



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Walkill High School at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order: Bob Thabet
 - a. Presentation of the William Moran Award
 - b. Opening for Sports Chair for Boys Lacrosse
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
4. Review of Meeting Materials: Jim Osborne
5. Approval of June 16, 2009 Minutes
6. NYSPHSAA Report
7. NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
8. Softball – Criteria Qualification – Bruce Guyette
9. Girls Golf – Criteria Qualification – Bill Earl
10. NYSPHSAA – Admission for coaches whose athletes are competing
11. Wrestling, Section IX Duals and At Large Bids for CHSAA/PSAL – Jeff Culty
12. Transportation at NYSPHSAA Tournaments – Frank Carrozza
13. Proposed Change to the Section IX Constitution – Bob Thabet
14. Fall Chair Reports:
 - a. Cross Country Jim Glover & Steve Loturco
 - b. Football Dave Coates & Glen Maisch
 - c. Boys Soccer Pete Ferguson
 - d. Girls Soccer Diane Wanser
 - e. Field Hockey Linda Krause
 - f. Swimming Pat Ryan
 - g. Girls Tennis Selina DeCicco
 - h. Volleyball Ken Rubino
15. Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Brian Devincenzi & Helenanne Gillinder
 - b. Safety - Concussion Management Janet Carey
and Heat Index Policy
 - 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: Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at Orange-Ulster BOCES
19. NYSPHSAA Mandated Athletic Director Training – Ms. Nina VanErk, Executive Director, NYSPHSAA
Tuesday, September 15, 2009 immediately following the Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting

August 2009

Highlights

Ms. Nina Van Erk – Executive Director

The 2009-2010 version of the NYSPHSAA Handbook is available on-line. The most recent changes are underlined to indicate the changes that have been made. The Handbook will be updated after each NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.

Licensing Resource Group – Permission to engage in an agreement with LR6 to provide opportunity for schools to receive sales revenue from licensed products. This is an “opt-out” program – Motion was approved.

CSIET Advisory List for 2009-2010 is available on the website – www.nysphsaa.org

Robert Stulmaker – Assistant Director

Changes to the schedule of dates and/or sites for the 2009-2010 NYSPHSAA Championships:

Boys Tennis	June 3-5, 2010
Boys Golf	June 5-7, 2010
Girls Golf	June 11-13, 2010 SUNY Delhi (4)

Scholar Athlete Team Award and School of Distinction Award information, instructors and application forms for 2009-2010 are posted on the NYSPHSAA website.

2009-2010 NYSPHSAA Championship dates and sites (enclosed). Future dates and sites for NYSPHSAA Championships (enclosed).

Todd Nelson – Assistant Director

Enclosed is information regarding the following topics:

Classification of Schools – Coaching Clinics
Interstate Contest Sanctioning

Kathleen Higle – Treasurer’s Report

Dues did not increase for 2009-2010. They remain at \$750. plus \$.80 for each student over 300 in grades 7-12. Dues for 2010-2011 will be discussed at a later date.

Postponed Action Items:

Motion withdrawn

* Football – Practice request has been withdrawn

Approved - Please Note: Check page 26 of the Section IX Football Handbook for Practice Policy.

* NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved the pre-season practice rule which states the head coach will be suspended from the next regularly scheduled contest if the rule is violated.

Postponed

* Boys Lacrosse – Officials for Regionals

NYSPHSAA Transfer Coordinator’s Meeting (Minutes enclosed)

NYSPHSAA Classification of Non-Public & Charter Schools (Minutes enclosed)

Sport Committee Action Items (enclosed)

Approved

- A. Girls Basketball – 16 minute halves – This waiver applies only to non-league contests at the varsity level upon mutual agreement of both schools.

Approved

- B. Bowling – Oil pattern at NYSPHSAA Tournament

Approved

- C. Swimming & Diving – Definition for Swimming and Diving Uniform

Approved

- D. Volleyball – Waiver of the NCAA Time Out Rule

Postponed

- E. Boys Basketball – Replay Review – Use at NYSPHSAA semi and final games

Postponed

Boys Basketball – Officials' Preparation – Officials must attend a clinic or work some form of game/scrimmage to have experience in three (3) person officiating in order to work the State Tournament.

Approved

- F. Girls Gymnastics – Proposal to approve the existing Technical Handbook along with the 2009 changes and additions to the Technical Handbook.

Trish Kocialiski – NYSED P.E. Update (enclosed)

Commissioner's Regulation Revisions:

1. Elementary Physical Education Required Instruction
2. Requirements to Coach in New York State Public Schools – See Coaching Certification Process
3. 5th Year of Athletic Eligibility for Accident/Illness
4. All coaches must be fingerprinted – See Coaching Certification Process
New York State Guidelines for Coaching Regulations
Physical Education web page
Elementary Integration Guideline

Life of an Athlete Committee Report (enclosed)

Recommended protocol and possible penalty should a coach/supervisor violate the Code of Conduct statement # 9 "A coach or supervisor in a supervisory capacity will abstain from the use of alcohol and controlled substances (unless prescribed by a physician).

1. The school and section will be notified immediately.
2. Documentation of the incident will occur.
3. A recommendation from the Section for disciplinary action will be given.
Approved by a unanimous vote by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee.

Handbook Committee Report (enclosed)

Action Items approved:

- A. Language Clarification – Interstate Contests – Approved

B. Sportsmanship Regulation – Approved

Discussion items reviewed included:

Definition of a scrimmage, appeals of the Sportsmanship Rule, Ejection of a Coach, Sportsmanship/Regulation, Transgender Policy and SED concerns

Championship Advisory Committee – Robert Stulmaker (enclosed)

Action Items:

Approved

A. Wrestling – revision of the seeding of the State Wrestling Championship

Approved

B. Girls Basketball – 3 person crews for the Regional and State Championships

No Action Taken

C. Supervision in Individual Sports:

A Board of Education approved coach and/or school designee will attend State Championship contests in a supervisory capacity. This is effective for the 2010-2011 school year. Each coach would receive a pass to enter the State Meet.

Safety Committee Report – Todd Nelson (enclosed)

1. Concussion Management – (see report)
2. Heat Index – Draft Policy – Need input from the leagues before the Safety Committee meets October 2009.
3. Girls Lacrosse Helmets – Data will be reviewed by the Safety Committee. Discussion will take place at the October Meeting.

Approved

Wrestling Release for participation with skin lesion form.

Modified Athletics – James Rose (report enclosed)

Sportsmanship Report – Todd Nelson (report enclosed)

Sportsmanship Standard #27

Ejection Free Program – Need information from the school districts regarding 2008-2009.

Council of Administrators – COA Conference will be held Wednesday, November 18 and Thursday, November 19, 2009 in Verona, New York. NYSAPHERD Conference begins Thursday, November 18, 2009.

Sport Coordinator Reports:

Fall – Winter – Spring annual reports were mailed to the Section IX Sports Chairperson.

Motion approved by NYSPHSAA Executive Committee by a vote of: 23 Yes 20 No

If both Sections mutually agree Sections can use officials from both competing Sections.

Motion approved by NYSPHSAA to create an Ad-hoc Committee to look into Cheerleading as a competitive sport. It was a unanimous vote.

Discussion by the Budget and Finance Committee regarding the possible effects of the H1N1 flu.

NYSAAA Conference begins March 16 through March 19, 2010. Harold Fried, President-elect and Section IX will host this year's Conference in Saratoga.

