

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
December 5-6, 2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4 Approved August 2010 Central Committee minutes.
2. P4 Approved the first meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in October.
3. P5 Approved St. Mary's/St. Alphonsus School (2), Aurora Waldorf (6), Elmwood Franklin (6) as Friends and Neighbors retroactive to September 1, 2010.
4. P5 Approved Albany Leadership Charter School (2) as a new member retroactive to September 1, 2010.
5. P5 Approved the 2011-2012 proposed championship dates and sites.
6. P5 Approved the 2012-2014 Ice Hockey Championships will be held at the Utica Memorial Auditorium (3).
7. P5 Approved the reappointments of the following State Sport Coordinators for a 5 year term, effective September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2016: Dick Cerone, Football; Dan Doherty, Girls Outdoor Track and Field; Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer; Cathy Allen, Softball; Jim Amen, Boys Lacrosse.
8. P6 Thanked Tom Hall, Retired Boys Lacrosse State Coordinator for his 25 years of service.
9. P6 Approved as official the enrollment numbers presented for 2011-2012.
10. P6 Approved continuing the Championship School Gate List for the 2010 Winter and Spring team championships for all semifinals and final games.
11. P9 Approved adding the dues increase for the 2011-2012 school year as an Action Item on the agenda for the December 21, 2010 Central Committee meeting conference call.
12. P10 Defeated a motion to request a division of question to vote on each individual Fiscal Concerns Item (#1-7).
13. P10 Approved to bring the following for a vote by the Central Committee meeting on December 21, 2010 at 10:30AM – To extend the Fiscal Concerns items (numbers 1-7) for a period of one year (2011-2012) with one exception; Item 6 will be changed to reinstate the original Executive Committee meeting schedule to October, January and May. The January meeting will be held by conference call.
14. P11 Approved beginning in 2011-2012, the NYSPHSAA recommends all coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) complete the following courses prior to coaching: First Aid for Coaches, CPR and the AACCA Safety Course.
15. P11 Approved the Cheerleading Ad Hoc Committee continues to study cheer and how it would be defined as a sport.
16. P12 Approved language changes in two sentences in the Academic Hardship Waiver.
17. P12 Approved Girls Basketball to follow the NFHS Concussion Rule.
18. P12 Approved to waive the 45 minute rule between bouts for wrestlers who receive a forfeit.
19. P12 Approved in Softball to adopt the 43' pitching distance for Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman levels beginning with the 2011 season.
20. P12 Approved the use of metal cleats will be prohibited on all levels of play in Softball.

21. P12 Approved a reduction in the number of required contests from 6 to 4 in Boys and Girls Indoor Track in Sections 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
22. P12 Approved a reduction in the number of required contests from 6 to 3 in Boys and Girls Indoor Track in Sections 3 and 7.
23. P12 Defeated a motion that all NYSPHSAA sports play by NFHS rules be placed on the agenda for the December 21st Central Committee meeting.
24. P13 Approved a waiver of the field hockey uniform rule change for one year (2011 season).
25. P13 Approved a reduction in the number of required contests from 6 to 4 in Skiing and Gymnastics in Section 9.
26. P13 Approved a waiver of the orange ball rule in Boys and Girls Basketball for the month of February if both teams agree.
27. P17 Approved as Friends and Neighbors: **St. Margaret School (1), The Hallen School (1), Holy Cross Academy (3), Siena Catholic Academy (5), Hillside Children's Center-Andrews Trahey Campus School (5), St. John Bosco School (5), Rochester Christian School (5), West Point Middle School (9).**
28. P18 Approved a waiver of the Jewelry Rule to allow hair restraints in the sports of Track and Field and Cross Country as defined in the sport specific rule book.
29. P19 Approved the Concussion Management Model School Policy Draft be shared with our member schools to help them through the concussion management process.
30. P19 Approved using the Concussion Management Support Materials developed by the Concussion Management Team.
31. P19 Approved the Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive statement be read at all NYSPHSAA Championship events.
32. P20 Approved the NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge Award.
33. P20 Approved adding language to the appeal process for a misidentified player (pg. 104- #3 under Player-NYSPHSAA Handbook)
34. P20 Approved change the term "exempted" to "waiver" when referring to the one transfer without penalty in the Transfer Rule (pg. 106-NYSPHSAA Handbook).
35. P20 Approved the penalty for exceeding the maximum number of tournaments in Wrestling.
36. P21 Approved in Modified Baseball/Softball, with Section/League approval, a "mercy rule" will be permitted.
37. P21 Approved Beth Staropoli (Section 3) as the Modified Girls' Lacrosse Sport Coordinator.
38. P21 Approved in Boys Lacrosse the use of the Chief Bench Official for all NYSPHSAA tournaments.
39. P21 Approved in Softball a change in the umpire rotation at the State Semi-Finals and Finals.
40. P21 Approved in Softball a change in the Regional format in Classes B, C and D for Sections 2, 7 and 10 effective the 2012 season.
41. P21 Approved in Girls Golf to include the PSAL, CHSAA and AISAA in the NYSPHSAA Golf Championships effective 2012.
42. P21 Approved to negotiate with the Officials Coordinating Federation to include the new Fact Finding and Arbitration Process Guidelines in the next OCF agreement.
43. P23 Approved adjournment.

