scrimmage or a contest.

### **Budget and Finance Committee**

- Approved** ♦ The committee is recommending the approval of a \$1.00 Convenience Fee for all on-line tickets purchased by Ticket Leap.

### **Modified Committee**

- Approved** ♦ **FOOTBALL** – With section approval, schools will be allowed to use two wide receivers on opposite sides of the formation.
- Approved** ♦ **WRESTLING** - Modified wrestlers who compete in two or three bouts in a contest, the time periods are either: Three 1 minute periods or 1st Period – 1 minute, 2nd and 3rd Periods – 1 and ½ minutes.
- Approved** ♦ **WRESTLING** – With section/league approval an additional, sudden victory, overtime period shall be permitted in modified wrestling. Wrestlers must start in the standing position, and the period shall not exceed 30 seconds. (Pending Safety Committee Recommendation)
- Approved** ♦ **EARLY FALL MODIFIED STARTING DATES** - Some sections have approved earlier fall 2010 modified starting dates: Section 5 – August 28 for football, Section 6 – August 23 for football and Section 7 – August 25 for all sports.
- Approved** ♦ **BASEBALL/SOFTBALL** - With sectional/league approval, when the team at bat has two outs with the catcher on base, a pinch runner may be used to allow the catcher to get his/her gear on prior to the third out. The pinch runner is a player who is a substitute, or in the case that all substitutes have been used, a player off the bench who is not currently in the lineup. This rule does not change the normal substitution rules and does not overshadow the need to get all players in the lineup; it allows for cutting time off the transition between innings.
- Approved** ♦ **SCRIMMAGES** –Due to current fiscal concerns in New York State, with sectional/league approval, up to 50% of the maximum number of games permitted for each modified level sport may be contested as scrimmages during

the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years. Example: Basketball – 14 games permitted, 50% (7) could be scrimmages plus 7 games for a total of 14. Also three additional scrimmages are permitted. Scrimmages must follow all the guidelines in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

- Approved**
- ◆ **SPORTSMANSHIP** - When coaches do not fulfill the penalty of the Sportsmanship Regulation by being present at the site of the contest the coach has not fulfilled the penalty and remains ineligible to coach. The committee felt that during the regular season and sectional activity, the Section should impose a penalty on the coach/school. During regional and state championship activity, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director should impose the penalty.

***Championship Advisory Committee*** – See Committee Report

- ◆ **ICE HOCKEY** – Regional Rotation – See Report
- ◆ **OFFICIALS FEES and POLICIES** – See Report

***Safety Committee Report***

- ◆ **WRESTLING**
  - Requesting approval for wrestlers to be certified at a minimum weight rather than a minimum weight class.
  - Utilizing the National Wrestling Coaches Association data base for the submission of Minimum Weight Certification results. The NWCA data base is currently being used for the submission of data for At-Large competitors and the seeding of the NYSPHSAA Championship.
- ◆ **HEAT INDEX and WIND CHILL INDEX** – See Report
- ◆ **CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS** – See Report

***Sportsmanship Report***

- ◆ **SPORTSMANSHIP RULE** – See Report
  - Consequence for a coach not serving the penalty
  - Disqualification from a scrimmage

TO: NYSPHSAA Executive Committee  
FROM: Robbie Greene, Handbook Committee  
DATE: February 10, 2010  
RE: Handbook Committee Minutes



**Attendance:** Robbie Greene, Ted Bondi, Carol Rog, Steve Broadwell, John Gallagher, Bonnie Smith, Trish Kocalski, Renee James, Nina VanErk. The meeting was held by telephone conference.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Appeal Panel** – The committee discussed whether there was a need to establish a flat fee for appeals that are heard by conference call. The intention was to minimize frivolous appeals and eliminate the sharing of cost. The committee felt a review of the number of appeals and the cost associated with the appeals be reviewed before a recommendation could be considered. Nina will provide the information prior to the next meeting of the Handbook Committee.

