

**SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS**  
**April 30-May 1, 2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Holiday Inn-Arena, Binghamton**

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. P4 Approved January 2010 Executive Committee minutes.
2. P5 Approved the updated schedule of known dates/sites for 2010-2011.
3. P5 Approved section participation in 2010-2011 NYSPHSAA Championships and Regionals as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, #5.
4. P5 Approved the reappointment of George Hathaway as Rifle State Coordinator to serve September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2015.
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11. P10 Approved in Boys and Girls Tennis in league and Sectional competition, Sections would have the option to increase the number of matches to four in one day using modified scoring.
12. P10 Approved in 2010-2011 teams that play sports outside of that sport's championship season may be recognized as a Scholar/Athlete team if they meet the program's criteria.
13. P10 Approved changing the modified start dates for fall sports to August 30, 2010 and winter sports to October 25, 2010 in Section 3.
14. P10 Defeated Section 4's request to reinstate the maximum number of Boys and Girls Basketball games from 18 to 20.
15. P15 Approved **Grapeville Christian School (2)** as a Friend and Neighbor retroactive to January 2010.
16. P15 Approved as Friends and Neighbors: **Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God Academy (3), North Spencer Christian Academy (4), Chemung Valley Montessori School (4), Twin Tiers Christian Academy (4).**
17. P15 Approved to add a \$1.00 convenience fee to all championship tickets sold on-line by TicketLeap Beginning with the Spring 2010 championships.
18. P16 Approved the 2010-2011 budget.
19. P16 Approved with sectional approval, schools will be allowed to use two wide receivers on opposite sides of the formation in Modified Football.
20. P16 Approved in Modified Wrestling with sectional/league approval, modified wrestlers who compete in two or three bouts in a contest, the time periods are either: Three 1 minute periods or 1<sup>st</sup> Period – 1 minute, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Periods – 1 ½ minutes.
21. P16 Approved with sectional approval, an additional sudden victory overtime period shall be permitted in Modified Wrestling. Wrestlers must start in the standing position, and the period shall not exceed 30 seconds.
22. P16 Approved in Modified Baseball/Softball, with sectional/league approval, when the team at bat has two

outs with the catcher on base, a pinch runner may be used to allow the catcher to get his/her gear on prior to the third out.

23. P16 Approved due to current fiscal concerns in New York State, with sectional/league approval, up to 50% of the maximum number of games permitted for each modified level sport may be designated as scrimmages during the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years.
24. P16 Approved the Ice Hockey Committee's proposal for a 2 year regional rotation.
25. P17 Approved the 2009-2010 officiating fees and policy changes be extended to the 2010-2011 school year.
26. P17 Approved all wrestlers will be certified at a minimum weight rather than a minimum weight class for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.
27. P17 Approved the Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures for all member schools to follow during the regular season and post season play effective Spring 2010.
28. P17/18 Approved a Practice Regulation regarding athletes who switch from a contact/collision or limited contact/impact sport to a strenuous/non contact or nonstrenuous/non contact sport.
29. P18 Approved the Handbook Committee's recommendations pertaining to interschool scrimmages, nights rest between scrimmages and scrimmage limitations per day.
30. P18 Approved definitions for Foreign Exchange and International Student.
31. P18 Approved the new Foreign Exchange and International Student regulation.
32. P19 Approved the addition of language under Conducting a Contest to help clarify how a regular season contest must be contested when held in conjunction with a fund raising event.
33. P19 Approved a language change to the Sportsmanship rule to state, "...disqualified by a sport official..."
34. P20 Approved the Handbook Committee's penalty recommendation for a coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the Sportsmanship Standard.
35. P21 Approved adjournment.

**NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Holiday Inn-Arena, Binghamton**

**April 30-May 1, 2010**

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Patrick Pizzarelli at 1:30PM on April 30, 2010. Executive Director Nina Van Erk thanked Ben Nelson, Executive Director of Section 4 for arranging with the Binghamton Convention and Business Bureau to sponsor a reception after the meeting. She introduced and welcomed Timm Slade, the new Executive Director of Section 6 and Mike Giruzzi, the new President of the NYSAAA. A moment of silence was held for Joan Case, past Field Hockey State Coordinator, Handbook Committee member and Class of 2007 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame inductee who passed away. Executive Director Nina VanErk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers & Staff**

President Patrick Pizzarelli  
First Vice President Mark Ward (Friday only)  
Second Vice President Eileen Troy  
Executive Director Nina Van Erk  
Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker  
Assistant Director Todd Nelson  
Assistant Director Joe Altieri  
Counsel Renee James  
Dir. Of Government Relations Kevin Banes (Friday only)  
Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**

Patrick Calnon  
Kathryn Faber  
Karen Lopez  
James Tolle  
Dean Veenhof

**Section Representatives**

Section 1: Jennifer Simmons (proxy for Scott Mosenthal), Karen Peterson  
Section 2: Elizabeth Hemstead, Glenn Westfall  
Section 3: Michael Carboine, Evelyn Sammons (Friday only)  
(John Rathbun, proxy for Evelyn Sammons-Sat. only)  
Section 4: Ed Redmond, Julie Maney  
Section 5: Ed Stores (proxy for Dennis O'Brien), Kathy Smith  
Section 6: Don Scholla, Cindy Bullis  
Section 7: Joe Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry  
Section 8: Dominick Vulpis, Laura Orticelle  
Section 9: Roberta Greene, Jim Wolfe  
Section 10: Lori Brewer (proxy for Stephanie Putney-Friday only), Paul Harrica  
Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis

**Ex-Officio & Consultants**

Robbie Greene, Handbook Coordinator  
Michael Giruzzi, President-NYSAAA  
Patti Murphy-Life of an Athlete Co-Coordinator (Friday only)  
James Rose-Modified Co-Coordinator

**Section Ex. Directors**

Jennifer Simmons (1)  
Doug Kenyon (2) (Friday only)  
John Rathbun (3)  
Ed Stores (5)  
Timm Slade (6)  
Karen Lopez (7)  
Todd Heimer (8)  
Ed Cinelli (11)

**Sport Coordinators**

Dave Garbarino-Football (4)  
Patrick Ryan-G. Swimming Asst. State Coord. (9)

**Guest**

**Treasurer**

Jim Osborne (9)

Greg Ransom

A motion to approve the January 2010 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written **carried**.

Nickerson/Harrica

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

**President Patrick Pizzarelli** welcomed the group to Binghamton. He reported on his attendance at the NFHS Section I meeting which was hosted by New York and held at the Otesaga in Cooperstown, NY. He stated Nina and staff did an outstanding job hosting the meeting. He thanked the fall and winter sport coordinators for a well done job running the State Championships. He reminded the Executive Committee representatives to also thank their coordinators for making it a great experience for all the student-athletes in New York State.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mark Ward** reported on his attendance at the championship events. He stated Section 6 is planning for the Central Committee meeting being held at Holiday Valley in August and is looking forward to everyone coming.