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany
December 5-6, 2010**

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Mark Ward at 2:30PM on December 5, 2010. Executive Director Nina Van Erk introduced and welcomed the following new people to the Executive Committee: Steve Broadwell (7)-new 2nd VP, Barbara Felice (3), Kimberly Henshaw (5), Lori Brewer (10) and Diane Munro (NYS Council of Superintendents representative). Executive Director Nina Van Erk gave an update on the condition of Past President Bob Munn who has undergone his third liver transplant. A moment of silence was held for Ted Bondi, Past President of Section 5 and a long standing member of the NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee, Chuck Funke, Section 6 Football Coordinator and Dave Martens who was instrumental in starting the NYSAAA who have passed away. Executive Director Nina VanErk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

Officers & Staff

President Mark Ward
First Vice President Eileen Troy
Second Vice President Stephen Broadwell
Past President Patrick Pizzarelli
Executive Director Nina Van Erk
Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker
Assistant Director Todd Nelson
Assistant Director Joe Altieri
Treasurer Kathleen Higle
Counsel Renee James
Secretary Sandra Schanck

Past Presidents

Patrick Calnon
Kathryn Faber
Karen Lopez
James Tolle
Dean Veenhof

Section Representatives

Section 1: Karen Peterson, Scott Mosenthal
Section 2: Elizabeth Hemstead, Charles Abba (proxy for Glenn Westfall-Sunday), Glenn Westfall (Monday)
Section 3: Barbara Felice, Michael Carboine
Section 4: Julie Maney, Ed Redmond
Section 5: Kimberly Henshaw, Dennis O'Brien
Section 6: Cindy Bullis, Don Scholla
Section 7: Patricia Ryan-Curry, Joe Staves
Section 8: Laura Orticelle, Dominick Vulpis
Section 9: James Osborne (proxy for Roberta Greene-Sunday), Roberta Greene (Monday), Jim Wolfe
Section 10: Lori Brewer, Paul Harrica
Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis

Ex-Officio & Consultants

Jim Rose, Modified State Co-Coordinator
Roberta Greene, Handbook Coordinator
Fritz Kilian, President-NYSCOA
Diane Munro-NYSCOSS

Section Ex. Directors

Jennifer Simmons (1) Karen Lopez (7)
John Rathbun (3) Todd Heimer (8)
Nelson (4) Robert Thabet (9)
Ed Stores (5) Carl Normandin (10) (Sunday)
Timm Slade (6) Ed Cinelli (11)

Ben

Section Treasurers

James Osborne (9)

Sport Coordinators

Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball Assistant State Coordinator (Sunday)
Chuck Peters, Boys Volleyball Coordinator (2) (Sunday)
Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator (Monday)

Guests

PJ Mastroianni, NYSPHSAA Intern (Monday)
Mark Peluso, NYSPHSA Intern (Monday)

A **motion to approve** the August 2010 Central Committee Meeting minutes as written **carried**.

Nickerson/Harrica

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Mark Ward welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated he had the privilege attending four state championships in the past two weekends; girls volleyball, field hockey, girls soccer and the first ever boys volleyball championship. He thanked and congratulated all the fall sports coordinators and committees on how well their state championships were run.

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

- **Mandatory Eligibility Workshops** - Twelve workshops were conducted throughout the state with the assistance of Bob, Todd and Joe. The evaluations were very positive again this year, an average rating of 4.62 out of a five point scale. The workshops were very well received as they were informative for both the veteran and new athletic administrator.
- **NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame** - She reminded nominations for the 2011 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame are due to the Association office by December 15th. All nominations must be endorsed by a Section.
- **May 2011 Executive Committee Meeting** – The May 6-7, 2011 Executive Committee meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Liverpool.
- **Three Executive Committee Meetings Per Year** – Due to fiscal concerns, the number of face to face Executive Committee meetings was reduced from three to two. She suggested going back to the original schedule of three meetings, October, January and May, as it works best for the staff. A telephone conference call meeting could be arranged in December to approve the classification numbers if needed.

A **motion to approve** the first meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in October **carried**.

O'Brien/Wolfe

- **NFHS National Championships** – At the NFHS National Council meeting in January, there will be action taken on approval of two national athletic events, cross country and golf. The NFHS would secure sponsorship of these events. In order to be approved, a 2/3 majority is needed. Nina provided a description of the events and requested feedback and direction.
- **NFHS President** – In her role as President of the NFHS, Nina reported on her attendance at NFHS Section

meetings, the October NFHS Board of Director meeting, as a keynote speaker at the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's student leadership conference and the upcoming NIAAA Conference in Orlando where she will be presiding over the awards luncheon. She thanked the officers and staff for their support as she continues her service to the NFHS.

- **Retroactive Action**

A motion to approve St. Mary's/St. Alphonsus School (2), Aurora Waldorf (6), Elmwood Franklin School (6) as Friend & Neighbors retroactive to September 1, 2010 carried. DeCillis/Harrica

A motion to approve Albany Leadership Charter School (2) as a new member retroactive to September 1, 2010 carried. Maney/Bullis

- **Participation Survey** – The Participation Survey data for 2009-2010 is 100% complete. She thanked all the school districts for their cooperation in this very important effort. A state wide summary of the Participation Survey was included in the meeting packets. The survey reflects significant growth in girl's ice hockey, girl's golf and boy's and girl's lacrosse. Overall participation rose from 583,590 to 622,774, an increase of 39,184 participants since 2006-2007.
- **NYSPHSAA Directory.** She thanked everyone for updating their personal information for the 2010-2011 NYSPHSAA Directory which was emailed to all this year. If any additional changes are necessary, please submit them to Sandy Schanck at sschanck@nysphsaa.org.
- **Future Meeting Dates** –
 - December 21, 2010 – Central Committee Meeting –
via telephone conference call – 10:30AM
 - May 6-7, 2011 – Holiday Inn – Liverpool (3)
 - August 2-4, 2011 – High Peaks – Lake Placid (7)

Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker

State Championships

- The site for the 2011 East Boys Lacrosse Semi-Finals has been changed. It will now be held at White Plains High School (1).

A **motion to approve** the 2011-2012 proposed championship dates and sites **carried.** Harrica/Scholla

- The future championship dates and sites as projected were included in the meeting packet.

A **motion to approve** the 2012-2014 Ice Hockey Championships will be held at the Utica Memorial Auditorium (3) carried. Maney/Harrica

- AED's/Emergency Preparedness Plans were in place for the Fall State Championships and will be in place for use at all 2010-2011 Winter State Championships.
- Thanked the Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau for supplying volunteers who sold NYSPHSAA Football programs at the Championship finals. These same individuals have volunteered to be program sellers for the 2010-2011 Indoor Track & Field Championships at Cornell University for the 6th year in a row.
- Courtesy passes along with photo ID will be accepted at all NYSHSAA events.