2. **Foreign Exchange and International Students** – The rule has been streamlined by removing the inconsistency and has been made to be more easily understood. The committee recommends the following change to the Foreign Students regulation. **ACTION REQUESTED**

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE and INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

*The following criteria apply to all Foreign Exchange and International students:*

1. *Students who have been graduated from the secondary school system in their country are ineligible for the interschool athletic program.*
2. *No member of the school's coaching staff or athletic director, paid or voluntary, shall serve as the host family.*
3. *There shall be no evidence that a student, school or other interested party has influenced the assignment of the foreign exchange or international student to a school for athletic purposes.*
4. *Students must possess the appropriate visa.*
5. *The foreign exchange and international student must comply with all other NYSPHSAA and NYSED eligibility requirements.*

**Approved**

*In addition to the aforementioned criteria, the following applies to:*

**A. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS - All Foreign Exchange Students must be reported to the Section office using the appropriate form.**

- a. *A bona fide Foreign Exchange student may be immediately eligible the first year in residence and be limited to one year eligibility provided the student (a) is a participant in an established foreign exchange program accepted for listing by the Council of Standards for International Travel (CSIET) and (b) complies with all State Education Department and NYSPHSAA, Inc. standards. Students that are not in an approved CSIET program are subject to the Transfer Rule. NOTE: CSIET list is available at*
- b. *There shall be no evidence that a student, school or other interested party has influenced the assignment of the Foreign Exchange student to a school for athletic purposes. The foreign exchange program must assign students to host families by a method that ensures that no student, or his/her parents, school or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The Foreign Exchange student may not be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities. School districts will be notified by NYSPHSAA if a student is considered to be a "Direct Placement" by CSIET standards. Those Foreign Exchange students who are Direct Placements are subject to the Transfer Rule. (p. --*

**Approved**

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**B. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - When needed, International students, must receive a waiver of the Transfer Rule to be eligible to practice or compete. Schools must submit the required transfer form to the Section office. Athletes are not permitted to practice before the form has been submitted. Athletes are not permitted to compete without approval.**

Approved

- a. All International students are considered to be transfer students. Eligibility is determined under the transfer rule. NOTE: If an International student has participated in an organized sports program in a particular sport, equivalent to or on a higher level than our high school programs, he/she is ineligible to participate in that sport for one year.
- b. There shall be no evidence that a student, school or other interested party has influenced the assignment of the International student to a school for athletic purposes.

**NOTE: Noncompliance with one or more of the foregoing provisions shall render the Foreign Exchange or International student ineligible for interscholastic athletics at any high school which is a member of the NYSPHSAA.**

3. **Conducting a Contest** – The committee recommends the following addition to the Handbook to help clarify how a regular season contest must be contested when held in conjunction with a fund raising event. **ACTION REQUESTED**

**CONDUCTING A CONTEST** – 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph (page 86)

*When a contest or game is held in conjunction with a fund raising effort the following criteria is required to be met:*

Approved

1. The host school is required to have the charity event approved by a school administrator and/or Board of Education.
2. The sport specific game rules (NFHS, NCAA, etc) may not be altered.
3. All NYSPHSAA and NYSED eligibility standards must be followed.
4. Donations may not be made based on the outcome of student performance.
5. If an outside agency or charity is directly involved in the administration, coordination, or organization of the contest, the event must be approved under the Outside Agency rule.
6. League or conference schedules may not be altered unless mutually agreed upon.

4. **Transgender Policy** – The sub-committee of Renee James, Carol Rog, Bonnie Smith, Julie Maney and Nina Van Erk will meet by conference call on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Support materials have been distributed.
5. **Scrimmages** – During the sport committee meetings, coordinators have discussed the definition of a scrimmage for their particular sport. The Handbook Committee reviewed recommendations from the following sports: boys and girls soccer, field hockey, wrestling, ice hockey, boys and girls lacrosse, girls golf, boys tennis and softball. The committee would like to the same sport use the same definition for a scrimmage and recommends that soccer incorporate their recommendations into one proposal. Nina will be sharing these recommendations with the Executive Directors to encourage discussion at the Section level prior to the April/May Executive Committee meeting.

