SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
AUGUST 2007 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid

ACTION ITEMS

1. P3  Approved May 2006 Executive Committee minutes.
2. P4  Approved Section V’s request for an adjustment to their spring sport season end date to June 11, 2007.
4. P4  Approved the reappointment of Doug Courtright as Boys Golf State Coordinator for a 5 year term effective September 1, 2007.
5. P5  Approved the appointment of Selina DeCicco as Boys Tennis State Coordinator effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2011.
6. P7  Approved the appointment of A.J. Amato Wealth Management as the Association’s Financial and Pension Manager.
7. P7  Approved a timeline for areas of concern to be determined, reviewed and implemented as a result of the Structure & Policy Review Committee’s survey.
9. P11 Approved as a New Member: Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School (6).
10. P11  Approved an adjustment of a 5.4% increase to the 2007-08 budget to accommodate the full time position of Treasurer.
11. P12 Approved language clarification in the sport of Bowling.
12. P12 Approved the Boys’ and Girls’ Skiing Committee proposal that helmets are to be required for all alpine skiing practices and races, giant slalom and slalom.
13. P12 Approved the revised NFHS Wrestling Skin Disease Form adopted this spring by the NFHS.
15. P14 Approved to raise the monetary value of awards or prizes from $100 to $250 in the Amateur Rule, pg. 56, a., 2. NOTE of the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
16. P14 Approved additional language to Interschool Scrimmage/Practice Sessions, pg. 64, #12 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
17. P14 Approved to add as a NOTE to #30-TRANSFER, pg. 74 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook that the Transfer Rule as written will be enforced with no variations permitted.
18. P14 Approved the Transfer Appeal Guidelines for the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule developed by the Section Executive Directors.
19. P19 Meeting adjourned.
The Central Committee was called to order by President Ronald Black at 2:35PM. Members present included:

**Officers & Staff**
- President Ronald Black
- First Vice President Patrick Pizzarelli
- Second Vice President Mark Ward
- Past President Kathryn Faber
- Executive Director Nina Van Erk
- Assistant Director Lloyd Mott
- Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker
- Assistant Director Joe Altieri
- Treasurer Kathleen Higle
- Counsel Renee James
- Secretary Sandra Schanck
- Dir. Of Government Relations Kevin Banes

**Past Presidents**
- Peter Betrus
- Patrick Calnon
- Karen Lopez
- Marc Martone
- Richard McGuire
- Robert Munn (Wed. only)
- James Tolle
- Dean Veenhof

**Honorary Past Presidents**
- Al Doyle
- Sandra Scott

**Section Representatives**
Section 1: Greg Ransom (proxy for Vito DiCesare) Karen Peterson, Stewart Hanson, Ted Petersen
Section 2: Eileen Troy, Glenn Westfall, Joe Murphy, G. Michael Apostol
Section 3: Paul Harrison (proxy for Bruce Quimby-Tues.), Evelyn Sammons, Richard Hunt, Todd Nelson (proxy for John Stewart-Tues.), Mary Milcetic (proxy for John Stewart-Wed.)
Section 4: Julie Maney, Jack Jones, Michael Virgil, Ben Nelson (proxy for Terry Heller)
Section 5: Jim Zumbo, Kathy Smith, Joseph Backer, Michael Simon
Section 6: Don Scholla, Pam Maryjanowski, Jim Dunnigan, Jeff Rabey
Section 7: Joe Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry, John McDonald, Steven Broadwell
Section 8: John Piropato, Laura Orticelle, Neil Connolly, Todd Heimer (proxy for Henry Grishman)
Section 9: Roberta Greene, Jim Wolfe, Al Wojtaszek, Donald Andrews
Section 10: Ernie Witkowski, Stephanie Putney, Paul Harrica, Joe Jubinville
Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis, Alan VanCott, Peter Ferenz

**Section Presidents**
- Jack Whelan (2), Carol Moss (3), Joe Sposato (5), Chuck Amo (6), Cathy Phillips (7), Paul Harrica (10), Lisa Lally (11)

**Section Secretaries & Treasurers**
- Greg Ransom (1), Doug Kenyon (2), Fred Gula (2), Roger Seward (2), Paul Harrison (3), Mary Milcetic (3), Dawn Field (3), Ben Nelson (4), Ed Stores (5), Jackie Meyer (5), Bob Dinse (6), John Gallagher (7), Todd Heimer (8), George McElroy (8), Bob Thabet (9), Jim Osborne (9), Carl Normandin (10), Martha Slack (10), Ed Cinelli (11)

**State Sports Coordinators**
- Ed Dopp, Baseball
- William Higgins, Basketball-B
- Eileen Troy, Basketball-G
- Kathy Ferreri, Bowling-G
- (proxy for Wayne Inman), Bowling-B
- Charles Wilts, Cross Country-B
- Marbry Gansle, Cross Country & Gymnastics-G
- Bev Hooper, Field Hockey
- Richard Cerone, Football
- Bob Stulmaker (proxy for Doug Courtright), Golf-B
- Jim Osborne (proxy for Todd Dischinger), Golf-G
- Mike Martin, Gymnastics-B
- Dennis O’Brien, Skiing-B
- Bob Underwood, Skiing-G
- Mike Andrew, Soccer-B
- Charles Goehring, Soccer-G
- Cathy Allen, Softball
- Roger Bell, Swimming/Diving-B
- Diane Hicks-Hughes, Swimming/Diving-G
- Selina DeCicco, Tennis-B
- Chris Horgan, Tennis-G
- Dan Doherty, Track & Field-G
- Judy Hartmann, Volleyball-B
The May 2007 Executive Committee Meeting minutes were accepted as written.

**ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF**

**President Ron Black**
- Introduced Cathy Phillips, Section 7 President to the Central Committee who welcomed the group to the Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid.
- President Black and Executive Director Nina VanErk gave a joint power point presentation on the accomplishments and highlights of the Association during the 2006-2007 school year.

**Executive Director Nina Van Erk** reported on her attendance at various conferences, meetings and championships during the months of May through August and presented the following items of interest.
- **Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops.** In May, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee granted approval requiring all school district athletic directors to attend an annual mandatory NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop beginning with the 2007-2008 school year. The rationale supporting this recommendation was to ensure compliance with all NYSPHSAA rules and regulations and to minimize student athletes from being deemed ineligible. All school districts must comply for their schools to be eligible for all sectional, regional and state competition.

