Meeting: Sportsmanship Committee

Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 (teleconference) @ 1:00pm

Status Updates:
1. Sportsmanship Promotion Survey deadline is Monday, April 16th
   a. Submissions will be sent to committee for each Section to choose their plaque winners. Plaque winners will need to be sent to Kristen a few weeks after the initial deadline. The office staff will then determine the banner award winners.

Items Discussion/ Action Taken:
1. First ever NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day on May 16th (Wednesday of Week #46)
   a. Kristen asked the committee for ideas on how to promote the day
      i. Press release will be created by NYSPHSAA
      ii. Jeremy thought it would be a good idea to provide some helpful instructions/suggestions to the membership. Jeremy also mentioned we should use a uniform hashtag with all promotional elements. #weappreciatecoaches/
         #NYSPHSAAappreciatecoaches/#thankyoucoaches
      iii. Tess mentioned her school was planning on videotaping student’s responses on what coaches mean to them and uploading the link to the school website and social media. Todd also suggested asking the school to post on the school marquee.
      iv. Kristen will create a one-page instructional document to share with the committee/membership
   b. Dave recommended we discuss creating a Coaches Appreciation Day for each sports season. Todd suggested we discuss at the next meeting after we recap the first one.
2. Sportsmanship Rule: Penalty = 1 game
   a. The NYSPHSAA Football Committee asked the Sportsmanship Committee to consider changing the penalty within the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule. The Football Committee suggested changing the rule to, “If a player is disqualified, then the player will sit a TOTAL of one game.” The TOTAL includes quarters, periods, halves of the game the athlete originally was dismissed from. Example: If a football player is dismissed in the 2nd quarter, then the player will sit out the rest of the 2nd quarter, plus the 3rd and 4th quarter of that game. The player will also sit out the 1st and 2nd quarters of the next game.
      i. Overall, there was no support from the Sportsmanship Committee to change the current rule to the proposed rule. Many questioned how the rule would work for many sports other than football/basketball (wrestling, track, etc.). All in all, as an association we need to teach students to make every effort to stay in the game and respect the sportsmanship rules.
3. Section Concerns
   a. I – No concerns
   b. V – No concerns – Dave shared Section V will have 3 Sportsmanship Summits next year.
   c. VI – Doug mentioned there continues to be a presence of relentlessness fans who respond negatively to officials. He asked the committee if there was any support for creating a state-wide rule addressing the issue. Jim said it was the responsibility of each individual school to address. Todd mentioned that NYSPIHSAA holds no authority over parents. Jeremy said his school handles this with an ethics committee.
   d. VII – No concerns. Brent mentioned the President of Section VII met with all Section coaches this year during pre-season meetings. He presented on Sportsmanship for 20-30 minutes at the beginning of each meeting to try and help fix negative behaviors. This has made a positive difference in the Section.
   e. VIII – Still having issues with fans during basketball games. There is conversation happening within the Section about addressing the issue by not allowing certain types of cheering during games.
   f. X – No concerns
   g. XI – Section is having a sportsmanship meeting on Monday to address the issues of red cards in soccer. An in-depth analysis will take place.

Future Items/Meeting:
1. Sportsmanship Spotlight
2. Coaches Appreciation Day (recap & expansion to all seasons)
3. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 20th, 2018 @ 1pm