#### **FUTURE MEETING**

**April 8, 2010 - WEDNESDAY – 9:30 CONFERENCE CALL**

**SCRIMMAGES**

***Soccer:***

1. The duration of a scrimmage should not exceed a total of 100 minutes, as this is the maximum allowed for a regular season contest under NFHS rules.
2. The length of time for periods of play in a scrimmage are to be determined by the coaches, not to exceed 40 minutes in any one period: halves, three periods or quarters.
3. Scoreboards may be used for timekeeping only.
4. Each period of play shall start with either team's goalie controlling the ball and putting it into play with a goal kick, goalie throw or goalie punt.
5. When a goal is scored, play will be restarted with goalie possession. The goalie can restart play with a goal kick, goalie throw or goalie punt.
6. Substitutions are allowed at any time during a period of play. Substitutions are unlimited in number and substitutions may be made while play is continuing, when there is not be a deadball. ("on the fly")
7. Coaches should stop play and restart with various set pieces during the duration of play.

***Field Hockey:***

A scrimmage is differentiated from a game by **using any or all** of the following guidelines:

1. Start with a sideline or 16 yd. hit
2. Use a running clock, and or modified periods
3. Incorporate all or part of the Overtime Procedure into the scrimmage
4. Each team will take 5 offensive corners, playing until:
  - a. a goal is scored
  - b. the ball goes out of bounds
  - c. or crosses the 25yd line.

***Wrestling:***

A scrimmage is an interschool practice session. In practice sessions/scrimmages:

1. Must wrestle in predefined situations.
2. Must wrestle in neutral position. If a takedown occurs would go back to the neutral position.
3. Must wrestle in the referees position using both styles. If a pin occurs, restart in the referees position.

***Ice Hockey:***

1. A scrimmage would be divided into 2 halves - time to be determined by teams.
2. It is permissible to use the time clock and penalty clocks but no score is kept.
3. During the scrimmage each team must play short handed.
4. Half (1/2) ice situations.

***Lacrosse:***

1. No official score kept.
2. Play modified time periods.
3. Alternate possessions.
4. Start the game with:
  - a. Draw - Girls
  - b. Face-Off - Boys
5. Include the following game situations:
  - a. Face-Off/Draws - Boys/Girls
  - b. Clears and Rides - Boys/Girls
  - c. Extra Man and Man-Down - Boys
  - d. Fast Breaks - Boys/Girls



## **GOLF:**

During a scrimmage players are to use:

1. Different tees
2. Multiple shots
3. Play 2 or three balls
4. Change in format: match play, Ryder cup, or best ball format,
5. No scoring
6. Multiple putts

## **SOFTBALL/BASEBALL**

Scrimmage will include free substitutions; will not include scorekeeping or lineup exchange and must include at least one of these recommendations, but all four are suggested.

1. Six (6) outs (3 outs clear the field/ 3 more outs) per inning.
2. All players in batting order.
3. Start with runners on base with a predetermined situation.
4. At least once during the scrimmage reset the score back to 0-0.

## **VOLLEYBALL**

The following are the committee's recommendations;

1. Games would start at point 4 all and end at point 25 or a game could be timed with no point cap.
2. One person on a team would need to serve 3-5 consecutive serves regardless if the point was scored before the other team would get the ball. (rotate)
3. Unlimited legal substitutions and unlimited time outs.

## **BASKETBALL**

1. At least one-quarter - 5 on 5 half (1/2) court.
2. Time periods will be 10 minutes, running time (clock stopped for time-outs only).
3. Clear score and reset time after each period.
4. Unlimited time outs, unlimited length.
5. ~~15~~ shot clock. OPTIONAL
6. Shoot only fouls against the shooter and shoot them as one plus one.
7. At the end of the 1st and 3rd quarters, each team will run five (5) special plays.  
Example: out-of-bounds play underneath the basket; sideline out-of-bounds.

## **TRACK AND FIELD**

No limitation to the amount of events that an athlete may participate in.

