

## Section IX Athletics

## Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at Mt. St. Mary College 330 Powell Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550

- 1. Call to Order: Tom Cassata
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance: Tom Cassata
- 3. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
- 4. Approval of April 8, 2014 Minutes
- 5. Review of Meeting Materials Jim Osborne
- 6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
- 7. Superintendent Representative to NYSPHSAA for 2014-2015 Tom Cassata
- 8. Mergers for 2014-2015 Jim Osborne
- 9. Section IX Directory for 2014-2015
- 10. Section IX Billing for 2014-2015 Sports Dues Form
- 11. Scholar Athlete Team Application Due to NYSPHSAA by Friday, May 16, 2014
- 12. NYSPHSAA Student Leadership Conference Tom Cassata
- 13. Code of Conduct for Spectators: Dennis Burkett and Doug Murphy
- 14. Spring Sport Chairs:

a.	Baseball	
a.	Dascball	

T.D. Mills

e. Track & Field

Matthew Hemmer and

b. Boys Golf

Tom Howe

f. Girls Golf

Natasha Kennedy Bill Earl

c. Boys Lacrosse

Bob Slate

g. Girls Lacrosse

Wendy Crandall

d. Boys Tennis

Urvashi Gupta

and LuAnn McCarthy

h. Softball

Bruce Guyette

#### 15. Chair Reports:

a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports

rts Jeremy Weber and Michelle Henn

- 1. Tryout Rule Editorial Change
- 2. Promotion Rule Revision
- 3. Modified Football Proposed Pilot
- 4. Reduction in the Number of Practices Modified Cross Country 13 to 11

b. Safety

Janet Carey

c. Chemical Health

Marco Lanzoni

d. Officials Coordinator

**Dennis Burkett** 

e. Eligibility

Fred Ahart

f. Sportsmanship

Glen Maisch

- 16. New Business
- 17. Old Business
- 18. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 12, 2014 at TBA at 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m.



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## NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting May 2, 2014 - Highlights

#### Ken Slentz - Deputy Commissioner, SED

Mr. Slentz discussed learning college career skills in athletics. Can we look at other models that work. A discussion on opportunities and improvement took place.

#### Robert Zayas - Executive Director, NYSPHSAA

Ball Adoption: July 1, 2014 - Sections submit interest in being part of a statewide ball adoption - Tentative Timeline

October 23, 2014 – RFP presented to Executive Committee.

December 1, 2014 - RFP released to all major ball manufactures

February 1, 2015 - Due date of RFP

March 1, 2015 - Ball adoption awarded

2015-2016 - Awareness and information distributed to membership

2016-2017 - Ball adoption to begin

<u>Coaching Certification</u> – An ad hoc committee, NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA is currently developing a revised coaching certification curriculum to propose to SED.

<u>Athletic Shopping Regulations</u> – The Transfer and Handbook Committees would like to continue to discuss the potential implementation of the following to the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule:

- 1. The entire family unit must move to the new residence.
- 2. The entire family unit must abandon the previous residence.
- 3. Must provide proof of a utilities bill at the new residence.

<u>Combining of Teams</u> – The Committee discussed the need to collect data pertaining to the number of schools who are taking advantage of the graduated scale, how many students/teams the graduated scale is impacting and how the combining of teams can be improved for the future.

<u>Transfer Committee</u> – The Committee discussed the need for greater consistency of interpreting the transfer rule, transfers for athletic purposes and the number of students using "academic advantage" to gain immediate eligibility. The Committee recommended the elimination of academic advantage as one of the waivers of the transfer rule as well as requiring "legal" separation as one of the six exemptions of the transfer rule.

New England Student Leadership Conference: See handout

#### Robert Stulmaker, Assistant Director, NYSPHSAA

State Championships/Regionals Dates/Sites for 2014-2015 Updated schedule is in your folder.

Scholar-Athlete Team Award
Spring deadline for 2014is Friday, May 16, 2014

School of Distinction Award Application
Application must be received no later than June 30, 2014

#### Community Service Challenge

Applications must be submitted to the Section. Section IX must submit approved application to NYSPHSAA by June 1, 2014.

### Todd Nelson - Assistant Director, NYSPHSAA

Unified Sports and Cheerleading (2014-2015) – Refer to report enclosed.

## Championship Advisory Committee

The Committee reviewed the following and approved to go to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.

- 1. Extend the present official fees and policies for 2014-2015 school year.
- 2. Permit one (1) Board of Education approved Track & Field Coach per qualified athlete free entry into State Track & Field Championship with a limit of six (6) coaches per school.
- 3. Class D Girls Basketball rotation
- 4. Change starting times of Class D and Class C Girls Basketball Championship.
- 5. Inclusion of the Weight Throw Indoor Track & Field
- 6. Variation sports to seek approval from the CAC for changes on a uniform calendar.

#### Action items defeated at the Boys Golf Championship

1. Coaches playing in the practice round at their own expense in a supervisory capacity.

Discussion items: Dates when Sections need to submit officials for State Tournaments

Handbook Committee - Report enclosed

NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics - Report enclosed

NYSPHSAA Safety Committee - Report Enclosed

NYSED Sportsmanship Committee - Report Enclosed

NYSED Physical Education, Health Education and Athletics Update – Report Enclosed

NYSPHSAA General Action Items - Enclosed

NYSPHSAA Discussion/Information Items - Enclosed

### **New England Student Leadership Conference:**

NYSPHSAA will participate in the New England Leadership Conference for the first time during the summer of 2014. The conference is scheduled to be held July 15-18 at Stonehill College, Easton, MA.



NYSPHSAA will pay the Conference Fee and Registration Fee, which includes all boarding and meals for 22 students

during the conference. Each Section will have the ability to select two students to attend the conference; an application will be provided to the Sections to assist in the selection of the students which must be submitted to the NYSPHSAA by May 23. The Section, school or student will pay for and arrange travel to/from the conference location. It will be requested that participating students speak about their experience at a Sectional Athletic Council meeting during the Fall of 2014.