SPORT COMMITTEE SUMMARY

APPROVED GIRLS BASKETBALL

Subject: 16 Minute Halves

Proposal:

For the 2009-2010 season, a waiver of the NCAA womens' rules to allow for the sections that so desire to experiment with sixteen (16) minute halves. This waiver applies only to non-league contests at the varsity level upon mutual agreement of both schools.

APPROVED BOWLING

Subject: OIL PATTERN AT NYSPHSAA TOURNAMENT

Proposal:

The oil pattern will be announced in advance of the NYSPHSAA Bowling Tournament. The pattern will be prepared for the practice round, with the understanding the pattern will be set as consistent as possible throughout the tournament. Other pertinent lane information will be included in the pre-tournament announcement.

SWIMMING AND DIVING SWIMMING and DIVING

Subject: Definition for Swimming & Diving Uniform

Proposal:

With the new tech suits being developed, the NYSPHSAA Girls & Boys Swimming and Diving Committees would like the state approval to limit the use of these suits by restricting the individuals to using one swimsuit during competition with the exclusion of divers who may need additional support. Therefore, we need your approval for acceptance of this definition.

"The uniform is defined as one swimsuit or garment. No other suit, garment or material is permitted to be worn attached or supplemented under, over, or as part of the uniform during competition. This includes tanks or briefs worn under the suit or drag suits worn over the suit.

The use of more than one suit at a time is being tried to add buoyancy, compression, etc. of the different body structures in one athlete. This is occurring throughout the world. The NFHS is not banning the tech suits due to numerous reasons at this time. The new tech suits have brought about a major discussion and debatable point by all of the swimming & diving governing bodies."

APPROVED VOLLEYBALL

Subject: Waiver of the NCAA Time Out Rule

Proposal:

Requesting a waiver to read: *"The time length of all time outs is 60 seconds."*

SPORT COMMITTEE SUMMARY (2)

POSTPONED

BOYS BASKETBALL

Subject: Replay Review

Proposal:

To approve the use of NFHS Rule 2-2-1 for all NYSPHSAA Championship semi-final and final games which will adopt the replay review rule, if it can be done at no additional expense to the Association.

POSTPONED

Subject: Officials Preparation

Proposal:

Officials must attend a clinic or work some form of game/scrimmage to have experience in three (3)- person officiating in order to work the State Tournament.

APPROVED

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Subject: Technical Handbook

Proposal:

To approve the existing Technical Handbook along with the 2009 changes and additions to the Technical Handbook.

2009 changes and additions to the Technical Handbook

1. (CV) Connection Value will be awarded unless a fall occurs. There will no longer be a 0.30 P. "ceiling".
2. TABLE OF FAULTS
 - a. Insufficient amplitude of elements up to 0.20 P.
 - b. Insufficient height of salto dismounts up to 0.20 P. (UB & BB)
 - c. Relaxed / incorrect footwork throughout (UB & BB) up to 0.2
 - d. Relaxed / incorrect Body Posture throughout (UB & BB) up to 0.3
3. Coach gives instruction to gymnast 0.20
4. New Vault Table values-raised values for TSUK and Yurchenko vaults- tucks 9.6; pike 9.7; stretch 10.0; front handspring front 10.0
5. Bar angles slightly different
6. Clear hip circle for "B" value must be above the horizontal plane, if below horiz. It will be an "A". The Special Requirement will allow the "A" clear hip to fulfill the SR.
7. Beam series recognition – a slow, non-rebounding backward connection of flic flacs and saltos will not be recognized. There must be a rebounding effect.
8. The only element change is the straddle jump facing the length of the beam (cross) is a "B" value.
9. The straddle jump in the side position or a straddle ¼ turn remain a "C".
10. New connection possibility for Turns C + A = +.10 (Beam)
11. NEW – instead of a dance series, a Dance Passage is allowed. The gymnast may directly or INDIRECTLY connect 2 different elements
12. One of which must be leap with 180 split. Running steps, hops, small leaps, shasses may now connect the dance elements.
13. No turns of Acro elements are allowed in the dance passage.
14. CV-Connection Value remains only for directly connected different dance elements.

NYSED PHYSICAL EDUCATION UPDATE
July 28, 2009

Commissioner's Regulation Revisions:

1. **Elementary Physical Education Required Instruction:** School districts that have grades 5 and/or 6 in a middle level school may now opt to follow the secondary required instruction requirement instead of the elementary required instruction requirement (Secondary: 3X one semester or 2X the other semester – or every other day). Request for change from Superintendents and Office of the State Comptroller Audit of Physical Education.
2. **Requirements to Coach in NYS public schools:** Several changes in this area.
 - A. All coaches, whether paid or unpaid must follow the coaching requirements.
 - B. The time line to complete course work has been increased to five years from the date of the initial appointment, with an extension of up to 2 additional years for extenuating circumstances by applying to SED. Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education must still be completed within 2 years of the initial appointment. Time line is the same for both teacher coaches and non-teacher coaches.
 - C. Lapse of service extension has been added. A two year extension of time can be added to complete the courses for coaches who had a lapse in coaching service due to pregnancy, military leave, accident/illness or other extenuating circumstance.
3. **5th Year of Athletic Eligibility for Accident/Illness:** The change increased the requirement of supporting documentation by the chief school officer to include an explanation on how the accident/illness resulted in the athlete needing additional semester(s) to meet the graduation requirements. This was included at the request of NYSPHSAA to eliminate the intentional retention of athletes so they could participate on a team.

NYS Guidelines for Coaching Regulations:

Revised guideline that incorporates the coaching changes may now be found on the physical education web page: www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/ under the Toolkit section.

Physical Education Web Page:

The web page has been redesigned to match other areas at SED (see address above). Please go to the site and become familiar with the new headings. Most resources are now under the Toolkit.

Elementary Integration Guideline:

I am currently working with a group of individuals to develop a guideline for integrating physical education into the elementary classroom. It will include the purpose, citations from regulation and interpretation, recess vs. physical education, samples on integration, lesson plans and additional resources. ETA on website: October/November

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TO: NYSPHSAA Executive Committee

FROM: Patti Murphy
Mike Schwenk

DATE: August 2009

RE: LIFE OF AN ATHLETE COMMITTEE REPORT

Our meeting was held on Monday, May 19 at the NYSPHSAA offices.

Life of an Athlete Training Report

Training for Year 5 “Putting It All Together- Stakeholders Unity” was completed in all sections except 8 and 11 who will complete their training in the fall. John Underwood did an update for Section 5.

State Meeting: We were asked to recommend protocol and possible penalty should a coach/supervisor violate #9 of the Code of Conduct which states that a coach/ supervisor in a supervisory capacity will abstain from the use of alcohol and controlled substances (unless prescribed by a physician).

We recommended the following:

1. The school and section will be notified immediately
2. Documentation of the incident will occur
3. A recommendation from the Section for disciplinary action will be given

Suggestions to highlight our programs:

1. For slides to be included in the mandatory Athletic Director’s workshop of the Life of an Athlete program and how Athletic Administrators and coaches can obtain the DVD’s
2. Advertise in Scholastic Athletics the sale of Life of an Athlete DVD’s

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 20, 2009** and will be a teleconference.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE MEETING
July 15, 2009
Via Conference Call

ATTENDANCE: Steve Broadwell, Ted Bondi, Trish Kocialski, Julie Maney, Carol Rog, Bonnie Smith, Renee James, Robbie Greene, Nina Van Erk

ACTION ITEMS:

LANGUAGE CLARIFICATION

#13. Interstate Contests – (b.) (pg. 97)

Add language: “No member school will engage in athletic competition, *scrimmage and/or practice* with an out-of-state school.....”