## **BOWLING**

1. Substitutions can be made at any time, frame by frame.
2. No limit on the number of frames.

## **SWIMMING**

1. More than one (1) heat possible for events.

## **TENNIS**

A tennis scrimmage may be any format variation that does not follow the regular competition for league/sectional play. A list of possible alternative formats are listed below:

1. Teams use tie breaks only
2. Multiple scrimmage matches
3. 5 game pro-sets with a tie break at 5-5

4. Each singles player serves three points in a row to the deuce box and then three points in a row to the ad box. To win the game, a player must win 4 points. If the score is 3-3, then the receiver chooses to receive serve from any box of their choice to finish the game.
5. Each singles player serves three games in a row until a 6-game set is decided (doubles players serve two games in a row, then after 8 games each player serves only one game at a time until the set is won). At the end of the set, a 12-point tie breaker is still played irregardless of who won the set (doubles team may play the "coman" tie breaker).
6. Teams compete using pro-sets rather than 2 of 3 tie breakers.
7. Round robin of matches consisting of 4 games per match against each of the singles players against different styles of play and using the same system for doubles teams.

### **SKIING**

One (1) or more runs of slalom, giant slalom and/or Nordic.



already been made over the past few years that are cost-cutting designs. These options should be considered first:

- 2 or more contests per day are permitted in some modified sports
- Multi-school matches are permitted in many modified sports
- Doubleheaders may be played in baseball and softball
- Sections/schools may increase the number of scrimmages that they utilize to 3
- Sections may reduce a specific percentage of the NYSPHSAA maximum number of contests permitted in a season
- Sections have been examining geographic proximity in scheduling games, and avoiding longer distance cross-sectional competition
- Sections have been realigning schedules to combine teams on one bus to a site (*i.e.* multiple teams of same sport, two sports to same site, boys' team with girls' team)

After discussion, the following cost-cutting option was also developed for use during the next two school years:

*"Due to current fiscal concerns in New York State, with sectional/league approval, up to 50% of the maximum number of games permitted for each modified level sport may be designated as scrimmages during the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years."*

This item will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting for their information, allowing time for us to tell you about it at this time. If approved, it will go directly to the Executive Committee in August.

**Item that will go to the State Safety Committee:**

**Wrestling Overtime Period**

*"With sectional approval, an additional 'sudden victory' overtime period shall be permitted in modified wrestling. Wrestlers must start in the standing position, and the period shall not exceed 30 seconds."*

If approved, this item will be directed immediately to the Executive Committee.

**Items which will occur before the Fall 2010 Modified Committee meeting:**

- Promotion of survey and examination/reporting of data for Year 2 of "mercy rule" experiment in softball and baseball
- Promotion of survey and examination/reporting of data for Year 2 of modified track and field pilot program regarding boys' hurdle height
- Promotion of survey and examination/reporting of data for Year 1 of modified volleyball libero player pilot program
- Development of survey and examination/reporting of data for Year 1 of new modified softball pilot program regarding innings to be played at 3 outs or 5 runs
- NYSPHSAA posting of tennis survey, promotion of survey and examination/reporting of data
- Encouragement of completion of all modified pilot program surveys by all sectional Executive Directors, modified sport coordinators, and modified and HS representatives

## Discussion Item

### Status of Pilot Programs Data Collection in Our Section

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the status of the pilot programs in some modified sports. Surveys are available online on the NYSPHSAA website at <http://nysphsaa.org/surveys>. They are easy and quick to fill out, and require no mailings. But we need you to encourage every one of your modified coaches who is coaching a sport that is part of a pilot program to fill them out annually! Make this survey completion a part of your end-of-season checklist. Follow up and kindly harass the coaches who do not comply with this responsibility; they make us look bad. We have the listing of those schools and coaches who have and have not completed this responsibility, and we can share these lists with you. Please help us secure a good sectional return so that this important data can effect change and improvements in the modified sports.

Our section had the **OPTION, and still does**, of participating in these pilot programs. Our section presently has decided to participate in the (*baseball/softball mercy rule, volleyball libero player, boys' track hurdle height and/or softball innings*) pilot programs. We decided **NOT** to participate in the (*baseball/softball mercy rule, volleyball libero player, boys' track hurdle height and/or softball innings*) pilot programs.. We now need your cooperation and survey input for **each** of the following pilot programs we chose to participate in:

- "Mercy Rule" Experiment in Softball and Baseball

*"With sectional/league approval, a 'mercy rule' experiment in modified baseball and softball will be permitted, allowing a game to end after the fifth inning when a team at the short end of the 15 run rule has completed their fifth at-bat."*

This pilot began last spring and will continue through Spring 2010.