The curriculum for the conference will focus on Respect, Positive Values, Perspective, Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Healthy Lifestyles, Community Service and Self-Evaluation. These components will be presented in large and small-group sessions, led by outstanding adult and college facilitators specifically chosen for their involvement in athletics at the high school and collegiate level, and will address contemporary issues that impact a young person being a leader and role model.

In addition to group discussion, special guest speakers will share inspirational messages, stories of overcoming adversity and utilizing the power of positive influence. The conference will also incorporate a community service project as part of the leadership training curriculum that will take place in local communities.

See conference information on the following two pages.



July 15-18, 2014 Stonehill College - Easton, MA

















Sponsored by the NFHS Section 1 State Associations

## New England Student Leadership Conference July 15-18, 2014 - Stonehill College

## Tomorrow's Leaders: High School Athletics and Activities Participants

Incredible attention is being paid to high school athletics and activities programs today. Participants in these programs are looked up to as leaders because of their position on the team or club. The impact that these young people have on the climate and culture of their schools, fellow students and community is incredible. In fact, studies show that more than one-half of high school students participate in some form of school activity or athletic program. The involvement of these students in the success of a high school is paramount and critical.

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and its Section 1 members want to be the leaders in training talented, committed young people to become better citizens who will be positive, contributing adults and role models for youth. We are pleased to announce that in partnership, the state associations from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont will be hosting the 4th Annual New England Student Leadership Conference from July 15-18, 2014 at Stonehill College in Easton, MA. This conference is a four-day, residential event for over 300 student and adult leaders who participate in interscholastic athletic and activity programs through their state high school athletic/activities associations.

The conference is modeled after the NFHS National Student Leadership Conference that took place in Indianapolis, IN for over a decade. The NFHS event was the only national student leadership conference of its kind for high school athletes and activity participants. The goal of the NFHS event was to assist high school student-athletes and activity participants in developing their leadership abilities while interacting with peers from across the United States and Canada. This conference will replicate the training curriculum for student-athletes and activity participants from across the northeast.

#### Conference Curriculum

The curriculum for the conference will focus on Respect, Positive Values, Perspective, Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Healthy Lifestyles, Community Service and Self-Evaluation. These components will be presented in large and small-group sessions, led by outstanding adult and college facilitators specifically chosen for their involvement in athletics at the high school and collegiate level, and will address contemporary issues that impact a young person being a leader and role model. In addition to group discussion, special guest speakers will share inspirational messages, stories of overcoming adversity and utilizing the power of positive influence. The conference will also incorporate a community service project as part of the leadership training curriculum that will take place in local communities.

#### Supervision

In addition to the 30 college and adult curriculum facilitators, approximately 30 adult delegates will serve as advisors and chaperones as they oversee the student delegates from their respective states. These adults will take an active part in the discussions and curriculum of the conference. The adult delegates and adult staff members will be available to help the students with any questions or concerns they might have. A conference nurse will be on site throughout the week for any medical issues. In addition, Stonehill College Public Safety and staff will be available 24 hours a day on campus for any safety and security needs.

#### Attire

The conference takes place in a relaxed atmosphere to encourage learning and facilitate interaction. The high temperatures and humid weather during the mid-summer dictate casual clothing for this event. Jeans, shorts, sneakers and t-shirts are appropriate for the majority of the conference functions. Participants will be provided with three t-shirts during registration that are intended to be worn on specific days of the conference. Participants are encouraged to bring a set of clothing/footwear that they will not mind getting dirty as community service projects will take place on Wednesday morning. Please do not bring any questionable or offensive attire. A recommended packing list is available in the application packet.

#### Housing

Participants will be housed in traditional college residence halls. Each room will accommodate 2-4 delegates. There will be bathrooms and showers on each floor. Bed linens (sheets and blanket) and towels will be provided for each participant. Participants are encouraged to bring their own pillow as this item will not be provided. Participants are to sleep in rooms to which they have been assigned. Visiting a room assigned to the opposite gender is not permitted. Student delegates must submit a separate check made payable to "Stonehill College" in the amount of \$60 as a room key/card deposit. When the room key/card is returned at the end of the conference, the deposit check will be returned to the student delegate. In the event that a delegate loses a room key/card, the check will be deposited by Stonehill College. The sponsoring state associations and Stonehill College are not responsible for key/cards lost or misplaced for any reason.

#### Meals

Meals will be provided by the college food service in the college dining hall. All meals will be provided beginning with dinner on Tuesday, July 15 and ending with breakfast on Friday, July 18. Students who have food allergies or special dietary needs must indicate such information on the Student Health History Form. Some residence halls have vending machines that can be utilized for snacks during the week. Students are encouraged to bring small amounts of money for vending machines in addition to their own snacks/bottled drinks if necessary.

#### Code of Conduct/Conference Policies

Student participants are expected to act in a responsible manner that will reflect well on themselves, their schools, their state associations and the New England Student Leadership Conference. Students are expected to respect each other and themselves while following the rules of the conference. The use of alcohol, to-bacco and drugs is strictly prohibited. In addition, students are expected to observe the established conference and Stonehill College campus curfews each night, sleep in their assigned rooms and not visit housing areas of the opposite gender. Students are not permitted to leave the college campus. Students who violate any of the conference policies will be asked to leave at their own expense without a refund.

#### Transportation

Students are not permitted to drive to the conference or leave cars on the Stonehill College campus. Participants from Massachusetts should make arrangements to be dropped off at the event registration area between 1:00-3:00 pm on July 15. Participants travelling from outside Massachusetts will be contacted by their local state associations regarding travel arrangements.

#### Registration

The student registration fee to attend this conference is \$225. This fee will cover the cost of meals, lodging, training, materials, and transportation during the four days. To register for this conference, please complete the application materials found at www.miaa.net and submit them to your local state association. The registration deadline is May 23, 2014. Registrants will be contacted by their local state association with further information upon receipt of materials.