Rationale: This has always been implied but needs to be stated.

SPORTSMANSHIP REGULATION

Any coach and player:

- *Who receives a disqualification penalty in a sport shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest;*
- *Who receives a second disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests; and,*
- *Who receives a third disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season.*

If the third *disqualification penalty* takes place in the last contest of the season (regular season or post schedule play), the Section Athletic Council will assess the penalty carrying over into the next season of participation.

Rationale: These language changes meet the intent of the Sportsmanship Committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DEFINITION OF A SCRIMMAGE

This will be a discussion item for the Cracker Barrel session at the Central Committee meeting. Sport Coordinators will provide input to find commonality and uniqueness. Discussion will include the need to establish limitations per day and nights rest between scrimmages.

APPEALS OF SPORTSMANSHIP RULE WHEN A PLAYER IS MISIDENTIFIED

This will be a discussion item for the Cracker Barrel session at the Central Committee meeting. Renee will share her concerns about due process and the need for clear and convincing evidence.

EJECTION OF A COACH

The consistent interpretation from the NYSPHSAA office has always been; if a certified coach is ejected from a contest and there is no Board appointed certified coach present at that contest, the contest is a forfeit. The committee discussed the issue of non-certified coaches. Should there be future consideration for language to address situations when a non-certified coach participates in a contest and should there be an established penalty such as a forfeit?

SPORTSMANSHIP REGULATION

At the request of Section IX, the Sportsmanship Committee will be reviewing the issue of when a student-athlete is ejected from the last contest of the year and is required to sit out 1 or 2 games in their next season of participation. Nina suggested the Sportsmanship Committee representatives contact their Section Executive Directors or Handbook Committee representatives.

TRANSGENDER POLICY

A subcommittee was formed to address this. Members of the committee are Renee James, Trish Kocialski, Bonnie Smith and Carol Rog.

NYSED CONCERNS

Trish reported she has received calls from Long Island parents complaining about high school coaches who also coach out of season clubs. The student athletes feel intimidated if they don't participate in club teams and as a result won't make the high school team. Nina stated that the NYSPHSAA does not regulate club teams but schools need to uphold the integrity of the NYSPHSAA Practice Regulation. Nina offered to make it a Point of Emphasis at the Athletic Administrator Workshop.

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY – October 21, 2009 – 9:30AM CONFERENCE CALL

New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.

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To: NYSPHSAA Central Committee
From: Todd Nelson
Date: August 3 -6, 2009
Re: Safety Committee Report

Minimum Weight Certification Program

The handbooks for the assessors and for the schools have been updated and printed for distribution at the end of August. All the changes that the Executive Committee approved in May 2009 have been included in the handbooks. The minimum weight certification program has made significant improvements over the past couple of years and we are confident that with the changes made, the progress will continue.

Concussion Management

Please see the attached report from Lloyd. If any section or school has any questions or concerns, contact Lloyd directly. His email is fit4lifeconsulting@gmail.net.

Heat Index

Please review the attached **DRAFT** policy that was developed in the spring 2009. The **DRAFT** policy was shared with all members of the Safety Committee. We are asking that every section review the **DRAFT** policy and provide feedback to the committee or our office prior to the Safety Committee meeting in October 2009. The Safety Committee will discuss the **DRAFT** policy at length in October.

Girls Lacrosse Helmets

We have collected data from the NFHS injury surveillance system, NYSPHSAA survey, the Girls' Lacrosse Committee survey, and Pupil Benefits. The Safety Committee will be discussing this topic at great length during our October 2009 meeting. If anyone has any information that would be pertinent to this discussion, we encourage you to share it with your Safety Committee representative.

Wrestling Release for participation with Skin Lesion

The NYSPHSAA has developed a wrestling skin lesion release form that has been combined with a similar form produced by the NFHS. The NFHS has made some minor changes to their form and we would like to make the same changes to be consistent. We would also like to recommend adding the school name to the form. **Action Requested.**

Heat Index Policy – DRAFT

Administration of Heat Index Policy:

- 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 website to determine the heat index for the area of the contest/practice. The accuweather.com website can be reached through the NYSPPHSAA website. Once a person is on the 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 100 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 110 degrees (Fahrenheit) or more, the contest will be suspended.

The following chart can guide school districts, depending on the heat index in their area.

RealFeel (Heat Index) under 79 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
RealFeel (Heat Index) 80 degrees to 89 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Reduce the amount of time for the practice session.
RealFeel (Heat Index) 90 degrees to 99 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when RealFeel temp is lower. Reduce the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time).
RealFeel (Heat Index) 100 degrees to 109 degrees	Provide ample water and water breaks every 15 minutes. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when RealFeel temp is much lower. Reduce 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. Only football helmets should be worn. No other protective padding.
RealFeel (Heat Index) 110 degrees or greater	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held. Inside activity should only be held if air conditioned.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Concussion Management Report

June 2009

The “Grass Roots Approach” theme for this year’s concussion management program was chosen to reflect the goal of developing a sustainable concussion management program in each member school district via section leadership. This was a successful endeavor resulting in ten of eleven sections forming a Section Concussion Management Team which provides leadership, direction and resources to school Concussion Management Teams. section teams often consist of athletic directors, some certified athletic trainers, a school physician, a school nurse (in some cases) and a neuro-psychologist working with the leadership of the Section Executive Director and Section Safety Coordinator.

The following list of accomplishments is a summary of achievements reported by Section CM Teams and School CM Teams.

- Encouraging school registration and utilization of ImPACT, or a similar tool, for establishing baseline neuro-cognitive functioning scores of student-athletes which can be compared to post concussion test scores. Increasingly literature and research points that this type of testing is becoming a standard of care.
- Initial Section CM Team meetings were attended by either Lloyd Mott or Dennis Fries to help the teams plan their work by following the “Grass Roots Approach Template” which outlines the intended outcomes for sections and schools.
- The Section Teams are establishing a list including the contact person (“Point Person”) in each member school who is the leader for concussion management in the school and the liaison between the Section CM Team and the School CM Team.

- ImPACT workshops have been held for athletic directors, athletic trainers, school nurses and superintendents (a very successful endeavor in Section 7). The workshops introduced ImPACT, demonstrated registration and use along with reviewing data interpretation.
- Many Section CM Teams held meetings with local medical centers that have been identified as facilities for treating concussed people who are not progressing towards being symptom free (see the Awareness List on www.keepyourheadinthegame.org). Strategies for cooperation between schools, sections and the medical centers have been developed.
- Several schools have held meetings for coaches and faculty introducing return to school and return to play strategies. Reports indicate faculty members were very impressed after hearing of the concerns for concussed students attempting to make a successful return to the classroom.
- Local media coverage of concussion management programs in schools has been reported.
- Some sections are establishing data bases for tracking concussions by sport, including cheerleading, and monitoring severity of concussions with school athletes.
- School CM Teams are accepting the role of helping coaches and athletic trainers identify concussed athletes, monitor care, and monitor return to play protocol.
- Sections have helped schools establish a District Concussion Management Policy and Protocol to be adopted by the School Boards of Education. Involving the school's Chief Medical Officer in writing this policy has helped to update the Medical Officers and identify their roles in the protocol. Sharing this Policy and Protocol with physicians working in the school district has also served to update the area doctors.
- One section introduced the concerns relative to access care for uninsured families.
- Section CM Teams are stressing the importance of qualified professionals being involved in diagnosing symptoms and interpreting post-injury data from ImPACT.