- Volleyball Libero Player

*"Modified volleyball Game Rule #6 (NYSPHSAA handbook, page 148) shall be changed to read: "With sectional/league approval, the libero player may be used at the modified level."*

This pilot program is for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years.

- Track Hurdle Height

*"With sectional/league approval, a two year pilot program in modified track and field may be implemented that would increase the height of the hurdle in the 55m modified boys' event from 30 inches to 33 inches."*

This pilot began last spring and will continue through Spring 2010.

- Softball Innings (survey is being developed)

*"With sectional/league approval, a two year pilot program in modified softball may be implemented that shall allow innings 1-6 to be completed in five runs or three outs. The 7<sup>th</sup> inning shall be played as a normal inning, with three outs and no run restrictions for that inning."*

This new pilot begins this spring and will continue through Spring 2011.

### **Action Items for Next Meeting**

None at this time.

### **Information Items**

1. The Baseball/Softball Re-Entry Rule was passed by the Executive Committee and is in effect as of this spring:  
*"In the spirit of modified athletics, in the sports of baseball/softball, the re-entry rule may be waived only if an injured player must be replaced and all eligible substitutes have been used."*
2. The Badminton/Tennis Match Limitations/Day proposal was passed by the Executive Committee and is in effect:  
*"For the purpose of ensuring that every eligible badminton/tennis player has the opportunity to play in a match, each player may play one additional singles or doubles match per day. The individual limitations per day for badminton and tennis shall be increased to two matches per day, provided that every individual player play once before any player plays twice."*
3. The new State Modified Tennis Sport Coordinator is Pat Levy from Section I. She has posted a tennis survey on the NYSPHSAA website to gather demographic information regarding this sport across NYS. Please help us by going to the NYSPHSAA website: <http://www.nysphsaa.org/surveys> and filling out the requested information about your modified tennis programs. Pat Levy is available to assist you in initiating or promoting your tennis program with the assistance of the USTA. Grants are available to obtain equipment, supplies and promotional items for your Physical Education students and your athletes.  
Contact Pat at 914-764-3031 (home), 914-588-0818 (cell) or at [pat@slought.org](mailto:pat@slought.org) for help. The best direct USTA contact recommended by Pat is Sandy Hoffman at 914-980-8216 or at [hoffman@usta.com](mailto:hoffman@usta.com) .

### **Modified Committee Meetings – 2010-2011 School Year**

Fall Meeting	Friday, October 15, 2010	9:30 AM
Spring Meeting	Friday, April 1, 2011	9:30 AM

The meetings will take place at the NYSPHSAA office in Latham, New York.



## HEAT INDEX PROCEDURES

**Administration of Heat Index Procedures:**

- Heat index will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 80 degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher.
- The athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee will use the [accuweather.com](http://accuweather.com) website to determine the heat index for the area of the contest/practice. The [accuweather.com](http://accuweather.com) website can be reached through the NYSPHSAA website. Once a person is on the [accuweather.com](http://accuweather.com) website, they will put in the zip code for the location of the contest/practice and the website will give them the air temperature as well as the RealFeel temperature (heat index).
- If the RealFeel temperature (heat index) is 90 degrees or above, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the RealFeel (heat index) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the RealFeel (heat index) temperature is 96 degrees (Fahrenheit) or more, the contest will be suspended.

**Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:**

	RealFeel (Heat Index) under 79 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
<b>R E C O M M E N D E D</b>	Heat Index Caution: RealFeel (Heat Index) 80 degrees to 85 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session.
	Heat Index Watch: RealFeel (Heat Index) 86 degrees to 90 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when ReelFeel temp is lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time).
	Heat Index Warning: RealFeel (Heat Index) 91 degrees to 95 degrees	Provide ample water and water breaks every 15 minutes. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when ReelFeel temp is much lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time). Light weight and loose fitting clothes should be worn. For Practices only Football Helmets should be worn. No other protective equipment should be worn.
<b>REQUIRED</b>	Heat Index Alert: RealFeel (Heat Index) 96 degrees or greater	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held. Inside activity should only be held if air conditioned.



