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*New Items
of
Interest and Concern*



DUES 2012–2013 and 2013-2014

⑩ DUES ARE FROZEN FOR TWO YEARS

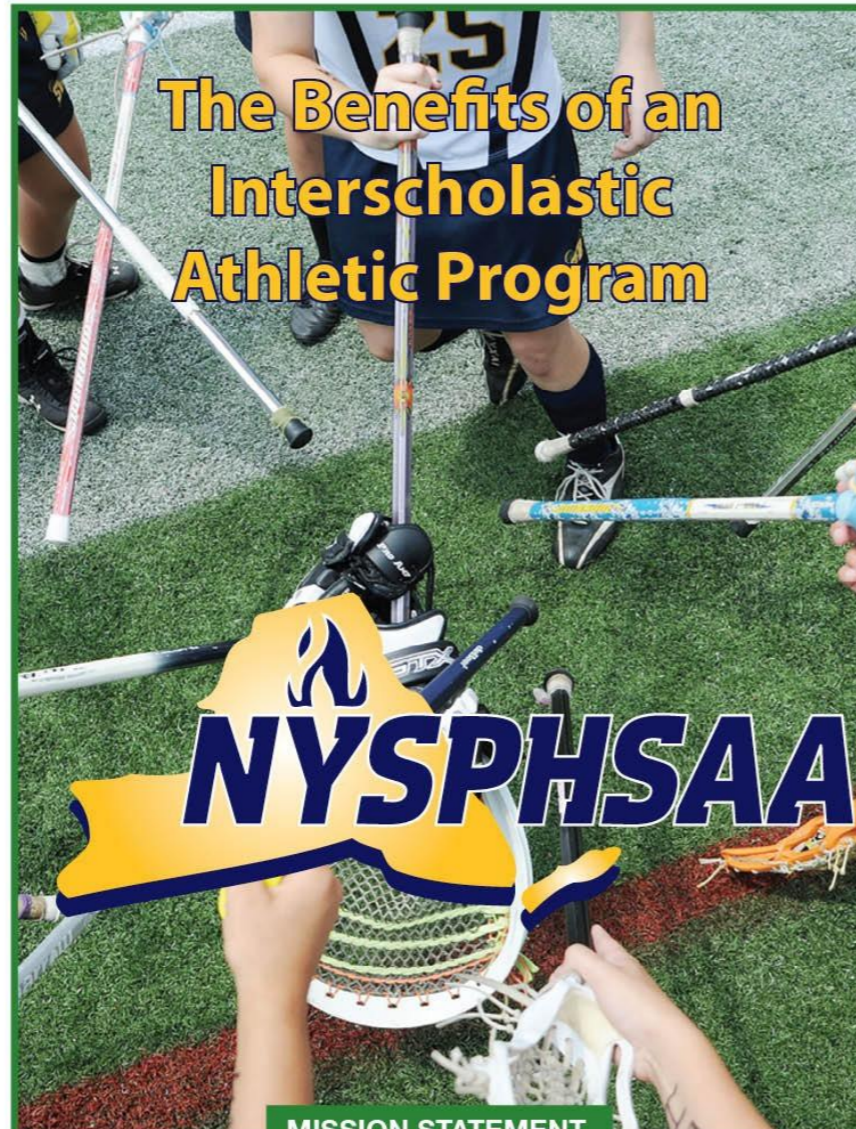
⑩ NYSPHSAA MEMBER DUES

⑩ \$810.00 per school district (300 students)

⑩ Over 300 Students – .86 cents per student



BENEFITS OF INTERSCHOLASTICS



MISSION STATEMENT

EDUCATIONAL GOALS OF A QUALITY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The mission of New York State interscholastic athletic programs is to foster the quest for excellence by creating an educational and competitive experience within an atmosphere of sportsmanship. Successful programs develop individual and team potential by promoting high standards of competence, character, civility, and citizenship.



UNIFORM RULE WAIVERS

GIRLS LACROSSE - Side panel and trim (2012 and 2013)

FIELD HOCKEY – Rule 1-5-1 (2012, 2013 and 2014)

SOCCER – Goal Keeper (2012, 2013 and 2014)

White Uniform (2013, 2014 and 2015)

FOOTBALL – Home and away uniform (2012, 2013 and 2014)



UNIFORM COMPLIANCE

- ⑩ Uniform compliance begins at the start of the season.....

Not just with Regional and State play



PARTICIPATION SURVEY

- ⑩ Letters will be sent in April
- ⑩ Please complete the survey by the deadline



STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- ⑩ Misrepresented and exaggerated
- ⑩ Section XI was simply asking for feedback due to their extensive travel



CITIZENSHIP THROUGH ATHLETICS

⑩ On Line Course

⑩ April 25th, May 2nd and May 9th from 3pm-4pm

Course Objectives

- ⑩ Understand the sportsmanship roles in the school community
- ⑩ Understand the concepts of POISE (Positive Outcomes in Sports Experiences)
- ⑩ Group will develop a plan to improve or enhance sportsmanship within their school community



NYSED INFORMATION



PAY TO PLAY

NYSED has confirmed that “PAY TO PLAY” is not permitted in New York State schools

Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the letter – Please email me



CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

You've Asked.....