- Several Section CM Teams are working with the NYSPHSAA's Safety Committee to collect data on head injuries to female lacrosse players.
- All Section CM Teams are setting goals and initiatives for 2009 – 2010. Sustainable programs will be a result.

An "Awareness List" of medical centers or clinics that treat advanced cases of concussed people has been established to help schools and parents know where to go for help when student-athletes are not becoming symptom free. These centers utilize the expertise of physicians, psychologists, therapists and certified athletic trainers. This is an ongoing project. We now have at least one such center in every NYSPHSAA Section. See the listing on www.keepyourheadinthegame.org.

The distribution of the "Sideline Management for Acute Head Injury" cards and posters along with the DVD on Concussion Management, "The Invisible Injury", has continued this year.

DVD MESSAGE CORRECTION: An error has been noted on the DVD by NYSPHSAA Concussion Management Team members. It is stated that return to play protocol should not start until the athlete has been symptom free for seven days. THIS IS INCORRECT. The gradual return to play protocol may start as soon as a physician states the athlete is symptom free and grants approval to initiate the protocol which calls for returning to the previous step in the protocol if symptoms reappear. If symptoms do not reappear, the athlete will become eligible for competition at the end of the protocol.

Please be advised that a request to SED has been made for an extension of the 2008 – 2009 Legislative Grant to continue concussion management and ImPACT workshops by sections through October 30, 2009. This will allow for funding to help the sections planning workshops this fall.

All Concussion Management Team members (NYSPHSAA – Sections – Schools) are thanked for their dedication in helping to implement proper care and return to play protocol for NYS interscholastic athletes.



NYSPHSAA PHYSICIAN RELEASE
FOR
WRESTLER TO PARTICIPATE WITH SKIN LESION(S)



The National Federation of State High School State Associations' (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has developed a physician release form for wrestlers to participate with skin lesion(s) as a suggested model you may consider adopting for your state. The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee conducted a survey among specialty, academic, public health and primary care physicians and reviewed extensively the literature available on the communicability of various skin lesions at different stages of disease and treatment. No definitive data exists that allow us to absolutely predict when a lesion is no longer shedding organisms that could be transmitted to another. Another finding from the survey was the significant differences that exist among physicians relating to when they will permit a wrestler to return to participation after having a skin infection.

Neither the NFHS nor the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee presumes to dictate to professionals how to practice medicine. Neither is the information on this form meant to establish a standard of care. The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee does feel, however, that the guidelines included on the form represent a summary consensus of the various responses obtained from the survey, from conversations and from the literature. The committee also feels that the components of the form are very relevant to addressing the concerns of coaches, parents, wrestlers and physicians that lead to the research into this subject and to the development of this form.

GOALS FOR ESTABLISHING A WIDELY USED FORM:

1. Protect wrestlers from exposure to communicable skin disorders. Although most of the skin lesions being discussed generally have no major long term consequences and are not life threatening, some do have morbidity associated with them and student-athletes should be protected from contracting skin disorders from other wrestlers or contaminated equipment such as mats.
2. Allow wrestlers to participate as soon as it is reasonably safe for them and for their opponents and/or teammates using the same mat.
3. Establish guidelines to help minimize major differences in management among physicians who are signing "return to competition forms". Consistent use of these guidelines should protect wrestlers from catching a skin disease from participation and should protect them from inequalities as to who can or cannot participate.
4. Provide a basis to support physician decisions on when a wrestler can or cannot participate. This should help the physician who may face incredible pressure from many fronts to return a youngster to competition ASAP. This can involve a student athlete who never wins a match or the next state champion with a scholarship pending.

IMPORTANT COMPONENTS FOR AN EFFECTIVE FORM:

1. Inclusion of the applicable NFHS wrestling rule so physicians will understand that covering a contagious lesion is not an option that is allowed by rule. Covering a non-contagious lesion after adequate therapy to prevent injury to lesion is acceptable.
2. Inclusion of the date and nature of treatment and the earliest date a wrestler can return to participation. This should minimize the need for a family to incur the expense of additional office visits as occurs when a form must be signed within three days of wrestling as some do.
3. Inclusion of a "bodygram" with front and back views should clearly identify the lesion in question. Using non-black ink to designate skin lesions should result in less confusion or conflict. Also including the number of lesions protects against spread after physician visit.
4. Inclusion of guidelines for minimum treatment before returning the wrestler to action as discussed above. This should enhance the likelihood that all wrestlers are managed safely and fairly.
5. Inclusion of all of the components discussed has the potential to remove the referee from making a medical decision. If a lesion is questioned, the referee's role could appropriately be only to see if the coach can provide a fully completed medical release form allowing the wrestler to wrestle.

This form may be reproduced, if desired and can be edited in any way for use by various individuals or organizations. In addition, the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee would welcome comments for inclusion in future versions as this will continue to be a work in progress.



WRESTLING COMMUNICABLE SKIN DISEASE FORM PHYSICIAN RELEASE FOR WRESTLER TO PARTICIPATE WITH SKIN LESION

Name: _____

Date of Exam: ____ / ____ / ____

School: _____

Mark Location AND Number of Lesion(s)

Diagnosis _____

Location AND Number of Lesion(s) _____

Medication(s) used to treat lesion(s): _____

Date Treatment Started: ____ / ____ / ____

Form Expiration Date: ____ / ____ / ____

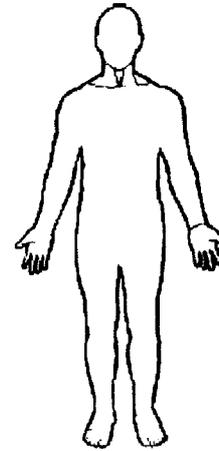
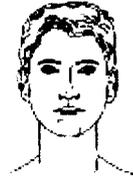
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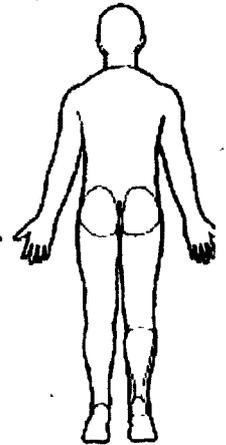
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Note to Physicians: Non-contagious lesions do not require treatment prior to return to participation (e.g. eczema, psoriasis, etc.). Please familiarize yourself with NFHS Rules 4-2-3, 4-2-4 and 4-2-5 which states:

"ART. 3 . . . If a participant is suspected by the referee or coach of having a communicable skin disease or any other condition that makes participation appear inadvisable, the coach shall provide current written documentation as defined by the NFHS or the state associations, from a physician stating that the suspected disease or condition is not communicable and that the athlete's participation would not be harmful to any opponent. This document shall be furnished at the weigh-in for the dual meet or tournament. The only exception would be if a designated on-site meet physician is present and is able to examine the wrestler either immediately prior to or immediately after the weigh-in. Covering a communicable condition shall not be considered acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to participate."

"ART. 4 . . . If a designated on-site meet physician is present, he/she may overrule the diagnosis of the physician signing the physician's release form for a wrestler to participate or not participate with a particular skin condition."

"ART. 5 . . . A contestant may have documentation from a physician only indicating a specific condition such as a birthmark or other non-communicable skin conditions such as psoriasis and eczema, and that documentation is valid for the duration of the season. It is valid with the understanding that a chronic condition could become secondarily infected and may require re-evaluation."

Once a lesion is not considered contagious, it may be covered to allow participation.