## WIND CHILL PROCEDURES

### Administration of Wind Chill Procedures:

- Wind Chill will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 39 degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower.
- The athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee will use the [accuweather.com](http://accuweather.com) website to determine the heat index for the area of the contest/practice. The [accuweather.com](http://accuweather.com) website can be reached through the NYSPHSAA website. Once a person is on the [accuweather.com](http://accuweather.com) website, they will put in the zip code for the location of the contest/practice and the website will give them the air temperature as well as the RealFeel temperature (wind chill).
- If the RealFeel temperature (wind chill) is 10 degrees or below, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the RealFeel (wind chill) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the RealFeel (wind chill) temperature is -11 degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower, the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:

	RealFeel (wind chill) above 40 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
R E C O M M E N D E D	Wind Chill Caution: RealFeel (wind chill) 36 degrees to 20 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing.
	Wind Chill Watch: RealFeel (wind chill) 29 degrees to 10 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss.
	Wind Chill Warning: RealFeel (wind chill) 9 degrees to -10 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss. Consider postponing practice to a time when ReelFeel temp is much higher. Consider reducing the amount of time for an outdoor practice session.
RealFeel (wind chill) -11 degrees or lower	Wind Chill Alert	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held.

**Special Note: Alpine Skiing will be exempt from this policy and will follow the regulations of the host ski center where the practice or event is being held.**



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To: NYSPHSAA Executive Committee  
From: Todd Nelson  
Date: April 30 – May 1, 2010  
Re: Safety Committee Report

**Attendance:** The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee met on April 13, 2010 through a conference call. The following individuals participated in the meeting, Jim Rose (1), Rick Knizek (2), Kelly Hoke (3), Pat Grasso (4), Kim Henshaw (5), Tim Marong (6), Karen Lopez (7), Rich Schaub (8), Janet Carey (9), Erica Backus (10), Tim Mullins (11), Trish Kocalski (SED), Brian Rieger (SUNY Upstate), Paul Lasinski (NYS Athletic Trainers Association), Marty Sherman (NYSPHSAA Wrestling Chairman). Absent with notification John O'Bryan (MD) and Doug Sacket, NYS Health Department.

Approved

**Minimum Weight Certification Program:** The committee discussed a recommendation from the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee and the Wrestling Advisory Committee that would certify a wrestler to a minimum weight instead of a minimum weight class. The rationale behind this recommendation is that on December 25<sup>th</sup> of every year wrestlers are given a two pound growth allowance by rule. A wrestler may be eligible by weight once this growth allowance has passed. When we certify to a weight class the wrestler may be wrestling at an unsafe weight class. The Safety Committee is recommending the following. For the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school year all wrestlers will be certified to a minimum weight instead of a minimum weight class. Our present procedure and calculation already provide the minimum weight of every wrestler that is assessed. The NYSPHSAA is also considering reporting the results of the assessments to the National Wrestling Coaches Association database directly. We currently use their database to help fill the at-large entries and seed our championship tournament. A recommendation will be coming in August 2010. Action Requested

Approved  
with  
minor  
change

**Heat Index and Wind Chill Policy:** The committee discussed a draft proposal from the heat index/wind chill policy sub-committee. The Safety Committee recommended some language changes to the policy that involved adding language to clarify the different levels of both policies and also clarifying the recommendations that only football helmets and no other protective equipment should be worn only apply to practices. In the wind chill policy, language was added that this policy would exclude the sport of Alpine Skiing. The rationale behind this language was due to the fact that all ski centers have regulations in place that address these types of safety concerns. The other factor is that Alpine skiers are out in the elements for a short period of time and do not have the same type of exposure to the elements. The Safety Committee recommends that the heat index and wind chill policy be adopted for all member schools to follow during the regular season and post season play. The committee would like to note that a Section does have the right to make both policies more restrictive. Action Requested

**Proposal for Football Practice Regulations:** The Safety Committee approved the recommendation from the Football Committee to change the practice guidelines from 3-2-6-4 to 2-3-6-4.

**Boys and Girls Tennis Proposal:** The Safety Committee recommends approval of the the tennis proposal to allow 4 matches in a day for Sectional/ League tournaments using modified scoring and the required amount of rest between the quarter finals (30 minutes), semi-finals (45 minutes), and finals (60 minutes). The committee has asked the Boys and Girls Tennis Committee to clearly define what the modified scoring should be for each of these tournaments.

