



Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Wallkill High School at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order: Bob Thabet
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
5. Approval of March 1, 2011 Minutes
6. NYSPHSAA Report
7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
8. Harmony Christian School – Friend & Neighbor Application – Mr. Gary Falk
9. Strategic Planning Committee – John Landro
10. Resignation of Ken Rubino as Section IX Girls Basketball Chairperson
11. Championship Philosophy Committee Report (back from the Leagues)- Dave Bernsley
12. Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey (back from the Leagues)- Cherie Ramsey
13. Exceptional Senior Football Contest (back from the Leagues)- Pat D’Aliso
14. Section IX Contract Negotiations – Dennis Burkett
15. Winter Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls Basketball Ken Rubino
 - b. Boys Basketball Fred Ahart
 - c. Ice Hockey Paul Bacsardi
 - d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track Mike White
 - e. Boys Swimming Scott Warner
 - f. Wrestling Jeff Culty
 - g. Gymnastics Lee Ann Digsby
 - h. Nordic Skiing Jon Stern
 - i. Alpine Skiing Janet Carey
 - j. Bowling - Girls Erena O’Brien
 - Bowling – Boys Theresa Eckert
16. Spring Chair Reports:
 - a. Softball Bruce Guyette
 - b. Baseball Dave Onusko
 - c. Boys Golf Dick O’Neill
 - d. Girls Golf Bill Earl
 - e. Girls Lacrosse Wendy Crandell
 - f. Boys Lacrosse Bob Slate
 - g. Boys Tennis Urvashi Gupta
 - Luann McCarthy
 - h. Track & Field Joe Iatauro
 - Eric McLaud
17. Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Brian Devincenzi & Helenanne Gillinder
 - b. Safety Janet Carey
 - c. Chemical Health Marco Lanzoni
 - d. Officials Coordinator Dennis Burkett
 - e. Eligibility Fred Ahart
 - f. Sportsmanship Glen Maisch
18. New Business
19. Old Business
20. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at Mt. St. Mary College at 9:30 a.m.



APRIL 2011 NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - May 6-7, 2011

ACTION ITEMS

Cross Country - In the State Championship, athletes from each Section will wear their sectional colored t-shirts, providing there is no cost to the individual Section's budget.

Safety Committee - Recommends the safety meeting mandate be required every other year.

Boys and Girls Tennis - Commitment to Compete Form. "Failure to honor your commitment to complete the tournament for reasons other than injury or illness will result in forfeiture from the tournament and ineligibility from next season's NYSPHSAA State Tennis Tournament. This incident will also be reported to the student's school administration."

Ice Hockey - Recommends a waiver of NFHS rule to allow a maximum of 2 game disqualifications per contest for a coach or player.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS Championship Philosophy and Cheerleading Committees

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Softball: Pitching distance is 43 ft for all high school (9th, JV and Varsity) programs for spring of 2011. Modified Pitching Distance may not exceed 40 feet. Metal cleats are prohibited.

SCRIMMAGES—Review SCRIMMAGE RULES with coaches prior to the start of the season.

Softball and Baseball scrimmages must include free substitutions and lineup cards will not be exchanged. Scrimmages must also include *one or more* of the following: 1. Play six (6) outs per half inning (example - 3 outs clear the field/ 3 more outs). 2. Batting order must be altered or modified to include more batters than rules permit. 3. Start with a runner(s) on base with a predetermined situation for at least two (2) full innings.

Lacrosse scrimmages must have modified time periods and include *one or more* of the following: 1. Alternate possessions. 2. Start the scrimmage with either a Draw (girls) or a Face-Off (boys) 3. Include the following game situations: Face-Off/Draws - Boys/Girls, Clears and Rides - Boys/Girls, Extra Man and Man-Down - Boys/Girls, Fast Breaks - Boys/Girls.

Golf - See page 115. **Track** - See page 116. **Tennis** - See page 118.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHALLENGE AWARD - You Can Help Change The World. Application and program information is available online @ www.nysphsaa.org. Deadline for Section Award is May 1. Program deadline for NYSPHSAA Award - June 1.

Send Us Your Campus News - Please email altieri@nysphsaa.org. Deadline is Monday, May 2nd.

Sportsmanship - All member schools are encouraged to fill out the Sportsmanship Promotion Survey on-line at www.nysphsaa.org by April 15, 2011. All schools that fill out the survey will receive a certificate from the NYSPHSAA and will be eligible for the section plaque award and the state banner award sponsored by Pupil Benefits Inc.