State Sports Coordinators

A **motion to approve** the following reappointments of State Sport Coordinators for a 5 year term, effective September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2016 **carried.** O'Brien/Maney

- Dick Cerone - Football
- Dan Doherty – Girls Outdoor Track and Field
- Mike Andrew – Boys Soccer
- Cathy Allen - Softball
- Jim Amen – Boys Lacrosse
- After serving as the Boys Lacrosse Coordinator for the past 25 years, Tom Hall will be stepping down. He thanked Tom for all his years of dedicated service to the NYSPHSAA, the student-athletes, coaches and athletes.

A **motion** to thank Tom Hall for his 25 years of service to Boys Lacrosse **carried.** Harrica/Hemstead
Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program

- This is year 20 of the Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program.
- The Winter 2010-2011 deadline to apply for awards is **Friday, March 4, 2011.** Required filing continues to be electronic.
- Thank you to Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for their 16th year of sponsorship.

NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association

- Their Fall meeting was held on September 30, 2010.
- The 2010-2011 slate of officers are: President: Donal Buckley, CHSAA; Vice President: Bob Stulmaker, PHSAA; Secretary: MJ Quigley, AISAA; Treasurer: Nina Van Erk, PHSAA and Executive Secretary: Walter Eaton.
- The next meeting of the Federation Council is scheduled for January 13, 2011.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Annual Classification of Schools

A **motion to approve** as official the enrollment numbers presented for 2011-2012 **carried.** Carboine/Staves
Class AA: 925-up; Class A: 525-924; Class B: 305-524; Class C: 175-304; Class D: 0-174

There is no recommended change in the current classification cut-off numbers.

Championship School Gate List

A **motion to approve** continuing the Championship School Gate List for the 2010 Winter and Spring team championships for all semifinals and final games **carried.** Staves/Carboine

Coaching Clinics

- The following clinics are scheduled:

Lacrosse	SUNY Cortland	January 14, 2011
Softball	Extra Innings, Ballston Spa	January 28, 2011
Baseball	Hall of Fame, Cooperstown	March 4, 2011
Sports Medicine	Binghamton	March 5, 2011
Track/Field & XC	Utica – Radisson Hotel	March 25-26, 2011
Volleyball	TBD	March 25, 2011
Cheerleading	Rochester	May 13, 2011
Soccer	Field of Dreams, Utica	June 3, 2011

- The NYSPHSAA cosponsored this year’s wrestling clinic with World Wide Sport Supply, one of our corporate sponsors, on October 30-31, 2010. The quality of the speakers at the clinic was outstanding. Some of the highest profile coaches from the high school and collegiate level were presenters. There was no registration fee for this clinic. We hope that more NYSPHSAA coaches will take advantage of this great opportunity next year.

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

Fall Championship Report (Not all revenues and invoices have been submitted or calculated for the Fall Championships.)

- Radio and internet broadcasting is estimated to be a \$3,000 revenue. Time Warner Cable broadcast all 10 football semifinals and five finals at the Dome live.
- Vendor agreements revenue is estimated to be at least \$40,000.
- For programs, printing expenses are estimated to be \$25,500 while advertising revenues will exceed \$13,000. Program sales are conservatively estimated at \$15,000.

Online Ticket Sales

- Online ticket sales with our partner, TicketLeap, have been very successful for the Fall Championships. The Association sold 1,322 online tickets in the fall which generated an extra \$1,322 on top of standard

ticket sales for tournaments, thanks to the approval of a \$1 convenience fee for online sales. Last year the Association sold 500 tickets online. The top two fall sports for online ticket sales were football and boys soccer. Football sold 564 tickets online and boys' soccer sold 324 tickets online.

Corporate Sponsorships

- **Signed contracts for 2010-2011:**
 - Platinum – American Dairy Association, Marines, Time Warner Cable
 - Silver – Eastbay, Pupil Benefits
 - Bronze – CSEA, MaxPreps, Global Sports
 - Contributing – Holiday Inn, Worldwide Sport Supply (G. Volleyball, Wrestling), Nike, SportzVentures, Albany Broadcasting (verbal commitment)
- **American Dairy Association** – He reported we have had a great start to our 3 year partnership. The American Dairy Association is promoting chocolate milk as the official refueling beverage to athletes. They provided all athletes at the fall championships with chocolate milk either by placing it in the locker rooms or on the sidelines. It has been a huge hit at our tournaments and will continue to be offered at future tournaments. They have also provided t-shirts to all the winning teams which has been a big hit as well.
- **Sponsorship Negotiations** – Due to a non-exclusive clause with the Marines, he has been able to pursue other military sponsors who are involved with other State Associations. He has presented proposals to the US Army and and Air National Guard. The Air National Guard is showing an interest as a sponsor for the boys and girls basketball championships in March at the Silver level.
- **American Cancer Society** – We are in the process of developing an in-kind partnership with the American Cancer Society which would include promotion of NYSPHSAA through various American Cancer Society mailing and events. We are also in discussions about providing schools a small pink ribbon decal to promote cancer awareness on helmets in the sports of baseball, softball, lacrosse and football. All NFHS rules permit this kind of decal on helmets. It would be optional for schools to participate at no cost. Implementation would be Spring 2011.
- **CSEA/NYSPHSAA Excelsior Award** – In October, CSEA and the Association jointly announced the winner of the first ever Excelsior Award sponsored by both groups. Judy Young, a bus driver and a member of several athletic related committees for 30 years in East Rochester CSD, was named the recipient of the award. She was recognized for contributions to an athletic program in the community as a non-coach administrator. She was honored at the CSEA Delegates meeting on October 21st and again at halftime during the Class AA football championship game at the Carrier Dome on November 28th where she was presented a glass trophy. The application for the 2011 award is now available on our website.