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

- **NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame** - The 2010 Class of the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame will be inducted at the August Central Committee meeting at Holiday Valley (Section VI). The five inductees are Nick DeCillis (Administrator), Sally Kus (Coach), Stanley Moore (Coach), Martha Slack (Administrator), and Jim Tolle (Administrator).
- **Participation Survey** – The Participation Survey reflecting participation from the 2009-2010 school year will be collected as part of the mandatory Athletic Administrators Workshops in the fall. This information will provide the Association with valuable information.
- **Progress of NYSPHSAA Committees** – At the conclusion of committee meetings in the office, a synopsis of items, either for action or future consideration, is sent to all Section Executive Directors and committee members to aid in the communication process. In addition, the Section Executive Directors have provided a list of league presidents. The synopsis is also being sent to the league presidents in an effort to begin discussion of issues earlier and in a timelier manner. This is a supplement to the Albany Office Report.
- **NAIA Eligibility Center** – The NAIA, with over 60,000 student-athletes and more than \$450 million in athletic grants annually, will launch its Eligibility Center in September 2010. The Center offers high school students, athletic administrators and counselors a new alternative to the very personal environment of NAIA small-college learning, with its full array of college sports and athletic scholarships. When received, more information will follow.
- **Government Relations** – The process of building strong relationships with members of the legislature continues under the direction of Kevin Banes. Meetings were scheduled to discuss the current status of legislative bills pertaining to concussions.
- **Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops** – The 2010-2011 schedule is complete for the mandatory workshop. Sections will have the opportunity to select key eligibility topics to be reviewed at their workshop. The schedule to date is: August 24 – Section 10; August 30 – Section 6; August 31 – Section 5; October 1 – Section 1; October 5 – Section 9 – October 6 – Section 8, October 7 – Section 11; October 13 – Section 2 – October 14 – Section 3; October 21 – Section 4; October 20 – Section 7; October 27 – NYSPHSAA office. The meeting dates will be available on our website.
- **Future Meetings** – The following meetings are scheduled to be held in the NYSPHSAA office.
  - Transfer Committee Meeting – May 17, 2010 (Monday) – 10:00AM
  - Classification of Non Public and Charter Schools Meeting – May 27, 2010 (Thursday) – 10:00AM
- **LRG (Licensing Resource Group)** – This program will assist schools in generating revenue from the sale of merchandise being sold in retail stores. Officially licensed apparel will be appearing in stores in time for “Back to School” promotional sales. Revenue from this program is projected to be distributed toward the end of the calendar year.

- **CSIET Advisory List.** The 2010-2011 CSIET Advisory List is now available on the CSIET website, [www.csiet.org](http://www.csiet.org).
- **Future Meeting Dates –**
  - August 2-5, 2010 – Holiday Valley – Ellicottville (6)
  - December 5-6, 2010 – Holiday Inn, Wolf Road - Albany (2)
  - January Conference Call – To Be Announced
  - May 5-6, 2011 – To Be Announced

**Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker**

**State Championships/Regionals 2009-2010**

- Financial summaries for the Fall and Winter season tournaments, as known to date, were included in the meeting folders.
- **Spring Championships – 2010.** The Girls Lacrosse Semi-final on Friday, June 11, will be played at Tompkins Cortland Community College.

**State Championships/Regionals 2010-2011**

- The updated schedule of known dates/sites for 2010-2011 was included in the meeting folders.

A **motion to approve** Girls Gymnastics will be held at Shaker High School (2) on Saturday, March 5, 2011; Rifle will be held at West Point (9) on March 5, 2011; B/G Bowling will be held in Section 3 on March 5-6, 2011; and Boys Volleyball Regionals will be held in Section 2 on Saturday, March 12, 2011 **carried**.

Stores/Hemstead

A **motion to approve** section participation in 2010-2011 NYSPHSAA Championships and Regionals as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, #5 was **carried**.

Harrica/Staves

- **Future Dates/Sites** projections known to date were included in the meeting folders.

**State Sports Coordinators**

A **motion to approve** the reappointment of George Hathaway as Rifle State Coordinator to serve September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2015 **carried**.

Maney/Carboine

**Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program**

- The totals for the Winter 2009-2010 season were 1,874 teams from 508 schools with 20,228 participants.
- A list of the Winter State Champions and their awards presenters were included in the meeting folders.
- The Spring 2010 deadline to apply for the Scholar/Athlete Team Award is **Friday, May 14, 2010**.
- The School of Distinction Award applications, in order to be placed on the NYSPHSAA “Academic Honor Roll” are to be completed following the Spring 2010 deadline and must be received no later than **June 30, 2010**. Award winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

**NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association**

- The Federation met on April 26, 2010.
- Congratulations to Averill Park High School (2) and Irvington High School (1) for being crowned the Class A and Class B 2010 Girls Basketball Federation Tournament Champions.
- Basketball Bid Meeting was held on January 20, 2010. Four sites were presented: SUNY Binghamton (4), Wagner College (City of New York), Glens Falls Civic Center (2) and the Times Union Center (2). The Times Union Center, Albany (2) was selected for 2011-2013.

**Officials Coordinating Federation**

- The next scheduled meeting is May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, Syracuse.

**NFHS National Student Leadership Conference**

- The NFHS National Student Leadership Conference will be held July 15-18, 2010 in Indianapolis, IN.
- The application deadline has been extended to Friday, May 7, 2010.
- Applications can be obtained from our website.

**Assistant Director Todd Nelson**

- **Clinics –** Although two clinics, wrestling and field hockey had to be cancelled, our other clinics have been well attended and continue to provide positive professional development to our coaches. We are continuing to make improvements to all of our clinics to provide the highest quality clinic at a reasonable

price for our schools and coaches. Next year we would like to plan a one day sports medicine clinic for athletic trainers, athletic directors and coaches and will be working with the New York State Athletic Trainers Association as well as some area orthopedic professionals. If anyone has suggestions for topics for this clinic, please contact Todd.

- **Sanctioning** – School districts are reminded to notify the Association office when one of their teams is traveling out of state to an event. This process has been made easier by allowing our member schools to notify us on-line. Once notification is received, we monitor the sanctioning process for that event. The NFHS is continuing to improve the on-line sanctioning process with many suggestions from New York State. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Todd.
- **Coaching Education** – The Coaching Education Committee has scheduled a conference call on June 9, 2010 with Trish Kocialski (SED) to receive updates on instructor certifications and approved agencies. The committee will also discuss the final steps necessary to blend in the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course with the NYSED Principles and Philosophy course.
- **Rule Books** – Member schools are reminded that they can order rule books and other publications that are beneficial to their coaching staff and athletic administrators through the NYSPHSAA on-line store which can be found on the NYSPHSAA website at [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org). If there are any questions, please contact Eileen Davis at (518)690-0771.
- **Championship Programs** – In an effort to enhance our championship programs, a new feature will be implemented called “Where Are They Now?” starting with the 2010-11 school year. In this section, former student athletes that have participated in our championship events will be highlighted. Pictures of past championships will also be added to the program. Details for submitting information and the pictures will be discussed with Section Executive Directors and State Sport Coordinators at the summer meeting.

