SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
JANUARY 2006 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
The Saratoga – Saratoga, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P2 Approved October 2005 Executive Committee minutes.
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3. P3 Approved the proposed state championship sites for 2006-07.
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10. P5 Approved a language amendment to the Transfer Rule.
11. P5 Approved the wearing of a memorial patch/arm band when in accordance with the sport specific rules will be permitted.
12. P6 Approved a waiver for the reduction of contests from 6 to 4 in Indoor Track for Sections 1, 8, 9 and 10.
13. P6 Approved a waiver for the reduction of contests from 6 to 4 in Skiing for Sections 1 and 9.
14. P6 Approved a waiver for the reduction of contests from 6 to 3 in Boys/Girls Winter Track for Section 7.
15. P6 Approved a waiver for the reduction of contests from 6 to 4 in Girls Gymnastics for Section 9.
17. P8 Approved as a new member: Greenburgh Eleven UFSD (1).
18. P9 Approved for the Wrestling State Championship to fill the byes using a “wild card” formula as a 2 year experiment for 2006-07 and 2007-08.
19. P9 Approved 5 classes of competition to continue for the Boys/Girls Cross Country State Championships.
20. P9 Approved to create the position of Reserve Official in Boys Soccer effective with the 2006 State Championship.
21. P9 Approved for the Girls Volleyball Winter Regional, Sections 3, 4, 5 and 7 will conduct the 2005-06 Winter Regional in 5 classes using the NYSPHSAA cutoff numbers.
22. P9 Approved to take back to the Sections for discussion two ACTION on TARGET recommendations.
23. P10 Approved to add the definition of “Competitor” to the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
24. P10  Approved to add the definition of “Exhibition Competitor” to the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

25. P11  Approved to add a sentence regarding post season competition under Next Previously Scheduled Contest on pg. 52 of the Handbook.

26. P11  Approved additional language to the Code of Conduct-Supervisors Responsibilities.

27. P11  Approved editorial revisions in Bowling on pages 100 & 104, in the Chart on page 76 and Standards on page 78 of the Handbook.

28. P12  Approved adjournment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – MAY MEETING
ACTION on TARGET Committee’s recommendations

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
The Saratoga – Saratoga, NY
January 27, 2006

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Kathryn Faber at 1:00PM on January 27, 2006. A moment of silence was held in memory of Bob Douglas from Section 1 who also was affiliated with the NYSSAA for many years. Executive Director Nina VanErk also asked that George McElroy (Treasurer-Section 8) and his family be kept in your thoughts and prayers as his grandson was killed in Iraq recently. Executive Director Nina Van Erk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers & Staff**
President Kathryn Faber  
First Vice President Ronald Black  
Second Vice President Patrick Pizzarelli  
Past President Patrick Calnon  
Executive Director Nina Van Erk  
Assistant Director Walter Eaton  
Assistant Director Lloyd Mott  
Assistant Director Joe Altieri  
Counsel Renee James

**Past Presidents**
Bernard ‘Putt” LaMay  
Karen Lopez  
Marc Martone  
Richard McGuire  
Thad Mularz  
Robert Munn  
Anthony Sabella  
Dean Veenhof
Secretary Sandra Schanck

Section Representatives
Section 1: Vito DiCesare, Karen Peterson
Section 2: Eileen Troy, Glenn Westfall
Section 3: Bruce Quimby, Evelyn Sammons
Section 4: Julie Maney, Jack Jones
Section 5: Ed Stores (proxy for Jim Zumbo), Kathy Smith
Section 6: Don Scholla, Pam Maryjanowski
Section 7: Joe Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry
Section 8: John Piropato, Laura Orticelle
Section 9: Roberta Greene, Jim Wolfe
Section 10: Ernie Witkowski, Stephanie Putney
Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis

Ex-Officio & Consultants
Carol Rog, Handbook Coordinator
Dick Smith, Modified Co-Coordinator
Mike Schwenk, Action on Target Co-Coordinator
Trish Kocialski, SED
Alan Mallanda, Ex. Director, NYSSAAA
Bob Stulmaker, President, NYSSAAA
Tom Stewart, NYSCOA

Section Ex. Directors
Greg Ransom (1)                John Gallagher (7)
Doug Kenyon (2)                Todd Heimer (8)
Ed Stores (5)                  Carl Normandin (10)
Bob Dinse (6)                  Ed Cinelli (11)

Section Treasurers
Loren Ratajczak (6)
Jim Osborne (9)

Guests
Rise Van Iderstine, Secretary-Section 2
Marty Sherman, Wrestling Coordinator-2

A motion to accept the October 2005 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written was approved.