**Legislative Action Update.** Meetings were held with the following legislators to discuss their proposed legislation: Assemblyman Morelle - Wrestling Proposals; Senator Larkin and Assemblyman McEneny - Home School and Private/Parochial Student Participation; Mike Fox, Council to the Major Leader on Education to discuss legislation; Giovanni Warren, Education Analyst to the Speaker to discuss legislation. Efforts to improve our relationship with the members of the legislature have been productive.

**Charter Schools.** A summary from Darlene Mengel, NYSED on Charter School policies for enrollment, student selection and other mandates the schools must follow was included in the meeting folders. In reviewing the policies, more questions have been raised. The Association will work with SED to get a clearer understanding of Charter Schools and will have more information for the October Executive Committee meeting.

**Building Update.** British American continues to show the vacant space to prospective tenants. During the last year numerous lease proposals have been developed, but to date none of the proposals have been accepted.

**NFHS Update.** At the NFHS National Council meeting on July 1, 2007, Nina was appointed to serve on the NFHS Board of Directors for a four year term. The NFHS scorebook price will be increasing in price to $7.00 per book in the 2007-2008 school year. The National Athletic Trainers Association through the NFHS has provided the NYSPHSAA
with 600 copies of the DVD “Heads Up – Reducing the Risk of Head and Neck Injuries in Football”. The Association will distribute the DVD to all the football programs in our membership at the mandated Athletic Director Workshops.

- **Section Request.**
  A motion to approve Section V’s request for an adjustment to their spring sport season end date to June 11, 2007 was carried. Zumbo/Troy

- **Participation Survey.** Nine schools have failed to submit their participation date to the NYSPHSAA despite numerous reminders by the Section Executive Directors in addition to faxes and personal phone calls by Nina to the athletic directors. During August the schools will be contacted one more time for this information to have 100% compliance so the Association may have accurate participation data.

- **CSIET Advisory List.** The Advisory List was received on May 1st and has been faxed to the Section offices and placed on the Association’s web site, www.nysphsaa.org.

- **Central Committee Appointments.** The following members of the Central Committee have been selected to represent their respective sections for a four year term expiring in 2011:
  
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  Neil Connolly, the Principal Representative from Section VIII will be filling the unexpired term of Terry O’Connor until 2009.

- **ACT Testing Dates.** The 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 ACT National Testing schedule were included in the meeting folders.

- **Directory Information.** The 2007-2008 Directory Information form included in the meeting folders needs to be completed and returned by September 7, 2007.

- **Section Sports Seasons**
  A motion to approve the 2007-2008 Section Sports Seasons with the following correction was carried. Heimer/Sammons


  - **Future Meeting Dates**
    - October 29, 2007 – Holiday Inn-Turf, Wolf Road – Albany
    - February 1-2, 2008 – The Saratoga – Saratoga Springs
    - May 2-3, 2008 – Holiday Inn at Carrier Circle – Syracuse
    - August 5-7, 2008 – Rye Town Hilton – Rye Brook (1) (Tuesday – Thursday)

  **Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker**


  - A summary (as of 7/25/07) of the Championship Financial Report and a comparison to previous years was included in the meeting folders.
  - Conference Medal/Trophy Co. Replica Plaque program returned $960.00 from the sales of 320 replicas of the NYSPHSAA award. Royalties totaling $7,839.00 have been received in the 8 years of this program.
  - Emergency measures (crowd control and AED) were effective at all 2006-2007 State Championships and will continue to be in place for 2007-2008.
  - Girls Golf was a 2 day, 36 hole tournament at Foxfire Golf Course.

  2007-2008 State Championships.

  - A master schedule as approved by the Executive Committee in January 2007 with revisions/updates was included in the meeting folders.
  - Future Dates/Sites. The tentative schedule of dates and sites of future state championships planned for 2008-2009 and beyond was included in the meeting folders.

  **State Sports Coordinators.**

  A motion to approve the reappointment of Doug Courtright as Boys Golf State Coordinator effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012 carried. Murphy/Ransom
A motion to approve the appointment of Selina DeCicco as the Boys Tennis State Coordinator effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2011 (completing the term of Kristin Fullam) carried. Greene/Troy

- The annual meeting for the State Sports Coordinators, as required by the NYSPHSAA Constitution, is being held as an extension of the Central Committee Group meeting on Wednesday, August 8. The Sports Coordinators manual has been updated and will be distributed at this meeting. Copies for Section Executive Directors will be provided. Other copies are available upon request.
- The master schedule of 2007-2008 State Sports Committee meetings with the addition of a second Girls Basketball Committee meeting scheduled for March 13, 2008 at 6PM at the Butcher Block Restaurant, Albany was included in the meeting folders.

Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program
- The Scholar/Athlete Team Award program had concluded its 16th year with record participation totals.
- A list of the 2006-2007 Scholar/Athlete State Champions and award presenters was included in the meeting folders.
- Thank you to Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for their 12th year of sponsorship.

School of Distinction
- 2006-2007 School of Distinction winners are: Irvington High School (1), Loudonville Christian School (2), Morris High School (4), Wilson High School (6), Clarence High School (6), Plattsburgh High School (7), Garden City High School (8) and Jericho High School (8).
- Thank you to Lee’s Trophies Co., Schenectady, NY for sponsoring the awards.
- 2007-2008 instructions and application forms are posted on the NYSPHSAA website.
- 2006-2007 Scholar Athlete and School of Distinction Record Book was available for review at the Central Committee meeting.

NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association
- 2007-2008 officers are: Mary Jane Quigley, AISAA, President; Don Douglas, PSAL, Vice President; TBA, Secretary; Nina VanErk, NYSPHSAA, Treasurer; Walter Eaton, Executive Secretary, NYSFSSAA.
- 2007-2008 meeting schedule is as follows: Fall: September 11, 2007; Winter: December 11, 2007; Spring: May 13, 2008.

Assistant Director Lloyd Mott

Classification of Schools
- Letters of instruction for the 2008-2009 classification reports will go to the Section offices in September.
- The collection and submission of BEDS numbers by the Section offices is very efficient and appreciated.
- The 5-Class parameters along with all other classification numbers can be found in the 2006-2008 NYSPHSAA Handbook on page 146 & 147. Changes are as follows: Cross Country: AA: 1083 – up; A: 712 – 1082; B: 468 – 711; C: 290 – 467; D: 289 – below. Girls’ Lacrosse: A: 1134 – up; B: 750 – 1133; C: 749 – below.
- A validation of school enrollments will be completed with a comparison to SED numbers and reports will go to the Sections.

Coaches Clinics
- Successful coaches clinics were held in wrestling, lacrosse, softball, field hockey, track/field and cross country, soccer and volleyball. Some of the sports committees considered clinics in different sports or adding a second clinic in the same sport, scheduled for a different geographical area. After considerable planning and discussion, these did not take place. The possibilities still exist for the future.
- The clinics scheduled in 2007-2008 will be repeated.