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

- **Fall and Winter Championship Programs** showed a profit of \$21,000 for 2009-10 due to an increase in sales and advertising.
- **Championship Media/Broadcasting** - The Association netted \$5,600 in radio and internet rights fees for the 2009 Winter championship broadcasts. Starting in 2009-10 we will receive annual revenue of \$58,000 per year for three years representing exclusive TV rights fees from our new Time Warner Cable contract. In addition, through our webcasting initiatives, live streaming of the ice hockey and boys and girls basketball finals netted approximately \$4,000 for the Association.
- **Vendor/Souvenir Winter Sales** were reviewed for 2007 through 2010 showing a continued increase in revenue for the Association due to the bidding procedure that has been in place since 2005.

#### **Corporate Sponsorships**

- **American Dairy Association** – A proposal and presentation was made for a three-year contract. We are currently finishing a one-year contract with American Dairy Association.
- **Winter Sponsors** - The following sponsors of wrestling championships which were not reported since the December meeting: Journeyman Wrestling, Hilton, Crowne Plaza, Ken Chertow Wrestling, CSG Sports Coatings, Dollamur, Asics, ClinchGear, Hibiclens, Worldwide Sport Supply and Honors Junior Golf.
- **NFHS Section I Meeting** – Secured more than \$8,000 in cash and in-kind sponsorship to offset the cost of meals and receptions for 40 guests when we hosted the NFHS Section Meeting in Cooperstown. In-kind gifts for meeting guests included messenger bags from Nike and various items from the Baseball Hall of Fame. A thank you to our sponsors: Nike, Hall of Fame, TicketLeap, EZ Stream, Rawlings, Conference Medal and Home Team Marketing.

#### **Online Ticket Sales**

- **TicketLeap/Price Chopper** – A total of 619 tickets were purchased for our winter championships through our online sales partner, TicketLeap and another 439 were purchased at Price Chopper stores. Girls Basketball led winter sports with 191 online purchases and 392 Price Chopper purchases. Boys Swimming had a total of 150 online tickets purchased. Joe suggested the addition of a \$1.00 convenience

fee to all tickets sold online. This will be discussed under the Budget & Finance Committee report later in the meeting.

### **Marketing**

- **Hall of Fame Press Release** was distributed to the media statewide. A copy was included in the meeting folders. Thank you to Jostens and Pupil Benefits for sponsoring the program.
- **Other Marketing** – Marketing efforts were continued in television, print and radio to promote the wrestling, ice hockey and girls and boys basketball tournaments.

### **Spring Intern**

- **Ms. Abby Ingraham** has completed a spring internship with the Association. We thank her for her efforts over the last four months by assisting with marketing and sponsorship duties as well as helping at the various winter tournaments she attended.

**Treasurer.** Kathy Higle reviewed the report stating the Association is in good financial health. She highlighted the following:

- Increased sponsorship revenue
- Investment income is improving
- Decrease in annual membership fees revenue is due to declining enrollment.
- An email copy of the IRS 990 Report, an annual reporting return that certain federally tax-exempt organizations must file that provides information on the organization's mission, programs and finances, will be sent to the members of the Executive Committee before it is filed with the Internal Revenue Service.
- Distributed the auditor's report for 2009. Two handouts were included in the packet from Marvin & Co., our audit firm. The first handout was a basic responsibility letter and the second handout was a management letter which makes recommendations to the Association's accounting system.

### **Counselor Renee James**

- Reported we had successfully defended the Office of Civil Right's challenge of the Age 19 regulation as it is a State Education Regulation. She will send the decision to the Section Executive Directors.
- Reported that she has been asked by the OCF to be present at grievances, arbitrations and fact finding sessions to assist in drafting decisions indicating the panel's decision so it is in a legal format.
- Reported at the Legal Summit and Meeting in Indianapolis, the issue of schools having a concussion management policy and procedure was discussed. She encouraged all member schools to develop a concussion policy and procedure to protect themselves legally.
- Reported the licensing rights for TV, video and webstreaming are becoming an issue as to who has the licensing rights. She will keep us informed.

### **Director of Government Relations Kevin Banes**

- Gave an update on the State budget and issues member schools will be dealing with for the remainder of the legislative session.
- Reviewed the concerns regarding the governor's request for a \$1.4 billion deduction in State Aid to schools.
- Reported the Senate had proposed a concussion management bill that the Association was successful in preventing from moving out of committee because it did not reflect the Association's recommendations.
- Reported the Assembly is drafting three bills that the Association has reviewed but will not support as written. He, Nina and Lloyd Mott have offered their expertise in creating a concussion management bill the Association can support which would include education and prevention for all students at no additional cost to schools.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

**Cheerleading** – Executive Director Nina Van Erk presented the report.

- Reported the committee met in February and thanked the Sections for sending great people with experience in cheerleading. Minutes of the meeting were included in the meeting folders.

- She reviewed the minutes of the February 2, 2010 meeting highlighting:
  - A summary of common points from all the Sections:
    - School teams participate in school only events
    - First Aid and CPR are required by most schools even though NYSED does not require it to be the Advisor/Coach of the cheer squad.
    - Many Sections or school districts require the Philosophy Course or a Cheerleading Safety Course (ACCAA).
    - Sections felt eligibility standards should be followed.
    - Standards need to be established for length of season and the number of practices before competitions.
    - Control over the safety of participants and the sport.
    - Some type of certification or qualification is needed for the judging of the contest.
  - Recommendations made by the committee:
    - All coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) are required to complete First Aid for coaches, CPR and the ACCAA Safety Course prior to coaching.
    - By the completion of the third year, the SED Philosophy & Principles Course should be completed supplemented by the NFHS Spirit Coaches Bronze Level, Theories & Technique and Health Sciences courses.
- She asked the Executive Committee members to go back to their Sections and get feedback as to whether their Section wanted to consider cheer as a sport and recommendations for coaching requirements, then inform their Cheerleading Committee representative so they can report at the committee meeting on May 20th.
- The next meeting of the Cheerleading Committee will be Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 4:00PM at the Holiday Inn-Fishkill. Following the meeting, the members will attend the ACCAA Safety Course which is being taught at the clinic.