Public Relations/Marketing

- **Press releases** have been distributed statewide for all fall championship schedules, wrestling clinic and media advisory (girls soccer schedule changed due to Cortland football). A release will also be sent out for nominations to the 2011 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame.
- **Marketing** – Television campaigns were executed for the sports of football and soccer. With the assistance of the interns, several radio campaigns were implemented for fall sports including soccer, football and girls volleyball. The interns also successfully conducted a poster campaign in the communities where the Fall Championships were being held; Syracuse (football), Cicero (boys volleyball, field hockey), Cortland (girls soccer), Middletown (boys soccer) and Glens Falls (girls volleyball).

Fall Interns

- **Marc Peluso** and **PJ Mastroianni** worked full-time in the Association office. Marc, a senior at SUNY Brockport, is a sport management major. PJ, a senior at SUNY Cobleskill, is studying business/marketing. Both have contributed outstanding work to our office handling records research, sports schedules and an array of marketing duties including a successful poster campaign for several championships and fulfillment of the American Dairy Association sponsorship at the football finals.

Other

- On behalf of his wife and her family, he thanked everyone for their support, cards of sympathy, emails and phone calls on the death of his mother-in-law. It was much appreciated.

Treasurer Kathy Higle reviewed the budget and highlighted the following:

- The increase in Revenues was due to an increase in sponsorships of \$128,000 more than budgeted and also due to we made money on our investments.
- The increase in Expenses was due to a major increase in the Post Retirement Health Benefit because she increased the life expectancy of participants.
- She explained the deferred compensation item that now appears as a line item on the budget.

Counselor Renee James

- Reported on an appeal currently pending before the Commissioner of Education regarding a student with a disability who is requesting a fifth year of eligibility. The student played basketball his 9th grade year at public high school. The next year he transferred to a private school who recommended he repeat 9th grade and again was able to play basketball. The third year he had to leave private school because his parents put him in a therapeutic day school with less than 20 students that didn't have basketball but he did fine academically. He went back to public school for a fourth year and played basketball. He requested an additional year of eligibility on the basis he has a disability. He has an IEP that says he is learning disabled. He was diagnosed in 9th grade with depression. The Association denied extended eligibility based on his fifth year of school did not have anything to do with the year he was unable to play basketball due to his accident or illness. A Stay has been requested by his parents to allow him to play basketball. She has not heard anything on this Stay. She will keep us informed.
- She reported on a couple of Office of Civil Rights complaints. One complaint involves a male field hockey player who was told he had to wear the field hockey uniform which includes a skirt for the season. There was no request for an accommodation or uniform waiver. Other complaints involved several issues with officials. One issue is officials who are being sued by a student won't officiate against the school where that student participates because they feel it is a conflict of interest. Another issue is when official organizations have had to reorganize because they haven't been able to get insurance or have issues with lawsuits. The State wouldn't recognize them because they didn't meet their timelines and wouldn't let them officiate because they said it violated their contract.
- She appreciates the information and cases sent to her. It helps her to know what is going on and can be helpful when working with someone that has a similar problem.

Government Relations (Nina Van Erk)

- Reported the Association had sent a second letter to the Regents requesting a change in the original language of the amendment to the Commissioner of Education's Age 19 Eligibility Rule and Duration of Competition for students with an IEP stating that the Association wants its member schools to be treated like the CHSAA, PSAL and the AIS in that we want our member schools to be able to appeal directly to the Commissioner because the Association does not want to be involved in all the litigation that will come because of this amendment. The original language had the NYSPHSAA hearing appeals from all schools in New York. It was argued in the first letter that the Association did not want to be responsible for schools not in our membership. The Regents took that language out and in doing so, took the Sections out of the appeals process which would result in all appeals would then come to the Association. We will continue to fight the amendment and will keep everyone updated.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2011-2012 Dues

- Past President Pat Calnon gave a Power Point presentation regarding understanding the necessity of a dues structure. The Budget & Finance Committee is recommending an increase in dues for the 2011-

2012 school year of \$30.00 per district (\$810.00) and \$.03 per student (\$.86) over 300.

A **motion to approve** adding the dues increase of \$30.00 per district and \$.03 per student for the 2011-2012 school year as an Action Item on the agenda for the December 21, 2010 Central Committee Meeting conference call **carried** by a vote of 18 Yes/4 No. Harrica/Hemstead

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

Going to NFHS Rules Feedback

- Representatives from two sports were in attendance and gave feedback on why they should be able to continue to use rules other than the NFHS rules in their sports.
- **Boys and Girls Volleyball** – Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball Assistant State Coordinator and Chuck Peters, Section 2 Boys Volleyball Coordinator reported they are happy with using NCAA rules in their sport and gave the following reasons:
 - The boys and girls are unified under the NCAA rules
 - Official pools would be reduced if they went to NFHS rules because they would need to learn new rules, would need different uniforms and have to pay additional dues.
 - They felt the NFHS is behind in the development of rules and felt it would be a step backwards even though they eventually catch up with NCAA ideas and concepts.
 - Both genders are playing NCAA rules with few modifications. If they went to NFHS rules, they would have to request 12 to 18 modifications right away.
- **Girls Basketball** – Eileen Troy, Girls Basketball State Coordinator, stated her sport is very satisfied with the NCAA rules and feels these rules meet the needs of the athletes. She also stated the following:
 - There is no financial advantage to going to a different set of rules
 - The push to go to NFHS rules is a top down decision
 - It is not in the best interest of athletes and coaches.
- After much discussion it was asked for the sport committees that are using rules other than NFHS rules to submit a document to the Association office by February 1st that shows the differences between the NFHS rules and the rules they are currently using along with the waivers for their sport. The office staff will then create a comparisons document to be distributed to the Sections for discussion prior to the May Executive Committee meeting where it will be a Discussion Item.