Sanctioning
- Sanctioning applications requiring NFHS approval will soon be completely online through the NFHS website. The NYSPHSAA website will have links to all forms – bordering (for tournaments inviting schools from states which border New York), national (for events requiring NFHS sanctioning which include non-bordering state tournaments of more than 8 schools and 2 team contests co-sponsored by any outside agency), and international (also through the NFHS).
- Dual contests (2 teams from different states) do not require formal sanctioning, however it is the responsibility of our member schools to confirm that the out of state opponent is a member or approved school.
- All initial communication relating to sanctioning should go to Barb Hennessey – phone: 518-690-0771 or email: bhennesssey@nyphsaa.org – include date, site, host school and host state in the communication.

NYSPHSAA Sports Records Database
• Encouraged the cooperation of our Sport Coordinators and sport committee members in updating the records database at the conclusion of each season.
• Forms for submitting NYSPHSAA records, as well as National records, are on the NYSPHSAA website.

Coaching Certification Review Committee
• Committee members are: Trish Kocalski, Jack Foley, Karen Lopez, Roger Brown, Bill Bryant, Carl Normandin, Wayne Bertrand and Lloyd Mott.
• The committee has completed the update of the Philosophy and Principles and Theory and Techniques course outlines over the past two years. This year the committee is updating the Health Sciences Course.
• The committee recommends ASEP’s Successful Coaching, 3rd Edition, as the main textbook which may be purchased at a discounted rate through the NYSPHSAA Book Order process.
• The committee will be reviewing the NFHS Coaching Courses and discuss possible ways in which they may be added to our course curricula. This could help to make the course offerings across the state more consistent.
• The NYSPHSAA/SUNY Cortland online coaching certification course has certified over 200 coaches since our agreement.

Rule Books and Publications
• Schools are encouraged to place book orders online by going to www.nysphsaa.org and click on the orange box on the left side of the home page – NYSPHSAA Online Store – which expedites the process.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri reported on his attendance at various meetings, championships and conferences.
• Spring Championship Programs provided a net loss of $1,867 due to program printing expenses.
• Championship Programs showed its first ever profit of $13,132 due to cutting costs in program printing and in creased income from Ad sales and program sales at the state tournaments.
• Championship Media/Broadcasting. The Association netted $6,900 for Spring championship television and radio broadcasts. This included $2,000 in TV revenue from Time Warner Cable broadcasting live two girls lacrosse state championships and $3,150 from MSG broadcasting live all three boys lacrosse championships. Overall, the Association saw revenues of $34,183 for all championships TV/radio broadcasts in 2006-2007.
• Vendor/Souvenir Sales were reviewed for 2005, 2006 and 2007.
• Webcasting. The Association web cast all three boys lacrosse championships and numerous softball championship games this past spring. Local announcers/staffs were put together to eliminate expenses but still provide the service of web casting for our championships. Plans are being made to web cast the football championships in the fall and possibly the boys and girls basketball championships in the winter.

Corporate Sponsorships
• US Marines. We are currently in the contract stages of a sponsorship agreement for 2007-08 with the Marines. Due to interest from the Army this year, we were able to negotiate our first ever platinum-level sponsorship ($50,000 and up) with the Marines. Final financial commitment and details will follow at the October Executive Committee meeting.
• Holiday Inn. The second year of a three year agreement with the Holiday Inn has been concluded. Over $220,000 has been realized in business to Holiday Inn properties in 2006-07. This makes us eligible for more than $40,000 in sponsorship money representing 2006-07. Enclosed in the meeting folders were the 5 year pocket calendars that Holiday Inn is sponsoring.
• Jostens. One year remains of our agreement. The Association will be able to provide each of our Hall of Fame inductees with a ring starting from the first class.
• Hannaford. Sponsored 20 cases of bottled water for the boys gold championships.
• Frito Lay. Sponsored several cases of snacks for the softball championships.
• Vertical Adventures. Sponsored $150 toward the outdoor track and field championships.
• Other. Beyond our annual marketing budget, over $35,000 was secured from sponsors/bed taxes to market our state championships in 2006-07.

Media
• Media Advisory Committee. The committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday, August 29th at the Association office.
• Media Credentials. An advisory has been sent to the Associated Press informing all New York State media they will now have to formally request credentials for our championships by having their editors/sports directors send a letter in writing. We will now create and issue credentials from the Association office for state tournaments eliminating extra work for tournament committees and decreasing problems with the media.

Public Relations/Marketing
• Press releases have been distributed statewide for the following: New York Good Sports winners and Hall of Fame inductions.
Treasurer Kathy Higle reviewed the budget stating the financial condition of the Association is strong.

Financials
- The Association will finish the year $327,000 better than budget due to better than budget levels of championship revenues, sponsorships and investment income.

Audit
- We received a clean opinion from our auditors, Marvin & Co., for 2005-2006. Copies of the audited financial statements are available. As auditing standards concerning internal control are becoming more exacting over time, we need to be more stringent about procedures, documentation of expenses and other controls.

Registered Charity
- NYSPHSAA has filed to be a New York State registered charity which will allow us to continue to pursue NYS grants. This also carries with it a need for increased financial controls as the NYS Attorney General’s office will have access to our records and procedures to support those grants.

Dues
- Base dues for 2007-08 are $750 for the first 300 students in grades 7-12 and ungraded based on 2006 BEDS numbers. An additional $.80 is charged for each student over 300.
- Due to our current strong financial position, we anticipate no dues increase for 2008-09.

Order Processing
- Implemented last September, we are successfully operating our new order processing website [www.nysphsaa.peachhost.com](http://www.nysphsaa.peachhost.com) which can be accessed directly or through a link on the NYSPHSAA website. Currently, the website sells rulebooks, NYSPHSAA publications and tournament programs. Schools are encouraged to use the on-line ordering.

A motion to approve the appointment of A.J. Amato Wealth Management as our Financial and Pension Manager carried.

Counselor Renee James reported from a legal standpoint, it has been a very good year.
- Sections 3, 4 and 5 successfully defended against litigation involving classification of nonpublic schools. There were two State Court decisions, one Federal Court decision and two Commissioners’ decisions with good language that will help in future litigation but have not been published yet. Please contact her if a situation arises where someone is threatening to sue and she will provide copies of the decisions.
- A Commissioners’ decision upheld our Appeal Panel’s decision to deny extended eligibility to a student who had his minister write a letter stating that the student was emotionally unable to participate in athletics.
- Litigation is still outstanding regarding a bowling issue where a girl bowled on a boys team during the regular season wanted the ability to bowl on a girls All-Star team if the boys didn’t make the All-Star team.
- On the national level, the Tennessee High School Athletic Association has been in litigation for eight years regarding their recruitment rule. They received a decision this year from the U.S. Supreme Court upholding their recruitment rule.