Troy/DiCesare

A motion to reconfirm the mail in resolution on the sale of 88 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY was carried:

Greene/Quimby

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND
STAFF

**President Kathy Faber** reported she had toured the new office building and felt that everyone would be very pleased with the outcome.

- **Budget & Finance Committee.** Pat Calnon, Past President and Dawn Field, Secretary/Treasurer-Section 3 will serve as new members of the committee.
- **Handbook Committee.** Robbie Greene, Executive Committee-Section 9, replaced Joanna Commander on the committee.
- **Past President Pat Calnon** will be chairing the nominating committee charged with filling the Superintendent vacancy in the officer rotation. Those interested please notify him.

**Executive Director Nina Van Erk** reported on her attendance at various conferences, meetings and championships during the months of October through January and presented the following items of interest.

- **Sale of 88 Delaware Avenue.** The mail in vote seeking approval of the resolution to sell the property at 88 Delaware Avenue was approved 22-0. We hope to close on the property in late winter.
- **New Building Update.** The move is scheduled for January 31st. The NYSPHSAA office will be closed for three days; January 30th through February 1st. The office will be up and running on February 2nd.
- **Update on Proposed Legislation.** Assemblyman Morelle (A2162-A) and Senator Libous (S2064-A) have introduced an amendment to the original “Fairness in Competition” act. The new legislation narrows its focus to individual state or intersectional championship athletic events not included in the NYSPHSAA five class system and those sports that do not utilize a statewide qualifying time or distance for entry into our championship events. A copy of the proposed legislation is in your packets. She asked that Superintendents and Athletic Administrators write letters to Assemblyman Morelle and Senator Libous if they are opposed to this amended legislation.
- **2004-2005 Participation Survey** is included in your packet. The figures are based on a 89% return.
- **Athletic Director Workshop.** The NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA presented an Athletic Administrator workshop on November 28-29, 2005 at the Holiday Inn-Turf. Included on the agenda was the NIAAA Leadership Training Course #502 and the exam to become a Certified Athletic Administrator. A workshop was held which reviewed Association policies and regulations, State Education governance and the Framework for Athletics.
- **State Education Department.** A letter was received from Anne Schianco on December 2, 2005 indicating that the department will take under advisement our request for an amendment to the Registration regulation which would eliminate a conflict in our transfer rule.
- **NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame.** Ten new candidates have been nominated for the Class of 2006. The Screening Committee will be evaluating 21 applications: 1 administrator, 12 coaches, 5 officials and 3 athletes.
**Future Meeting Dates** –

May 5-6, 2006 (Friday-Saturday) Holiday Inn @ Carrier Circle – Syracuse

August 9-11, 2006 (Wednesday-Friday) @ Holiday Inn – Grand Island

October 30, 2006 (Monday) @ Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany

January 26-27, 2007 (Friday-Saturday) TBA

May 4-5, 2007 (Friday-Saturday) TBA

August 7-9, 2007 (Tuesday-Thursday) @ Crowne Plaza – Lake Placid

**Assistant Director Walter Eaton**

A **motion to approve** the proposed state championship sites for 2006-07 as per the new NYSPHSAA Championship Site Selection Policy was **carried**. **Orticelle/ Staves**

- **Future Dates/Sites** as projected were included in the meeting folders
- **Fall 2005 Income/Expenses** known to date were included in the meeting folders.
- **2005-06 Regionals**
  - Winter Girls Volleyball sites are:
    - Section 4: Class D, TBA
    - Section 7: Class B&C, Plattsburgh
    - Section 5: Class A, Robert Wesleyan College

- Girls Golf: The tournament will be conducted as a State Championship with Sections 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11 participating. The tournament will be held June 5, 2006 at Foxfire Golf Club, Baldwinsville (3).