POSTPONED ITEM

Extension of Fiscal Concerns Recommendations

- Each Section was polled as to their Section's position on a one-year extension of the fiscal concerns recommendations.
 - Section 1: Support extension for a minimum of one year.
 - Section 2: Absent
 - Section 3: Support extension for two years.
 - Section 4: Surveyed their member schools on all 13 items. Not in support of extension.
 - Section 5: Supports extension.
 - Section 6: Split on issue. A vote was taken at their most recent Athletic Council meeting and the Section chose to vote no to the extension of the reduction of games.
 - Section 7: The two leagues are split. There will be a Chief School Officer's vote to determine next week.
 - Section 8: Support extension
 - Section 9: Superintendents unanimously support extension for at least one year.
 - Section 10: Superintendents unanimously support extension for at least one year.
 - Section 11: Support extension for at least one year, possibly two years.

A **motion** to request a division of question to vote on each individual fiscal item, #1-7 was **defeated** by a vote of 14 No/6 Yes. Redmond/Bullis

(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: absent; Section 3: 2 yes; 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: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no.)

A **motion carried** to bring the following for a vote by the Central Committee on December 21, 2010 at 10:30AM – To extend the Fiscal Concerns Items (numbers 1-7) for a period of one year (2011-2012) with one exception; Item 6 will be changed to reinstate the original Executive Committee meeting schedule to October, January and May. The January meeting will be held by conference call. O'Brien/Harrica

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- There was much discussion regarding reducing contests at the lower level sports in order to add back varsity contests. The Sections were polled to see if they would be open to the idea of reducing contests at the lower level sports in order to give back two games to the varsity level.

(They answered 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: 2 No; Section 11: 2 No. 16 No/6 Yes.)

CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY COMMITTEE – Karen Lopez, Co-Chair

- The committee met on November 16, 2010 to review and discuss the counter proposals by the Swimming, Cross Country, Winter Track, Skiing and Spring Track committees.
- **Swimming**
 - The coordinators agreed with the range of 5%-8%, they did not agree with a strict limitation to the number of entries. They were opposed to the qualifying process outlined in the Championship Philosophy Report. They requested to use a four year average of the seed times to determine the qualifying standards. The boys would use the average of the 32nd place and the girls would use the 35th place. They indicated this change would restrict the number of entries to within the 5%-8% range. This proposal would not impose a limit to the number of entries.
 - The CPC did not approve the swimming committee's proposal. They requested the following information from the coordinators: What is the rationale for using the 32nd and 35th seed time? Why didn't the coordinators revert back to using the 16th and the 18th place as it had years ago? What is the rationale for not limiting the number of entries? They requested any statistics provided by the sport committee should include the number of entries (four entries per relay).
- **Indoor Track**
 - The coordinators requested to maintain the current procedure used to qualify the athletes for the state meet. They indicated that all qualifiers compete in a qualifying meet. In-season qualifiers are not permitted. For individual events, the top two finishers qualify for the state meet plus a third competitor if they meet the qualifying standard. Relays are only permitted one entry per event. The qualifying standard is based on the 6th place finisher. They shared their concern over the inequities of indoor track facilities between the Sections. The better facilities, specifically the Armory with the banked track, enable the athletes to have faster times which could be a problem with a statewide at-large entry system. They were not in favor of expanding the number of competitors at the Indoor Track meet.
 - The CPC agreed with the current qualifying standards. However, they requested the following information from the coordinators: How would a cap on the number of competitors affect the meet regarding the cost and length of the meet? What is the coordinator's rationale for leaving the 4th best competitor home if they are possibly the 5th best competitor state wide? What is the rationale for not expanding the individual and relay entries to the maximum capped levels proposed by the CPC?

- **Outdoor Track**
 - The committee requested to maintain their current system and procedures for qualifying for the state championship meet. The top finisher from each division advances to the state championship and the next best performer if they meet the qualifying standard. In-season qualifying is permitted and the qualifying standard is based on the 6th place finisher. They expressed concern over different weather conditions, wind gauges, different timing systems (handheld and electronic) and the last minute preparation needed if qualifiers were selected from a statewide pool.
 - The CPC agrees with the current qualifying standards. However, they requested the following information from the committee: How would a cap on the number of competitors affect the meet regarding the cost and length of the meet? What is the coordinator's rationale for leaving the 3rd best competitor home if they are possibly the 4th best competitor statewide?
- **Skiing**
 - The committee's proposal reduced and limited the participation to 61 competitors in alpine skiing. Their rationale was the higher number of competitors made our championship more attractive to the mountains to host our meet. The proposal included changing the Nordic entries to 48 competitors. In both alpine and Nordic skiing, the competitors are chosen by the following: one school team – 3 competitors; one Section team – 3 competitors. The at-large competitors would be chosen based on the number of programs in the Section and the winning Section from the previous year's meet.
 - The CPC accepted the skiing proposal.
- **Cross Country**
 - The coordinators requested to maintain five (5) classifications based on the longstanding tradition of the sport. They also cited that five classifications balance the equality in school size and competition.
 - The CPC recommended no change to the original proposal.
- The next meeting of the Championship Philosophy Committee is scheduled for January 18, 2011 at 10:00AM at which time the information requested from the Outdoor Track, Indoor Track and Swimming Sport Coordinators will be reviewed.

CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE – Executive Director Nina Van Erk

- The committee met via phone conference on November 22, 2010. They discussed the requirements for cheerleading coaches in their Sections. In many Sections, either the schools or the Section requires First Aid and CPR. There are a few Sections that required the AACCA Safety Course.

A **motion to approve** beginning in 2011-2012, the NYSPHSAA recommends all coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) complete the following courses prior to coaching: First Aid for Coaches, CPR and the AACCA Safety Course **carried**. Scholla/Harrica

- A sub-committee has been formed and will work with Todd Nelson to determine the competition guidelines for the sport of cheer. Mid January is the target date for the completion of their efforts. Nina will work with the State Education Department to see what it would require to have Cheerleading be recognized as a sport with the State Education Department.