Director of Government Relations.
- Stated one of his other duties is Director of Government Relations for SAANYS.
- Feels this will be a great opportunity where both associations could collectively bring forth their influences and move forward on advancing or prevent legislative proposals.
- He is looking forward to working with our Association and welcomes any assistance.
- He may be contacted at SAANYS by phone - 518-782-0600, x185 or by email – Kbanes@saanys.org.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
- Nina reviewed the results of the survey sent out by the Structure and Policy Review Committee highlighting the top areas of concern.

A motion to approve the following process which will have committee and section involvement carried.

August: Determine 3 or 4 areas of concern from prioritized information received from Sections. Establish a committee to review these concerns to determine which ones should be implemented. Each recommended area of concern should be rewritten so that the intention and language are clear. The committee will report back at the October meeting.

October: Receive and discuss the committee’s report. Take areas of concerns recommended for implementation back to the Sections for discussion and review.
**January:** Approve areas of concern that will be implemented. Establish implementation committee to determine specific language for each approved area of concern and the process and timeline of adding these areas to our Constitution/Bylaws or Policy Manual. The Committee will report back at the May meeting.

**May:** Review and discuss the committee’s recommendations and take them back to the Sections for review and discussion.

**August:** Final vote on implementation of committee’s recommendations.

**Adapted Interscholastic Model for Sport (AIMS).**
- A framework for interscholastic sports for youngsters with disabilities written by Joseph P. Winnick of SUNY Brockport to help enhance the development of interscholastic programs for individuals with disabilities was included in the meeting folders. He outlined 5 options geared to the needs and abilities of participants, encourages movement towards participation in the least restrictive most normal setting, emphasizes sport rather than disability and encourages the use of modern technology for implementation. This issue is a discussion item at the group meetings.

**SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT**

**Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11** inquired about being reimbursed at the IRS rate for travel and the possibility of a lifetime NYSPHSAA pass for serving a certain number of years.

**Section 5** asked if there would be discussion on some definitive action on the results of the 2 year experiment of the classification of non-public schools.

**Section 10** asked if the mileage reimbursement for state competition could also be increased.

**COMBINING OF SCHOOLS**
The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2006-2007 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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Johnstown & Fonda
Johnstown & Wheelerville

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Middleburgh & Schoharie
New Lebanon & Berlin
Niskayuna & Schenectady

Clymer & Sherman
Hinsdale & Allegany-Limestone
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Saranac, Peru & Elizabethtown-Lewis
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Lake Placid & Keene
Lake Placid, Keene & Tupper Lake
Indian Lake & Long Lake
Minerva & Newcomb
Wells & Lake Pleasant
Long Lake, Tupper Lake & Indian Lake

Plainview & Bethpage
Carle Place & The Wheatley School

Ellenville & Wawarsing

Hyde Park & Rhinebeck
Hyde Park & Highland
Marlboro & Highland
Tri-Valley & Fallsburg

Morristown & Ogdensburg Free Academy
Lisbon & Canton

Heuvelton & Canton
Potsdam & Canton
Edwards-Knox, Lisbon & Heuvelton
Madrid-Waddington & Norwood-Norfolk
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Lisbon, Madrid-Waddington & Canton
Hermon-DeKalb & Edwards-Knox
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Ogdensburg Free Academy, Lisbon & Canton
Edwards-Knox & Gouverneur
Chateaugay & Malone
Colton-Pierrepont, Hermon-DeKalb, Lisbon & Canton

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Hammond & Alexandria Bay
Edwards-Knox, Heuvelton, Hermon-DeKalb, Lisbon & Canton
Norwood-Norfolk, Colton-Pierrepont & Potsdam
Madrid-Waddington & Potsdam
St. Lawrence & Salmon River
Holy Family & Franklin Academy

Heuvelton & Ogdensburg Free Academy

Brushton-Moira & Salmon River
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Hermon-DeKalb, Lisbon, Potsdam & Canton
Chateaugay & Franklin Academy
Madrid-Waddington, Hermon-DeKalb & Canton
Parishville-Hopkinton & St Lawrence
Lisbon, Hermon-DeKalb & Heuvelton
Lisbon, Edwards-Knox, Hermon-DeKalb & Heuvelton
Chateaugay & Franklin Academy
Lisbon & Madrid-Waddington
Long Lake & Tupper Lake

Cross Country-B/G
Indoor Track-B/G
Ice Hockey-G
Spring Track-G
Football
Wrestling
Lacrosse-B
Hockey
Indoor Track-B/G
Swimming-G
Lacrosse-G
Indoor Track-B/G
Volleyball-G
Swimming-G
Football
Hockey-G
Swimming-B
Track-B/G (Mod.)
Cross Country-B/G
Track-B/G
Ice Hockey-G
Hockey-B
Football (All Levels)
Football (All Levels)
Football (Mod.)
Cross Country-B/G (All Levels)
All Modified Sports except
B/G Basketball
Cross Country-B/G (All Levels)
Wrestling (All Levels)
Ice Hockey-B
Track-B/G (All Levels)
Ice Hockey-B
Wrestling (All Levels)
Wrestling (All Levels)
Ice Hockey-B
Indoor Track-B/G
Ice Hockey-B
Lacrosse-G
Lacrosse-B
Track-B/G (Mod.)
Golf-B/G
Ice Hockey-B

Volleyball-B (V, JV)
Softball (JV, B)

SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTESTS
The following contests were approved by the Executive Director per Executive Committee authorization and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #9).

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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status carried. (Expiring in August 2009).

Troy/DiCesare

Section 1
Rye Country Day School
Cedar Street
Rye, NY 10580
Grades 7-12

Section 6
Holy Family Catholic School
1135 N. Main Street
Jamestown, NY 14701
Grades 7-8

NEW MEMBER
A motion to approve the following application for NYSPHSAA Membership status carried.

DeCillis/Harrison

Section 6
Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School
190 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
Grades 7-11

ORAL AND/OR PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget Committee. 1st Vice President Pat Pizzarelli reviewed the 2007-08 budget and recommended the following:
- It was felt that due to the increased amount of money being brought in from sponsorships, to get a better handle on our championships and additional practices being put in place to be more fiscally responsible, the Treasurer needs to be more involved. It was recommended that the position of Treasurer become a full time position.
A motion to approve making an adjustment of a 5.4% increase in the 2007-08 budget that was approved at the May Executive Committee meeting to accommodate the full time position of Treasurer carried.