- **AED’s/Emergency Preparedness Plans** will be in place for use at the 2005-06 Winter Championships.

- **Thank you** to Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau for supplying volunteers who sold NYSPHSAA Football programs at both the Western Semi-finals and Finals.

- **Courtesy Passes** along with photo ID will be accepted at all NYSPHSAA events. Parking passes may be requested for free parking at the Nassau Veteran’s Memorial Coliseum for the Wrestling State Championships. Requests must be filed by **February 15, 2006**.

- **Sport Coordinators**
  - A **motion to approve** the appointment of Kristin Fullam as Boys Tennis State Coordinator to serve through August 31, 2010 **carried**. **Nickerson/ Piropato**
  - A **motion to approve** the reappointment of Dick Cerone as Football State Coordinator to serve **9/ 1/ 06-8/ 31/ 11 carried**. **Stores/ Jones**
  - A **motion to approve** the reappointment of Mike Andrew as Boys Soccer State Coordinator to serve **9/ 1/ 06-8/ 31/ 11 carried**. **DeCillis/ Maney**
  - A **motion to approve** the reappointment of Eileen Troy as Girls Basketball State Coordinator to serve **9/ 1/ 06-8/ 31/ 11 carried**. **Witkowski/ Westfall**

- **Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program** is in its 15th Fall Sports Season with an increase in participation once again. The totals for this Fall were 2, 514 teams from 548 schools with 28,789 participants. The Winter 2005-06 sports season deadline is **Friday, March 3, 2006**. The Fall 2005 State Champions and their awards presenters were included in the meeting folders.

- **Thank you to Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. and Lee’s Trophies, Inc.** who continue to support the program.

- **The NYS Federation** acted on the following at its December 6, 2005 council meeting:
  - Drafted a proposal to list duties/ responsibilities of officers as an amendment to the Constitution. The addition of an Executive Secretary is being considered for May 2006 approval.
- Confirmed the 2006 Golf Championship site to be Carvell C.C. with 11:00AM as the first tee time.
- Approved to negotiate a ball sponsorship with Rawlings, Inc.

The next Federation meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2006 at the NYSPHSAA office, 8 Airport Park Boulevard, Latham.

- The Officials Coordinating Federation's next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2006 at 9:00AM in Syracuse.
- Boys Golf. The Boys Golf Committee will be discussing at its May 1st meeting the USGA Rule #14-3/0.5 that now permits the use of rangefinders in competitive play and whether we should allow it in sectional and state competition.

Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presented the BEDS enrollment numbers collected electronically by the Association office noting the following changes: Notre Dame-Elmira (4) should be 263; Leroy (5) should be 361; Johnsburg is a Section 2 school; Lake Pleasant (7) should be 10; and Fabius (3) should be 248. A motion to approve the five (5) class cut-off numbers was carried. Class AA 950 and up, Class A 550-949, Class B 325-549, Class C 193-324, Class D 192 and below.

Troy/Putney

- Coaches’ Education Committee has completed re-writing the “Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education” course outline. SED has distributed a copy to each certified instructor along with the recommendation for using “Successful Coaching” by Rainer Martens as the course text book. This book is available at the Association and is listed on the NYSPHSAA Rule Book Order Form. The committee members will meet at the NYSSAAC Conference in March to plan for the re-writing of outlines for “Health Sciences Applied to Coaching” and “The Theory and Techniques of Coaching” courses. He has continued to meet with Jerry Casciani, SUNY Cortland, to institute a process for offering the coaching courses on line, hosting on our website, for possible implementation by the 2006 fall semester.

- 2006 Coaching Clinics scheduled for this year are as follows: March 3rd – Baseball @ Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown; March 24th -Field Hockey @ The Radisson Hotel, Utica; March 24-25th -Track/Field & Cross Country @ The Radisson Hotel, Utica; May 19th -Soccer @ The Soccer Hall of Fame, Oneonta; June 16th -Volleyball @ SUNY Oneonta.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri reported on his attendance at various meeting, championships and conferences.