**Championship Philosophy Committee** – Karen Lopez and Doug Kenyon, co-chair.

- The charge of the committee was to review and if needed, revise the current philosophy and guidelines of the NYSPHSAA championship events.
- A draft of the Championship Philosophy Committee report was included in the meeting folders.
- A Power Point presentation was given on the recommendations made by the committee. The recommendations are:
  - **Philosophy Statement** – The committee supports the current philosophy statement as written with the following addition, “NYSPHSAA will sponsor Championships that represent excellence achieved in each sport.”
  - **Quality vs. Quantity** – NYSPHSAA will sponsor Championships that represent excellence achieved in each sport. The percentage of opportunities for athletes to compete in NYSPHSAA Championships should fall within a designated range of 5% to 8% for all sports. Percentages will be calculated using the number of athletes participating in the sport and the number of competitors in the championship event.
  - **Representation** – Each Section would be permitted to qualify a minimum of one representative for all NYSPHSAA Championship events. In designated sports, additional At-Large competitors will be selected to complete the tournament structure. NOTE: For NYS Federation championship events, the sport committee will make a recommendation if the At-Large opportunities will be extended to the PSAL, CHSAA or AIS.
  - **At-Large Competitors** – For designated individual sports, a cap will be established to limit the number of At-Large competitors participating in championship events. The At-Large competitors will be the top state-wide performers that have met the minimum qualifying standard recommended by the Sport Committee and approved by the Executive/Central Committee. NOTE: For NYS Federation championship events, the sport committee will make a recommendation if the At-Large opportunities will be extended to the PSAL, CHSAA or AIS.
  - **Qualifying Process** – A uniform process will be established to bring state-wide consistency

across all sections for the purpose of qualifying athletes for NYSPHSAA Championship events.

- **Gender Equity** – Every effort should be made to provide for equitable participation opportunities in NYSPHSAA Championships when the sport is similar or the same. (Example: soccer, track and field and baseball/softball)
- **Championship Categories** – NYSPHSAA Championship events will continue to be contested in one of 3 categories: Team, Individual or Combination Team/Individual.
- **Classes and Divisions** – A formula will be used to identify the maximum number of championship classes or divisions allowed. The formula will be based on the number of varsity programs sponsored by NYSPHSAA member schools in a sport.
- The next steps to be taken are:
  - Feedback from the Executive Committee and Sport Coordinators will be shared with the committee members.
  - Committee members should work with their Section Executive Director to present the Championship Philosophy to their member schools for discussion and input.
  - The Championship Philosophy Report will be discussed at the Central Committee meeting in August.
  - If needed, the committee will reconvene by conference call in the fall.
  - The projected timeframe for a vote on the Championship Philosophy Report will be at the December 2010 Executive Committee meeting.

## **SPORT COORDINATOR ISSUES & REPORTS**

- **Football** – Dave Garbarino-Football Coordinator (4) presented the proposal.

A **motion to approve** the change in the Pre Season Practice Regulation from 3-2-6-4 to 2-3-6-4 for **high school teams only** in football **carried**. Harrica/Sammons

The regulation now reads: The **first two (2) days** of practice must be non-contact, without the use of protective equipment and mechanical blocking devices. The use of cones, ropes, ladders, step-over dummies, soft hand shields and similar devices as teaching aids is permissible. Helmets may be worn. **The next three (3) days** provide a transition from the conditioning phase to full contact. During this phase, players are permitted to wear a helmet and shoulder pads. Blocking dummies, sleds and similar devices are permitted. During this phase, player to player tackling drills, team scrimmaging, running full contact plays etc. are not permitted. The **following six (6) days** consist of contact practice with full protective equipment and the use of all training devices. Full player to player contact and team scrimmaging is permitted. **Four (4) additional practices** must be completed by the individual and team prior to the first contest. Interscholastic scrimmages may commence after 11 practices have been completed by the individual player and team. Interscholastic contests may commence after 15 practices have been completed by the individual player and team.

- **Boys and Girls Volleyball Jewelry Rule** – Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the committees proposal.

A **motion to approve** continuing to use the 2009-2010 NCAA Jewelry Rule to replace Rule 7.2.3 of the NCAA 2010-2011 rule **carried**. Stores/Harrica

The rule states: If a substitution request is acknowledged (whistled), and the player is wearing an illegal uniform or jewelry or has illegal equipment, the substitution is denied and a delay sanction assessed. If warm-up activities or play must be interrupted because of a player wearing an illegal uniform, jewelry or equipment, that team is assessed a delay sanction. The jewelry must be removed before the player can participate further. If, during the warm-up period, a player responds promptly to a referee's request to remove jewelry or illegal equipment, a delay sanction is not assessed.

- **Swimming** – Patrick Ryan, G. Swimming/Diving Assistant State Coordinator presented the committees proposal.

A **motion to approve** to continue for one year to use the criteria to establish the qualifying standards which is the average of the preliminary times for the last two years of the 30<sup>th</sup> place for individual events and the average of the preliminary times over the last four years of 15<sup>th</sup> place for relays **carried**. Harrica/Wolfe

- **Wrestling** – Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the Wrestling Committee's proposal.

A **motion to approve** the 96 lb. and 285 lb. weight class will be mandatory for all high school competitions,

duals and tournaments beginning with the 2010-2011 season **carried**. Carboine/Westfall

- **Baseball** – Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the Baseball Committee’s proposal.

A **motion to approve** by mutual agreement of the Section’s Executive Directors, Section Coordinators and Athletic Directors, schools would have the option of playing Monday scheduled regional games on Sunday **carried**. This would allow for better facilities, potential for bigger crowds and less time out of school.

DeCillis/Harrica

- **Girls Lacrosse** – Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the Girls Lacrosse Committee’s proposal.

A **motion to approve** in games when 100% playing time is required (all Sectional, Regional and State Semi-Finals and Finals) the game will be resumed from the point of interruption on the next available date **carried**. Teams that have possession at the point of interruption will retain possession in a draw alignment with the opposing center 4 meters away. If there is no team possession, it will be a draw. Hemstead/Maney

- **Girls and Boys Tennis** – Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the Boys and Girls Tennis Committees proposal.

A **motion to approve** in league and Sectional competition, Sections would have the option to increase the number of matches to four in one day using modified scoring **carried**. The rest periods would be 30 minutes for the quarter final and below, 45 minutes for the semi-finals and 60 minutes for the finals.

Redmond/Westfall

(The Safety Committee supported the proposal but would like the Tennis Committees to define Modified Scoring.)

## SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

**Section 2** requested the fingerprinting regulation be added to the NYSPHSAA Handbook. They also requested the arbitration process be reviewed.

**Section 3** reported they had a number of schools that play volleyball in the winter and because they do, they are not eligible for the Scholar/Athlete Team Award because it is awarded in the fall season. They would like this reviewed.

A **motion to approve** in 2010-2011 teams that play sports outside of that sport’s championship season may be recognized as a Scholar/Athlete team if they meet the program’s criteria **carried**. Harrica/Westfall

A **motion to approve** changing the modified start dates for fall sports to August 30, 2010 and winter sports to October 25, 2010 **carried**. John/Stores

**Section 4** requested to increase the maximum number of Boys and Girls Basketball games back to 20 per season.

A **motion to approve** the reinstatement of the maximum number of Boys and Girls Basketball games from 18 to 20 was **defeated**. Redmond/Westfall

The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 1 no; Section 11: 2 no. 15 No/6 Yes)

**Section 8** asked how many Sections do not permit noise during foul shots in basketball.

## SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONCERNS AND INPUT

The Section Executive Directors:

- Discussed ideas for the mandatory Athletic Directors workshops.
- Have a concern with the concept of purchasing attire for certain State Championships. Who pays for it and is it necessary? This will be put on the Sport Committees agendas that require this.
- Discussed cheerleading
- Discussed the media contracts in different Sections.
- Had a concern with unknown additional fees (ie. greens fees, lift tickets) incurred at State Championships that are charged back to the Sections. The Association office will notify the Sections when fee amounts are known in advance.

## COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2009-2010 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>SCHOOLS</b>	<b>SPORT</b>
2	Mayfield & Northville Rensselaer & Doane Stuart	B/G Track & Field B/G Track & Field
3	Bishop Ludden & Bishop Grimes  Notre Dame & Rome Catholic Faith Heritage & LaFayette Corcoran, Fowler, Henninger & Nottingham Fowler & Corcoran Solvay & Westhill Nottingham & Henninger Lyncourt & Solvay Hamilton & Sherburne-Earlville Owen D. Young & Richfield Springs	B/G Indoor Track B/G Lacrosse (V, Mod.) B/G Outdoor Track (V) Football (V, JV, Mod.) Baseball (V) G. Golf (V) B/G Lacrosse (All Levels) B. Lacrosse (JV) G. Lacrosse (All Levels) B/G Outdoor Track (Mod.) B. Outdoor Track (V) Softball (V)
5	Waterloo & Geneva City Schools Wilson Commencement HS & Monroe School of the Arts & East HS Marshall & Charlotte Nazareth & Aquinas Institute Monroe & Edison Tech Elba & Byron-Bergen	Ice Hockey Wrestling B. Swimming Baseball Softball (JV) Football Baseball
7	Westport & Keene Lake Placid & Saranac Lake	Baseball (V) B. Tennis
8	Lynbrook North MS & Lynbrook South MS Sewanhaka District  H. Carey & Sewanhaka Carle Place & Wheatley Thompson MS & South Woods MS Plainview-Old Bethpage MS  Valley Stream Central, Valley Stream North, Valley Stream South & Valley Stream Memorial Malverne & East Rockaway	All Sports B. Golf (V) G. Tennis (V) G. Swimming (V) Field Hockey (JV) Field Hockey (V) Football (V, JV, Mod.) Swimming Football G. Swimming G. Swimming G. Tennis (V) B/G Soccer (V, JV)
9	Liberty & Roscoe  Roscoe & Livingston Manor	Baseball (V) Softball (V) Football (All Levels)

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<b>SECTION</b>	<b>SCHOOLS</b>	<b>SPORT</b>
5	Webster Thomas & Webster Schroeder	G. Golf B/G Swimming G. Gymnastics B. Volleyball Nordic & Alpine Skiing Gymnastics
	Greece Odyssey & Greece Athena Greece Arcadia & Greece Olympia	Gymnastics G. Golf G. Tennis G. Swimming
	Greece Odyssey & Greece Olympia Greece Olympia, Greece Arcadia, Greece Odyssey & Greece Athena Greece Athena & Greece Odyssey The Harley School & Allendale-Columbia HS Greece Christian School & Northstar Christian School School Without Walls HS & Wilson Commencement HS School of the Arts HS, Dr. Freddie Thomas HS & East HS East HS & School of the Arts HS	All Sports All Modified Sports All Sports Football G. Swimming
11	Southampton & Tuckahoe East Islip & Cleary Centereach & Newfield	All Sports (Mod. Level) All Sports (Mod. Level) B/G Cross Country (V) B/G Bowling (V) B/G Lacrosse (V, JV) G. Track (V)
	Smithtown East & Smithtown West	B/G Cross Country (V) G. Gymnastics (V) B. Bowling (V)
	Pierson & Bridgehampton	B. Cross Country (V, Mod.) G. Cross Country (V) Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod.) B. Golf (V, JV) B/G Soccer (V, JV, Mod.) B/G Tennis (Mod.) G. Volleyball (V, JV, Mod.) G. Basketball (V, JV, Mod.) Baseball (V, JV, Mod.) Softball (V, JV, Mod.)
	Half Hollow Hills East & Half Hollow Hills West	G. Cross Country (V) G. Gymnastics (V) B. Soccer (JV2) B/G Fencing (V) B/G Badminton (V) B. Lacrosse (JV9) G. Lacrosse (V, JV)
	Half Hollow Hills West & Half Hollow Hills East	Field Hockey (V, JV) B/G Swimming (V) B. Volleyball (V, JV) Baseball (JV2)
	Greenport, Southold & Shelter Island East Hampton, Bridgehampton & Pierson	Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod.) Football (V, JV) B/G Swimming (V)

Greenport, Southold, Mattituck & Shelter Island	B. Bowling (V)
East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Pierson, Springs & Montauk	B/G Winter Track (V)
	Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
	B. Lacrosse (V, JV)
	G. Lacrosse (V, JV, Mod.)
	B. Tennis (V, JV)
	Football (V, JV, Mod.)
	Football (Mod.)
	Wrestling (Mod.)
	B. Lacrosse (Mod.)
Center Moriches & East Moriches	Football (Mod.)
Greenport & Southold	B. Golf (V, JV)
	G. Volleyball (V, JV)
	Wrestling (Mod.)
Newfield & Centereach	G. Gymnastics (V)
	B/G Tennis (V, Mod.)
	B/G Winter Track (V)
	B. Golf (V)
	B. Track (V)
Sachem East & Sachem North	G. Gymnastics (V)
Greenport & Shelter Island	B. Soccer (V, JV, Mod.)
	G. Soccer (Mod.)
	Baseball (V, JV)
	G. Soccer (V, JV)
	G. Tennis (JV, Mod.)
	G. Basketball (JV)
	Softball (V, JV)
	B. Tennis (V, JV, Mod.)
	G. Soccer (JV)
	B. Lacrosse (JV, Mod.)
	G. Lacrosse (JV)
	Softball (V, JV)
	G. Soccer (Mod.)
East Hampton & Montauk	G. Swimming (V)
Brentwood & Bay Shore	B/G Swimming (V)
Sayville & Bayport	B/G Swimming (V)
Deer Park & North Babylon	B/G Swimming (V)
Smithtown West & Smithtown East	G. Bowling (V)
	G. Swimming (V)
	G. Tennis (V)
	G. Tennis (V, JV)
	B. Volleyball (Mod.)
	B/G Track (V)
	B. Fencing (V)
	Wrestling (V)
	Wrestling (JV)
	G. Gymnastics (Mod.)
	G. Gymnastics (Mod.)
	B. Swimming (Mod.)
	G. Gymnastics (Mod.)
	B. Swimming (Mod.)
	B/G Lacrosse (V, JV, Mod.)
	B/G Lacrosse (JV)
	B. Swimming (Mod.)
Seneca & Samoset	
Mattituck, Southold & Greenport	
Southold & Hampton Bays	
Candlewood & West Hollow	

Nesaquake & Great Hollow  
 East Hampton, Springs & Bridgehampton  
 Ross & Pierson  
 Mattituck & Southold

