

NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics
March 30, 2012 -Latham, New York

Executive Committee Report: Jim Rose, Todd Nelson

The Executive Committee approved the following modified athletics items at their October 23-24, 2011 meeting.

A. Modified Softball

“With sectional/league approval, innings 1-6 may be completed at five (5) runs or three (3) outs. The seventh inning shall be played as a normal inning, with three (3) outs and no run restrictions for that inning.”

B. Modified Track and Field

“ With sectional/league approval, the height of the hurdle in the 55m modified boys’ hurdle may be increased from 30 inches to 33 inches.” and

“With sectional/league approval, a six (6) pound shot put may be used for modified girls’ track and field, rather than a 4K shot put.”

Discussion Items:

A. Awards in Modified Multi-School Contests/Tournament Competition

“Modified General Eligibility Rule #10 (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 132) shall be edited to allow modified multi-school contests/ invitationals/ ~~tournaments~~ to award place ribbons and order of finish items to the top competitors.”

- Edited to remove tournament
- Passes now goes to the Executive Committee

B. Basketball 3-Point Shot

“With sectional/league approval, a two year pilot program in modified boys’ and girls’ basketball will be used, allowing the use of the 3-point shot, and waiving Modified Boys’ Basketball Game Rule #4 and Modified Girls’ Basketball Game Rule #5 (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, pages 141-2.)”

- Did not pass in the Executive Committee

C. Pitch Counts in Modified Baseball

The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee has recommended that the Modified Committee examine pitch counts for modified baseball pitchers, rather than limit the number of innings that a modified pitcher may pitch (*Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 143, Baseball Game Rule #2: “A pitcher may pitch no more than 12 full innings in any one calendar week and no more than 7 innings in any one game. After pitching 4 or more full innings in any one game, there shall be at least 2 nights of rest before pitching again...”*).

There was much discussion on this item

- Should there be a difference between 1st and 2nd half of season similar to Mod X-C
- HS Baseball Committee did not see a need – questions overuse
- Who tracks? Tracking innings is more accurate, easier, and clearer
- With cuts to in numbers of games already limits in place

Did not move to action

D. Modified Wrestling Program 2 Weights

(Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 154, Program 2 Game Rule #1, Weights

1. Weights. Weight class is listed first, variance second: 70-80 lbs. (4 lbs.); 80-90 lbs. (4 lbs.); 90-100 lbs. (3 lbs.); 100-110 lbs. (3 lbs.); 110-120 lbs. (3 lbs.); 120-130 lbs. 2 lbs.); 130-140 lbs. (3 lbs.); 140-150 lbs. (5 lbs.); 150-160 lbs.(5 lbs.); heavier weights (as much as 8 lbs.).”

Variance: The variance listed above permits a contestant to compete against a competitor who is either in a lower or higher weight group. As long as both wrestlers stay within the variance listed. (I.e. A wrestler in the 70-80 lbs. group who weighs 78 lbs. can compete with a wrestler in the 80-90 lbs. weight group as long as the heavier wrestler does not weigh more than 82 lbs.)

Section 6 requests that Program 2 Game Rule #1 be changed to allow any wrestler who is either 9 or 10 pounds of another to compete against each other.

- Proposal to go to a variance of 6 pounds will be going to Agenda Item at the Fall Meeting. Will need to decide.

E. Modified/JV Pilot Program Proposal – see attached

- Motion from Section VI to move to action item – with Section/League approval have a 2 year pilot program. Section II seconds. Passes 10-2-2. Goes to the Safety Committee and then the Executive Committee.

IV. Action Item:

Football Pilot Program

“With sectional/league approval, a two-year pilot program in modified football will be used, allowing use of the kick-off at the 35 yard line, and waiving Modified Football Game Rule #3 (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 144): ‘No kickoff-start play from own 34 yard line.’”

At the October 17, 2011 Safety Committee meeting, the following suggestions were given to the Modified Committee regarding its examination of this proposed pilot program: there will be no run back; the ball is dead after the catch or when it stops, and the educational component would be teaching the athletes how to run in the lane and block.

- Proposed from Section V, wanted to have something in place for schools that do not have JV – to difficult for athletes making the jump from Modified to Varsity. Not in favor of what safety committee suggested.
- Section I – how can we be looking to make contact when the NFL is looking to end contact.
- What is the penalty if you do not run in your lane?
- Should it be extended to Punts and Extra Points as well
- 4 Sections represented on HS Football Committee – 2 for – 2 against

Motion Defeated 2 -13 (need to send proxy in future)

IX. New Business

- **Need for new Modified Gymnastics and Tennis Sports Coordinators**
- Advanced Athletic Placement – 85 percentile of age at time of test.

X. Modified Committee Meeting Dates October 5, 2012 and April 12, 2013

MODIFIED JV PROGRAM PILOT PROPOSAL DRAFT

Objectives:

- To limit the amount of students who will not have the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics due to the elimination of programs.
- To make the transition easier from modified to Varsity when a JV program does not exist.
- To maximize playing time for all involved.

Requirements: This program should only be used when a JV program does not exist.

Grade levels: 7, 8, 9

Start date: The modified start date

Minimal practices: HS Grid page 108 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook

Maximum games: HS Grid page 108 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook

Nights rest: HS Grid page 108 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook

Games Per Day: HS Grid page 108 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook

Game Length: Modified Rules

Overtime: Modified Rules

Sport Rules: Modified rules in handbook as agreed upon in each section

3 times a week rule will be waved providing that one game is on a day in which school does not occur the next day