Concussion Management - Schools are encouraged to develop a Board of Education approved concussion management policy. A draft policy and guidelines can be found on the NYSPHSAA website. Educate your coaching staff through a FREE on-line course at www.nfhslearn.org.

NFHS Licensing Program Information - Schools receiving royalty checks this winter also received individual school agreements to continue participation in the program. The LRG agreement is non-exclusive so schools who want to continue local agreements for their booster clubs, fund-raising and with others may do so. There are other companies seeking agreements with schools for licensing programs. While the LRG/NFHS/NYSPHSAA program must stand on its own merits, schools should know that the NFHS/NYSPHSAA has no relationship with any company for licensing high school merchandise except for LRG. This includes companies desiring to be agents for schools or companies desiring to enter into exclusive licensing agreements. It is not recommended that schools sign 'exclusive' licensing agreements, limiting their options to participate in other programs. Questions, please contact the NFHS or LRG. NFHS Marketing: 317-972-6900, LRG: Dick Welsh 513-492-9278 or Tom Lagone: 616-395-0676. Schools may also sign-up for the NFHS/LRG program and find more information at www.nfhslicensing.com.

2011 CALENDAR

April 4

Wrestling - 10:00 AM

April 7

Section 7 - 9:30 AM

April 8

Modified Committee - 9:30 AM

Wrestling Advisory - 9:00 AM

April 12

Section 9 - 9:30 AM

April 13

Safety Committee - 9:00 AM

Section 2 - 10:00 AM

April 25

Skiing - 1:00 PM

April 26

Section 1 - 8:30 AM

Championship Advisory-9:30 AM

May 1

OCF - 9:00 AM

May 2

Boys Golf - 10:00 AM

May 5

Section 10 - 9:00 AM

May 6-7

Executive Committee

Liverpool

2011 CLINICS

April 2

Volleyball - Broome CC College

May 13

Cheerleading - Rochester

June 3

Soccer @ Utica

Field of Dreams

BASEBALL

COMPOSITE BATS

FOR A LIST OF APPROVED BATS

FOR THE

2011 SEASON VISIT

WWW.NFHS.ORG

Keyword BAT

SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM

AWARD

DEADLINE

MAY 20, 2011

SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION

AWARD

DEADLINE

JUNE 30, 2011

COST SAVING SUGGESTIONS FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

The NYS Council of School Superintendents (NYSCOSS) Athletic Advisory Committee requested the NYSPHSAA to compile a list of suggestions to reduce costs in a school district's interscholastic athletic program.

Multiple Contests in One Day

- Multiple school meets and tournaments – Leagues may wish to consider condensing the schedule by scheduling multi-school meets and tournaments when possible.
- Double Headers - Host multiple games at one site to reduce transportation costs. This can be helpful in sports like volleyball, tennis, golf, track and field, wrestling, softball and baseball.

Practices

- Weekend Practices - Limit the time for weekend practices to reduce custodial costs. For example, all practices on Saturdays will be held from 8:00am to noon.
- Sharing Practice Facilities – For sports that require the rental of practice facilities consider scheduling a practice with a neighboring school to reduce rental costs. Examples: Sharing pool or ice time.

League Cooperation

- Schedule Local- Consider scheduling with a greater consideration to local opponents.
- Leagues and their member schools should work together to ensure available opponents for all programs.
- Travel – Consider having teams travel together. Example: Varsity teams together or Varsity and JV teams playing back to back contest at one site.

Funding

- Booster Clubs – Encourage the concept of a single booster club for the athletic program. One club can organize a unified effort to fund raise for all sports and teams.
- Combining Services – Work with local school district to provide services such as Athletic Trainers and reconditioning.

Modified Program

- Consider converting 50% of the game schedule to scrimmages. In some sports student athletes will be able to have a great opportunity to participate under the scrimmage rules. These scrimmages can also be organized as multi-school scrimmages to further enhance participation opportunities.
- Consider enhancing the modified program to include grades 7, 8 and 9. This may help to reduce possible redundancy in the athletic program.

Reduce schedules

- The reduction of a game or two in the sports that may not have been affected by the NYSPHSAA reduction of contests.



HOT TOPICS AT SED...

Trish Kocialski, Associate in Physical Education, NYSED

PAY TO PLAY –

From the Office of School Management Services:

The Jim Kadamus guidance still holds. You can direct folks to our website at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgt/serv/free_appropriate/. There is a decision related to charging fees for interscholastic activities there. Districts can't charge students and parents.

MODIFIED SPORTS –

Budget reductions may reduce or eliminate sport programs.