A **motion to approve** the Cheerleading Ad Hoc Committee continue to study cheer and how it would be defined as a sport **carried** by a vote of 13 Yes/9 No. Orticelle/Redmond

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

TRANSFER COMMITTEE – Executive Director Nina Van Erk

- The committee met via phone conference on November 15, 2010 to consider including Dual College Credit courses and International Baccalaureate courses in the guidelines for an education waiver of the

NYSPPHSAA Transfer Rule. After lengthy discussion, the committee agreed to recommend the inclusion of these courses.

A **motion to approve** the following changes to two sentences in the Academic Hardship waiver **carried**.

Scholla/Carboine

“Evidence that the student is taking three units of credit in a particular subject area or any combination of three units of credit in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or dual college credit courses not offered in sending school which qualify for graduation requirements. Each dual college credit course is the equivalent of one unit of study at the high school level. The Director of Guidance or Principal of the receiving school must submit a copy of the student’s schedule through grade 12 and a list of course offerings. Subsequent verification of the student’s schedule may be requested.”

- The next meeting of the Transfer Coordinators will be scheduled for the spring of 2011. Topics of discussion will include:
- Evidence of taking the examination at the conclusion of the AP and IB courses.
- How are Sections addressing the “limited to courses that can be taught in public schools”?

SPORT COORDINATOR ISSUES & REPORTS

- Girls Basketball – Eileen Troy, Girls Basketball State Coordinator presented the proposal.

A **motion to approve** to follow the NFHS Concussion rule **carried**.

Harrica/Hemstead

- Wrestling – Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the proposal.

A **motion to approve** to waive the 45 minute rule between bouts for wrestlers who receive a forfeit **carried**.

Redmond/Staves

- **Softball** – Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator presented the proposals.

A **motion to approve** adopting the 43’ pitching distance for the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman levels commencing with the 2011 season **carried** by a vote of 14 Yes/8 No.

Felice/Orticelle

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

A **motion to approve** the use of metal cleats will be prohibited on all levels of play **carried**.

Hemstead/Carboine

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

Section 2: A **motion to approve** reducing the number of required contests from 6 to 4 in Boys and Girls Indoor Track to be eligible for sectional or state competition in Sections 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 **carried**.

O’Brien/Scholla

Section 3: A **motion to approve** reducing the number of required contests from 6 to 3 in Boys and Girls Indoor Track to be eligible for sectional or state competition in Section 3 and 7 **carried**. Carboine/Staves
They also voiced a concern that they are seeing a number of 7th and 8th grade students that are Selectively Classified and transferring to schools without penalty. They requested the Handbook Committee look at this. They would like to have the Selectively Classified 7th and 8th graders follow high school rules if they are going to play high school athletics. (This will be added to the Handbook Committee agenda and the Transfer Committee meeting agenda in May.)

Section 4: A **motion** that all NYSPHSAA sports play by NFHS rules be placed on the agenda for the December 21st Central Committee meeting was **defeated** by a vote of 16 No/6 Yes.

Redmond/Staves

(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no.)
They requested when there is a cost overrun or a shortage on a budget line item, that an explanation be given when the budget is reviewed at the Executive/Central Committee meetings.

Section 7: Asked if the Association would contact the NFHS and request a moratorium on uniform changes that have a financial impact on schools.

Section 8: Also asked if the Association would contact the NFHS and request a moratorium on uniform changes that have a financial impact on schools. They also stated their Section Safety Committee representative would like the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee to continue to investigate and address head injuries in Girls Lacrosse.

Section 9: A **motion to approve** a waiver of the field hockey uniform rule change for one year (2011 season) **carried.** Wolfe/Carboine

A **motion to approve** reducing the number of required contests from 6 to 4 in Skiing and Gymnastics to be eligible for sectional or state competition in Section 9 **carried.** Wolfe/Harrica

A **motion to approve** a waiver of the orange ball rule in Boys and Girls Basketball for the month of February if both teams agree **carried.** Wolfe/Harrica

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2010-2011 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

SECTION	SCHOOLS	SPORT
1	Mt. Vernon, Thornton & Mandella	All Sports
2	Mayfield & Northville Johnsburg & North Warren Ballston Spa & Burnt Hills Niskayuna & Schenectady	B/G Track & Field B/G Nordic Skiing B/G Alpine Skiing Ice Hockey
	**Dissolve the merger for Oppenheim-Ephratah & St. Johnsville for Boys Modified Basketball	
3	Bishop Ludden & Westhill Morrisville-Eaton & Hamilton Fabius-Pompey & LaFayette Sauquoit Valley & Whitesboro Holland Patent & New Hartford Madison & Waterville South Jefferson, Sandy Creek, APW, Mexico & Pulaski St. Johnsville & Oppenheim-Ephratah Pulaski & APW Dolgeville & Little Falls Hamilton & Morrisville-Eaton Stockbridge Valley, Hamilton & Morrisville-Eaton LaFayette, Fabius-Pompey, Onondaga, Chittenango, Fowler, Henninger, ITC, Nottingham, Tully & Corcoran Madison, Hamilton & Morrisville-Eaton Faith Heritage & LaFayette Oneida, Oriskany, Waterville, Madison, Norwich, Sherburne-Earlville, Canastota, Otselic Valley & Hamilton Richfield Springs & Mohawk Milford (Section 4) & Cooperstown Madison & Sherburne-Earlville Hannibal, Bishop Grimes, Cato, East Syracuse-Minoa, Phoenix	B/G Cross Country (V, JV) B/G Indoor Track (V) B. Cross Country (V) Football (V, Mod.) G. Gymnastics (V) G. Gymnastics (V) Football (Mod.) B. Ice Hockey (V) G. Volleyball (V, JV, Mod.) Wrestling (V, JV) B. Soccer (V, Mod.) Football (Mod.) Wrestling (Mod.) B. Ice Hockey (V) Wrestling (V, JV) Baseball (V) B. Ice Hockey (V) B. Wrestling (V) B. Swim/Dive (V) B. Swim (V)