B. Tennis (Mod.)  
 B. Track (Mod.)  
 B/G Track (V)  
 B/G Track (V)

**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).

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CONTEST</b>
1	03-25-10	Dutchess County Sr. All-Star Game-B. Basketball
	03-25-10	WCBCA Sr. All-Star Game-B. Basketball
	03-28-10	Section 1 Sr. All-Star Game-G. Basketball
2	03-11-10	CHVL League Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Basketball
	03-15-10	Patroon League vs. Wasaren League Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball
	03-16-10	Big Ten/Suburban Council Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Basketball
	03-23-10	Colonial vs. Foothills Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Basketball
	06-06-10	WAC & Colonial Council Sr. All-Star Game-Baseball
	06-06-10	Big Ten vs. SC Sr. All-Star Game-Baseball
	06-11-10	Section 2 Sr. All-Star Game-B. Lacrosse
3	03-07-10	CSC vs. CNY Sr. All-Star Contest-B. Volleyball
	06-14-10	OHSL, CNYLL & Frontier Leagues Sr. All-Star Contest-G. Lacrosse
	06/15-16/10	Syracuse Chief's HS Baseball Classic
4	03-08-10	Delaware League Senior Basketball Game-B/G
	03-08-10	IAC Sr. All-Star Game-G. Basketball
	03-09-10	IAC Sr. All-Star Game-B. Basketball
5	03-11-10	Allegany County vs. Steuben County Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Basketball
	03-27-10	Greater Rochester High School Sr. All-Star Basketball Games
	06-09-10	Genesee League vs. N-O League Sr. All-Star Game-Baseball
	06-13-10	Monroe County Sr. All-Star Softball Game
6	03-12-10	Niagara-Orleans vs. Genesee Region Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Basketball
	03-24-10	Chautauqua County Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball
	03-25-10	Cattaraugus County/Board 121 Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Basketball
	03-27-10	Cheektowaga Lions Club Sr. All-Star Game-G. Basketball
	03-27-10	Silver Hoops Sr. All-Star Game-B. Basketball
	06-06-10	Section 6 Sr. All-Star Game-B. Lacrosse
7	03-02-10	CVAC Senior Volleyball Game
	03-16-10	CVAC Boys & Girls Senior Basketball Game
	03-23-10	MVAC Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball
	06-10-10	CVAC Senior Game-Softball
	06-11-10	2010 CVAC Senior All-Star Game-Baseball
10	03-16-10	Section 10 Sr. All-Star Game-Ice Hockey
	03-23-10	Section 10 Sr. All-Star Challenge-B/G Basketball

**FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

A **motion to approve** retroactively the following application for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status

**carried.** (Expired January 2010)

Redmond/Carboine

**Section 2**

Grapeville Christian School  
2046 CR 26  
Climax, NY 12042  
Grades 7-12

A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried.**  
(Expiring in May 2012)

Maney/Hemstead

**Section 3**

Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God Academy  
2656 Warners Road  
Warners, NY 13164  
Grades 9-12

**Section 4**

North Spencer Christian Academy  
721 Ithaca Road  
Spencer, NY 14883  
Grades 7-10

**Section 4**

Chemung Valley Montessori School  
23 Winters Road  
Elmira, NY 14903  
Grades 7-8

**Section 4**

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

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

**Budget & Finance Committee.** Pat Calnon, Chairperson, reviewed the Committee’s March 20, 2010 meeting minutes highlighting:

**NYSPHSAA Dues**

- The committee recommends there should be a minimum dues increase of \$30 per district and \$.03 per student for the 2011-2012 school year due to the student population declining, thus affecting the overall yearly dues revenue. The committee referenced the auditor’s recommendation to increase dues every year because 60% of the Association’s revenue is generated by member dues. They also acknowledged that the current NYSPHSAA budget reflects reductions made that are “one time only” reductions.

**Championship Ticket Prices**

- The committee discussed the current ticket price structure and recommends that they remain as is for the 2010-2011 school year.

A **motion to approve** to add \$1.00 convenience fee to all championship tickets sold on-line by TicketLeap beginning with the spring 2010 championships **carried.**

DeCillis/Harrica

**Transportation Reimbursement**

- The committee does not recommend a change in the transportation reimbursement to the Sections at this time but will continue to evaluate an increase on a yearly basis.

**Meals and Lodging Reimbursement**

- In response to a Section’s request that the committee consider reimbursing the Sections for their representative’s attendance at NYSPHSAA meetings, it was noted that all Ad Hoc Committee representatives’ expenses are covered by the Association and that the use of conference calls has significantly reduced the expenses to the Sections as the cost of the call is absorbed by the NYSPHSAA. Therefore, the committee does not recommend a change in the meal and lodging reimbursement.

**Budget.** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mark Ward presented the proposed 2010-2011 budget and highlighted the following:

- Under Revenues, the proposed budget showed a decrease in the Annual Membership Fees due to declining enrollment.

- Decrease in Items for Resale because schools are not purchasing as many rulebooks. The NFHS has increased the book prices but the Association has not.
- A decrease in meeting and travel expenses due to more meetings being held by telephone conferencing.

A **motion to approve** the 2010-2011 budget **carried**.

Harrica/Redmond

**Modified Committee.** Jim Rose, Co-Coordinator presented the report.

A **motion to approve** with sectional approval, schools will be allowed to use two wide receivers on opposite sides of the formation in modified football **carried**.

Staves/Nickerson

A **motion to approve** with sectional/league approval, modified wrestlers who compete in two or three bouts in a contest, the time periods are either: Three 1 minute periods or 1<sup>st</sup> Period – 1 minute, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Periods – 1 ½ minutes **carried**.

Westfall/Bullis

A **motion to approve** with sectional approval, an additional sudden victory overtime period shall be permitted in modified wrestling **carried**. Wrestlers must start in the standing position, and the period shall not exceed 30 seconds.

Carboine/Greene

A **motion to approve** in modified baseball/softball, with sectional/league approval, when the team at bat has two outs with the catcher on base, a pinch runner may be used to allow the catcher to get his/her gear on prior to the third out **carried**.

Vulpis/Stores

(The pinch runner is a player who is a substitute, or in the case that all substitutes have been used, a player off the bench who is not currently in the lineup. This rule does not change the normal substitution rules and does not overshadow the need to get all players in the lineup; it allows for cutting time off the transition between innings.)

A **motion to approve** that due to current fiscal concerns in New York State, with sectional/league approval, up to 50% of the maximum number of games permitted for each modified level sport may be designated as scrimmages during the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years **carried**.

Harrica/Redmond

(Example: Basketball – 14 games permitted, 50% (7) could be scrimmages plus 7 games for a total of 14).

**NOTE:** Under this option, if a contest is converted to a scrimmage, the scrimmage would count toward the 50% as outlined in the Promotion Rule.

