September 23, 2018

To: Sectional Representatives
From: Mira Martincich
Re: Synopsis of Fall 2018 Meeting
    NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics

The following synopsis may be helpful to you.

I have summarized the Fall 2018 meeting to a few pages, in hopes that it will be useful to you when you report to your constituents in your section. Just write your names in, and edit as you wish.

I will send you the results of what happened to the items that went to the Safety Committee and Executive Committee after those committees meet, so that you can include that in the synopsis.

Have a great fall and winter! See you in the spring!
To: Modified Athletics Representatives
Section Athletic Council

From:

Re: Fall 2018 Meeting Report
NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics

The fall meeting of the NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics took place on Thursday, September 20, 2018 in Latham, New York. A synopsis of the meeting is as follows:

I. Items that went to the State Executive Committee:
None at this time.

II. Items that went to the State Safety Committee

**Baseball**

**Motion:** "Should modified baseball players be allowed to use shoes with metal cleats?"

*Approved* by the Modified Committee 14-3. If passed by the Safety Committee, it will become an Action Item at the Spring 2019 Modified Committee meeting.

**Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer**

**Motion:** "Should there be a change to two 40-minute halves for boys’ and girls’ soccer?"

*Approved* by the Modified Committee 9-8. If passed by the Safety Committee, it will become an Action Item at the Spring 2019 Modified Committee meeting.

**Motion:** Should the sliding tackle, overhead scissors kick, and flip throw-in be allowed in modified boys’ and girls’ soccer?

*Approved* by the Modified Committee 10 YES -7 NO. If passed by the Safety Committee, it will become an Action Item at the Spring 2019 Modified Committee meeting.

III Items which will occur before the Spring 2019 Modified Committee meeting:

A. Distribution of “Survey Monkey” for Modified Cheerleading by NYSPHSAA office, and reporting of survey results to modified sport coordinator Alisa Pacheco. Schools in our section with modified cheering teams will receive this survey and are requested to participate. The modified cheerleading standards will be written after the modified cheerleading sport coordinator receives the survey results.

B. Modified Sport coordinators’ continued examination of modified game conditions and standards for their sports, and development of sectional recommendations for the Modified Committee. This is a year-long evaluation prior to submission of a
Modified Athletics document of all recommended changes to NYSPHSAA this summer.

C. Appropriate report preparations by fall and winter sports coordinators. The following sports are scheduled for review: boys’ and girls’ basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, field hockey, gymnastics, ice hockey, boys’ and girls’ soccer, boys’ and girls’ swimming, boys’ and girls’ volleyball, and wrestling

IV Discussion Items
Continuation of the Spring 2018 meeting discussion of current modified philosophy and modified sport regulations focused on the discussion items presented to you at our last meeting. Each section presented input, and a Committee vote was taken. Several of those discussion items involved sports modifications that already exist in the NYSPHSAA handbook, and did not require a vote.

The Action Items listed in the next section were approved discussion items at this meeting and advanced to further discussion as Action Items in the Spring 2019 meeting of the NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics.

The following discussion items were defeated at the fall meeting:
- Rebranding the name of “Modified Athletics”
- Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer: allowing one time-out per half for girls and none for boys
- Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer: Withdrawn motion. Disallowing overtime in boys’ soccer and allowing two 5-minute overtimes in girls’ soccer
- Softball: Changing the maximum number of games

V. Action Items for Next Meeting

A. Baseball
Action Item may be added if passed by Safety Committee (See “Items that went to the State Safety Committee on page 1)

B. Cross-Country:
Motion: “It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of six meets scheduled for modified cross country.”
Approved by the Modified Committee 15-2.

C. Football:
Motion: “Should 11-Man Football Game Rule #2 be edited to allow gap alignment in the 4-man, 5-man, and 6-man front?”
Approved by the Modified Committee 15-2.