Below are some treatment guidelines that suggest **MINIMUM TREATMENT** before return to wrestling:

Bacterial Diseases (impetigo, boils): To be considered "non-contagious," all lesions must be scabbed over with no oozing or discharge and no new lesions should have occurred in the preceding 48 hours. Oral antibiotic for three days is considered a minimum to achieve that status. If new lesions continue to develop or drain after 72 hours, CA-MRSA (Community Associated Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) should be considered and minimum oral antibiotics should be extended to 10 days before returning the athlete to competition or until all lesions are scabbed over, whichever occurs last.

Herpetic Lesions (Simplex, fever blisters/cold sores, Zoster, Gladiatorum): To be considered "non-contagious," all lesions must be scabbed over with no oozing or discharge and no new lesions should have occurred in the preceding 48 hours. For primary (first episode of Herpes Gladiatorum), wrestlers should be treated and not allowed to compete for a minimum of 10 days. If general body signs and symptoms like fever and swollen lymph nodes are present, that minimum period of treatment should be extended to 14 days. Recurrent outbreaks require a minimum of 120 hours or full five days of oral anti-viral treatment, again so long as no new lesions have developed and all lesions are scabbed over.

Tinea Lesions (ringworm scalp, skin): Oral or topical treatment for 72 hours on skin and 14 days on scalp.

Scabies, Head Lice: 24 hours after appropriate topical management.

Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye): 24 hours of topical or oral medication and no discharge.

Molluscum Contagiosum: 24 hours after curettage.

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INC.
STATE COMMITTEE FOR MODIFIED ATHLETICS
GRADES 7,8,9

REPORT TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE

August 4-6, 2009

Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid, N.Y.

The Modified Committee met on October 3, 2008 at the NYSPHSAA office

The modified Representatives are listed below:

Section 1	Rich Silverstein	Tracey Campanile
Section 2	James Schlegel	Liz Hemstead
Section 3	Brad Dates	Elaine Hage
Section 4	Carl Koenig	Sue Franco
Section 5	Tom DeYoung	Ann Hosmer
Section 6	Adam Stoltman	Katie McGovwan
Section 7	Paul Buchler	Victoria McMillan
Section 8	Dominik Vulpis	Denise Romanello
Section 9	Brian Devincenzi	
Section 10	Bob Lauchut	Lori Brewer
Section 11	Dan Robinson	Georgia McCarthy

Informational Items passed during the year 2008-2009

Mercy Rule experiment in modified baseball and softball:

“Allowing a game to end after the team at the short end of fifteen run rule has completed their fifth at bat”

Volleyball: Libero player may be used with sectional approval.

Modified wrestling bouts must have a 45 minute rest between bouts.

The Football Pilot Program was extended to cover the 2009-2010 School Year

Wrestling pilot is ongoing which allows wrestler's to wrestle 2 or 3 bouts in a contest providing they follow “program 2” 1st period 1 minute, 2nd and 3rd period 1 ½ minutes.

The track pilot is ongoing which increase the height of the hurdle for the 55m event from 30 to 33 inches.

The following Modified Sport Coordinators were approved for the upcoming year 2009-2010.

Pat Levy (Section 1) Modified Boys and Girls Tennis

James Miller (Section 5) Modified Girls and Boys Basketball

Matt Wood (Section 4) Modified Boys and Girls Soccer

Discussion Items for the Fall 2009 Meeting to be held on October 2, 2009:

- Modified bats for baseball
- Softball regulations for extra innings
- Modified Track and Varsity Track combined meets
- A review of the new online survey process
- Fiscal concerns discussion (Cont.)

Vacant Coordinator Positions for 2009-2010:

Girls and Boys Gymnastics
Girls LaCrosse
Softball

Anyone who is interest please contact Jim Rose, or Mira Martincich

Surveys:

All Modified Surveys are now online, thanks to Todd Nelson and the NYSPHSAA Office. This should make data collection easier and faster.

Special Congratulations

Mira Martincich has retired from her fulltime position and is presently enjoying Europe. I want to congratulate her for all her years as an Athletic Director. She has been the back bone of the Modified Committee for many years, and the committee is very happy that she will continue with us for the year of 2009-2010.

2009-2010 meeting dates are: October 2, 2009, Spring TBD.

James Rose New York State Modified Coordinator

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To: Executive Committee
From: Todd Nelson
Date: August 3 -6, 2009
Re: Sportsmanship Report

Sportsmanship Standard #27

The Sportsmanship Committee would like to thank the Handbook Committee for making the necessary changes to the wording, so that our intent was being implemented. The Sportsmanship Committee is recommending that all sections have a conversation with the official groups in the section. The officials should understand that the Executive Committee only approved a change in language. The language change was intended to guide our member schools on how to handle a student athlete or coach if they received multiple disqualification penalties from an official. The officials should continue to handle unsportsmanlike behavior as outlined in their guidelines and the sport rule book. Please feel free to contact our office if there needs to be any clarification.

Ejection Free Program

We are continuing to secure a sponsor for the Ejection Free Program. One potential sponsor has requested a list of schools that would have qualified for the award during the 2008-2009 school year. The following sections have provided the necessary information: sections 3,6,7,8,10,11. If the remaining sections could provide the information, it would be very helpful when trying to secure a sponsor. Thank you for all the help.

State Sportsmanship Promotion Award

The NYSPHSAA is pleased to announce the following school districts for the Sportsmanship Promotion Award. These schools have implemented outstanding policies, procedures, and programs that promote positive sportsmanship. Congratulations to all of these school districts. We would also like to congratulate all the section plaque award winners. The school districts that were a section plaque award winner will be presented their plaque at a time and location established by the section. Thank you to all the school districts that completed the sportsmanship promotion survey. The state award winners were: **Elmira City School District, Beacon City School District, and Commack UFSD.**

Sportsmanship Tee Shirts

We have made the appropriate changes in the distribution of our sportsmanship tee shirts to ensure that we are treating team and individuals sports in the same fashion. Please see the attached document that shows the current distribution of the tee shirts. Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you.

SPORTSMANSHIP TEE-SHIRTS

Sport	Category	# of Classes	# of Shirts
Girls Tennis	Individual	1 class	11
Girls Swimming	Individual	1 class	11
Boys Gymnastics	Individual	1 class	6
Girls Gymnastics	Individual	1 class	9
Boys Swimming	Individual	1 class	11
Boys Indoor Track	Individual	1 class	11
Girls Indoor Track	Individual	1 class	11
Boys Tennis	Individual	1 class	10
Boys Golf	Individual	1 class	11
Girls Golf	Individual	1 class	8
Girls Outdoor Track	Individual	2 classes	22
Boys Outdoor Track	Individual	2 classes	22
Wrestling	Individual	2 classes	22
Girls Volleyball	Team	5 classes	20
Boys Soccer	Team	5 classes	20
Girls Soccer	Team	5 classes	20
Football	Team	5 classes	10
Girls Basketball	Team	5 classes	20
Boys Basketball	Team	5 classes	20
Baseball	Team	5 classes	20
Softball	Team	5 classes	20
Field Hockey	Team	3 classes	12
Girls Lacrosse	Team	3 classes	12
Boys Lacrosse	Team	3 classes	12
Ice Hockey	Team	2 classes	8
Boys Volleyball	Team	2 classes	7
Girls Cross Country	Team/Individual	5 classes	55
Boys Cross Country	Team/Individual	5 classes	55
Boys Skiing	Team/Individual	1 class	14
Girls Skiing	Team/Individual	1 class	14
Boys Bowling	Team/Individual	1 class	20
Girls Bowling	Team/Individual	1 class	20
Riflery	Team/Individual	1 class	7