# 2014-2015 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites



Fall 2014		
Nov 1-3	G Tennis	Tri City Tennis Center, Latham (2)
Nov 8	B/G Cross Country	SUNY Canton (10)
Nov 15	Federation Cross Country	Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls (1)
Nov 15-16	B/G Volleyball	Civic Center, Glens Falls (2)
Nov 15-16	G Soccer	SUNY Cortland, Homer HS, Tompkins Cortland CC (3)
Nov 15-16	Field Hockey	Maine-Endwell HS (4)
Nov 15-16	B Soccer	Middletown HS (9)
Nov 21-22	G Swimming/Diving	Ithaca College, Ithaca (4)
Nov 21-22	Football East Semifinals	Dietz Stadium, Kingston (9)
Nov 21-22	Football West Semifinals	Sahlen's Stadium, Rochester (5)
Nov 28-30	Football Finals	Carrier Dome, Syracuse (3)
	Presented by the American Dairy A	ssociation and Dairy Council
Winter 2014-2015		
52	B/G Skiing	Whiteface/Mt. Van Hoevenburg, Lake Placid (7)
Feb 27-28	Wrestling	Times Union Center, Albany (2)
	Boys Swimming/Diving	
	Girls Gymnastics	
March 7	Boys Volleyball (Regional)	Section 2 TBA
	B/G Indoor Track/Field	
March 7	Rifle (Regional)	ТВА
March 7-8	B/G Bowling	TBA
March 14-15	Ice Hockey	Memorial Auditorium, Utica (3)
March 20-22	Girls Basketball	Hudson Valley Community College, Troy (2)
	Presented by the American Dairy A	ssociation and Dairy Council
March 20-22	Boys Basketball	Civic Center, Glens Falls (2)
	Presented by the American Dairy A	ssociation and Dairy Council
March 27-29	Boys/Girls Federation Basketball	Times Union Center, Albany (2)
Spring 2015		
	B Tennis	National Tennis Center, Flushing (NYC)
	B Golf	
une 3	B Lacrosse East Semis	ТВА
une 3	B Lacrosse West Semis	TBA
une 5-6	G Lacrosse	SUNY Cortland (3)
une 6	B Lacrosse Finals	SUNY Binghamton (4)
une 7	Federation Golf	Bethpage State Park, Farmingdale (8)
une 12-13	B/G Track & Field	SUNY Albany (2)
une 13	Softball	Moreau Park, South Glens Falls (2)
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## NYSPHSAA Executive Committee

May 2, 2014

## Todd Nelson Sportsmanship Report

## **Sportsmanship Promotion Survey:**

The Sportsmanship Promotion survey is currently on the NYSPHSAA website and schools will have until April 30<sup>th</sup> to complete the survey. The Sportsmanship Committee would like each school that completes a survey to receive a certificate. The NYSPHSAA will be using the Sportsmanship certificates we receive FREE of charge from the NFHS. After April 30<sup>th</sup> each section will submit a list of 3 or 4 schools that will receive a Sportsmanship Plaque from the NYSPHSAA. Each section will also select from the plaque award winners nominations for consideration for the State Banner Award. Nominated schools will have to submit supporting documentation to the NYSPHSAA office by May 23<sup>rd</sup>. At the beginning of June the winners of the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Promotion Banner Award will be announced and recognized at the Summer Meeting. Surveys should be completed and returned to the Section Sportsmanship Representative.

## NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program:

The deadline for schools to submit their application for the NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program is May 30<sup>th</sup>. The requirements and application can be found on the NYSPHSAA website. Each school that successfully completes all the requirements will receive a NAIA 5 Star Leadership Banner to hang in their school.

#### Battle of the Fans:

On April 8, 2014 I was able to present the first ever Battle of the Fans Banner to Norwich City School District (4). Norwich was one of 4 finalist selected, with Pleasantville High School (1), Skaneateles High School, and Pittsford School District(5). Other schools that submitted applications were Saratoga High School (2), Cleveland Hill High School (6), Rhinebeck High School (9), Maple Grove High School (6), and North Rose Wolcott (5). Thank you to all the schools for participating in this new and exciting program. We hope even more school will be involved next year.

#### Stay in the Game:

The NYSPHSAA office staff will be collecting disqualification lists from each section at the end of the Spring season. We will compare the disqualification list against the membership list and any school that did not have any disqualifications during the school year will receive a decal to put on their Stay in the Game Banner sponsored by Time Warner Cable.

#### Flagrant Fouls:

One of our Sections did raise a concern regarding flagrant fouls during a contest. The discussion centered around should the penalty be more severe for a flagrant foul, especially when a student is hurt or injured or when there has been multiple fouls during the same season. The representatives were asked to go back to the sections for further discussions.

### James Osborne

From:

Joe Altieri [Altieri@nysphsaa.org] Tuesday, April 29, 2014 2:32 PM

Sent: To:

Joe Altieri

Subject:

NYS Board of Regents Votes to Make Cheer a Sport

New York State Public
High School Athletic Association



#### **News Announcement**

Immediate Release April 29, 2014

Contact Information: Joe Altieri, Media Director Phone: 518.690.0771 altieri@nysphsaa.org

#### NYS BOARD OF REGENTS VOTES TO MAKE COMPETITIVE CHEER A SPORT

**ALBANY, NY-** Today, the Board of Regents unanimously (17-0) approved cheerleading to be recognized as a sport in New York State. The vote follows a recommendation by the P-12 Education Committee yesterday to recognize cheerleading as a sport.

It is the first time competitive cheerleading would be recognized in New York State and will provide the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) an opportunity to officially regulate the sport under its statewide umbrella. The NYSPHSAA plans to convene its cheerleading committee at the end of May to review the approval and set up a strategy for implementation within its membership.

"This is a great step for the progress of cheerleading and we truly appreciate the help, support and assistance of the New York State Education Department," said Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director. "The NYSPHSAA is excited to have competitive cheer recognized as a sport; today's vote allows our association to implement coaching and safety standards for cheer coaches as well as highlight and promote the incredible athletes who participate in the sport with a championship event. Our association has been working on this initiative since 2009 and I am pleased to see the goal become a reality."