- Fall Championship Programs showed a net profit of $1,938, the first profit made in the Fall since 2003.
- Media/ Broadcasting. The Association netted $9,200 for Fall championship broadcasts. Time Warner broadcasted one football final and four semifinals live. There is a tentative agreement with Cablevision to broadcast (tape delay) the wrestling finals this February on Long Island.
- Vendor/Souvenir Sales were reviewed for 2003, 2004 and 2005.
- Webcasting. The Association was the first State ever to conduct a pay-per-listen webcast of its championships when the field hockey and football finals were both aired on the Internet this past November. It was a very successful effort
for a first time initiative. Preparations are being made to possibly webcast the boys and girls basketball tournaments this winter.

- **Hannaford Markets.** We are awaiting a final decision on a cash and in-kind sponsorship proposal of $7,500 each for the next three years for the girls basketball tournament.

- **Jostens.** An agreement is close in which we would receive $15,000 of in-kind sponsorship toward our Hall of Fame program.

- **Track Bowling.** We are seeking renewal for a third year of an in-kind sponsorship (valued at $1,000) for girls and boys bowling.

- **Peak Performance Fitness.** A sponsorship for $1,000 cash for the wrestling tournament in exchange for advertising and exposure at the tournament has been finalized.

- **Public Relations/Marketing.** Two TV “image” spots created to promote tournaments and the Association were viewed by the Executive Committee. Three Albany stations (FOX, NBC, CBS) will primarily air the spots with three championships taking place in Section 2 this winter. An additional $5,500 generated from Warren County bed tax funds from last year’s boys basketball tournament will be used to promote this years tournament through TV and radio advertising. Radio campaigns will continue for the Boys and Girls Basketball championships in the Albany/Glens Falls area and for the Ice Hockey championship in the Utica/Syracuse area.

- **Press Releases** have been distributed to the media statewide for the following: Softball and Lacrosse Coaching Clinics, Winter Championship schedules, Wrestling Championship tickets now on sale/schedule and Boys Basketball Championship tickets now on sale/schedule.

**Treasurer.** Executive Director Nina VanErk reviewed the final audited report from 2004-2005 which projected the year end result as approximately $280,000 better than budget. She reviewed the budget for the 2005-2006 school year highlighting the following: the Association was better than budget in annual membership fees due to a dues increase and the addition of new members; the net assets needed to provide for planned uses was lower due to the purchase of the new building; and the championship net was worse than budget because only one season of competition has concluded.

**Counselor Renee James** reported on the Duration of Competition rule case in White Plains in which a preliminary injunction was denied for a 19 year old, 6th year student. She reported the judge dismissed the Rodriguez wrestling case. She reported on current litigation regarding a Title IX discrimination complaint against the NYSPHSAA alleging Section 3 girls volleyball is played out of season which violates Title IX because they don’t have the opportunity to participate in the state championship. She stated she is currently in discussion with the Office of Civil Rights and will keep us informed of the progress.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**
• **Section 8 Modified Playing Time Request**

A motion to approve to allow Section 8 to conduct a 2 year experiment in modified playing time beginning with the Winter 2006 season carried.  

Oticelle/ DeCillis  

The request stated if a modified team has fewer than the minimum number of players to play the 5 period concept, the following game rules will apply: A 4 quarter game will be played with the number of minutes being increased for each quarter; however no player may play more than 3 quarters except in boys and girls lacrosse. This will apply provided the team has a sufficient number of players so as not to exceed the State regulated playing time allocation for each sport. In boys and girls lacrosse, if a team has only one goalie that goalie may play all 4 quarters; however the “time” allocated for the game will not be extended. All players except for the goalie will follow the 4 quarter extended playing time format and are therefore only eligible to play 3 quarters.

The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 yes (16 YES/ 6 NO).

• **Language Change-NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule**

A motion to approve the following language amendment to the Transfer Rule carried.  

DiCesare/ Scholla  

“Students who return from any school to the public school district of their residence shall be exempt from the Transfer Rule. Such a transfer without penalty will only be permitted once in a high school career.”

The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 yes (16 YES/ 6 NO).