Items to be discussed by the Leagues for a possible vote at the September 15, 2009 Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

1. Wrestling – Section IX Duals
 - a. Should the Section IX Duals field of entry be reduced to 12 teams. The top 12 teams would be determined using the current seeding formula.
 - b. Should the CHSAA and PSAL wrestlers who are returning top four (4) place winners from the previous year to be allowed to participate in the at-large procedure.
2. Transportation
Should Section IX Athletics provide transportation to the NYSPHSAA Championship for individual sports and bill back the cost to the school districts.
3. Softball
Add the following criteria for qualification to the Section IX Softball Tournament.
OCIAA Division I & II teams (AA)
.500 or better record in Division games and mandatory crossovers combined.
4. Safety
 - a. Concussion Management
Protocol and guidelines for injury or concussion on the field. Should Section IX have a policy that all schools follow.
 - b. Heat Index Policy
The Leagues need to review the draft that was presented at the Section IX Meeting. Any additions, deletions or corrections need to be presented at the September 15, 2009 Section IX Meeting.
5. Girls Golf
Should all players be allowed to use their six (6) best nine (9) hole scores when calculating their average over par. This would change the current criteria for selecting participants to the Section IX Tournament.



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

TO: Section IX Athletic Council
FROM: James M. Osborne, Secretary, Section IX Athletics
RE: Proposed Amendment to the Section IX Constitution
DATE: July 27, 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JMO", located to the right of the header information.

A proposal to amend the Section IX Constitution has been submitted in writing. The proposal was submitted by the Wallkill, Pine Plains and Onteora School Districts. The proposed amendment is to replace Article V, page 6, Item #7; League Representatives

Current Language – page 6

7. League Representatives

a. These will be apportioned based on the percentage of schools in each league that comprise the section. The OCIAA will have 4, the MHAL will have 2. The leagues will select their own representatives to the section. It is recommended that the representatives be selected by the leagues based on the class structures in each league.

Proposed Language Change – page 6

7. BOCES Representatives

a. These will be apportioned based on the four BOCES represented by Section IX. Orange-Ulster BOCES will have 3, Sullivan BOCES will have 3, Ulster BOCES will have 3 and Dutchess BOCES will have 3. The Superintendents' Council within each section will select their own representatives to the Section IX Athletic Council.

The first reading of the proposal will take place at the Athletic Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at Wallkill High School. The Athletic Council will vote on the proposed amendment at the Tuesday, October 20, 2009 Athletic Council Meeting that is scheduled to be held at the Orange-Ulster BOCES Conference Room B.

The Amendment procedure can be found in Article IX, on page 9 of the Section IX Constitution.

If you have any questions please call me at 294-5799.

JMO/al

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TO: NYSPHSAA Central Committee
FROM: Robert E. Stulmaker, CAA, Assistant Director
DATE: August 4, 2009
RE: CAC Report

The Championship Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at the NYSPHSAA office. The minutes of the meeting are attached.

I. Approval is requested for the following recommendations:

- APPROVED** A. Wrestling: Revisions for the seeding of the State Wrestling Championships (attached).
- APPROVED** B. Girls Basketball: 3 person crews for the Regional and State Championship Tournaments at no additional cost (attached).
- TABLED** C. Supervision in Individual Sports: A Board of Education approved coach and/or school designee will attend State Championship contests serving in a supervisory capacity. This is effective for the 2010-2011 school year.

II. The next meeting of the CAC will be Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 9:30am at the NYSPHSAA office.

Championship Advisory Committee
July 21, 2009

MINUTES

I. The Championship Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at the NYSPHSAA office. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. In attendance were:

Ron Black	Eileen Troy	Jim Tolle
Greg Ransom	Martha Slack	Chuck Goehring
Ted Woods	Oscar Jensen	Dick Hunt
Mike McCarthy	Nina VanErk	Bob Stulmaker

Absent: Ed Cinelli with notification

Guests: Marty Sherman, State Wrestling Coordinator

II. Nina welcomed the committee and reviewed the membership status of the Championship Philosophy Committee.

III. Bob reviewed the approved action items at the May Executive Committee meeting.

IV. Marty Sherman reviewed revisions to seeding procedures at the State Wrestling Championships. Ted/Ron moved to approve the revisions. The motion carried.

V. Eileen requested three (3) person officiating crews at the Girls State Basketball Championships with no additional cost. Ron/Mike moved to approve the request. The motion carried.

VI. Supervision in individual sports: Ron/Mike moved that in individual sports a Board of Education approved coach or school designee serving in a supervisory capacity to the School District's participant/s will attend State Championships beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. The motion carried.

VII. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the NYSPHSAA office.

XIII. Chuck/Martha moved to adjourn at 10:05 a.m. The motion carried.

2009-2010 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites

Fall 2009

Nov. 7	Boys Gymnastics (Reg.)	SUNY Brockport (5)
Nov. 7, 8, 9	Girls Tennis	Eastside Racquet Club, Manlius (3)
Nov. 14	Boys/Girls X-Country	SUNY Plattsburgh (7)
Nov. 14	Boys Volleyball (Reg.)	Webster-Schroeder HS (5)
Nov. 20-21	Field Hockey	Vestal HS (4)
Nov. 20-21	Girls Soccer	SUNY Cortland/Homer /Tompkins CCC (3)
Nov. 20-21	Girls Swimming/Diving	Webster-Schroeder HS (5)
Nov. 20-21	Football East Semi	Dietz Stadium, Kingston (9)
Nov. 20-21	Football West Semi	Paetac Park, Rochester (5)
Nov. 21	Federation X-Country	Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls (1)
Nov. 21-22	Boys Soccer	Nat. Soccer Hall of Fame, Oneonta (4)
Nov. 21-22	Girls Volleyball	Civic Center, Glens Falls (2)
Nov. 27-29	Football Finals	Carrier Dome, Syracuse (3)

Winter 2009-10

Feb. 23-24	Boys/Girls Skiing	Bristol Mountain, Canandaigua (5)
Feb. 26-27	Wrestling	Times Union Center, Albany (2)
Feb. 26-27	Boys Swimming/Diving	Erie CC (6)
Feb. 27	Girls Gymnastics	Cold Spring Harbor HS (8)
Feb. 27	Girls Volleyball (Regional: 3/4/7)	TBA
March 6	Rifle (Regional)	West Point (9)
March 6	Boys/Girls Indoor Track/Field	Barton Hall, Cornell U., Ithaca (4)
March 6	Boys Volleyball (Regional: 2/3)	Whitesboro HS (3)
March 6-7	Boys/Girls Bowling	Mardi Bob Lanes, Poughkeepsie (9)
March 13-14	Ice Hockey	Memorial Auditorium, Utica (3)
March 19, 20, 21	Boys Basketball	Glens Falls Civic Center (2)
March 19, 20, 21	Girls Basketball	Hudson Valley C.C., Troy (2)
March 26-27-28	Boys/Girls Federation Basketball	Glens Falls Civic Center (2)