- ⑩ NYSED requires the Chief Medical Officer to “clear” all students

NEW GUIDELINES FOR CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

- ⑩ Guidelines currently under review by SED and DOH staff.
- ⑩ Due to come out before July 1, 2012.
- ⑩ Public review will be March 21st and published on the State Register. Comments accepted March 21st through May 7th.



CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

⑩ www.keepyourheadinthegame.org

⑩ **ImPACT** – Division I - \$450.00 Division II - \$350.00

⑩ **FREE Concussion Course** www.nfhslearn.com



SELECTION CLASSIFICATION

NYSED ADVANCED ATHLETIC PLACEMENT

- ⑩ Anticipated release in summer, currently under discussion with counsel and communication of details to follow

FOR THE SPRING

- ⑩ Please remember to include the required forms (*filled out completely and legibly* include **e-mail** address for a quick response - mailed or faxed (518-473-4884):
 - ⑩ Individual Athletic Profile form
 - ⑩ Special Approval Request Application
 - ⑩ Special Case Form (only if athlete is rated below required standard)



NYSED – HEALTH EXAMS

NEW GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH APPRAISALS

- ⑩ Anticipate release in summer
- ⑩ Asking more detailed questions related to concussion and cardiac history on the health history recommended sample form
- ⑩ The process will not change



VOLUNTEER COACHES

NYSED

Student teachers, who are required to coach as part of their student teaching experience, are **not** required to be certified as a temporary coach. However, if a student teacher is hired and being paid for coaching, then it would be expected that the student teacher would have secured a temporary coaching certification and be approved by the local Board of Education.



You Have Asked



6th GRADERS IN ATHLETICS

The Regulations of the NYSED Commissioner dictates that the interscholastic athletic program begins upon entry into the 7th grade

Current budget issues prevent advocating for inclusion

Intramural program



JEWELRY RULE

*Concern raised about the Jewelry Rule in Track and Field
Will be addressed at the Safety Committee and
Track and Field Committee meetings*

REMINDER

No Jewelry should be worn in practice sessions



MERGED PROGRAMS

Superintendents have raised a concern about the Classification of Merged Programs

⑩ *Currently – combine school enrollments*

⑩ *Suggestions*

- ⑩ *Use 100% of Host School Enrollment and 50% of the other school(s)*
- ⑩ *Percentage of number of students participating in the merger*
- ⑩ *Use the Classification of Non Public Schools Committee*



NON PUBLIC & CHARTER SCHOOLS

You asked.....

- ⑩ Each Section must evaluate the classification of their non-public and charter schools
- ⑩ Sport specific
- ⑩ Criteria
- ⑩ Placement



PRACTICES

Simultaneous use of facility – track or pool

Promotion Rule requires practices to be separate and distinct.



Constitutional Changes

2012 REFERENDUM VOTE

16 Constitutional changes

Option to vote on all as one package

OR Individually if desired

4 signatures are required – CSO, Principal, Male PE representative and Female PE Representative



CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY

IMPLEMENTED DURING THE 2011 – 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

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

Representation – Every Section has a minimum of one representative

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

Qualifying Process – Establish uniformity



CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY

CHANGES

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

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

Track and Field – Indoor 30 competitors and 16 relay teams

Outdoor 20 competitors per division, 16 relays per division

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



CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY

CURRENT DISCUSSIONS

Reduction of the number of Classifications/Divisions

Travel Concerns from Sections (Far west and Long Island)

Moratorium on State Championships or limit to Regional Competition

Elimination of Sectional Uniforms



MODIFIED

- ⑩ Discussion items include:
 - ⑩ Pilot program for modified football kick – off
 - ⑩ Awards for multi-school events
 - ⑩ Baseball pitch count vs innings pitched, and a modified/JV pilot program.



SAFETY COMMITTEE

- ⑩ **SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Is considering raising the nights of rest required for football games and scrimmages to be 4 nights.