**SPORT COORDINATOR ISSUES & REPORTS**

• **Baseball**  

Ed Dopp, State Coordinator, submitted a written proposal from the Baseball Committee indicating their recommendation for a change to the uniform rule.  

A motion to approve adding the language “the memorial patch/armband be worn with Section approval and carry over into state tournament competition” to Rule 1-4-4 in the NFHS rule book was seconded and then withdrawn after much discussion.  

Troy/Stores  

A motion to approve the wearing of a memorial patch/armband will be permitted when in accordance with the sport specific rules of the following sports carried.  

Stores/ Putney (Section 9 opposed)  


(Sample: A commemorative or memorial patch/armband may be placed on jerseys in an appropriate and dignified manner without compromising the integrity of the uniform. This patch/armband is not to exceed 2 ¼ square
SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

President Faber asked each section if they felt it was time to revisit the issue of representation at tournaments; if they felt there was a different or more proper way to send representatives to state tournaments and if an Ad hoc committee should be formed to investigate this.

Section 1 stated they were in favor of forming an Ad hoc committee regarding representation at our state tournaments. They asked if a committee should be formed to review if cheerleading is a sport. It was decided to take this issue back to the Sections for discussion and it will be placed as a Discussion Item on the agenda of the May Executive Committee meeting.

A motion to approve allowing Sections 1, 8, 9, & 10 to reduce the number of required contests to be eligible for sectional or state competition from 6 to 4 in Indoor Track carried. Staves/Greene

A motion to approve allowing Sections 1 & 9 to reduce the number of required contests to be eligible for sectional or state competition from 6 to 4 in Skiing carried. Troy/Putney

Section 2 stated they were happy with the present structure of representation to tournaments and were happy with the methods now used.

Section 3 asked if pamphlets are available to give to parents to promote local Holiday Inns located in the area where championships were being held. They asked if Hall of Fame candidates over the age of 65 could be exempt from being put into a holding file. They inquired about the issue of required number of practices for an athlete to complete after an absence due to injury or illness. They voiced a concern with Certificates of Insurance stating they are not flowing quickly enough. They asked about the possibility of the Transfer Committee looking at including students entering 7th grade when looking at transfers instead of just grades 9 through 12. They asked if the Section Non Public School Classification Committees still need to exist with the highlighted definition regarding private schools boundaries. They had a question from their baseball committee regarding regional play; if officials have to be certified by being fingerprinted, can officials from other sections be used that don’t have fingerprinting in place yet? In regards to forming an Ad hoc committee on representation at state tournaments, they had no problem with the present practice but if something was brought forward, they would consider it.

Section 4 had no problem with the present practice of representation at state tournaments.

Section 5 had no problem with the present practice of representation at state tournaments but was in favor of an Ad hoc committee being formed to look at it.
Section 6 had no problem with the present practice of representation at state tournaments but would like to take it back to their Section for discussion to make sure they represent the feelings of their Section.

Section 7 had no problem with the present practice of representation at state tournaments.
A motion to approve reducing the number of required contests to be eligible for sectional or state competition from 6 to 3 in Boys/Girls Winter Track carried. DeCillis/Wolfe

Section 8 had no problem with the present practice of representation but was in favor of an Ad hoc committee being formed to look at it.

Section 9 had no problem with the present practice of representation at state tournaments.
A motion to approve reducing the number of required contests to be eligible for sectional or state competition from 6 to 4 in Girls Gymnastics carried. Ryan-Curry/Westfall

Section 10 had no problem with the present practice of representation at state tournaments.

Section 11 had no problem with the present practice of representation at state tournaments.

President Kathy Faber stated an Ad hoc committee will be formed to evaluate the current practice of general representation and representation at state tournaments. If anyone is interested in serving on the committee, please notify Kathy or Nina.