Spring 2010

June 3, 4, 5	Boys Tennis	USTA Complex (NYC)
June 5, 6, 7	Boys Golf	Cornell Univ. (4)
June 10	Boys Lacrosse East Semi	Hofstra University (8)
June 10	Boys Lacrosse West Semi	Cicero-North Syracuse HS (3)
June 11-12	Boys/Girls Outdoor Track/Field	Vestal HS (4)
June 11-12	Girls Lacrosse	SUNY Cortland (3)
June 11, 12, 13	Girls Golf	SUNY Delhi (4)
June 12	Boys Lacrosse Finals	SUNY Stony Brook (11)
June 12	Baseball	Binghamton (4)
June 12	Softball	Waterloo HS (5)
June 13	Federation Golf	Mark Twain (4)

FUTURE DATES/SITES as of 8/4/09

FALL		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
G. Tennis	Date	Nov. 5, 6, 7		
	Site			
B/G X-Country	Date	Nov. 13		
	Site	Lakeside Park (1)	Section 3	
G. Volleyball	Date	Nov. 20-21	Nov. 19-20	
	Site	Glens Falls (2)	Glens Falls (2)	
B. Soccer	Date	Nov. 20-21		
	Site	Hall of Fame, Oneonta (4)		
G. Soccer	Date	Nov. 19, 20		
	Site	SUNY Cortland/Homer /Tompkins CCC	SUNY Cortland/Homer /Tompkins CCC	SUNY Cortland/Homer /Tompkins CCC
Field Hockey	Date	Nov. 19, 20		
	Site			
G. Swimming	Date	Nov. 19, 20		
	Site			
Football	Date	Nov. 26-28		
	Site	Carrier Dome, Syracuse (3)		
B. Volleyball (Reg.)	Date	Nov. 13		
	Site	Section 6		
B. Gymnastics (Reg.)	Date	Nov. 6		
	Site	SUNY Brockport (5)		
WINTER		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Skiing	Date	March 1, 2	Feb. 28, 29	
	Site	Hunter Mountain (4)	Lake Placid (7)	
G. Gymnastics	Date	Feb. 26		
	Site	Section 6	Section 9	
Wrestling	Date	Feb. 25-26	Feb. 24-25	
	Site	Times Union Center (2)	Times Union Center (2)	
B. Swimming	Date	March 4-5		
	Site	Erie CC (6)		
B/G Bowling	Date	March 5, 6		
	Site	Section 3		
B/G Ind. Track	Date	March 5		
	Site	Cornell (4)		
Ice Hockey	Date	March 12-13		
	Site	Utica Memorial Aud.		
G. Basketball	Date	March 18, 19, 20	March 16-18	March 15-17
	Site	HVCC (2)	HVCC (2)	HVCC (2)
B. Basketball	Date	March 18, 19, 20	March 16-18	March 15-17
	Site	Glens Falls CC (2)	Glens Falls CC (2)	Glens Falls CC (2)
Rifle (Regional)	Date	March 5		
	Site			
B. Volleyball (Reg.)	Date	March 6		
	Site	Whitesboro HS (3)		
SPRING		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
B. Tennis	Date			
	Site			
B. Golf	Date			
	Site	Cornell Univ.		
B/G T&F	Date	June 10, 11		
	Site	Section 5		
G. Lacrosse	Date	June 10, 11		
	Site			
B. Lacrosse	Date	June 11		
	Site	Colgate University (3)		
Baseball	Date	June 11		
	Site			
Softball	Date	June 11	June 9	June 8
	Site	Adirondack Sport Complex (2)	Adirondack Sport Complex (2)	Adirondack Sport Complex (2)
G. Golf	Date	June 3, 4, 5		
	Site			

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To: NYSPHSAA Central Committee
From: Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
Re: Assistant Director's Annual Report
Date: August 3 - 6, 2009

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS

The validation of the BEDS enrollment numbers submitted in the fall of 2008 is being conducted by the Section Offices. The SED report is produced by counties. Giving the Sections a copy of the report has allowed each section to compare the SED numbers with the reported numbers.

Executive

Directors should deal directly with their member schools regarding enrollment reporting discrepancies. Sections should report significant discrepancies to the Association office.

Letters of instruction for the 2010 – 2011 classification process will be sent to the Sections in early September, preparing for the October enrollments submissions. The letters of instruction will include a more clearly defined use of the addendum.

Reminder: The Executive Committee will be asked to review the classification numbers for the 2010-2011 school year at our December meeting. In the past, member school BEDS numbers have been due to our office at the end of November. We are now going to need those numbers submitted to us by November 13, 2009. By reviewing the classification numbers in December, this will hopefully resolve any scheduling conflicts Sections or leagues may have in preparing for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Please feel free to call the office and talk to me or Barb if you have any questions or concerns.

The Executive Committee voted in January 2009 to keep the classification numbers for the 2009-2010 school year the same as the 2008-2009 school year. The classification numbers can be found on page 174-175 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook. The following variations for the 2008-2009 school year, will also remain in effect for the 2009-2010 school year.

Football

Class AA 1051 – up
Class A 626 – 1050
Class B 441 - 625
Class C 276 - 440
Class D 275 – below

Boys' Lacrosse

Class A 1100 - up
Class B 650 - 1099
Class C/D 649 - below

COACHES CLINICS

Although attendance during our sport clinics was down from previous years, we have decided to continue to provide this valuable professional development to our coaches across the state. Last year we offered clinics for wrestling, boys' lacrosse, softball, baseball, field hockey, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, volleyball, cheerleading, and boys' and girls' soccer. The Association sponsored the first ever cheerleading clinic in Syracuse. We had coaches from Sections 2,3,4,5,6, and 9. The cheerleading committee is discussing the possibility of holding a second clinic in Section 1 or 9.

We have offered the same option to all committees to help provide professional development to all coaches across the state.

COACHING CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Coaching Education Committee is working on how to implement an option for coaches to take the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course and get credit toward the Principles and Philosophy course required by SED.

INTERSTATE CONTEST SANCTIONING

We would like to thank our member schools for notifying the office when traveling outside of the state for competition. The NFHS is scheduled to have all sanctioning completed on-line, starting in August of 2009.

Athletic administrators can visit the NFHS website to receive information about sanctioning and to verify if an event has been sanctioned by the NFHS. The fee structure for sanctioning has changed, please take note. If any athletic administrator has any questions, please feel free to contact our office and ask for Barb or myself.

Thank you

A special thank you to Barb, Eileen, Ros, and Sandy for all of their dedication and help. These programs would not be as successful if it was not for the amount of time and effort our staff puts toward working with me to prepare and administer these programs.

I appreciate their willingness to work with me on these endeavors.

NYSPHSAA TRANSFER COORDINATOR'S MEETING
May 18, 2009
NYSPHSAA Office

Attendance: Jen Simmons (1), Mike Apostol (2), Mike Carbone (3), Mary Milcetic (3), Terry Heller & Ben Nelson (4), Ed Stores (5), Ron Black (6), Fred Hooper (7), Todd Heimer (8), Fred Ahart (9), Rolf Waters (10), Ed Cinelli (telephone)(11) and Nina Van Erk, Executive Director.

All representatives were asked to summarize the process they utilize when determining the eligibility of transfer students.

Section I – The Section requests schools to provide student's transcripts to make sure that the student is attending and taking classes. Their first meeting of the year is usually August 1st and there are 3 meetings per year. If emergencies occur, the committee will meet via telephone conference.

Section II – The committee meets in early August and shortly after for any additional cases. Other meetings are held in November and spring. Mike experienced many phone calls from parents, but now the schools must be the point of contact for all transfer cases.

Section III – The committee, similar to other Sections, meets in the summer and each subsequent season. New forms are on the Section III website to assist school districts.

Section IV – The committee follows a similar meeting format. There are many calls and some will be directed to the Section legal counsel to avoid confusion and litigation.