Members of the NYSPHSAA staff attended the P-12 Education Committee meeting yesterday, a sub-committee of the Board of Regents, to answer questions or concerns the committee had regarding competitive cheerleading. In 2009, NYSPHSAA formed an Ad Hoc committee to review all aspects of the activity and how cheerleading would work within the current State Education and NYSPHSAA rules and regulations. In 2013, NYSPHSAA conducted its first competitive cheerleading events with the East and West Regional Invitational Tournaments during the winter season. Both events were successfully conducted again in 2014 and NYSPHSAA already had plans to continue the events in 2015. Prior to the 2013 Invitational, NYSPHSAA adopted recommendations for competition and safety for coaches and athletes while awaiting the opportunity from the Board of Regents to recognize cheer as a sport.

#### **About NYSPHSAA**

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. The organization conducts 32 championship events and governs the rules and regulations of high school athletics in New York State. Membership is open to secondary schools providing interschool athletic activities for boys and girls in grades 7-12.

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## **MEETING REPORT**

Meeting: Handbook Committee

Date: March 4, 2014 (Teleconference)

#### **Topics Discussed:**

- Professional Tryout Rule
- Academic Advantage
- Legally Separated Parents
- Athletic Shopping
- Defining Summer
- Defining Tryout
- Foreign and International Students

#### Attendees:

Julie Bergman

Darryl Daily

Renee James

Steve Broadwell

Todd Nelson

Pat Pizzarelli

John Rathburn

Robert Zayas

Robbie Green- Absent with notice

### **Action Items Approved:**

- Consider revising the Professional tryout rule for clarification to a "specific" professional sports team and their affiliates.
- Consider the addition of "academic advantage will not be considered" to the "NOTE:" at the bottom of page 108 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
- Consider requiring parents to be "legally separated" as one of the exemptions of the transfer rule.
- Consider the addition of "athletic shopping" regulations to better define "corresponding change of address"
- Consider defining "summer" as July 1-August 31
- Consider defining tryout as: A tryout consists of a sport specific demonstration in front of professional scouts. This does not include the playing of games where scouts are present. This would include placing students in front of professional scouts to perform drills specific to that sport, independent of the playing of a game.

#### **Future Items For Consideration:**

- A subcommittee is in the process of being created to examine the rules and regulations pertaining to foreign and international students.
  - Proposed committee members will be: Robbie Green, Renee James, Robert Zayas, Todd Nelson, a Section Executive Director and colleagues of Renee James who have expertise with foreign exchange/international students

# **MEETING REPORT**

**Meeting: Handbook Committee** 

Date: April 7, 2014 (Teleconference)

## **Topics Discussed:**

- Discussed Executive Committee Action Items
  - Academic Advantage
  - Legally Separated Parents
  - Professional Tryout Rule
  - Definition of "Tryout"
  - Definition of "Summer"
- Athletic Shopping regulations
- DASA (Dignity of For All Students Act)

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John Rathburn

Robert Zayas

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## **Action Items Approved:**

- Revised previous definition of "summer" from March 4, 2014 Handbook Committee at the recommendation of Robert Zayas to the definition utilized by NYSED- Summer is defined as the last day of the school year until the Sections official Fall Sports start date.
- Determined it was best to delay action on the implementation of "athletic shopping" regulations until more discussion and evaluation could take place.
- Consider the addition of the following DASA language into the NYSPHSAA Handbook to Rule 27. Sportsmanship:

"Note: As of July 1, 2013, The Dignity for All Students Act (Dignity Act - Section 52.2, Part 80 and 57-4) is to provide all public school students with an environment free from harassment, bullying (including cyber bullying) and discrimination, as well as to foster civility in public schools. The Dignity Act focuses on the prevention of discriminatory behaviors, including harassment/bullying, through the promotion of educational measures meant to positively impact school culture and climate, which includes the interscholastic programs."

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- Robert Zayas informed the committee Robbie Green was no longer able to chair the committee and asked if any committee members were interested in assuming the position to please let him know.

To:

Section IX Athletic Council Section IX Athletic Directors

From:

NYSPHSAA Modified Athletics Committee

Re:

Spring 2014 Meeting Report

NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics

The spring meeting of the State Committee for Modified Athletics took place on April 4, 2014 in Latham, New York. A synopsis of the meeting is as follows:

## I. Items that will go to the State Executive Committee:

## A. Tryouts Rule Editorial Change Motion:

"The following editorial changes will be made in the Modified General Eligibility TRYOUTS Rule #17. d.) (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 137)

d.) "The tryout period for a modified athlete shall be defined as participation in a maximum of three (3) out of five (5) consecutive practice days of the high school season. During the tryout period, the modified athlete may not return to the modified program until the athlete's tryout is complete."

The motion passed unanimously 19-0.

## B. Promotion Rule Revision Proposal

### Motion:

"Current Promotion Rule 13.2) (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 136), shall be amended to read:

2) In schools where no junior varsity program is provided in a specific sport, a ninth grade modified contestant may be promoted to the varsity team at any point in the season if he/she displays the skills and maturity to compete at the varsity level. A promoted ninth grade contestant is eligible to participate immediately upon promotion providing that he/she has completed the necessary number of required practices for that specific sport. The contestant may not exceed the total number of contests as outlined by the NYSPHSAA High School Sports Standards chart." The motion passed unanimously 17-0.

## C. Use of "With section/league approval..." Language

### Motion

"Motions may continue to come from the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee with the language 'With sectional, league approval" language."

The motion passed 16-0-1.

There has been discussion at the Executive level that the modified program should not allow section or league-specific variances in rules. The modified representatives felt that the modified program is unique in many ways: across the State, we have many small schools, with great diversity in size. Many sections have significant geographic distances between their schools, and disparities in athletic strength. We do not participate in post-season play, nor do we compete outside of our sections. Because we deal with younger, less-developed athletes, we should be allowed more discretion and less legislation in order to serve the needs of the children in our sections.