1. If they do, develop/strengthen your intramural programs to keep those kids interested and their skill levels developing.
2. Will the S/C rules relax? NO. The intent is still for the athlete at a "high level of readiness" for the sport. It is not to make up for a lack of a modified program.

VOLUNTEER COACHES –

Will the regulations change regarding the requirements for volunteer coaches to have all the course work and requirements for licenses?

NO. The safety of our student athletes is the main concern...these coaches must go through the education, background checks, and licensure as all our coaches.

ATHLETICS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION –

The current regulations do allow for the option. CR135.4(c)(2)(ii)(c): for pupils in grades 10 through 12 only, a comparable time each semester in extraclass programs for those pupils who have demonstrated acceptable levels of physical fitness, physical skills, and knowledge of physical education activities

The underlined portion means that these students must demonstrate the commencement level of the learning standards. (and ...NYSED Office of Counsel supports this understanding). How a district chooses to do this would be the same as how they decide if students currently meet the physical education requirements...or they could use the NYSED PE Profile Assessment Tool which was specifically designed to assess the commencement level of the physical education learning standards. The problem is...to do this takes an enormous amount of time if it is done (and done correctly)...and if your physical education curriculum is truly a sequential program...there will be things taught in 10-12 that have not yet been covered yet. (Movement from a MS focus on team sports to a HS focus on individual and lifetime sports/activities, outdoor living skills, etc.).

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ONLINE COURSES (Physical Education, Health Education) -

The Board of Regents is currently review regulations for online courses. If they are approved they will have to meet specific parameters:

1. are aligned with the applicable New York State learning standards for the subject area in which instruction is provided;
2. provide for documentation of student mastery of the learning outcomes for such subjects, including passing the Regents examination in the subject or other assessment required for graduation, if applicable;
3. provide for instruction by or under the direction and/or supervision of a certified teacher (if instruction is to be provided by a school district, BOCES, or pursuant to a shared service agreement),¹ or of a teacher of the subject area in which instruction is to be provided (in the case of a registered nonpublic school or charter school);
4. include regular and substantive interaction between the student and the teacher providing direction and/or supervision; and
5. satisfy the unit of study and unit of credit requirements in section 100.1(a) and (b) of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Additionally, physical education is a skills performance course and as such could not be completely done in an online format. There are parts that could be done online, but it would require a hybrid format and the majority of the course would remain face-to-face.

MANDATE RELIEF -

The only item I have been contacted about by the Governor's work group regarding physical education that has potential for mandate relief is the requirement to write and file a district physical education plan with SED. The trade off would be a requirement for districts to have a written policy on physical education. If this is the only thing we have to sacrifice...I think we will be coming out in good shape. There has been no mention of lowering the required instruction days and time. It would benefit districts to continue having a written plan for physical education as it address so many issues that parents/community often bring up.

¹ In NYS school districts, core instruction must be delivered by the district's certified teachers. School districts lack the authority to contract with an independent contractor to provide core instructional services through the employees of that independent contractor except where specifically authorized by statute or regulation, or where contracting is necessary to carry out duties imposed on the school district by State or federal law. Contracting out cannot be used as a vehicle for avoiding the tenure laws or the requirements that teachers be duly certified. NYSED has issued guidance on contracts for instruction (dated June 2, 2010), which is available at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/resources/contractsforinstruction/home.html>.

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RTTT AND TEACHER EVALUATIONS –

Since the Governor has referenced the RTTT teacher evaluations as the tool to use in refining layoffs...SED has expanded the evaluation development to all teachers and not just ELA and Math teachers per the RTTT deadline for next year. I have not had access to what the RTTT teams are doing in this regard for evaluating all teachers....they have not included non-tested personnel in their discussions as yet.

Q & A TIME –

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Physical Education Website: www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/ (click on Toolkit for resources)

32 Questions to Ask Recruiters

College coaches and recruiters will ask plenty of questions during the recruiting process to learn more about a student-athlete. And, it is just as important that the student-athlete asks them questions too. Just as recruiters are trying to find players that best fit their program, each student-athlete needs to find out which schools best fits them. The NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee has developed a list of questions that student-athlete can ask recruiters to help you choose the best school.

ATHLETIC QUESTIONS

1. What position will I play on our team?
2. Can you describe the other players competing at my position?
3. Can I "redshirt" my freshman year?
4. What are the physical requirements each year?
5. How would you best describe your coaching style?
6. What is your game plan?
7. When does the contract of the head coach expire?
8. Please describe the preferred, invited and uninvited walk-on situation.
9. How many make it, compete and earn scholarships?
10. Is medical insurance required for my participation?
11. If so, is it provided by the college?
12. If I am seriously hurt while competing, who is responsible for my medical expenses?
13. What happens if I want to transfer to another school?