**Modified Committee:** The Safety Committee approved the recommendation from the Modified Committee that in the sport of modified wrestling, wrestlers will be allowed with Section approval to have a sudden victory overtime in the matches that end in a tie.

**Concussion Management:** The committee discussed the progress that New York State has made in the area of concussion management. Our schools and Sections need to continue to emphasize the importance of monitoring students who have had a concussion. The NYSPHSAA office staff continues to work with State Legislators on possible legislation that mandates schools to have a policy on concussion management.

**Summer Meeting Discussion Item**

**Mandated Athletic Trainers:** The committee discussed at great length the need to have athletic trainers at every member high school. The committee feels strongly that this should be a mandate from the NYSPHSAA. The committee also understands that we are in an extremely difficult economic time and that another unfunded mandate at this time would be an extreme hardship on our member schools. With that being said, the safety of our athletes is still a top priority for our members schools and the NYSPHSAA. With the increase understanding of the severity and importance of a concussion management program in a school district, as well as many other health related aspects that are facing our student athletes, the Safety Committee would like to make a recommendation that is not a mandate but would be placed in the NYSPHSAA handbook as a recommendation or encouragement to our member schools. The Safety Committee is offering the following suggestion. "The NYSPHSAA recommends that all member high schools have some type of athletic training services provided to the school by a certified athletic trainer". The committee understands that the Commissioner of Education Regulations state that, "It shall be the duty of the trustees and boards of education to determine the need for an athletic trainer and to permit individuals to serve as athletic trainers for interschool athletic teams, intramural teams or physical education classes only in accordance with the following:". The qualifications and scope of duties and responsibilities are outlined on page 44 of the NYSPHSAA handbook. The Safety Committee is asking the Executive Committee to consider our recommendation.

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To: Executive Committee  
From: Todd Nelson  
Date: April 30 – May 1, 2010  
Re: Sportsmanship Report

The Sportsmanship Committee met on March 17, 2010 at the NYSAAA Conference. The following members were in attendance, Dave Goddard (1), Cathy Stanilka (2), Brad Dates (3), Dave Boundy (4), Timm Slade (6), Donna Moody (7), Glen Maisch (9), Martha Slack (10), Mary Onken (officials). Absent with notification Sections 4, 8, and 11. The following are some highlights of the meeting.

**Sportsmanship Promotion Program:** The Sportsmanship Promotion Program school assessments were due on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Each Section Sportsmanship Committee should be looking at each of the schools that completed an assessment survey and select 3 or 4 schools that have set themselves apart from other schools in the section. The schools that are selected by the section committee will be nominated for the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Promotion Program Banner Award. Each school that is nominated will receive a plaque for their accomplishments. The plaques will be awarded by the section in the fall at the mandatory athletic director workshop. **Nominations are due into the NYSPHSAA office by May 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Approved** **Consequence for a coach not serving penalty of Sportsmanship Standard:** The committee discussed the recommendation from the Handbook Committee for a coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the Sportsmanship Standard. The Sportsmanship Committee is recommending a prescribed penalty for not serving the penalty for violating the sportsmanship standard. The recommendation is as follows, "Any coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the sportsmanship standard will be ineligible to participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests. If the coach continues to not serve the penalty, the matter will be referred to the Section for further action. If the coach is involved in the NYSPHSAA play-offs the matter will be referred to the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA".

**Player or coach that is disqualified from a scrimmage:** The committee discussed this issue and has recommended that if a coach or player is disqualified from a scrimmage, they should be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled contest or scrimmage. This is a recommendation that comes directly from the Sportsmanship Committee. The members of the committee did not have any input from their respective Sections.

**New Initiative:** The Sportsmanship Committee is discussing and developing a program to help address spectator behavior during our contests. Section 5 has had discussion on a new program entitled "Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive". The NYSPHSAA would like to explore the options of expanding this concept to all of our member schools and to the NYSPHSAA Championship Tournaments. A sub-committee will be meeting this spring to discuss this program and to bring a recommendation back to the Sportsmanship Committee. Any athletic director or coach that has any comments or suggestions should contact their section sportsmanship representative.