## II. Items that will go to the State Safety Committee

## A. Section IV Modified Football Pilot Program

(Please refer to Addendum attached to this report)

Eric Race from Section IV presented a modified football rules proposal, suggesting a 2-year pilot program to include implementation of revised modified football rules, and a required two-year health and safety study to track injuries and categorize them to determine if athletes are at a greater risk of injury by participating using the new rules.

The rationale for the pilot program is to teach and coach similar systems of offensive and defensive football schemes to all players in the football program at appropriate age and developmental levels; to create more consistency between modified and varsity levels in teaching techniques of individual positions, team philosophies, and overall schemes and language; to safely close the gap between modified football rules and the NFHS rules employed at the HS level; and to provide, step-wise, a natural progression for student-athletes in the game of football in NYS, beginning at the modified level and culminating at the varsity level.

It will be imperative that any sections/schools that wish to participate in the pilot program establish baseline information data on injuries from their 2013 football season. They must submit their school report to their sectional modified football sport coordinator, to Todd Nelson at

NYSPHSAA, and to state modified football sport coordinator Steve Nolan. They must then track and report all injuries to players for the next two consecutive seasons in 2014 and 2015, and submit this information no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The information will be collected, analyzed, collated and released to all vested parties.

## Motion:

"Section IV shall be permitted to adopt a two-year pilot program in modified football that will allow implementation of revised modified football rules. Each school participating shall be required to provide injury data from its 2013 modified football season practices and games, to serve as a baseline of information prior to its participation in the pilot program. The injury report must be completed again after the 2014 and 2015 seasons, and submitted to the local sections, and to Todd Nelson at NYSPHSAA, and state modified football coordinator Steve Nolan. With sectional approval, other sections may participate in this pilot program, contingent upon submission of baseline data prior to participation in the program, and completion of annual injury reports."

The motion <u>passed</u> unanimously19-0. If passed, it will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

B. Reduction in Number of Practices Required Prior to First Contest in Modified Cross Country and Track & Field (page 10)

#### Motion

"The required number of practices required prior to the first contest in modified cross country (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 144 and Modified Sports Standards chart, page 140) shall be reduced from 13 to 11. The number of practices required prior to the first contest in modified Track and Field (Outdoor and Winter) (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 153 and Modified Sports Standards chart, page 141) shall be reduced from 15 to 13."

The motion <u>passed</u> unanimously 17-0. It will be an Action Item at the Fall meeting of the Modified Committee. The input of the State Safety Committee was also requested at their April 10, 2014 meeting.

## III Items which will occur before the Fall 2014 Modified Committee meeting:

O IF the proposed football pilot program is approved by the State Safety Committee and the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee: we must decide if our section wishes to participate. We must designate a member of our section to collect 2013 football baseline injury surveys, complete a 2014

- and 2015 football post season injury survey annually, and assure we are communicating the rules and spirit of the pilot program.
- Efforts to secure modified sport coordinators for girls' gymnastics and boys' and girls' tennis
- O Appropriate report presentations by fall and winter sports coordinators. The following sports are scheduled for review: baseball, cross country, field hockey, football, boys' and girls' lacrosse, boys' and girls' soccer, softball, boys' and girls' tennis, track and field and wrestling.

### IV. Discussion Item

#### A. Waiver of Promotion Rule

### Motion:

"In special cases, when a high school team is dissolved due to low participation numbers, the Promotion Rule may be waived for those modified athletes who were promoted to that team. The modified athlete may return to the modified program in that same season in that same sport if a waiver has been filed and approved by the NYSPHSAA office."

The motion <u>passed</u> unanimously 17-0. What does our section think of this item?

## V. Action Items for Next Meeting

## A. Sudden Victory in Modified Basketball

#### Motion:

"Existing Modified Boys' Basketball Game Rule #2 and Modified Girls' Basketball Game Rule #3 (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 143) shall be examined to determine if 'sudden victory' should continue, or the overtime duration time and/or number of overtime periods should be adapted."

The motion passed unanimously 17-0.

What does our section think of this item? Should we continue to allow 'sudden victory' in modified basketball, should we increase the overtime to more minutes, or should we allow a second overtime?

## B. Reduction in Number of Practices Required Prior to First Contest in Modified Cross Country and Track & Field

Motion (Staropoli, Koenig)

"The required number of practices required prior to the first contest in modified cross country (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 144 and Modified Sports Standards chart, page 140) shall be reduced from 13 to 11. The number of practices required prior to the first contest in modified Track and Field (Outdoor and Winter) (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 153 and Modified Sports Standards chart, page 141) shall be reduced from 15 to 13."

The motion passed unanimously 17-0.

Does our section agree that the required number of practices should be reduced in these sports? Are we in agreement with the proposed 2 days reduction?

## C. Modified Use of Girls' Basketball 10-Second Rule

Motion (Romanello, Doroshenko)

"The 10-second rule shall <u>not</u> be used in modified girls' basketball." The motion <u>passed</u> unanimously 17-0.

Do we agree that we should NOT use the 10 second rule in modified girls' basketball?

## VI. Information Items

- State Handbooks. Starting with the 2014-2015 school year, there will no longer be hard copies of the NYSPHSAA or modified handbooks. The handbooks will be accessible on the NYSPHSAA website. The decision was made to keep the handbooks accurate and current; many changes were made in-between printings.
- 2. <u>Coaching Certification</u>. Coaching certification requirements are being streamlined in cooperation with the NYSED. We recognize that it has become difficult to get interested new coaches certified in a timely manner, resulting in a shortage of available coaches. We are hopeful that enough time will be allotted towards communicating new changes with the sections so that coaching courses aligned with new requirements can be made available in our section.

## Section IV Football - Modified Football Rules Proposal

### Request:

A 2-year pilot study in the sport of football at the modified level to include:

- 1. Implementation of the revised modified football rules (see below) and
- 2. All participating schools will take part in the 2 year required Health and safety study.