Maney/Wolfe

Modified Committee. James Rose, Co-Coordinator, presented the report.
- The committee met on October 13, 2006 and April 27, 2007.
- James Rose has been appointed as Co-Chairperson of the committee.
- Discussion items for the Fall 2007 committee meeting are: No overtime in modified girls’ lacrosse and multiple school contests, tournament competition, finals and awards.
- The committee thanked Maureen Sharrow, Modified Girls’ Basketball Coordinator, Robert Christenson and Michele
Dougherty, Section XI representatives for their service to the Modified Committee.

- The committee is in need of a Sports Coordinator for Gymnastics. Please contact James Rose, Judy Salerno or Lloyd Mott if you know of anyone who is interested.
- The meeting dates for the Modified Committee are scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2007 and Friday, April 4, 2008 at the NYSPHSAA office.

**Championship Advisory Committee.** Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report and recommendations of the committee.

A **motion to approve** the following language clarification in bowling **carried.**

**GAME:** A game consists of 10 frames. **MATCH (contest):** Consists of a maximum of 3 games. **TOURNAMENT:** Consists of a maximum of 6 games. The Baker format may be used a maximum of two times per season with a maximum of 15 Baker format games per tournament. A combination tournament is permitted with a maximum of eight (8) Baker format games and three (3) games. A combination tournament counts towards the maximum of two (2) Baker format tournaments.

**INDIVIDUAL LIMITATIONS:** A student may not participate in more than one contest per day. **TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES:** In tournament competition only one of the following tie breaking procedures may be used until the tie is broken: 1. regular game; 2. 9th & 10th frame roll off; 3. one game Baker format. The tie breaking procedure must be designated prior to the start of the tournament.

- The committee recommends postponing the following requests until the October 19, 2007 CAC meeting so a Proposal for Sport Changes form can be obtained from each participating section’s Executive Director and a member of the sport committee can attend to present their proposal and answer questions: Change in classification numbers in Football and Increase in officials at the state tournament in Wrestling.
- The committee recommended the denial of the Indoor Track Committee’s request to add a second relay team. The proposal will be revisited if a Proposal for Sport Changes form is obtained from each participating section’s Executive Director and a member of the sport committee can attend the CAC meeting to present their proposal and answer questions.
- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Friday, October 19, 2007 at 9:30AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

**Life Of An Athlete.** Mike Schwenk and Patti Murphy, Coordinators, presented the report.

- The planning committee met on Sunday, May 20 to review and finalize the year 4 program on Student Athlete Leadership and discuss the year 5 program, “Assessing Your Entire Athletic Program” which has been piloted in the Horseheads School District.
- Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 have held or will be holding their mandated training for the year 3 program, “Coaching Effectiveness”. The feedback from the Sections that have had the training has been overwhelming. The discs for this program are finished and will be sent to the Sections.
- Their website has been updated and includes the names and information on all Section representatives and the outline of the five year plan including dates of all presentations for the 2007-08 school year.
- A binder with hard copies of information will be put together for coaches to use with these programs. An article will be included in the Scholastic Athletics Journal about the Life Of An Athlete Chemical Health Five Year Program.
- The committee is requesting a handbook revision to change the NYSPHSAA, Inc. Chemical Health Mandate to read as follows: “Each Section must hold at least one of the Life of an Athlete Program Workshops during the school year and attended by representation from each school in their Section. The chemical health workshops were mandated in 1990-91. Failure to meet the mandate will result in exclusion from sectionals the following school year.” It was requested that this be taken back to the Sections for input and discussion. It will also be put on the agenda for the October Handbook Committee meeting.
- The committee would like to present a patch to be worn on the uniforms of each student who attends the leadership workshop. They are checking rule books to see if this is feasible for each sport.
- The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2007 at 10AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

**Safety Committee.** Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presented the report.

A **motion to approve** the Boys’ and Girls’ Ski Committees proposal that helmets are to be required for all alpine skiing practices and races, giant slalom and slalom **carried.**

A **motion to approve** the revised NFHS Wrestling Skin Disease Form adopted this spring by the NFHS **carried.**

The physician is to now write in the number of lesions along with their locations and mark location and number on the body forms. In ART. 3, the phrase “as defined by the NFHS or the state associations” has been added. The Minimum Treatment statements for “Bacterial Diseases” and “Herpetic Lesions” have been revised.

- **Concussion Management Program.** The minutes of the Concussion Management Team’s June 11th meeting were...
included in the meeting folders. Application was made and received for a Legislative Grant of $35,000 as recommended by Senator Kemp Hannon to provide financial support for new ventures. A second $35,000 grant to be utilized this year for our concussion management program has also been recommended. A concussion management web site, www.keepyourheadinthegame.org will include information and links to ImPACT, an update message board, pertinent research and data as it is accumulated and links to relative agencies.

- **Wood vs. Metal Baseball Bats.** We are monitoring the research of various groups which will provide support for leaving our rules as they are, giving our players a choice of which bat to use or mandating only wooden bats. To date, no research has demonstrated significant data that supports changing our rule.

- **School Physicians’ Contact List and Web Page.** The Association, working with SED, will establish a way to communicate with all New York State school physicians to provide up to date information and share common concerns. The Sections will be asked to help gather names and emails of school physicians. This information will be posted on our website.

- **Field Hockey Protective Eye Wear.** Schools are reminded that protective eye wear that meets the ASTM Standards for lacrosse and field hockey is recommended for the 2007 season and mandated for the 2008 season.

- **Soccer Head Bands or Soft Helmets.** At their summer meeting, the NFHS held a special session on the availability of protective head wear for soccer players and the latest research relative to prevention of concussions in soccer. It appears that support is increasing for mandating head wear in soccer. Currently the NFHS rules allow, but do not mandate, the wearing of soft head bands.

**Officials Coordinating Federation.** Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.

- The 2007-2010 Officials Fees and Policies were approved at the January 2007 Executive Committee meeting.

- Efforts continue by the NYSPHSAA to assist Sections and Officials’ Chapters to recruit more officials.

- Congratulated Len Maida on his induction into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame.

- The Fall meeting of the OCF is scheduled for October 28, 2007 at 9AM in the NYSPHSAA office. The Spring meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2008 at 9AM at the Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, East Syracuse.

**Sportsmanship Committee.** Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presented the report.

- 167 school submitted the New York Good Sports Assessment forms and received New York Good Sports certificates.