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2005-2006 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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Ardsley, Edgemont, Hastings & Dobbs Ferry  
Westlake, Pleasantville, Valhalla & Byram Hills  
Eastchester & Tuckahoe  
Rye, Port Chester & Blind Brook  
Pleasantville, Westlake & JFK  
Solomon Schechter & Ardsley  
Rye, Blind Brook & Rye Neck  
Clarkstown North & Clarkstown South  

Eastchester & Tuckahoe  
Pawling & Dover  
Blind Brook, Rye Neck & Harrison  
Irvington & Briarcliff  
Sleepy Hollow, Edgemont & Valhalla  
John Jay East Fishkill & Roy C. Ketchum  
Yonkers & All Yonkers schools  
Lincoln & Yonkers  
Roosevelt, Lincoln & Yonkers  
Haldane & Garrison  
Gorton & Saunders  

Indoor Track-B/G  
Ice Hockey  
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Johnsbug & Warrensburg  

3  
Cortland & Homer  
Sandy Creek, APW, South Jefferson, Mexico & Pulaski  
Canastota & Hamilton  
IHC & Watertown  
Phoenix, Bishop Ludden & Fulton  
Stockbridge Valley & Morrisville-Eaton  
Hamilton & Morrisville-Eaton  
Oppenheim-Ephratah & Dolgeville  

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Webster Schroeder & Webster Thomas  

Golf-G  
Cross Country (Mod.)  
Alpine Skiing  
Nordic Skiing  
Swimming-B  
Gymnastics-G  

6  
Sherman & Ripley  
Ellicottville & Franklinville  

Baseball (V, JV)  
Football (V, JV)  
Track & Field-B/G  

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Lynbrook North & South Middle Schools  
Malverne & East Rockaway  

All Spring Sports  
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**FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status carried.

(Expiring in January 2008).

Staves/DeCillis
Section 1
St. Denis/St. Columbus School
Math & Science
635 Route 82, PO Box 428
E. First Street
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533
14830
Grades 7-8

Section 4
Twin Tier Christian Academy
PO Box K, 640 Main Street
Breesport, NY 14816
Grades 7-12

NEW MEMBER

A motion to approve the following application for NYSPHSAA Membership status carried. Staves/DiCesare

Section 1
Greenburgh Eleven UFSD
Executive Office
Wetmore Hall at Children’s Village
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Grades 7-12

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

Championship Advisory Committee. Assistant Director Walter Eaton presented the report and recommendations of the committee.

A motion to approve the recommendation of the CAC that in the Wrestling State Championship the byes be filled using a “wild card” formula and scheduled as a 2 year experiment for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 carried.

Quimby/Troy
The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 abstentions; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no (14 YES/6 NO/2 Abstentions).

A motion to approve the recommendation of the CAC that in the Boys/Girls Cross
Country State Championships 5 classes of competition continue carried.

Stores/Staves

A motion to approve the recommendation of the CAC that in Boys Soccer the position of Reserve Official be created effective with 2006 State Championship carried.

DeCillis/Quimby

A motion to approve the recommendation of the CAC that in the Girls Volleyball Winter Regional Sections 3-4-5-7 will conduct the 2005-2006 Winter Regional in 5 classifications using the NYSPHSAA cutoff numbers carried.

Sammons/Staves

- The next scheduled meetings of the CAC are April 7, 2006 and July 28, 2006.

ACTION on TARGET. Mike Schwenk presented the report and committee recommendations.

A motion to approve to take back to the Sections for discussion the following recommendations carried:

- Failure of a member school to attend a Section mandated workshop will result in ineligibility for NYSPHSAA State Tournaments the following school year
- NYSPHSAA Position Statement as currently appearing on pg. 119 of the 2004-2006 Handbook will be amended as follows: “No coach should use alcohol, tobacco or other drugs before, during or immediately after the conclusion of an athletic contest/event sponsored and/or approved by NYSPHSAA, Inc. member schools”

- The ACTION on TARGET logo will be redesigned and requested for approval in the near future.
- Sections 3, 4, 6, 7, 10 and 11 have conducted or will be scheduling the workshop on “Effective Codes of Conduct”. Other Sections should contact either the NYSPHSAA office or John Underwood for their workshop date(s).
- The next scheduled meeting for ACTION on TARGET committee is March 27, 2006 at 10:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office, 8 Airport Park Boulevard, Latham, NY.
- The Planning Committee will meet on May 1, 2006 at 10:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presented the report.