All sections/schools approving the use of the modified football rules must take part in, complete and submit the following safety study:

Schools will be required to track and keep records of all injuries that occur to modified football athletes during the football season including game and practice sessions. The tracking of injuries and categorization of them will look to determine if athletes are at a greater risk of injury by participating using the new rules for modified football.

To establish a baseline of information, all schools participating will be asked to submit to their section Executive Director, Football Chairman and NYSPHSAA an injury report from the 2013 football season for modified players, as well as, track and report all injuries to players for the next two consecutive seasons 2014 and 2015. This information must be submitted no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. This information will be collected, analyzed, collated and released to all vested parties.

#### Rationale:

- Teaching and coaching similar systems of offense and defensive football schemes to all players in the program at the appropriate age and developmental level.
- Consistency between modified and varsity levels in teaching techniques of individual positions, team philosophies, and overall schemes and language.
- Safely close the gap between Jr. High, "modified" football rules and NFHS rules employed at the HS level
- Step-wise, natural progression for student athletes in the game of football in NYS beginning in modified and culminating at the varsity level.

#### Proposed Changes to current NYSPHSAA Modified Football Rules

- 1. Dead ball rule on all punts, no live punts or returns (optional for section wide use with approval of the section.)
- 2. The offense must employ three players on the line-of-scrimmage on both sides of the center, no unbalanced line (optional for section wide use with approval of the section.)
- 3. There is a maximum of 1 yard splits between line-man, tackle to tackle.
- 4. Defenses must employ a 4, 5 or 6 man front
- 5. 4 and 6 man fronts must be balanced and aligned head up tackle to tackle and cannot cover the center (no gap alignment.)
- 6. If a 5-man front is employed. The nose guard must line head up on the center and the tackles head up on the offensive guards or tackles, (no gap alignments.)
- 7. Defensive lineman, once aligned and in a stance cannot stem prior to the snap of the ball
- 8. No blitzing allowed. Linebackers must be stationary and at a 3 yard minimum depth at the snap of the ball.
- 9. Press coverage and contact at the line-of-scrimmage is not allowed against a receiver (Exception: you may press and contact is allowed with any eligible receiver within 5 yards of the offensive tackle.)

Pilot Study Baseline Information:

Section IV Football Injury Report for the 2013 season (44 total schools, 29 Reported at time of submission)

Total Injuries:

(See Attached for individual school breakdown)

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This is the chart we plan to utilize in the pilot program to track and categorize injuries

Categories of Injury

	Catastrophic Paralysis/Death	Severe/Fracture	Sprains/Strains	Contusions/Abrasions	Head Injury/Concussion
Total Number 2014					
Total Number 2015					

Each injury should be further categorized by indicating when the injury occurred by the following:

Practice or Game (P or G

Offense (O)

Defense (D)

Special Teams (ST)

For example:

	Catastrophic Paralysis/Death	Severe/Fracture	Sprains/Strains	Contusions/Abrasions/ Cut	Head Injury/ Concussion
Total Number 2014= 10	No Injuries	1Broken leg (P)	1 sprain knee (G,ST) 1 sprain ankle (G, O)	1 Bruise hamstring (P) 1 Bruise foot (P) 1 Cut (G, D)	2 Concussion (G, ST) 1 Concussion (P) 1 Concussion G, D)



## **NYSPHSAA Executive Committee**

May 2, 2014

## Todd Nelson Safety Committee Report

## Attendance for Safety Committee Meeting on April 10, 2014:

The following individuals participated in the Safety Committee meeting. Jim Rose (1), Rick Knizek (2), Nicole Intondi (3), Pat Grasso (4), Kim Henshaw (5), Fred Thornely (6), Jen Yaeger (7), Janet Carey (9), Erika Backus (10), Tim Mullins (11), Paul Lasinski (NYSATA), Lou Rende (CAT), Kitty Gelberg (DOH), John O'Bryan (pediatrician), Susanne Smith (NYSNA), Dr. Donatelli (11). Absent with notification Section 8.

### **Wrestling Advisory Committee:**

The Wrestling Advisory Committee has asked the Safety Committee and the Wrestling Committee to discuss two items. The first item is to consider changing the language which would require the doctor to sign and date verification of when the student athlete is no longer contagious with a skin infection and is able to return to full participation. A concern that was raised, is that with the change it may increase cost to parents for a second visit to the doctor. Without the second visit or confirmation that the skin infection is not contagious, it is difficult to prevent the spread of the skin infection to other wrestlers. The second item is the concern that students are failing the hydration test during the minimum weight certification process in order to gain more time to "suck weight". The Wrestling Advisory Committee would like further discussion with the Safety Committee and the Wrestling Committee on potential penalties for a second hydration failure. These penalties could include adding pounds to the wrestler's minimum weight or even forcing the student to move up a weight class. The Wrestling Committee will discuss both topics at their May meeting. Further discussion and possible recommendation will occur in the Fall of 2014.

### **Concussion Management:**

A reminder that the Concussion Management Law went into effect on July 1 2012. Coaches, physical education teachers, school nurses, and certified athletic trainers were required to take an approved Concussion Management course. Those individuals are required by the law to take an approved course every two years. At the time of implementation of the law, the only approved course was the CDC Concussion course. Since that time the NYSPHSAA and the NFHS has worked with SED to also get the NFHS Concussion Course approved as well. The NFHS Concussion course is now an approved course for **coaches only**. Physical Education teachers, nurses and certified athletic trainers are still only approved to take the CDC course. Please remind your schools that coaches, physical education

teachers, school nurses, and certified athletic trainers will need to retake the approved courses if they took it two years ago.

The NYSPHSAA is currently working with Impact to continue our relationship with them to provide a reduced rate for our member schools for baseline and post-injury tests.

### **Modified Committee Recommendations:**

The Safety Committee discussed the following recommendations from the Modified Committee.

- Section IV Football Pilot Program
- Reduction in the minimum number of practices required for Cross Country, Winter and Outdoor Track.