- The Fall meeting of the Modified Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 15, 2010 at 9:30AM in the NYSPHSAA office. The Spring meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 1, 2011 at 9:30AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

**Nominating Committee.** Ron Black, Chairperson.

- Announced the nomination of Stephen Broadwell, Section 7, as the Principal Representative in the officer rotation vacancy of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

**Championship Advisory Committee.** Jim Tolle, Chairperson, presented the report and recommendations of the committee.

A **motion to approve** the Ice Hockey Committee's proposal for a 2 year regional rotation **carried**.

Staves/Bullis

The regional rotations are as follows:

**Division I**

East – Sections 1, 2, 9, 10

West – Sections 3, 4, 5, 6

Regional Play:

9 @ 1

3 @ 6

2 @ 10

4 @ 5

Semi Finals:

Winner 9 @ 1 vs. Winner 3 @ 6

Winner 2 @ 10 vs. Winner 4 @ 5

**Division II**

East – Sections 1, 2, 7, 9

West – Sections 3, 5, 6, 10

Regional Play:

9 @ 1

5 @ 6

7 @ 2

3 @ 10

Semi Finals:

Winner 9 @ 1 vs. Winner 5 @ 6

Winner 7 @ 2 vs. Winner 3 @ 10

A **motion to approve** the 2009-2010 officiating fees and policy changes be extended to the 2010-2011 school

year **carried**.

Stores/Harrica

- The next meeting of the CAC will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 9:30AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

**Safety Committee.** Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

#### **Minimum Weight Certification Program**

A **motion to approve** all wrestlers will be certified at a minimum weight rather than a minimum weight class for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 **carried**.

Carboine/Maney

#### **Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures**

A **motion to approve** the Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures for all member schools to follow during the regular season and post season play effective Spring 2010 **carried**.

Harrica/Redmond

(A copy of the procedure will be sent to all Section Executive Directors and put on the Association's website.)

#### **Certified Athletic Trainers**

- The committee discussed at great length the need to have athletic trainers at every member high school. They felt strongly that this should be a mandate from the NYSPHSAA but also understand that we are in an extremely difficult economic time and that another unfunded mandate at this time would be an extreme hardship on our member schools. With the increased understanding of the severity and importance of a concussion management program in a school district, as well as many other health related aspects that are facing our student athletes, the Safety Committee made the following recommendation that is not a mandate and will be placed in the NYSPHSAA Handbook, "The NYSPHSAA recommends that all member high schools have some type of athletic training services provided to the school by a certified athletic trainer." This will be a discussion item at the Cracker Barrel session at the Central Committee meeting in August.

**Handbook Committee.** Robbie Greene, Coordinator, presented the report and committee recommendations.

- The minutes of the Handbook Committee meetings on February 10, 2010 and April 10, 2010 were reviewed.

#### **Practices**

- A suggestion from the Athletic Administrator Workshops was to permit a limited number of practices to count when switching from a contact/collision sport to a non-contact sport.

A **motion to approve** the following Practice Regulation **carried**.

Harrica/Vulpis

*Athletes who switch from a contact/collision or limited contact/impact sport to a strenuous/non contact or nonstrenuous/non contact sport are permitted to count conditioning practices toward their new sport as follows: 1. Sports with less than ten (10) practices for the individual before the first contest will be allowed to carry over three (3) days; 2. Sports with less than ten to fifteen (10-15) practices for the individual before the first contest will be allowed to carry over four (4) days. (Contact/collision or limited contact/impact sports include field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, wrestling, baseball, softball, diving, gymnastics, skiing, softball and volleyball. Strenuous/non contact or nonstrenuous/non contact sports include cross country, track and field, swimming, tennis, bowling, golf and riflery).*

#### **Scrimmages**

A **motion to approve** the committee's following recommendations pertaining to scrimmage limitations per day, nights rest between scrimmages and interschool scrimmages **carried**.

Harrica/Carboine

- **Interschool Scrimmages** – A scrimmage is a practice that is a **SIMULATED CONTEST**. In scrimmages: (a) both squads use the same field simultaneously with both coaches making corrections and giving instructions, (b) **GAME RULES MUST BE ALTERED – SEE SPORT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**, (c) no official score is kept, (d) time period(s) are defined in the Sport Standards section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook, (e) no admission is charged. The use of officials would be permitted and encouraged whenever possible for the purpose of instruction regarding the rules and proper application of rules.
- **Nights Rest** – All scrimmages will require one night rest, except football which will require two nights rest between scrimmages.
- **Limitations Per Day** – Change the headings on the Sports Standards Chart to state **Limitation of scrimmage or game**.

- A listing of sports who provided a detailed definition of a scrimmage as it pertained to their sport was included in the meeting folders. Nina will work with all the State Sport Coordinators to clarify their scrimmage definitions before they appear in the next printing of the Handbook.

### **Foreign Exchange Student and International Student**

A **motion to approve** adding the definitions of a Foreign Exchange Student and an International Student for clarification **carried**. Staves/Bullis

These definitions will be placed before the rule regarding criteria that applies to all Foreign Exchange and International students.

**Foreign Exchange Student definition** – *A foreign exchange student is a student that is enrolled in a NYSPHSAA member school that is a participant in a foreign exchange program. The foreign exchange program may or may not be accepted for listing by the CSIET.*

**International Student definition** – *An international student is a student that is enrolled in a NYSPHSAA member school, who is not enrolled in a foreign exchange program nor living with his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months).*

A **motion to approve** the new Foreign Exchange and International Student regulation so that is more easily understood **carried**. Harrica/Vulpis

The new regulation is as follows:

### **FOREIGN EXCHANGE and INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

*The following criteria apply to all Foreign Exchange and International students:*

1. *Students who have been graduated from the secondary school system in their country are ineligible for the interschool athletic program.*
2. *No member of the school's coaching staff or athletic director, paid or voluntary, shall serve as the host family.*
3. *There shall be no evidence that a student, school or other interested party has influenced the assignment of the foreign exchange or international student to a school for athletic purposes.*
4. *Students must possess the appropriate visa.*
5. *The foreign exchange and international student must comply with all other NYSPHSAA and NYSED eligibility requirements.*

*In addition to the aforementioned criteria, the following applies to:*

**A. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS - All Foreign Exchange Students must be reported to the Section office using the appropriate form.**

- a. *A bona fide Foreign Exchange student may be immediately eligible the first year in residence and be limited to one year eligibility provided the student (a) is a participant in an established foreign exchange program accepted for listing by the Council of Standards for International Travel (CSIET) and (b) complies with all State Education Department and NYSPHSAA, Inc. standards. Students that are not in an approved CSIET program are subject to the Transfer Rule. NOTE: CSIET list is available at [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org)*
- b. *There shall be no evidence that a student, school or other interested party has influenced the assignment of the Foreign Exchange student to a school for athletic purposes. The foreign exchange program must assign students to host families by a method that ensures that no student, or his/her parents, school or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The Foreign Exchange student may not be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities. School districts will be notified by NYSPHSAA if a student is considered to be a "Direct Placement" by CSIET standards. Those Foreign Exchange students who are Direct Placements are subject to the Transfer Rule. (p. --)*