ACADEMIC QUESTIONS

1. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the academic department I choose to major in?
2. Describe your academic support program.
3. What percentage of players on scholarship graduate in 4 years?
4. If I am diagnosed and documented with a disability, what kind of academic services are available?
5. Are there restrictions in scheduling classes around practice?

COLLEGE LIFE

1. What is the typical class size?
2. What are the residence halls like?
3. Will I be required to live on campus throughout my athletic career?
4. What is a typical day for a student-athlete?

FINANCIAL AID

1. What are the details of financial aid at your institution?
2. How long does a scholarship last? Year-to-year or is it a 4-year commitment?
3. If I am injured, what happens to my financial aid?
4. What are my opportunities for employment while I am a student?
5. How much financial aid is available for summer school?
6. Under what circumstances would my scholarship be reduced or cancelled?
7. Are there academic criteria needed to maintain my scholarship?
8. What scholarship money is available if I suffer an athletic career ending injury?
9. What scholarship money is available after eligibility is exhausted to help me complete my degree?
10. Will my scholarship be maintained if there is a change in coaches?



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APPLICATION FOR NYSPHSAA FRIEND and NEIGHBOR STATUS

1. Applying school must complete all information in Part I.
2. Applying school should forward application with \$200 administrative fee, payable to NYSPHSAA, to the Section Athletic Council for approval.
3. Section Athletic Council approves application in Part II.
4. Section Athletic Council forwards approved application with fee to NYSPHSAA Executive Director for NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approval at the next scheduled meeting.

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PART I School Information: to be completed by the applying school, then forwarded to the Section Athletic Council for approval.

Name of School Harmony Christian School
Athletic Director Gary Falk
Address 1290 Route 211 East
City/State/Zip Middleton, NJ 10940
Phone (845) 692-5353 E-Mail Address hcsbarn@earthlink.com
SED Code (12 digit #) _____

* Enrollment:	Boys	Girls
Grade 7	_____	_____
Grade 8	_____	_____
Grade 9	_____	_____
Grade 10	_____	_____
Grade 11	_____	_____
Grade 12	_____	_____
Sec. UNG	_____	_____

* Please use figures from the October BEDS of the current school year.

☒ Signature of Chief School Officer represents an agreement that the applying school will follow all NYS Education Department regulations and New York State Public High School Athletic Association bylaws, eligibility standards and sports standards when participating with NYSPHSAA schools.

☒ Our school is registered with the NY State Education Department.

[Signature]
(Signature of Chief School Officer)

PART II Section Approval: TO BE COMPLETED BY SECTION ATHLETIC COUNCIL

TO: NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Section _____ Athletic Council has approved on _____ (date)
(1-11)

_____ for Section Friend and Neighbor status.

(name of applying school)

We request approval for this school to become a Friend and Neighbor of the NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Section President

Section Secretary/Director

NOTE: The Section Athletic Council will forward approved application with fee to the NYSPHSAA Executive Director for Executive Committee approval at their next scheduled meeting.

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CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY COMMITTEE
February 8, 2011

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Karen Lopez (Co-Chair), Doug Kenyon (Co-Chair), Karen Peterson (1), Ryan Sherman (2), Kathy Hoyt (5), Steve Broadwell (7), Lisa Lally (11), Dick McGuire (Past President), NYSPHSAA Staff – (Nina Van Erk, Todd Nelson, Bob Stulmaker, Joe Altieri). Swimming: Diane Hicks–Hughes and Patrick Ryan. Indoor Track: Oscar Jensen and Dave Hennessey. Cross Country: Chuck Wiltse and Marbry Gansle. Mike Cring (3), Ramona Wenck (4), Pat Burke (6), Saul Lerner (8), Dave Bernsley (9), Tony Bjork (10), Mark Ward (NYSPHSAA President), Patrick Pizzarelli (NYSPHSAA Past President) and Peter Hugo.

Doug Kenyon reviewed the agenda and summarized the progress of the committee. He clarified that the limitation of entries were for NYSPHSAA student athletes. The committee was also convened to review and discuss additional written information submitted by the following committees: Swimming, Cross Country, Winter Track and Spring Track.

SPORT COMMITTEES – Please refer to the written proposals submitted by the committees. The following is a synopsis of presentations made at the meeting.