The discussion on these items was favorable and should continue at the section level for possible action in July or next September.

## Football Discussion Items (Heat Acclimatization and Contact Days):

As directed by the Executive Committee, the Safety Committee discussed Heat Acclimatization and Contact Days. The Safety Committee agrees with the Football Committee that the current regulations and education we have in place is sufficient in addressing the Heat Acclimatization concerns. The Safety Committee also agrees with the Football Committee to continue to discuss different options on limiting the number of contact days prior to a contest. The NYSPHSAA office staff will gather information from other states on their current regulations on limiting the amount of contact days prior to a contest. The information gathered will be shared with the Football and Safety Committees for their next meeting. The NFHS continues to discuss both issues at the national level.

#### Section Concerns:

Section 11 had a concern regarding adult base coaches not being required to wear hard shell helmets while coaching in the field during games. Section 11 currently requires coaches to wear hard shell helmets while coaching the bases in baseball and softball. The Safety Committee requests that the Baseball and Softball Committees discuss this topic and make a recommendation. The Safety Committee will review the recommendation at the October meeting.

### Anyone Can Save a Life:

The NYSPHSAA still has "Anyone Can Save a Life" workbooks in our office. If any school would like some workbooks for their coaching staff please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson, <a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson (<a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please contact Todd Nelson (<a href="mailto:their coaching staff">their coaching staff</a> please coaching staff</a> please coaching staff staff staff staff staff staff</a> please coaching staff staf

## NYSED PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH EDUCATION, and ATHLETICS UPDATE April 2014

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED EFFORTS IN PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH EDUCATION and ATHLETIC PROGRAMS IN NEW YORK STATE.

## 2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- See website: "Let's Move Active Schools"http://www.letsmoveschools.org/
- > NFL-Fuel Up to Play 60-See Website: http://www.fueluptoplay60.com/
- New program to support schools in creating a culture of physical activity in schools. Money is available to districts through the "Let's Move Active Schools" program.
- > Professional Development opportunities-See below:
- New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Leadership Training Program- See website: <a href="http://www.nysaaa.org/page.cfm?page=leadership.cfm">http://www.nysaaa.org/page.cfm?page=leadership.cfm</a>
- New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAHPERD) Conference (November 19-22, 2014) in Verona, New York- See website: <a href="http://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm">http://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm</a>
- American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Dance and Recreation AAHPERD-Now called "SHAPE", National Conference (March 17-21, 2015) in Seattle, Washington- See website: http://www.aahperd.org/whatwedo/convention/
- 3. New Item: Section 52.21 and Part 80 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education have been amended and a New Subpart 57-4 has been added to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to implement the Coursework or Training in Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination Prevention and Intervention required under the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)
  - Required-Schools need to create policies and guidelines to be used in school training programs to discourage the development of discrimination or harassment and to enable employees to prevent and respond to discrimination or harassment.

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- Effective January 1, 2014- School professionals applying for a certificate or license on or after January 1, 2014 complete training on the social patterns of harassment, bullying and discrimination.
- Required-teacher and school leadership preparation programs to include at least six hours of training in Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination Prevention and Intervention.
- A new Subpart 57-4 of the Commissioner's Regulations was added to establish standards under which the Department will approve providers of this training.
- > See: http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/dasa-applicant.html
- 4. Reminder-Concussion Courses legislation courses required for physical education teachers and coaches every 2 years:
  - http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online\_training.html
  - ➢ Great News! The NFHS/CDC Concussion Course is now approved to be used by coaches in New York State as part of the Concussion Management and Awareness Act requirement (every 2 years).

\*All NFHS course are accessed at <a href="www.nfhslearn.com">www.nfhslearn.com</a>. The direct link to the Concussion Course is <a href="http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000">http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000</a>. Note-Physical education teachers would <a href="mailto:still have to complete">still have to complete</a> the <a href="mailto:Heads Up.">Heads Up.</a>. <a href="mailto:Concussion in Youth Sports">http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online</a> training.html.

## 5. REGENTS REFORM ITEMS QUESTIONS:

- Suggest going back frequently to NYSED website for updates and clarification; Topics including Common Core Standards, APPR, datadriven instruction, Student Learning Objectives or teacher and leader effectiveness.
  - > For updated information see: <a href="http://engageny.org/">http://engageny.org/</a>
  - Specific questions related to Regents reform: http://www.engageny.org/contact
  - > Specific questions for SLO's: educatoreval@mail.nysed.gov

## 6. NEW GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH APPRAISALS (Health Exams)

- Released August 2013
- See site
   <u>http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealth/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/SchoolhealthExaminationGuidelines.pdf</u>

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- Asking more detailed questions related to concussion and cardiac history on the health history recommended sample form.
- Note: The process will not change.
- Includes Medical Certificate of Limitation sample for Adaptive PE.

# 7. CONNECTING HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TO THE COMMON CORE STANDARDS (AAHPERD-New name is "SHAPE")

- For professional development see:
  <a href="http://www.aahperd.org/whatwedo/prodev/common-core-state-standards-webinars.cfm">http://www.aahperd.org/whatwedo/prodev/common-core-state-standards-webinars.cfm</a>
- > Enhancement, not replacement for quality PE

## 8. CONSIDERATION OF COMPETITVE CHEERLEADING AS SPORT:

Currently under upper management review at SED.

## 9. COACHING COURSE PROVIDERS

Please make sure your certificates are updated (Check with Darryl Daily-Associate in Physical Education if need new template)

## 9. QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLAN REMINDER

- ➢ Is your district plan current? Is your plan frequently updated to ensure high-quality programs are being offered. Is your plan aligned with the current regulations and/or National and NYS Standards?
- If you need technical assistance or have specific questions contact Darryl Daily at \_ddaily@mail.nysed.gov
- Physical Education Plans <u>must</u> be filed both at the local level and at the Department. Plans can be sent as a hard copy or as an e-mailed attachment to the Department. E-mail format is preferred.

