

NYSPPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee

March 17, 2010

NYSAAA Conference

1:30pm

Minutes

- I. Attendance: Dave Goddard (section 1), Cathy Stanilka (section 2), Brad Dates (section 3), Dave Boundy (section 5), Timm Slade (section 6), Donna Moody (section 7), Glen Maisch (section 9), Martha Slack (section 10), Mary Onken (officials). Absent with notification Section 4, 8, and 11.
- II. Ejection Free Program: The NYSPPHSAA is still looking to secure a sponsor for this program. We are continuing to explore possible companies to sponsor this program. Anyone with any possible sponsors should contact the NYSPPHSAA office.
- III. Sportsmanship Promotion Program: Athletic Directors are reminded to go to the NYSPPHSAA website and fill out the sportsmanship promotion program survey by **April 15, 2010**. All schools successfully completing the on-line survey will receive a certificate of completion. Section sportsmanship committees will then review all of the completed surveys and nominate 3 or 4 schools to be considered for the NYSPPHSAA State Banner Award. Nominations are due into the NYSPPHSAA office by May 10, 2010.
- IV. Sportsmanship Manual: Patty is completing a rough draft of a sportsmanship manual and will forward it to the NYSPPHSAA office as soon as it is completed.
- V. Penalty for the Sportsmanship Standard: The committee voted to keep the current language in the NYSPPHSAA Handbook.
- VI. Consequence for not serving Penalty: The committee voted to make the following recommendation, "Any coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the sportsmanship standard will be ineligible to coach 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 NYSPPHSAA play-offs the matter will be referred to the Executive Director of the NYSPPHSAA."
- VII. Penalty for coach or player disqualified from a scrimmage: The committee strongly felt that a coach or player is disqualified from a scrimmage should be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled contest or scrimmage. This will be taken to the Executive Committee for a discussion and possible action at the August 2010 Central Committee Meeting.

- VIII. Sectional Concerns: Section 2 brought up a concern in their section that the boys' soccer chair was not getting a lot of support to make the reporting of yellow cards more restrictive within their section. Section 9 reported that some schools in their section were using a program in the elementary called "Enjoy the Game", hoping to start at the lower levels to promote good sportsmanship.
- IX. New Business: The sportsmanship committee would like to address the behavior of the spectators at our contest. We all agree that it is hard to come up with a list of acceptable and unacceptable behaviors at our contest. Dave Boundy from Section 5 commented that his section has recently discussed a program entitled Be Loud, Be Proud, and Be Positive. The sportsmanship committee would like to expand on this concept throughout the entire state. A subcommittee was formed and will look at how this possible program can be implemented in our member schools and the NYSPHSAA Championships. This concept will be included on the next agenda. The sub-committee will consist of Dave Boundy (section 5), Brad Dates (section 3) and Todd Nelson.
- X. Meeting adjourned at 3pm.

NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee

October 15, 2009

Conference Call

9am

Minutes

- I. **Attendance** – Dave Goddard (section 1), Cathy Stanilka (section 2), Brad Dates (section 3), Patti Murphy (section 4), Dave Boundy (section 5), Donna Moody (section 7), Glen Maisch (section 9), Martha Slack (section 10), Lou Stellato (officials), Mary Onken (officials).

- II. **Ejection Free Program** – An update was given regarding this program. The office staff is continuing to look for a sponsor of this program. One potential sponsor has asked for a list of schools that would have qualified for this program. About half of our sections have reported the schools that were ejection free last school year. A request has been made to the representatives from the section to ensure their section has reported the results from last year. Every section representative reported that the section has a system in place to report any disqualifications of a coach or player. The office staff is willing to compile the final list if sections would send either a list of schools that were ejection free or a list of schools that had an ejection. Brad and Glen each recommended a potential sponsor and the office staff will follow up. If anyone else has any ideas for a potential sponsor, please feel free to contact Todd Nelson.