- The schools receiving the New York Good Sports Banner at the Central Committee Annual Banquet will be Olean City School District (6), Honeoye Falls-Lima Senior High School (5) and Ossining Senior High School (1).

- The Soccer Yellow Card Accumulation Policy will include the coach as well as players starting with the fall of 2007. Reports to the Section office will be required for high school girls’ and high school boys’ teams but will not be required for modified teams. However, the rule is still to be enforced at all levels.

- The following Ejection Policy for any player or coach was recommended by the Sportsmanship Committee and passed by the Executive Committee at it’s May 2007 meeting:

  **Any player or coach:**

  - Ejected from one contest shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest;
  - Ejected from a second contest in the same sport in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests; and,
  - Ejected from a third contest in the same sport in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season.

  If the third ejection 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.

- The Citizenship Through Athletics Course to certify instructors will be offered again in February 2008 and will be held in the Association office.

- The committee has approved a tentative plan for a new approach “Leaders for Education in Athletics” (LEA) which may be scheduled by Section Sportsmanship Committees as mini-summits. This will be an approach in which administrators, athletic directors, coaches, parents and students may sit on a panel to define some of the biggest sportsmanship related challenges faced today and share possible solutions. Guest speakers will be encouraged to present. Each member school in the section will be encouraged to have representation at the summit and be ready to help in small group work as solutions are considered.

- The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association has produced a DVD on Hazing. To order this DVD, go to www.niaaa.org. The NYSPHSAA workshop, “Hazing: Definition and Prevention” may still be scheduled by sections or leagues. Contact Lloyd.

**Handbook Committee.** Carol Rog, Coordinator, presented the report and committee recommendations.
The minutes of the Handbook Committee meeting on August 2, 2007 were reviewed.

A motion to approve adding the following language to Sportsmanship - pg. 72, a. COACH, #1 carried. Heimer/Putney

...The coach may not be present at the game site nor communicate in any manner during the contest with any person present at the site.

A motion to approve the Handbook Committee’s recommendation to raise the monetary value of awards or prizes from $100 to $250 under Amateur Rule – Pg. 56, a., 2. NOTE carried. Scholla/Broadwell

“Only awards or prizes having a monetary value of two hundred fifty dollars or less per competition will be approved by the Association.”

A motion to approve the recommendation of the Handbook Committee to add to the end of the last sentence of the first paragraph regarding Officials at Scrimmages – Pg. 64, #12 INTERSCHOOL SCRIMMAGE/PRACTICE SESSIONS ‘the use of officials would be permitted and encouraged whenever possible for the purpose of instruction regarding the rules and proper application of rules.’ carried. Staves/Wojtaszek

A motion to approve the Handbook Committee’s recommendation to approve of the enforcement and application of the Transfer Rule as written with no variations permitted carried. (Section 2 voted No) K-Smith/Witkowski

This will be added as NOTE on page 74 of the Handbook under #30-TRANSFER.

A motion to approve the Transfer Appeal Guidelines for the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule which was developed by the Section Executive Directors carried. Ransom/Broadwell

- Military boot camp attendance being counted towards the number of practices was a Cracker Barrel discussion item. The Handbook Committee recommends standing by “school appointed coach” as it is our responsibility to see that student/athletes are appropriately trained and conditioned for competition.

- The committee discussed an editorial change to the Modified Chart which would include “extended playing time” standards on the chart.

- The Handbook Committee supports Nina’s draft sample of Counting of Contests form which was included in the meeting folders. The forms will be distributed to all Athletic Administrators and Sport Coordinators for use this fall.

- The Handbook Committee recommended the following ideas for the Athletic Director Workshops: Concussion Management Check List be distributed, Renee to provide sample questions that are included in depositions and all schools are encouraged to provide Handbooks and rule books to all coaches. Schools that do not send a representative to the mandatory workshop will be notified by phone alerting the Chief School Officer of the consequences.

- The Handbook Committee supports using the NYSPHSAA Standards & Eligibility Workshop Sign-Off form included in the meeting folders to confirm attendance at the workshop.

- The Handbook Committee found that having consistency with our Transfer Rule is supported by the Structure & Policy Review Committee’s survey.

- The Handbook Committee will discuss various options for penalties during the coming year using input received from the Cracker Barrel discussion groups.

- In the 2007-08 school year, the Handbook Committee will be restructured to include seven members in addition to Renee James, Counsel and Nina VanErk, Executive Director.

- The next meeting of the Handbook Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 9:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

PRINTED AND/OR ORAL REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STATE SPORT COORDINATORS:

Ed Dopp, Baseball; William Higgins, Boys Basketball; Eileen Troy, Girls Basketball; Kathy Ferreri (proxy for Wayne Inman), Boys Bowling; Kathy Ferreri, Girls Bowling; Charles Wilte, Boys Cross Country; Marbry Ganse, Girls Cross Country/Gymnastics; Bev Hooper, Field Hockey; Richard Cerone, Football; Bob Stulmaker (proxy for Doug Courtright), Boys Golf; Jim Osborne (proxy for Todd Dischinger), Girls Golf; Mike Martin, Boys Gymnastics; Dennis Sadler, Ice Hockey; Mike Simon (proxy for Tom Hall), Boys Lacrosse; Liz Parry (proxy for Jacquie Gow), Girls Lacrosse; Charles Tacke (proxy for George Hathaway), Rifley; Dennis O’Brien, Boys Skiing; Bob Underwood, Girls Skiing; Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer; Charles Goehring, Girls Soccer; Cathy Allen, Softball; Roger Bell, Boys Swimming/Diving; Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming/Diving; Selina DeCicco, Boys Tennis; Chris Horgan, Girls Tennis; Dan Doherty (proxy for Donald Sauer), Boys Track & Field; Dan Doherty, Girls Track & Field; Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball; Peggy Seese (proxy for Patti Perone), Girls Volleyball; Oscar Jensen, Boys Winter Track; David Hennessey, Girls Winter Track; Don DeBadts, Wrestling.

Girls Swimming. The Girls’ State Committee meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2007 in Long Island.

Boys Winter Track. The Admission price at the State Meet will be $9.00 for one session or $12 for both sessions. Children under 12 are $2. The Boys’ State Committee meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2007 in the NYSPHSAA office.

Boys Tennis. The 2008 Boys Tennis Tournament will be held Thursday, May 29th – Saturday, May 31st at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.
All Sport Coordinator reports were received with commendation.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

Pupil Benefits Plan. Tom McGuire
- Announced a concern physical therapists are able to hire certified athletic trainers and charge the patient for their services. Pupil Benefits Plan does not have a benefit for paying for these services and has received many complaints. This issue will be looked into at their annual meeting in September.
- Announced that Pupil Benefits Plan is in very good shape. At the current time they have 375 members, which is 60% of the schools in the state.