Indoor Track - The coordinators requested to maintain the current procedure used to qualify the athletes for the state meet. They indicated that all qualifiers compete in a qualifying meet and in-season qualifiers are not permitted. The committee was not in favor of expanding the number of competitors because of the potential need to make the championship a two day event due to the additional heats and flights. The coordinators indicated that the Intersectional Medley Relay incorporates some of the third or fourth place finishers. The coordinators did express a desire to permit a 2nd relay team from each Section if they meet a qualifying standard based on a five year average of the 3rd place finish.

Swimming – The coordinators were prepared with information outlining how the number of entries could be projected based on using a three year average of the seed times to determine the qualifying standards. The sport committee showed that by using the 28th place time, the number of entries would be reduced to an average of 36 competitors. This number also reflects the entrants that were the best in their Section. The coordinators indicated this standard would restrict the number of entries while getting closer to the requested participation percentage range of 5% - 8%. The coordinators also spoke in support of permitted in-season qualifying. The coordinators philosophically agreed with the range of 5% - 8%, however they did not agree with a strict limitation to the number of entries citing the anomalies in the sport. Using backstroke as an example, they showed how one event can be the premier event, yielding exceptional performances with higher participation numbers while another event might have less participants.

Cross Country – The coordinators requested to maintain five (5) classifications based on the longstanding tradition of the sport. Chuck Wiltse gave a presentation on the evolution of cross country explaining that our current “team and individual” format follows the NCAA model. At the Cross Country Championship meet, awards are presented to the top 20 individual competitors, the first place school team and the top Section team in each of the 5 classifications, both boys and girls. The coordinators shared documentation that showed a five classification system led to a balance and equality in school size and competition when using cut off numbers that in essence divided the schools evenly. The coordinators felt that a five classification system also provided for equitable Sectional championships.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Championship Philosophy Committee was unanimous on the following points:

- Indoor Track – The Championship Philosophy Committee agrees with the current qualifying standards used by the Indoor Track Committee. The Championship Philosophy will remain unchanged, permitting up to 30 competitors per event and 16 relay teams per event. The Winter Track Committee has the opportunity to request future changes to their current qualifying standards. The Championship Philosophy Committee requests an analysis to show the number of athletes in each event that have met the qualifying standard, but did not attend the championship meet because they placed 4th or higher.
- Swimming – The Championship Philosophy Committee was pleased with the efforts of the Swimming Committee. The committee understands the nuances of swimming and believes that a hard cap would be difficult for the sport. The committee recommends that the Swimming and Diving Committee determines the place time that will yield a qualifying standard (based on a three year average of seed times) that will bring an “average” 32 competitors per event and 24 relay teams per event. All participants, those that have met the qualifying standard and those swimmers that are the best in their section, must be included in the calculation.
- Cross Country – The Championship Philosophy Committee, because of their designation as a team/individual sport, recommends no change to the original proposal. The committee reaffirmed if cross country wished to remain in this classification of sport, it would be limited to four classes. The philosophy report calls for all team/individual sports be limited to four classifications because this classification of sport includes opportunities for both school teams and individuals representing their sections.
- Spring Track – The Championship Philosophy Committee agrees with the current qualifying standards used by the Spring Track Committee. The Championship Philosophy will remain unchanged, permitting up to 20 competitors per event and 16 relay teams per event in each division. The Spring Track Committee has the opportunity to request future changes to their current qualifying standards.

NEXT STEPS:

The minutes of the meeting, along with the Championship Philosophy Report, will be distributed to members of the committee for their review. During the week of February 22, 2011, the final product will be distributed to committee members, Section Executive Directors, Executive Committee representatives and Sport Coordinators.

The members of the Championship Philosophy Committee should make full presentations to their respective Athletic Councils to facilitate discussion and support. The finalized Championship Philosophy Report will be presented at the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting on May 6-7, 2011 by Karen Lopez and Doug Kenyon.

CHEERLEADING

AD HOC

COMMITTEE



FINAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 2011

CHEERLEADING AD HOC COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

February 2011

PURPOSE

In August of 2009, the NYSPHSAA President, Patrick Pizzarelli, responded to a number of concerns expressed by the membership regarding the activity of cheerleading. For the first time, the NYSPHSAA established an Ad Hoc Committee to study the activity/sport of cheerleading to determine if sport status should be recommended. The mission of the committee was to review and make recommendations to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee.