## 10. DISABILITY STUDENT WAIVER FOR SENIOR ATHLETIC COMPETITION

An amendment was made to section 135.4 © (7) (ii) (d) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, relating to <u>eliminating the one additional season restriction</u> by allowing students with disabilities to participate in a non-contact sport for one or more additional seasons if they meet all of the specified criteria for the waiver.

- a. Limited to non-contact sports (swimming, and diving, golf, track & Field, cross country, rifle, bowling, gymnastics and archery and any other sport deemed appropriate by the Commissioner.
- b. The student has not graduated from high school as a result of his or her disability delaying his or her education for one year or more
- c. The student is otherwise qualified to compete in the athletic competition and has been selected for such competition in the past
- d. The student has not already participated in an additional season of athletic competition pursuant to the waiver.

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e. The student has undergone and passed a physical evaluation by the

school physician

f. The superintendent of schools or chief executive officer of the school or school system has determined that the given student's participation in the athletic competition will not adversely affect the opportunity of the other students competing in the sport to successfully participate in such competition.

## 11. SELECTION CLASSIFICATION REMINDER

Please use most recent Attachment D & E for Selection Classification Developmental Screening documents. See: <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/scrivised2005.pdf">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/scrivised2005.pdf</a>,

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## NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 2, 2014

Approved	General Action Items (A) Consider approval of the 2014-2015 NYSPHSAA Budget and salary agreements. (Pg. 51-55)	Budget/ Audit & Compensation Committees
Defeated	(A) Consider the use of NFHS rules for all applicable sports. (Pg. 56)	Section VII- Oct. 24 Sectional Concerns
Tabled - for	(A) Consider eliminating "Academic Advantage" as one of the waivers of the NYSPHSAA transfer rule beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. (Pg. 57)	Handbook Committee 7)
Summer Meeting -	(A) Consider requiring parents to be "legally" separated (i.e. legally binding separation decree from a court of competent jurisdiction) beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. (Pg. 58)	Handbook Committee
Approved	(A) Consider revising Rule 23- Professional Tryouts for clarification purposes. (Pg. 59)	Handbook Committee
Approved	(A) Consider approval to define "Tryout" in NYSPHSAA Handbook. (Pg. 60)	Handbook Committee
Approved	(A) Consider approval to define "Summer" in NYSPHSAA Handbook. (Pg. 61)	Handbook Committee
Defeated	(A) Consider approval for girls' basketball to utilize a 35 second shot clock. (Pg. 62)	Section VII- Oct. 24 Sectional Concerns
Approved	(A) Consider approval of the 2014-2015 NYSPHSAA Girls' Swimming & Diving Qualifying Championship Meet Standards. (Pg. 63-65)	Girls Swimming & Diving Committee
Approved	(A) Consider approval of the Field Hockey uniform waiver. (Pg. 66)	Field Hockey Committee
Approved	(A) Consider approval to add "DASA" language to Rule 27- Sportsmanship. (Pg. 67)	Sportsmanship & Handbook Committees
Approved	(A) Consider approval for Section participation in 2014-2015 NYSPHSAA Championships and regionals as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, 5. (Pg. 68-69)	Bob Stulmaker, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director
Approved	(A) Consider approval for Whiteface Mt. and Mt. Van Hoeuvenburg as the site of the 2015 NYSPHSAA Ski Championships. (Pg. 70)	Bob Stulmaker, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director
Approved	(A) Consider approval for Kenmore West High School (6) as the site of the 2015 NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics Championships. (Pg. 71)	Bob Stulmaker, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director
Approved	(A) Consider extending the Officials Fees and Policies for the 2014-2015 school year. (Pg. 72)	Bob Stulmaker, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director
Defeated	(A) Consider allowing coaches to play in the practice round of the boys golf Championships at their own expense in a supervisory capacity. (Pg. 73)	Boys Golf Committee
Approved	(A) Consider approval to permit one Board of Education approved track & field coach per qualified athlete, free entry into the State Track & Field Championships (Indoor & Outdoor) with a limit of 6 coaches per school. (Pg. 74) (Email Board of Education Coaches Name - Athlete participating to tnelson@nysphsaa.org)	Track & Field Committees

Approved	(A) Consider approval to form a new Class D (Only) rotation for sub-regional and regional final games in girls basketball to begin with 2014-2015 season. (Pg. 75-77)	Girls Basketball Committee
Approved	(A) Consider approval to modify the start times of the Class D and C Girls' State Basketball Championships on Sunday. (Pg. 78-80)	Girls Basketball Committee
Approved	(A) Consider approval for Boys Volleyball to adjust classification cut off numbers for the 2015 season. (Pg. 81)	Boys Volley ball Committee
Approved	(A) Consider approval of Friends and Neighbors. (Pg. 82)	Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
Information	Discussion/Information Items (D/I) 2014 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Inductees . (Pg. 83-85)	Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
Items - for	(D/I) Consideration for the weight throw to be added to the events of the 2015 Indoor Track & Field Championships. (Pg. 86-96	Track & Field Committee
Discussion in the	(D/I) Consideration to revise Modified 9 <sup>th</sup> grade promotion rule. (Pg. 97)	Modified Committee
Section _	(D/I) Consideration to revise Modified Rule 17- Tryouts. (Pg. 98)	Modified Committee
Approved	(D/I) Consideration to pilot revised rules in Modified Football for the 2014 and 2015 Modified Football seasons. (Pg. 99-101)	Modified & Safety Committees
Issue Resolved	(D/I) Modified committee direction on utilizing "With Section/ League" approval. (Pg. 102-103)	Modified Committee
Information	(D/I) Consideration for all variation sports to receive CAC approval prior to presenting changes to classification cut off numbers to the Executive/ Central Committee and to abide by a uniformed calendar. (Pg. 104)	20% Classification Ad Hoc Committee
Information	(D/I) Mixed Competition and significant adverse effect guidelines. (Pg. 105)	Mixed Competition Ad Hoc Committee
Information	(D/I) Approved Senior All-Star Contests & Combining of Teams. (Pg. 106-108)	Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director