	& Central Square Poland & Holland-Patent Bishop Ludden, Westhill, Marcellus, Jordan-Elbridge & Solvay	B. Ice Hockey (Mod.) B/G Nordic Skiing ((V) B. Ice Hockey (V)
5	Greece Olympia & Greece Arcadia Greece Odyssey & Greece Athena Greece Olympia, Greece Arcadia & Greece Odyssey Marshall & Charlotte East HS & Wilson Commencement Marshall & Dr. Freddie Thomas HS East Irondequoit & Penfield Pittsford Sutherland & Pittsford Mendon	Ice Hockey B. Tennis B/G Lacrosse Ice Hockey B/G Swimming B. Soccer G. Basketball G. Soccer Wrestling B/G Alpine Skiing B/G Lacrosse B/G Swimming Wrestling G. Golf Football
7	Seton Catholic & Plattsburgh Willsboro & Plattsburgh Chazy, Beekmantown, Northeastern Clinton, Plattsburgh, Saranac, Peru & Seton Catholic	G. Gymnastics B. Ice Hockey G. Ice Hockey
8	Lynbrook North MS & Lynbrook South MS Great Neck North & Great Neck South Elmont Memorial, Floral Park Memorial, H. Frank Carey, New Hyde Park Memorial & Sewanhaka H. Frank Carey HS & Sewanhaka HS Carle Place & Wheatley South Woods MS & Thompson MS Plainview-Old Bethpage MS & Mattlin MS Valley Stream Central, Valley Stream North, Valley Stream South & Valley Stream Memorial Malverne & East Rockaway	All Sports B. Golf (V) B/G Golf (V) B/G Tennis (V) B/G Swimming (V) B/G Bowling (V) Rifle (V) Gymnastics (V) Field Hockey (V, JV) Football (V, JV, Mod.) B. Lacrosse (V, JV, Mod.) B/G Swimming Football B/G Swimming Wrestling B/G Bowling B/G Lacrosse G. Swimming Rifle (V) G. Fencing (V) G. Gymnastics (V) B/G Lacrosse (Mod.) G. Tennis (V)

	Turtle Hook JHS & Lawrence Road JHS Calhoun, John F. Kennedy & Mephram	B/G Soccer (V, JV) B/G Swimming B/G Swimming (V) Rifle (V) B/G Bowling B. Volleyball B/G Swimming Wrestling (V, JV) Wrestling (V, JV) B. Swimming Track (Mod.) B/G Lacrosse (V, JV) B. Tennis (V, JV)
	Division Avenue & MacArthur	
	Elmont Memorial, Floral Park & Sewanhaka Carey & New Hyde Park Roslyn & Port Washington Salk MS & Wisdom MS East Rockaway & Malverne	
	Valley Stream South, Valley Stream North & Valley Stream Central	B. Golf B/G Lacrosse (V, JV)
	Valley Stream North, Valley Stream South & Valley Stream Memorial	B/G Lacrosse (Mod.)
9	Roscoe & Livingston Manor Eldred & Fallsburg	B/G Soccer (V, JV, Mod.) G. Basketball (V, JV, Mod.) Wrestling
11	Deer Park & North Babylon	No longer combined in B. Swim

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).

SECTION	DATE	CONTEST
1	11-20-10 11-20-10	Field Hockey Coaches Assoc. Sr. All-Star Game Section 1 and Hudson Valley Volleyball Coaches Assoc. – G. Volleyball
2	11-10-10 11-11-10 11-11-10 11-14-10 11-15-10	Section 2 Sr. All-Star Contest – Football B/G Soccer Section II Senior All Star Games WAC Senior All-Star Match – G. Volleyball Section 2 Sr. All-Star Contest – Field Hockey Adirondack League Sr. All-Star Game – G. Volleyball
3	11-01-10 11-04-10 11-07-10 11-10-10 11-16-10 02-28-11 03-03-11 03-06-11	CSC Sr. All-Star Contest – G. Soccer Section 3 Sr. All-Star Contest – Football CSC Sr. All-Star Contest – Field Hockey Frontier League Sr. All-Star Contest – B/G Soccer Field Hockey Senior Exceptional Game Frontier League Sr. All-Star Contest – G. Volleyball CSC Sr. All-Star Contest – B/G Basketball Section 3 Exceptional Senior Match – B. Winter Volleyball

	03-08-11	Frontier League Sr. All-Star Contest – B/G Basketball
	03-10-11	CCL Senior Game – B. Basketball
	06-03-11	Frontier League Sr. All-Star Contest – Softball
	06-06-11	Frontier League Sr. All-Star Contest – Baseball
	06-14-11	Gordon Ohstrom Games – B. Lacrosse
4	11-07-10	Section 4 Sr. All-Star Contest – Field Hockey
	11-07-10	Delaware League Senior Soccer Game – B/G
	11-24-10	Ernie Davis Game – Football
	03-07-11	Delaware League Senior Basketball Game – B/G Basketball
5	11-10-10	Exceptional Senior Wayne County Volleyball Match – B/G
	11-13-10	Steuben Co. vs/ Allegany Co. Sr. All-Star Game – B. Soccer
	11-13-10	Wayne County Sr. All-Star Contest – B. Soccer
	11-13-10	Finger Lakes Sr. All-Star Contest – B. Soccer
	11-13-10	Section 5 Sr. All-Star Contest – G. Volleyball
	11-13-10	Steuben County Sr. All-Star Contest – G. Volleyball
	11-14-10	Finger Lakes West vs. Genesee Co. Sr. All-Star Contest – G. Soccer
	11-14-10	LCAA Sr. All-Star Contest – B. Soccer
	11-14-10	Finger Lakes East vs. Allegany Co. Sr. All-Star Contest – G. Soccer
	11-14-10	Rochester/Private-Parochial vs. Monroe III Sr. All-Star Contest – G. Soccer
	11-14-10	Steuben Co. vs. Wayne Co. Sr. All-Star Contest – G. Soccer
	11-14-10	Monroe I vs. Monroe II Sr. All-Star Contest – G. Soccer
	11-14-10	Livingston I vs. Livingston II Sr. All-Star Contest – G. Soccer
	11-14-10	Section 5 Boys Soccer All Star Game
	11-15-10	Section 5 Sr. All-Star Contest – Volleyball
	03-25-11	LCAA Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball
6	11-07-10	Exceptional Seniors Soccer Match – B/G Soccer
	03-11-11	GR/NO Senior All-Star Game – B/G Basketball
	03-24-11	Cattaraugus County Sr. All-Star Game – B/G Basketball
7	11-16-10	CVAC Senior Game – G. Volleyball
	03-08-11	MVAC Sr. All-Star contest – B/G Basketball
10	11-14-10	Section 10 Sr. All-Star Game – B/G Soccer
	11-17-10	Section 10 Sr. All-Star Game – G. Volleyball