- Guidelines for concussion management recommended by the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory committee will be printed on plastic cards and distributed to each school for each team’s coach.
- We are working with Senator Kemp Hannon, Chairperson of the Senate Health Committee, to educate school personnel of the proper protocol for athletes suffering a head injury.
- Senator Hannon has applied for a grant which will allow us to print the guidelines for head trauma cards for all schools in the NYS Federation, conduct regional workshops to educate coaches, athletic administrators, school nurses and school doctors of the latest guidelines and introduce tools available to help assess an athlete’s readiness to return to play after a head injury.
- The ImPact program, founded at the University of Pittsburgh, which offers
software enabling the establishment of a baseline for neurological cognitive functioning of athletes will be introduced. If Senator Hannon’s grant is approved, our goal is to work with ImPact to lower the cost of the software to our member schools and to establish regional centers across NYS enabling every school to have a student evaluated.

- Positive reports have been received from pilots for central wrestling minimum weight certification assessment sites that were conducted in November by a majority of our Sections. Each Section conducting a pilot is to send reports and recommendations to Lloyd by the end of this season. Guidelines will be developed for all Sections as they plan to meet the mandate for central sites in the fall of 2006.
- The Tanita TBF 300 W A Scale is the scale that has been updated and validated for minimum weight certification for wrestlers. This Tanita, pending review by the Wrestling Advisory Committee at the end of this season, will be mandated along with the use of a refractometer for measuring hydration in the 2007 wrestling season. Schools should be advised that the Tanita 300 A is being advertised by some companies, but it is not upgraded with the body composition calculations validated in a study three years ago. Optimum Health Network is offering NYS schools a discounted price of $1475 and may be contacted at 732-793-3014 or optimumhealth@bigplanet.com.
- A sub-committee will be reviewing the NFHS Rule, effective 2006, stating a wrestler’s weight loss may not be more than 1.5% per week, monitored by state associations.
- Effective with the 2006-2007 wrestling season, tournament weigh-ins for the second day, which have been conducted at the conclusion of the first day, will be eliminated (pending Safety Committee and Executive Committee approval).
- The Safety Committee is reviewing the annual sports medicine conference which each section is mandated to hold and at which each member school is to have representation. Members are sharing topics and speakers along with conference formats to help improve the quality of the conferences. Each section will also share the method of enforcing this mandate.
- The Field Hockey Committee conducted a head injury survey during the 2005 season and reported an insignificant incidence of injuries. The committee recommends that goggles remain optional and playing field be groomed appropriately.
- The NFHS has notified members that the number of injuries reported in cheerleading has doubled. The questions relative to cheerleading being a sport and who is responsible for setting rules and regulations are ongoing.
- Information on Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus virus (MRSA) was again reviewed with emphasis on the importance of normal hygiene.

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

- New York Good Sports Assessments will be submitted online this year.
- The Citizenship Through Athletics Instructor’s Certification Course was held on February 8, 2006 at the Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany.
The Sportsmanship Committee will meet at the 2006 NYSAAA Conference in March at Saratoga.

**Handbook Committee.** Coordinator Carol Rog presented the report and committee recommendations.

A motion to approve the definition of “competitor” be added to the Handbook carried.

Maryjanowski/Wolfe

“COMPETITOR-Any competitor must be a bona fide student in the member school district represented and is considered to be the school team or part of such team. Compliance with all NYSPHSAA by laws and standards and conformance with all NYSED regulations is required. Participation as an individual competitor counts toward the maximum number of contests permitted and meets the requirements of the Representation Standard.”

A motion to approve the definition of “Exhibition Competitor” be added to the Handbook carried.

Stores/Greene

“EXHIBITION COMPETITOR-An exhibition competitor is a bona fide student in the member school district represented and is a non-scoring participant in an interschool contest or tournament. Exhibition competitors may only compete with or against other exhibition competitors and be non-scoring/non-placing in the event. Exhibition competitors may fill open lanes in the sports of swimming and track and field. The maximum number of events permitted at a meet may not be exceeded. Participation as an exhibition competitor counts toward the maximum number of contests permitted and meets the requirements of the Representation Standard.”

A motion to approve the recommendation of the Handbook Committee to insert after the last sentence, “Any post season competition is considered previously scheduled” under Next Previously Scheduled Contest on pg. 52 of the Handbook carried.