The Committee was led by former NYSPHSAA Executive Committee representative and Baldwinsville Central Schools Athletic Administrator, Bruce Quimby from Section III. The Committee consisted of the following representatives: Marsha Tessler (Section I), Liz Hemstead (Section II), Bruce Quimby (Section III), Josh Gannon (Section IV), Joanne Small (Section V), Michele Ziegler (Section VI), Vicki Nephew (Section VII), Laura Orticelle (Section VIII), Cherie Ramsey (Section IX), Lori Brewer (Section X), Mary Lou Assante (Section XI), Len Kies (Sections VIII and XI), Executive Directors - Timm Slade (VI) and Todd Heimer (VIII) and NYSPHSAA Staff - Todd Nelson and Nina Van Erk.

The committee met seven times during the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years to deliberate, study and discuss the activity/sport of cheer. The first meeting was held in the NYSPHSAA office on February 2, 2010 and the second meeting was held in conjunction with the Cheerleading Clinic on May 20, 2010 in Fishkill. The subsequent meetings on June 14, 2010, June 23, 2010, June 28, 2010, November 22, 2010 and February 10, 2011 were held through telephone conference or Go To Meetings technology.

A sub-committee, led by Assistant Director Todd Nelson, worked to define the standards for competitive cheer. Participating on the sub-committee were Mary Lou Assante, Jim Wright, Joanne Small, Marsha Tessler, Michele Ziegler, Colleen Nilsen and Cheri Ramsey. The sub-committee met four times on December 21, 2010, January 5, 2011, January 13, 2011 and January 18, 2011.

The committee is pleased to make the following recommendations to the NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Traditional Cheer – The committee recommends that schools and cheerleading squads not lose sight of the initial purpose and mission of traditional cheerleading. Traditional cheerleading squads have important roles and are responsible to foster school spirit, promote positive sportsmanship and work with the local community through community service projects. Member schools are encouraged to maintain a balance between competitive cheerleading and traditional cheerleading.

Competitive Cheer – The committee has acknowledged the evolution of cheerleading over the last two decades. Recognizing the athleticism involved in competitive cheer, the committee recommends to the NYSPHSAA and NYSED that Competitive Cheer be recognized as a sport.

Coaching Requirements – The committee had made the following recommendation to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee at their December 2010 meeting: All coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) shall be required to complete the following courses prior to coaching: First Aid for coaches, CPR and the AACCA Safety Course.

Executive Committee approved the following motion: **Beginning in 2011-2012, the NYSPHSAA recommends all coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) complete the following courses prior to coaching: First Aid for coaches, CPR and the AACCA Safety Course.**

Cheerleading By-Laws and Eligibility Standards - The committee recommends that By-Laws and Eligibility Standards be established for Cheerleading.

The existing NYSPHSAA By-Laws and Eligibility Standards, as outlined in the 2010-2012 NYSPHSAA Handbook would be used for cheerleading. Cheerleading would be further defined by the addition of the following criteria. The committee recommends approval of the following NYSPHSAA By-Laws and Eligibility Standards.

Amateur	Existing NYSPHSAA regulation
Assumed Name	Existing NYSPHSAA regulation
College	Existing NYSPHSAA regulation
Foreign Exchange/International Student	Existing NYSPHSAA regulation
Penalties	Existing NYSPHSAA regulation
Outside Agency	Existing NYSPHSAA regulation
Practice	15/13 Stunt or Tumble and 10/8 Ground Activities
Professional Tryouts	Existing NYSPHSAA regulation
Recruitment & Undue Influence	Existing NYSPHSAA regulation
Representation	2 competitions would be required for Sectionals
Scrimmage	Future Evaluation as the sport evolves
Interstate Contests	Existing NYSPHSAA regulation
National Olympic Team	Existing NYSPHSAA regulation
Senior All Star Contests	Future Evaluation as the sport evolves
Sportsmanship	Existing NYSPHSAA regulation
Transfer	Existing NYSPHSAA regulation
Jewelry Rule	NFHS Rule will be enforced

Competitive Cheer Sport Standards - The committee recommends that Sport Standards be established Competitive Cheer.

Competitive Cheer would be further defined by the addition of the following criteria. The committee recommends approval of the following NYSPHSAA Sport Standards.