State Education Department. Trish Kocialski
- Will be working with the SED Office of Counsel this fall regarding new language for the coaching regulation. This regulation will then be sent to the Board of Regents for a 90 day response period. After the response period it is sent back to the Board of Regents for any changes to be made or for a vote. It could be January before the regulation is completed.
- Announced a new format has been created for the Physical Education web-page.
- Trish extended an opportunity to all to please feel free to contact her with any questions or needs. Her contact information is: Phone: 518-474-5922, Fax: 518-473-4884. Her preferred way of being contacted is by email, pkocials@mail.nysed.gov.
- Announced the PE Profile is done. The CD-ROM’s are being shipped to all BOCES and will only be available to schools who attend the training.

NYS Council of School Superintendents. Dr. Gregory Geer
- The Council has worked with the NYSPHSAA to coordinate efforts to help Chief School Officers with their athletic programs highlighting the new “Superintendent’s Interscholastic Athletics Guidebook”.
- He and Nina will conduct a workshop at NYSCOSS’s fall conference and will use this guidebook as a basic curriculum for new superintendents.

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Bill Bryant, President
- Thanked the NYSPHSAA for their support.
- Announced next year’s conference is scheduled for March 12-15, 2008 in Saratoga Springs. The theme is “We Are Family”.
- Congratulated Otis Sennett on his induction into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame.
- Announced their newsletter would be coming out in September.
- Announced that for the first time in the NYSAAA’s history, their summer meeting was done by teleconference and it went very well.

NYS Coaches Association. Ron Woodruff, President
- The NYS Coaches Association, a section of the NYS Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, continues to proved programs and awards to coaches within New York State.
- At the 2006 NYSAHPERD Conference at Rye Town, the Coaches Section offered 12 programs in a variety of topics and held their annual awards program, honoring approximately 20 coaches for their dedication and service to students and community.
- Announced the 2007 Annual NYSAHPERD Conference will be held November 7-10, 2007 at the Turning Stone Convention Center, Verona, NY.
- As a member of the National High School Coaches Association, they submit nominations for regional and national awards. New York State has been recognized with many regional and nationals coaches’ awards.
- Announced that individual membership application forms, coaches’ record forms and the NYSCA Honor or Special Honor Award Nomination forms were included in the meeting folders.
- Please feel free to contact Ron for additional information on nominations of coaches for awards at Rwoodruf42@ad.com.

New York State Council of Administrators. Mike Salatel, President
- Thanked the NYSPHSAA for their support through out the year.
• Announced their conference is scheduled for November 4-5, 2007 at Turning Stone Resort, Verona, NY. Information will be sent out to all Health and Physical Education directors in the next two weeks.
• Announced some of the initiatives for the coming year are looking at State mandates of health and physical education as it relates to time needed; teacher evaluations; the coaching regulation; the wellness plan and the possibility of having presenters speak in regards to help with grant writing opportunities.

GROUP MEETING REPORTS

CHIEF SCHOOL OFFICERS. Mark Ward

Adapted Interscholastic Model for Sport (AIMS)
• Believe that school districts are currently making every effort possible to include students with disabilities where and when they are able to participate.
• Agree with the Commissioner’s previous decisions on participation in athletics, “Athletics is a privilege not a right.”

Penalties
• Not inclined to support monetary fines.
• For a first time offense, send a letter to the school. The next violation would be some other form of penalty such as financial, denying participation in playoffs, or probation.

Mandated Athletic Directors Workshop
• They suggested in addition to Nina contacting the school superintendent personally for those who did not attend the workshop, she should also contact by letter the District Superintendent, the Superintendent Representative to the Central Committee and possibly the District School Board President.
• They were concerned about the new mandate with the turnover of Superintendents and Athletic Directors. Also, many schools have part time athletic directors so the mandate might want to be changed to Athletic Director or Superintendent’s designee.

Permitting the use of military boot camp days toward the required number of practices
• Not in support

Ways the Association can best serve its membership and this particular group
• Felt Nina was doing a wonderful job – great leadership and vision
• Liked the idea of mentoring Athletic Directors and thought the superintendent booklet was a good informational tool.
• In favor of the legislative initiative we are taking. They felt the lobbying efforts and working with legislators is a very big step in the right direction.
• They are happy with the increased use of technology and encourage more meetings by distance learning.

Other Concerns
• They voiced a concern with cheerleading. They felt it was still an issue and a problem that needs to be addressed.

PRINCIPALS. Al Wojtaszek

Adapted Interscholastic Model for Sport (AIMS)
• Stated schools were already including students with disabilities in regular sport competition.
• Felt all five recommendations should be looked into but it would be a challenging task.
• Suggested each Section may want to identify students in their Section that could compete by electronic sport.

Penalties
• Felt a penalty should be based on how severe the infraction was. Currently this is being handled at the Section level with the school districts and seems to be working well.
• One of the most powerful tools we have is to keep teams/coaches out of Sectional play.
• Not in favor of financial penalty.

Permitting the use of military boot camp days toward the required number of practices
• Not in support.
• Felt a certified coach is needed.

Ways the Association can best serve its membership and this particular group
• Support the Structure & Policy Review Committee’s focus on problems across the state
• Support the mandatory Athletic Director Workshops
• Would like to see Nina coordinate a discussion item every month for each Section meeting by emailing an idea/concern/topic to each Section Executive Director and school district high school principal.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES. Evelyn Sammons

Adapted Interscholastic Model for Sport (AIMS)
• Felt the ideas promoted in the framework are appropriate. Disabilities is a broad term.
• Felt they already mainstreamed student/athletes to their teams; with the rationale we can’t change the nature of the game or put any participants at risk.
• School districts and athletic departments assess possible modification so students can be included. Often facilities/finances are the challenge; changes or accommodations need to be made.
• Felt that many programs are already in place, i.e., Special Olympics, TIES Program
• Concerned that we don’t move toward an entire new athletic program unto itself.
• The group felt no one is against doing as much as possible but if we don’t provide opportunities, will it be legislated. How proactive do we need to be?
• The group felt this issue needs to be investigated more.

Penalties
• The group was against financial penalties.
• Sections and schools deal with the problems.
• The group felt that if the Section/State need to defend a problem legally and the school loses, the school should pay all legal costs.
• Felt if there are penalties for continued violations, post season play should be the first area addressed so kids aren’t unduly penalized.
• In regards to censure and plans for improvement, the group felt this was already being done as the Association contacts the Superintendent/Board of Education.
• They felt if the problem continues, a second notification should be given before it goes too far to penalize kids.