Jones/Ryan-Curry

A motion to approve the additional wording as it stands, “9. Abstain from the use of alcohol and controlled substances (unless prescribed by a physician); 10. Abstain from gambling of any kind.; and ... and to myself and will accept any discipline that may be administered against me for any infraction of this Code.” to the NYSPHSAA Code of Conduct-Supervisors Responsibilities was carried.

Sammons/Maryjanowski

Wording regarding which coach signs the Code of Conduct; the Sectional Coach or the school coach of the student athlete and what happens if a coach doesn’t sign the Code of Conduct will be discussed at the next Handbook Committee meeting.

A motion to approve the editorial revisions of changing YABA to read USBC (United States Bowling Congress) in Bowling on pages 100 & 104 of the Handbook and in the Chart on page 76 and Standard on page 78 of the Handbook carried.

Scholla/Westfall
• The Handbook Committee supports the NOTE as written on page 62 in Return to Play which states, “The Handbook Committee recommends that each incidence of prolonged absence should be reviewed individually by the coach and the athletic director, consulting with the school physician when necessary, and a reasonable amount of practice time and playing time be established based on the athlete’s readiness for safe return to competition.”

• Nina is to contact the National Federation for information on “Dead Time” or “No Contact Period” prior to sports seasons. This will be a cracker barrel session at the August 2006 meeting.

• The Handbook Committee recommends no changes be made to the current Mixed Competition regulation at this time after the Association received a petition requesting a hearing/appeal to permit a female who has participated all season long on a boys bowling team to enter into the girls bowling sectionals.

• The Committee seeks input/direction from the Sections regarding a Transfer Rule proposal that proposes one free transfer for all students so that all schools, public and nonpublic would be under the same standard.

• The Committee seeks input/direction from the Sections regarding permitting a school to combine with more than one school to form numerous teams in a single sport. This item was a topic in the Cracker Barrel session at the Summer Meeting 2005 and did not receive support at that time.

• The next meeting of the Handbook Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 9:30AM at the NYSPHSAA office, 8 Airport Park Boulevard, Latham.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

State Education Department. Trisha Kocialski

• Thanked all for their patience while Kent Gray’s position is being filled.
• Announced a waiver has been approved to refill Kent Gray’s position. Applications are being collected and the Civil Service list is being reviewed. There will be an interview and selection process.
• All schools should have received the C.O.C. Head Injury Toolkit and encouraged all coaches to utilize it.
• Her direct phone number is 518-486-5763. Her email address is pkocials@mail.nysed.gov

NYS Council of Administrators. Tom Stewart

• At the last Council of Administrators Executive Committee meeting at their November 2005 conference in Rochester, it was decided to draft a survey to gather feedback on their State conference from P.E. Directors. All schools should have received the survey and are encouraged to return them.
• Membership is up.
• They are in need of a President-elect and a Secretary.
• The 2006-2007 conference will be in the Binghamton area.
NYS Athletic Administrators Association.  Bob Stulmaker

- Announced their 24th annual conference will be held at The Saratoga on March 15-18, 2006 with a theme of “It’s About the Kids”. Opening remarks will be given by Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue. The keynote speaker is Murray Banks.
- Registration for leadership/training courses and the CAA exam needs to be in by February 20th.
- This year is the 25th anniversary of their association.
- Reviewed the AD workshop which was jointly held by the NYSSAA and the NYSPHSAA.
- Thanked our Association for its partnership and support.

NYS Council of Superintendents.  Nina VanErk

- Met with the Athletic Advisory Committee at the NYSCOSS conference and discussed strategies for working with new superintendents to inform them of the true meaning of high school athletics, what the philosophy of the different levels is and how to work with athletic administrators for the betterment of high school sports.
- She will be working with Jim Tolle on a pamphlet for new superintendents.
- She received an invitation to a workshop at the NYS School Boards Association conference in October 2006 and will talk about the importance of athletic education programs and will also discuss programs our Association has worked on such as the Hazing Workshops, Concussions and Sportsmanship.

A motion to adjourn the January 2006 Executive Committee meeting was made at 5:45PM and carried.

Orticelle/DeCillis

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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