- III. **Sportsmanship Promotion Program** - All of the section reps were thanked for promoting this program. Congratulations to all of the sectional plaque winners. A nice job by all of the sections in recognizing the section winners at the mandatory AD workshops this fall. Elmira City School District, Commack Central School, and Beacon City School district were recognized as the state banner award winners. Each school was honored at the Hall of Fame Dinner in Lake Placid this past summer. The committee has decided to establish an annual date for the assessments to be completed by our member schools. The date will be April 15th annually. The section reps will need to submit the member schools for consideration for the state banner award by May 10th annually. Last years' results of the survey will be purged from the database on November 2, 2009.
Donna Moody (section 7) asked if the program could be improved to take in account schools that do not have cheerleading. She was hoping that schools that do not have cheerleading could check a box "not applicable" instead of marking "1", which has an effect on the

final score. The office staff will work with our programmer to see if this issue can be addressed.

- IV. Citizenship Through Athletics Course** – This course will be offered at the NYSAPHERD conference on November 18, 2009 at Turning Stone Casino. The NYSPHSAA will also offer the course on February 3, 2010 in the NYSPHSAA office at 10am. Brad Dates suggested putting a description about the CTA course on the NYSPHSAA website and advertise the course as well. A flyer will be produced to promote the class as well. Some instructors are offering the class within their sections as well. The committee highly encourages administrators, educators, and coaches to participate in a class during the year.
- V. Sportsmanship Manual** – Patti Murphy (section 4) reported that she is continuing to put a draft together for a NYSPHSAA sportsmanship manual. She will email a draft copy to all representatives for their input. Many of the members thanked Patti for taking on this project and felt it would be very beneficial to the sections.
- VI. Penalty of the sportsmanship standard** – Glen Maisch brought up the issue of when a coach or player should serve their penalty if they are disqualified during the last game of the season. All of the section reps felt that the penalty should be immediate, but sections 1,2,3,7 and 9 would like to take this topic back to their sections for further discussion. Sections 4 and 5 were definitely opposed to serving the penalty during the same season. The concerns that were raised revolved around seniors not serving a penalty because they are graduating and will not participate the next season. Some of the section reps also would like to explore the possibility that a coach or player that receives a second disqualification penalty would be required to take a sportsmanship course, either the NFHS sportsmanship course or the CTA course. This should be discussed at the section level before the next sportsmanship meeting.
- VII. Consequence for coach not serving penalty** – In the handbook it states that if a player participates in a game they are not eligible for, the team must forfeit the game. If a coach is disqualified from a contest and does not sit out the next regularly scheduled game or is present on site during the game and has not served their penalty, he or she must serve the penalty in the next regularly scheduled game. The committee was asked if a further penalty should be imposed on the coach or team. All of the reps felt that a penalty should be imposed on the coach. Most felt that the coach should be dismissed but that

would be a local school district decision to make. Some of the reps felt that the team should have to forfeit the game. The reps felt that a coach would not want to be the reason a team had to forfeit a game. They felt that this would help ensure that the coach is following the rule. Another suggestion would be to require the coach to complete a sportsmanship course. The reps were asked to take this issue back to the sections for further discussion. The handbook committee will also be discussing this topic. This topic will be on the spring agenda for further discussion and possible recommendation.

VIII. Sectional Concerns -

Section 1 – Dave Goddard reported that his section continues to struggle with spectator behavior. They are having difficulty with certain behavior allowed at one school and not allowed at another school. Many of the other reps expressed a similar concern. All of the reps feel that as an educational based program we need to be modeling and teaching the proper behaviors when it comes to interscholastic athletics.

Section 5 – Dave Boundy stated that section 5 would like to address internet stuff that goes on in relation to interscholastic athletics. They would like to have a speaker come in to share with athletic administrators the dangers and trouble that the internet and other technological advances can cause within a school system and athletic program.

All of the sectional representatives wanted to express that sportsmanship is an issue that all of the sections have concerns about and needs to be addressed constantly. When we have our discussions, many of the issues that affect your school, league or section, are happening in other sections across the state. We appreciate the opportunity to bring these issues to the committee to help improve our athletic programs and support one another throughout the state.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2010 at the NYSAAA Conference in Saratoga NY at 1:30pm.