Number of Contests	Team & Individual Maximum Number of Contests - 12
Nights Rest	One night rest
Spirit Standards	NFHS Rules
Limitations Per Day	One (1) Competitive and One (1) Traditional Event Per Day
Competition Standards	Routine Length - 2 minutes and 30 seconds. Must include both Cheer and Dance
Judges and Officials	Minimum of three (3) Judges and one (1) Safety Judge
Classes and Divisions	Three Classes would be established based on school size. Within each class, there would be two divisions based on squad size (Large Squad 20-35 performers) Small Squad 5-19 performers). Sections would be represented by one squad in each of the six (6) classifications/divisions.
State Championships	Winter Season

Commissioner's Regulations

The committee recommends the NYSPHSAA staff communicate and collaborate with the New York State Department of Education to incorporate cheerleading, both competitive cheer and traditional cheer, where appropriate, into Part 135.4 of Commissioner's Regulations.

Cheerleading would be further defined by the addition of the following criteria. The committee recommends approval of the following changes to NYSED regulations.

Age and Grade	Existing NYSED regulation
Bona Fide Student	Existing NYSED regulation
Duration of Competition	Existing NYSED regulation
Health Exam	Existing NYSED regulation
Mixed Competition	Permit Males & Females to Compete Together, Not a Panel Approved Sport
Selection Classification	Gymnastics Test - Add the 1.5 mile run (Varsity 15:00, JV 15:30 and 9 th 15:45)
Length of Season	Fall Season (15 weeks) and Winter Season (22 weeks)
Coaching Certification	Certified coach, AACCA Safety Course and NFHS Bronze Level

SECTION 9 EXCEPTIONAL SENIOR GAME

Game Date: Nov. 20, 2011
Nov. 21, 2011 Snow Date

Possible Sites: Kingston Dietz Stadium
Newburgh Free Academy

Selection Meeting: 1st Monday after Sectional Finals

- A. Game Coaches- On a rotating basis, A, C/D, B, AA
- B. Players- Nominations by Coaches
- C. Teams- Rosters of 40-45, to be divided geographically and by classification (TBD)

Teams/Coaches in the State Tournament are excluded.

Player Fee: \$75.00. 1st year only. Fees decline each year, until "Game" is self-sustaining

Players would get to keep their game jersey, practice T-Shirt, and receive a Team Photo.

Admission: \$5.00

Player fees and admissions/concession would go to off-set site, game, and uniform costs. (Examples: Referee's, Trainers, Medical Support Services, Security)

Medical/Liability Insurance:

Players/Coaches are covered just as if they were in season, through each individual district.

Equipment:

Player's "home school" Game uniform provided by Exceptional Senior Game

Rules:

Limited offensive, defensive, special team concepts(TBD)
15 minute quarters

Practices:

Each team practices for 1 week prior to game, Tuesday thru Friday, 2 hour maximum.

Practices will be held in the evening to allow athletes to begin participation in Winter Sports

Sites to be determined.

Transportation: Subject to each School District's Policy

Section 9 Committee

Executive Director:

Advisor: Pat D'Aliso MW	AA
Bill Bianco-NFA	AA
Steve Barone- Middletown	AA
Don Clark- Washingtonville	AA
Marcus Hughes - Cornwall	A
Clinton De Souza - Spackenkill	B
Ed Van Curen - Burke	C

d. Non school sponsored activities are permitted if such programs are not mandated by coaches or school personnel. *It is recommended that no school equipment be used for these programs as per State Comptroller Opinion 85-37.*

e. Upon returning from military training, student-athletes shall be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics once they have completed the required number of practices. Eligibility for participation will also include meeting all eligibility requirements imposed by the Commissioner of Education and NYSPHSAA, such as, but not limited to, health examination, age, grade, etc.

f. Schools that have made arrangements with another member school to share the use of a practice facility may do so without violating the Scrimmage Regulation as long as the athletes/teams do not scrimmage before the required number of practices has been completed.

23. PROFESSIONAL TRYOUTS: No tryouts for, or practice, with professional teams and their affiliates, are approved except during the summer vacation. A student who participates in such a tryout is ineligible to represent the school in that sport. (see Amateur Rule, p. 91) *A school may apply on behalf of the student to their section for reinstatement one year from the date of the latest violation.*

24. RECRUITMENT AND UNDUE INFLUENCE: Recruiting and Undue Influence is defined as the use of influence by any person connected directly or indirectly with a NYSPHSAA school to induce a student to transfer from one school to another, or to enter the ninth grade at a member school for athletic purposes - whether or not the school presently attended by the student is a member of the NYSPHSAA.

a. The use of undue influence to secure a student for competitive purposes in a sport is prohibited. An infraction shall cause the student to forfeit eligibility in that sport for one year from the date of enrollment. The offending school shall be subject to provisions of Bylaw 19 (D).

b. Evidence of undue influence includes, but is not limited to, personal contact by coaches and sponsors in an attempt to persuade transfer; gifts of money; jobs, supplies, clothing, free transportation, admission to contests, invitation to attend practices and/or games, or free and/or reduced tuition.