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FISCAL CONCERNS - ACTION

Executive Committee Extension

Reduction of Contests for 2012 – 2013

NYSCOSS discussed reduction in classifications as a cost saving measure



NFHS COMPOSITE BAT RULE

- ⑩ **2012** - All hollow composite bats will need to meet the BBCOR standard in practice and competition
- ⑩ **DECERTIFIED** - The Marucci CAT5 (33" length) baseball bat is a non-compliant bat
- ⑩ **APPROVED** - The Rip-It baseball bat with the BBCOR .50 certification mark on the taper of the bat instead of the barrel is compliant



CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE

Competitive Cheer be recognized as a sport was recommended to NYSED – but no actions have been taken

RECOMMENDED:

- ⑩ Follow NYSPHSAA Eligibility Standards and NYSED Regulations
- ⑩ Adopt NFHS Spirit Rules
- ⑩ Maximum number of Contests - 12
- ⑩ Nights Rest – 1 night



CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE

NYSPPHSAA recommended all coaches to be certified in:

- ⑩ First Aid and CPR
- ⑩ AACCA Safety Course

COMMITTEE WILL BE WORKING TO DEFINE A COMPETITION FOR 2012-2013

- ⑩ Possible East/West event
- ⑩ Invitational or Championship
- ⑩ Number of Classifications and/or Divisions



SCRIMMAGE

PLEASE WARN YOUR SPRING COACHES

Scrimmages must adhere to the scrimmage rule

Interschool practice session

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

Consequence - team ineligibility for remainder of season



NAERA - FOOTBALL HELMETS

- ⑩ National Athletic Equipment Reconditioners Association – 21 Reconditioners & 4 helmet manufacturers
- ⑩ Beginning September 1, 2011 for the 2012 football season, any helmet dated 2002 or later will NOT be reconditioned or recertified. (Date as required by NOCSAE)



ELIGIBILITY WORKSHOPS

Well received by the Membership
Eligibility Brochures

Next year: **Submit Questions in Advance**

⑩ Continue with interactive group problem solving highlighting changes

⑩ New Athletic Administrators – full session

Mandate Remains in Effect



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Current Bills:

- ⑩ SKIN INFECTION LEGISLATION
- ⑩ STEROID TESTING LEGISLATION

Government Relations – Proactive Meetings

- ⑩ Government Relations Director Kevin Banes



NFHS STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Created Community Service Challenge

You can help change the world

Program deadline for Section Award – May 1st

Program deadline for NYSPHSAA Award – June 1st



CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS

2012 – 2013

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

⑩ *No change for the upcoming school year*



HELPFUL RESOURCES
and
REMINDERS



SANCTIONING

REMEMBER TO:

PRIOR to competing out of state:

Contact the NYSPHSAA

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



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National Federation of State High School Associations



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LICENSING RESOURCE GROUP

- ⑩ LRG partnership with NFHS and NYSPHSAA
- ⑩ Provides royalties to NYSPHSAA and member schools
- ⑩ School choice to participate – please communicate with the NYSPHSAA office



SPORTSMANSHIP PROMOTION

- ⑩ Schools are asked to visit our website, www.nysphsaa.org, click on survey and complete the sportsmanship survey by April 15, 2012.
- ⑩ Section sportsmanship committee will nominate plaque award winners for the NYSPHSAA State Banner Award.
- ⑩ Nominations are due by May 10th.



COMMUNICATION

- ⑩ Albany Office Report – directly emailed to Athletic Administrators
- ⑩ Please inform me if you are not receiving the monthly report or clinic brochures



COACHING CLINICS – 2012

- ⑩ Track/Field & X-C – March 23 - 24th Holiday Inn
Liverpool (3)
- ⑩ Volleyball - March 31st at Burnt Hills HS (2)
- ⑩ Cheerleading – April 28th at RIT – John Jay EF (1)
- ⑩ Soccer – June 1st at SportsPlex Clifton Park (2)

On Line registration at Ticketleap.com
\$5.00 discount for pre-registration



GOOD PROGRESS MADE - THANKS

BUT TWO STEPS BACK

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

Attended as a Club Team

- ⑩ **Self insured**
- ⑩ **Different Name – not school**

Unattached – no school affiliation

No school uniforms

No school funds

- ⑩ **Transportation**
- ⑩ **Lodging**

Avoid Having Athletes Declared Ineligible for HS Competition



MIXED COMPETITION

- ⑩ NYSED Regulation
- ⑩ Yearly review of student
- ⑩ Must comply with the sport specific uniform requirement or request a “special accommodation”



HANDBOOK NEWS

AVAILABLE ON WEB SITE

- ⑩ 2010 – 2012 Handbook – full version
 - ⑩ **CHANGES in RED**
- ⑩ Definitions - By Laws & Eligibility Standards - High School Sports Standards - Modified Eligibility Standards and Modified Sports Standards

2012 – 2014 Handbooks

- ⑩ 5 books per school will delivered at AD Workshops
- ⑩ Available in print form and available on “jump drive”



Web Site

Forms – Senior All Star Contest

Programs – Scholar Athlete and School of Distinction Award

Links – NYS Sportswriters Association

NYSPHSAA Rules and Regulations

NYSED – Coaching Certification

Concussion Policy and Support Materials

Community Service Challenge

Please let us know if something is missing





PROCESS FOR CHANGE

- ⑩ League and Conference Input
- ⑩ Sport Committees
- ⑩ Modified, Safety and Championship Advisory Committees
- ⑩ Handbook Committee
- ⑩ Executive Committee Representation

CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS

**Questions
Concerns
Feedback**

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