Section V – The Executive Director acts on all transfer cases. Approved guidelines are followed in making the determination. If the transfer is denied and an appeal is requested, the issue goes to the Executive Committee of Section V.

Section VI – All cases go to Dr. Black. For hardship cases, he indicates to the school what documentation is needed. When all documentation is received, he confers via telephone with the other member of the committee to approve or deny. This permits decisions to be made in a timely manner. Ron encourages calls from parents and school personnel and accepts inquiries from legal counsel.

Section VII – Process used is similar to other Sections. There was only one case considered during this school year. This was due to declining enrollment at their only non public school.

Section VIII – The committee consists of 9 people (retired). The schools in the Section experienced difficulty filing the proper form, but that has been ironed out.

Section IX – The committee consists of five (5) representatives, two representatives from each of the two leagues and the chairperson Fred Ahart. Meetings are held in conjunction with the Section IX Athletic Council meetings. If appeals are requested, they are heard by the Section IX Athletic Council. Some cases can be heard by phone conference if they are not complicated, but the difficult cases are always handled in person by the committee.

Section X – The committee consisting of a Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Administrator will make a determination after consultation with Carl Normandin. The committee handles appeals by phone conference and has only heard three cases this year.

Section XI – All requests are submitted to Ed Cinelli, the Executive Director of Section XI. If an appeal is requested, the Section XI Eligibility Committee hears the appeal and makes the determination. Three denials went to an appeal panel. One case had no evidence of hardship but the school, which is a boarding school, felt that they should be able to have the transfer approved. Appeals are heard from schools but anyone may attend the hearing.

COMMENTS, HIGHLIGHTS and CONCERNS

The representatives discussed cases that were different and a bit difficult to decide.

- Section X – difficult extended eligibility
- Section III – Student's house was robbed by a fellow student and was afraid to go back to school. A letter was submitted by a detective, and after a long debate transfer was approved.
- Section II – Denied case due to a lack of acknowledgement or evidence of "specific circumstances".
- Section III – Voiced a concern over parents renting apartments and leasing homes to circumvent the Transfer Rule.
- Section I – Two cases stood out. A situation with no change of address but moved in with the grandmother because the mother was dying. This was verified by the superintendent of the sending school. The other involved a family that could no longer keep their children due to lack of financial support.

Discussion took place regarding the following:

- The rule is good and working but it is not perfect.
- What is required to prove residency when it is a non public school district?
- Dual Residency – must be the "primary residence".



NYSPHSAA
Classification of Non Public and Charter Schools Committee
June 9, 2009

Attendance: Jen Simmons (1), Beth Sciurba (2), John Rathbun (3), John Stewart (3), Ben Nelson (4), Ed Redmond (4), Ed Stores -call (5), Bob Dinse (6), Karen Lopez (7), Todd Heimer -call (8), Bob Siracuse (9), Amber Wilcox (10) Ed Cinelli-call (11) and Nina Van Erk (NYSPHSAA).

Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and clarified. Sections were asked to explain the process for the classification of schools within their Section.

- Section VIII – The Section only has one non public member school, Friends Academy. The Section moves them up to the next highest classification however, they can petition the Section to play at the classification designated by their BEDS numbers.
- Section XI – The Stony Brook School, is a boarding school that each year receives approximately 20 students from all over the world. The Section adjusts their classification to a Class C school.
- Section V – There are 13 non public schools in the Section. A nine (9) member committee, plus the President meet three times a year to review classification. CJ Finney was moved from a Class D to Class B in Boys Basketball. Bishop Kearny requested to move up and Nazareth Girls Basketball team was moved from Class C to Class B.
- Section IV – The committee consists of six (6) people and they meet three (3) times a year. Al Doyle and Dean Veenhof serve as non voting members. The schools in the Section that are assessed are Seton Catholic and Elmira Notre Dame. The Section requests a list of students from outside of the district to determine where the students are being drawn from.
- Section I – The Alignment Committee in the Section is responsible for making the determination of placement. There are 5 non public and 6 Special Act schools within the Section. Win-loss record and rosters indicating the home district of the athletes are requested. Appeals go to a committee. The Keio Academy was moved up two classes in boy's soccer and one class in baseball. The Special Act schools have very transient populations which makes the placement difficult.
- Section X – Classification within the Section is not an issue. The Section is concerned during regional play when the classification of non public schools makes a difference. The classification of Saratoga Catholic was mentioned.
- Section VII – Seton Catholic is the only non public school within their Section. Their enrollment has dramatically dropped. They were classified as a C in all sports except football and cross country where they remain in their BEDS classification as a D school.
- Section III – Classification review occurs every two years and is done sport by sport and season by season. There are approximately 20 people on the committee who are responsible to adjust classification either up or down. Usually schools are moved up one

class at a time but there have been cases where a school was moved up two classes. There are six leagues (five are based on geography) in Section III. One league consists of AA schools and does not participate in non league games with the large non public schools.

- Section VI – The Section does not have a non public school in their membership, however, the section does have 5 charter schools. Most of the charter schools play an independent schedule. A charter school was placed in a league but was eventually removed due to a lack of a consistent program.
- Section II – The committee consists of league representatives chaired by Glenn Westfall. The committee meets a few times a year. Schools have the opportunity to make a presentation to the committee. The committee evaluates the criteria, such as, scores, district of residence, margin of victory, etc. Appeals are heard by the Section Executive Committee.
- Section IX – The committee consists of two representatives from each of the two leagues within the Section. The committee evaluates criteria such as, geographic location of students, financial aide and success of the program.

DISCUSSION

The committee extensively debated the value of establishing a statewide committee to determine the placement of non public and charter schools. Consensus was reached on the following points:

1. The process at the Section level is working and should remain locally controlled.
2. The committee was reminded to provide a written rationale for their decisions when communicating with the schools that have been evaluated.
3. The criteria for placement must be standardized.
4. The forms used by all Sections must be standardized.
5. The school of residence should be included on the roster form.
6. Review of non public and charter school programs should be yearly but the placement should be for a two year period.
7. All schools that are evaluated by a Section committee will be reported on the NYSPHSAA website.

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The committee recommended that the Section Executive Directors, via telephone conference, work to establish the standardized forms and process. Further discussion will also include the process for other Sections to appeal the placement or lack of placement of a particular non public or charter school.

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Jen Simmons has volunteered to represent the committee and give the report at the summer meeting.

- District of Residency is determined by the Superintendent of Schools.
- Student in Good Standing – schools need to develop their own policies.
- Foreign Exchange students staying an additional year. These students would be ineligible to compete.
- Selectively Classified students should be included in the Transfer Rule. This led to an extensive discussion. Sections 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 expressed interest to make this recommendation but Sections 2, 7, 8, 9 and 11 were opposed to the change. Representatives were encouraged to determine if their Section was interested in bringing this up under Section Concerns at the summer meeting.
- The forms are working fine and available on most Section websites.
- Multiple High School Districts – The policies/boundaries of the school district will be followed. If the district has an open enrollment policy, the interpretation to be used will be same as used for students of K-8 school districts. When a student enrolls in 9th grade that is the district (building) of their residence. Any subsequent transfer would be subject to the Transfer Rule.
- The topic of Religious Education Classes generated a great deal of discussion. It was suggested to ask Renee James to establish language that would exclude the use of courses that are prohibited from being taught in a public school as the basis of an Educational Waiver of the Transfer Rule.

The next meeting of the Transfer Coordinators will be scheduled for the spring of 2010.