Permitting the use of military boot camp days toward the required number of practices
• Not in favor. The rules as written prevent this. Felt it would open up the possibility of other requests.

Ways the Association can best serve its membership and this particular group
• Suggested raising the mileage rate for reimbursement.
• Suggested recognizing members for time served with symbolic gestures for different years of service.
• Suggested receiving key topics and action items before the Executive and Central Committee meetings so they could be discussed at the Section level. This could be done through the website by issuing a password so Central Committee members can log on or by teleconference.
• Suggested a change to the Agenda format of the Central Committee meeting so that committee members could receive their meeting packets, review them and discuss information and Action Items at their group meetings before reconvening at the Central Committee meeting.

SECTION SECRETARIES/TREASURERS, John Gallagher

Adapted Interscholastic Model for Sport (AIMS)
• The consensus of the group was that their athletic programs and NYSPHSAA provide appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities.
• Most Sections and school communities have Special Olympics, unified sports for students with special needs.

Penalties
• The group did not reach consensus on whether or not there is a need to elaborate and come up with specific penalties for Handbook violations for schools not fulfilling the NYSPHSAA mandates.

Ways the Association can best serve its membership and this particular group
• Monthly Conference Calls. Nina will be setting up a monthly conference call schedule with the Section Executive Directors.
• Nina reminded the group about the new mandate for all Athletic Directors and the penalty for the member school if the Athletic Director does not attend.
• Nonpublic School Classification. The group was concerned with were we are with the process and the results of the two year experiment.
• The group would like to revisit the possibility of increasing the state tournament mileage reimbursement from $1.00 to possibly $2.00 now that the Association is doing better financially.
• They would also like the entry fees waved for individual sport competition.

SECTION PRESIDENTS, Lisa Lally

Adapted Interscholastic Model for Sport (AIMS)
• Felt the ideas promoted in the framework are appropriate. Disabilities is a broad term.
• Felt they already mainstreamed student/athletes to their teams; with the rationale we can’t change the nature of the game or put any participants at risk.
School districts and athletic departments assess possible modification so students can be included. Often facilities/finances are the challenge; changes or accommodations need to be made. Felt that many programs are already in place, ie., Special Olympics, TIES Program. Concerned that we don’t move toward an entire new athletic program unto itself. The group felt no one is against doing as much as possible but if we don’t provide opportunities, will it be legislated. How proactive do we need to be? The group felt this issue needs to be investigated more.

Penalties
The group felt more comfortable restricting post season play instead of assessing financial penalties.

Permitting the use of military boot camp days toward the required number of practices
Not in favor

Ideas for the mandatory Athletic Director Workshop:
- Transfer Rule (specifically helping the AD communicate this new rule with the guidance counselors, principals and other school officials)
- stress sanctioning and eligibility regulations by giving specific examples
- Selection Classification
- give specific examples (case study) in each area of the Handbook
- discuss hazing, bullying and supervision
- certification of coaches
- The classification of nonpublic schools experiment.
- how the process of change is handled by the Association
- Modified sports (its philosophy and practice)

PAST PRESIDENTS, Kathy Faber
Adapted Interscholastic Model for Sport (AIMS)
- 20 years ago NYSPHSAA attempted to provide a similar program. Dr. Scott put in a lot of time working out the program. Sections 1, 4 and 11 had programs for a period of time but the program died.
- They questioned if schools have the certified/trained coaches to train handicapped athletes.
- They felt there were opportunities for disabled athletes in communities and supported that.
- They recommended AIMS be treated as an evolving sport. It needs to start at the Section level before the State Association gets involved.

Penalties
The group felt the penalties listed in the Handbook should be used first.
They agreed we need stronger and more penalties and penalties that don’t hurt kids.
Can financial penalties be issued to individuals?
Felt the penalty portion of the Handbook should be included in the Superintendents Handbook.
Felt the NYSPHSAA should continue to reach out to the superintendents association.
Felt that a committee should be created to establish recommendations for penalties that go beyond those currently listed in the Handbook and that there should be a written protocol for notification. They also felt that whatever the committee recommends, a statement should be included that gives leagues and/or sections the authority to notify the school of a violation.

Permitting the use of military boot camp days toward the required number of practices
Felt that coaching certification is an SED regulation.

Ways the Association can best serve its membership and this particular group
- Continue to be proactive regarding the integrity of the Bonafide Student Rule in regards to Charter Schools.
- Continue working on the consistency of the rules, regulations and governance of the NYSPHSAA
- Review and resurrect the rules for cheerleading at state contests with safety in mind.

Ideas for the mandatory Athletic Director Workshop:
- Emphasize keeping high school principals, superintendents and guidance counselors involved and up to date.
- Encourage Athletic Directors to pay attention to detail
- Expectations that Athletic Directors will take information back to coaches.
- Remind Athletic Directors that the most up to date rules in the Handbook will be on our website.
- Review website with resources.
- Asked Nina when something new needs to be disseminated, increase list serves and when important signify by “alert”.

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Sports Coordinators: Dennis O'Brien

Adapted Interscholastic Model for Sport (AIMS)
- The group agreed that Model five (Regular Sport. Persons with disabilities included in regular sport competition) is in place in high school athletics.
- Specific accommodations in certain sports were mentioned.
- Coordinators did not bring specific concerns or new issues.
- It was noted that some disabled students do not participate based on lack of awareness that accommodations can be made.
- Specific rulings on accommodations need to be shared with the Association office.

Penalties
- The group felt athletes should not be penalized for administrative/school mistakes.
- Communication of rules will go a long way to clearing up problems before they happen.

Permitting the use of military boot camp days toward the required number of practices
- The group was unanimously not in favor.

Other Concerns

Sport Coordinators Meeting
- The group unanimously felt they should continue to meet at the summer meeting rather than a separate and additional meeting in September.
- They felt the meeting needed to occur prior to the Fall sports start date.
- They felt those coordinators not attending the August meeting should be required to come into the Association office in September.
- Section Executive Directors need to be aware of those coordinators missing the summer meeting.

Sport Season Placement
- Concerns continue to be expressed regarding realignment of sports seasons.

Awards
- A proposal regarding Regional Finalist awards for Team sports will be presented at the Championship Advisory Committee’s next meeting.
- They felt Runner-up awards should also be considered for State Championships that do not have Regional contests.
- The felt school championships should be held at the State level in team/individual sports, ie. Tennis.

All Group Meeting reports were received with commendation.

The August 2007 Central Committee meeting adjourned at 4:45PM on Wednesday, August 8, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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