**B. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - When needed, International students, must receive a waiver of the Transfer Rule to be eligible to practice or compete. Schools must submit the required transfer form to the Section office. Athletes are not permitted to practice before the form has been submitted. Athletes are not permitted to compete without approval.**

- a. *All International students are considered to be transfer students. Eligibility is determined under the transfer rule. NOTE: If an International student has participated in an organized sports program in a particular sport, equivalent to or on a higher level than our high school programs, he/she is ineligible to participate in that sport for one year.*

- b. *There shall be no evidence that a student, school or other interested party has influenced the assignment of the International student to a school for athletic purposes.*

**NOTE:** *Noncompliance with one or more of the foregoing provisions shall render the Foreign Exchange or International student ineligible for interscholastic athletics at any high school which is a member of the NYSPHSAA.*

### **Conducting a Contest**

A **motion to approve** adding the following language to help clarify how a regular season contest must be contested when held in conjunction with a fund raising event **carried**. Westfall/Maney

*Conducting a Contest – (page 86 – 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph)*

*When a contest or game is held in conjunction with a fund raising effort the following criteria is required to be met:*

1. *The host school is required to have the charity event approved by a school administrator and/or Board of Education.*
2. *The sport specific game rules (NFHS, NCAA, etc) may not be altered.*
3. *All NYSPHSAA and NYSED eligibility standards must be followed.*
4. *Donations may not be made based on the outcome of student performance.*
5. *If an outside agency or charity is directly involved in the administration, coordination, or organization of the contest, the event must be approved under the Outside Agency rule.*
6. *League or conference schedules may not be altered unless mutually agreed upon.*

### **Sportsmanship**

A **motion to approve** a language change to the Sportsmanship Rule to state, “...disqualified by a sport official...” **carried**. Nickerson/Harrica

This change would clarify that the rule would be in effect during a scrimmage or a contest with the consequence being a suspension from a contest.

### **Future Meeting**

- Wednesday, July 14, 2010 – 1:30PM – Conference Call

**Life of An Athlete.** Patti Murphy, Co-Coordinator presented the report.

- Training for Year 5 “Putting It All Together-Stakeholders Unity” was completed in all Sections.
- Reminded that all DVD’s from any of the 5 year program (except Year 2) can be obtained by calling or emailing Eileen Davis ([edavis@nysphsaa.org](mailto:edavis@nysphsaa.org)) at the Association office.
- Sections report they are continuing workshops and summits for coaches and student athletes in regards to chemical health and leadership.
- The latest reports are showing an increase in usage of drugs (alcohol, marijuana, cocaine and heroin). Also increasing in usage is over the counter drugs starting at age 12.
- The next meeting of the committee will be held Monday, May 24 at 10:00AM via teleconference.

**Sportsmanship Committee.** Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

### **Sportsmanship Promotion Program**

- The Sportsmanship Promotion Program school assessments were due on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Reminded the Sections that nominations for the Sportsmanship Promotion Program Banner Award are due into the Association office by May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Schools that are nominated will receive a plaque for their accomplishments which will be awarded by the Section in the fall at the mandatory athletic director workshop.

### **Consequence for a coach not serving penalty of Sportsmanship Standard**

A **motion to approve** the penalty recommendation from the Handbook Committee for a coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the Sportsmanship Standard **carried**. Harrica/Staves

The penalty states: “*Any coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the Sportsmanship Standard will be ineligible to participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests. If the coach continues to not serve the penalty, the matter will be referred to the Section for further action. If the coach is involved in the NYSPHSAA play-offs, the matter will be referred to the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA.*”

(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 1 yes; 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: 1 yes, 1 no; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 1 yes; Section 11: 2 yes. 17 yes/3 No)

#### **New Initiative**

- The Committee is discussing and developing a new program to help address spectator behavior during our contests. Section 5 has had discussion on a new program entitled **“Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive”**. The Association would like to explore the options of expanding this concept to all of our member schools and to the NYSPHSAA Championship Tournaments. A sub-committee will be meeting this spring to discuss this program and to bring a recommendation back to the Sportsmanship Committee. Any athletic director or coach that has any comments or suggestions should contact their Section Sportsmanship Committee representative.

#### **REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS**

**State Education Department.** Executive Director Nina Van Erk presented the written report from Trish Kocialski.

##### **Coaching Requirement**

- Beginning July 1, 2010 Pupil Personnel Services staff (counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, etc.) will no longer be required to apply for a coaching license on TEACH.
- Teachers DO NOT need to apply for a coaching license on TEACH.

##### **Commissioner’s Regulations**

- **Athletics for Physical Education credit** currently may be used, but the student must be assessed to meet the commencement level of the learning standards before this is an option for the student. The NYSED Physical Education Profile is a tool that is recommended to be used to assess commencement level standards.
- Reviewed the criteria for the Director of Physical Education position as required by regulation.
  - If they are only doing physical education, the Office of Teacher Certification will accept a building level administrative certificate.
  - If they are combining with Health or any other subject area, the Office of Teacher Certification will require the district level administrative certificate.
  - School districts may choose to require the higher level (district) certificate.

##### **Fingerprinting of Sport Officials**

- Reviewed the OSPRA interpretation of SAVE Legislation on Fingerprinting for Sport Officials:
  - A sport official who participates in *less than five events* in a *school district*, per school year, and is under the direct supervision of an employee from the district who meets the SAVE requirement, may be waived from fingerprinting.
  - District may require all sport officials to be fingerprinted if the monitoring of them is determined to be too burdensome for the district to manage.
  - Less than five events includes all sport levels, all sports and all school buildings in the district during one school year.
- This interpretation has been sent to all Section Executive Directors.

##### **School Budgets**

- Reminded school districts cannot institute a “pay to play” policy for athletics.

**NYS Athletic Administrators Association.** Michael Giruzzi, President

- Thanked the Association staff and counsel for our continued partnership and support of their organization.
- Announced the NYSAAA dues will be increased by \$10.00 for next year.
- Reported they had another successful conference in March with close to 300 attendees.
- Announced Kevin O’Reilly (11) was elected as the NYSAAA’s new Vice President.
- The Spring newsletter will be mailed in May.

- The theme for next year's conference is "Leadership With Energy and Passion". The conference will return to the Wednesday through Saturday format.
- Anyone interested in presenting at next year's conference, please contact him.

**NYS Council of Administrators.** James Rose

- Announced their conference will be in conjunction with the NYSAHPERD's conference scheduled for November 17 and 18.
- The \$15 conference registration fee has been waived this year due to the fiscal times.
- They will be holding their first COA leadership conference this summer.
- The winter issue of *Administrative Times* has been mailed.
- Thanked the NYSPHSAA, NYSAAA, NYSED and NYSAHPERD for participating at their last meeting.

A **motion to approve** the adjournment of the April 30-May 1, 2010 Executive Committee meeting at 11:00AM on Saturday, May 1, 2011 **carried.** Harrica/Staves

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk  
Executive Director

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