D. Gymnastics:
Motion:
“Should modified gymnasts be permitted to enter more than 3 slots per meet?
“Should modified gymnastics allow more than two All-Around gymnasts?”
Approved by the Modified Committee 13-2-2.

E. Boys’ Lacrosse:
Motion: “The following game rules will be added to modified boys’ lacrosse:
The length of quarters, including a fifth quarter, shall be 10 minutes.
In the event of a tie, there shall be one 4-minute sudden victory overtime.
A goal will be disallowed after the horn sounds to indicate the end of the period.”
Approved by the Modified Committee 14-1-2.

F. Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer:
Action Items may be added if passed by Safety Committee (See “Items that were sent to Safety Committee on page 1)

G. Softball:
Motion: “Allow more scrimmages in modified softball.”
Approved by the Modified Committee 11-6.

Motion: “Increase the number of doubleheaders permitted from two to three.”
Approved by the Modified Committee 15-2.

H. Track and Field:
Motion: “It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of six meets scheduled for modified track and field.”
Approved by the Modified Committee 17-0

I. Boys’ & Girls’ Volleyball
Motion: “Should the minimum time between contests of two nights’ rest for modified volleyball be reduced to one night?
Approved by the Modified Committee 17-0

VI Information Items
1. The following language was removed from the handbook by the Executive Committee at their summer meeting: “Only sneakers and shoes with molded soles or molded cleats are permitted in the Modified Program.” Therefore, it was clarified that the use of metal posts and spikes is permitted, except in those sports that specifically restrict their use within their sport ‘Equipment’ rules in the handbook.
2. The 2018-2019 NYSPHSAA State Sport Committee Meetings list was distributed.
The list does not impact the modified program, except for potentially changing the
modified sport season starting dates for those sections who use three seasons or start early in the fall.

3. Individual and team minimum number of practices prior to the start of scrimmage/game play are being discussed. It is possible that six practices will be required for the individual and most team sports, and ten will be required for the sports of football, gymnastics, baseball, wrestling and fencing. The rationale is that it is sound to have students have at least a week of preparation prior to participating in a scrimmage/game. This is a proposal-only for 2020; more information will follow.

4. A memo was received from modified gymnastics coordinator Janice Trudeau. The NYS Technical Handbook for Gymnastics is now going to include modified rules. The gymnastics handbook is in the process of being printed, and will be a combination of rules being used by current teams in Sections 7, 8, and 11, where gymnastics is being offered. Janice shared the information that she brought to the Modified Committee in the spring with the person writing the new gymnastics handbook. In addition, Janice suggested that the current Girls’ Gymnastics “Game Rules: USAGJO/NYS Technical Handbook” be edited as the high school rules to simply “Game Rules: NYS technical Handbook.” She will report to the State Modified Committee again at their Spring 2019 meeting. If you have any questions, contact Janice at her cellphone: 518-420-5797 or via trudeau.janice@bcsdk12.org.

5. Girls’ modified lacrosse sport coordinator Beth Staropoli shared that new girls’ lacrosse rules are being implemented at the high school level for the first time. They include real changes (the self-start, the new penalty zone--the clearing of a greater space for 8-meter free position and the placement of the defender on an 8-meter shot.) Beth believes these rules will have a great impact on the flow and safety of the game. These changes will need to be discussed, and we will either accept or reject them for the modified level for next spring. The impact they have at the high school level will have to be examined first.

6. We are in need of a new modified girls’ basketball sport coordinator and a new boys’ and girls’ tennis sport coordinator for the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee. If you would consider taking on this role, please let us know. Your participation would be appreciated.

VII. NYSPHSAA Modified Committee Spring 2019 Meeting Date
Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:30 AM
NYSPHSAA Office

If you wish to have us bring items from our section to the NYSPHSAA meetings for consideration, please speak up at our local meetings, or put your thoughts in writing for discussion. Contact your modified state and local sectional representatives and sport coordinators if you have suggestions, concerns or good ideas. Change starts at the local level; we encourage and welcome your input and participation.