25. REPRESENTATION:

a. A contestant, or athletic team, shall not represent a school except in conformance with all rules and regulations. It shall be the duty of trustees and boards of education to require that athletic activities be limited to competition between secondary school students.

To be eligible for sectional, intersectional or state competition, a team must have competed in six (6) school scheduled contests during the season. To be eligible for sectional, intersectional or state competition, a team must have competed in six (6) school scheduled contests which occurred on six different dates during the season. An individual is eligible for the team if he/she has been an eligible participant on a team in that sport in that school for a minimum of six (6) scheduled contests during the regular season. For football, a student must be an eligible participant for a minimum of three (3) contests. Contestants in individual sports (archery, badminton, bowling, cross country, fencing, golf, gymnastics, rifle, skiing, swimming, tennis, outdoor track, winter track and wrestling) must also have represented their school in six (6) scheduled contests during the season to be eligible. These required contests must occur on six different dates and must be concluded prior to the conclusion of the team's regular schedule. (Participation, p. 89)

Section Athletic Council may request in writing approval of the State Executive Committee to adjust the number of school scheduled contests required on an annual basis. The request is to be submitted prior to the governing board meeting. School districts may submit a written request to the Section for adjustment of contests for individual participants. Note: For the sports of golf and girls gymnastics, a waiver of the Representation Standard may be granted by the NYSPHSAA Executive Director when a student has qualified for participation in the current school year's NYSPHSAA championship event and has subsequently transferred to a NYSPHSAA member school. The athlete must meet all other eligibility standards, including transfer, to receive the waiver.

b. All games, meets, and tournaments must be conducted by appropriate secondary school authorities.

c. Participation by a student in more than one sport in the same time division shall be determined by the Section Athletic Council.

d. Games and practice between students and adults (alumni or faculty) are not approved.

e. To avoid unfair advantage a student who elects to participate in an interschool sport may not represent a school in that sport in a subsequent season in that school year.

26. SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTEST: A senior all-star contest shall be any athletic contest for which admission is charged or donations accepted in which one or more of the competing teams is composed of one or more players who during the school year was a member of the high school team in the same sport, and whose participation in the senior all-star contest is based on outstanding performance as a member of the high school team.

a. The only senior all-star contests approved by the NYSPHSAA, Inc. are those approved by a section. These contests must be approved first by the Section in which the contest is to be held, by the NYSPHSAA, Inc. Executive Director, and reported to the Executive Committee.

b. Only seniors who have completed their secondary school eligibility in that sport may compete in these contests.

c. A contestant may participate in no more than one approved senior all-star athlete contest in the same sport during the school year.

d. All approved senior all-star athlete contests must be conducted within the approved sport season.

e. All application criteria established for the Senior All-Star Contest must be followed. The criteria and contest application shall be obtained from the Section Secretary or Association office.

27. SPORTSMANSHIP: The Association recognizes and appreciates that the influence and responsibility of the school administration with regard to good sportsmanship extends to all levels of competition. However, it must also be seen that the NYSPHSAA has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all contests under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily. This standard applies to all regular season and post schedule play.

a. Coach:

1. Any coach excluded by a certified official from an interschool competition for unsportsmanlike conduct, including taunting, is ineligible to coach any interschool competition in that sport until after the next previously scheduled contest at the same level (e.g. junior varsity, varsity, etc.) has been completed. In individual sports

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**SECTION
IX**

Volunteer Application

Please print

First Name..... Last Name.....

Address..... City/State/Zip.

Telephone..... E-Mail Address.....

Cell phone.....

Personal Information (please circle correct response)

Gender: Male Female

Physical Limitations: No Yes (Please Explain)

Work/occupation..... **Most recent employer (optional)**.....

List previous volunteer experience

Area of volunteer interest (i.e., site personnel, security, game management, etc.)

1.

2.

3.

Volunteer availability: (Circle all applicable)

Number of Days: 1 2 3

Friday, November. 18 Saturday, November. 19 Sunday, November 20

Available: A.M. - P.M.- BOTH

FAX APPLICATION TO (845) 291-7306

In an emergency, notify:

First Name..... Last Name

Address

City/State/Zip..... Telephone

Volunteers hereby agree to serve any client who is assigned regardless of race, sex, creed or national origin.

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(Signature/Volunteer)

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(Date)