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

A **motion to approve** the following retroactive applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried**.
Harrica/O’Brien

Section 1

St. Margaret School
34 North Magnolia Street
Pearl River, NY 10965
Grades 7-8

Section 1

The Hallen School
97 Centre Street
New Rochelle, NY 10801
Grades 7-12

Section 2

St. Mary's/St. Alphonsus
10-12 Church Street
Glens Falls, NY 12801
Grades 7-8
(Retroactive to September 2010)

Section 5

Siena Catholic Academy
2617 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14610
Grades 7-8

Section 5

St. John Bosco School
92 S. Main Street
Fairport, NY 14450
Grades 7-8

Section 6

Elmwood Franklin School
104 New Amsterdam Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14216
Grades 7-8
(Retroactive to September 2010)

Section 9

West Point Middle School
705 Barry Road
West Point, NY 10996
Grades 7-8

Section 3

Holy Cross Academy
4020 Barrington Road
Oneida, NY 13421
Grades 7-12

Section 5

Hillside Children's Center-
Andrews Trahey Campus School
1183 Monroe Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620
Grades 7-12

Section 5

Rochester Christian School
260 Embury Road
Rochester, NY 14625
Grades 7-8

Section 6

Aurora Waldorf School
525 West Falls Road
West Falls, NY 14170
Grades 7-8
(Retroactive to September 2010)

NEW MEMBERS

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

O'Brien/Osborne

Section 2

Albany Leadership Charter High School for Girls
19 Hackett Boulevard
Albany, NY 12208
Grades 9-10
(Retroactive to September 2010)

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

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

- The Life of an Athlete Committee meeting was held by conference call on October 18, 2010.
- John Underwood has new information on synthetic marijuana and energy drinks. He will give a workshop in the Syracuse area. More information will be available as the site and date are firmed up.
- She reported Sections representatives concerns were alcohol poisoning, harm reduction, partying, use of prescription drugs and enhancement drugs. She noted the new date rape drug is called Nesta.
- She commended the Student Leadership Committee for developing the Community Service Challenge Award.
- The next meeting of the Life of an Athlete Committee is scheduled for March 17, 2011 at 3:00PM at the NYSAAA Conference in Saratoga.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

Girls Lacrosse Helmets

- At the Safety Committee's October 13, 2010 meeting a motion was made that all girls lacrosse players will be mandated to wear a hard shell helmet with a facemask that meets all of the NOCSAE requirements for the sport of lacrosse beginning with the 2012 season. After discussion of the motion it was decided to postpone the vote until their December 2, 2010 meeting so that Safety Committee Representatives could take back to the Sections all the information that was presented regarding injury survey results from the NFHS, NYSPHSAA and the Girls Lacrosse Committee, the US Lacrosse rule changes for the 2011 season and the position statement from US Lacrosse on helmets in girls lacrosse. The motion was defeated at the Safety Committee's December 2, 2010 meeting. In moving forward, the Safety Committee will continue to gather data and monitor the injuries in the sport of girls' lacrosse. The office staff will provide the Safety Committee with the National Federation's injury surveillance data report every August. This report is collected for eighteen different sports and will be a tremendous amount of help in both girls' lacrosse and all sports. The Girls Lacrosse Committee and Safety Committee are committed to getting the most accurate data they can.

Hair Restraint Devices in Track & Field and Cross Country

- The committee discussed the conflict with the new NFHS rule allowing bobby pins, barrettes and hair clips no longer than two inches be worn as hair restraints during competition and the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule that only permits metal barrettes in the sport of Gymnastics.

A **motion to approve** a waiver of the Jewelry Rule to allow hair restraints in the sports of Track and Field and Cross Country as defined in the sport specific rule book **carried.** Harrica/Hemstead

Concussion Management Model School Policy Draft

- The NYSPHSAA Concussion Management Team, under the leadership of Lloyd Mott, has recommended a Concussion Management Draft Policy for our member schools. We fully believe that, in the near future, New York State legislation will be passed as well as possible United States legislation on concussion management that will require schools to have a concussion management policy approved by their Board of Education

A **motion to approve** the Concussion Management Model School Policy Draft be shared with our member schools to help them through the concussion management process **carried.** Redmond/Westfall

A **motion to approve** using the Concussion Management Support Materials developed by the Concussion Management Team **carried.** Westfall/Carboine

Composite Bats

- The committee was informed that the NFHS now allows certain composite bats to be used for the 2011 baseball season. All bats must pass the ABI and BESR standards in order to be legal for practice and competition. A list of approved composite bats can be found on the NFHS website, www.nfhs.org. Starting with the 2012 season, all bats must meet the BBCOR standards. If a bat meets the BBCOR

standard, they also meet the ABI and BESR standard.

Skin Infection Webinars

- The NYSPHSAA sponsored seven skin infection webinars through GoToWebinars during October and November. Over 600 individuals participated. These individuals included wrestling coaches, athletic administrators, school nurses, health care professionals and physicians. We have received many positive comments regarding the content and delivery of the information. Resources to help educate students, coaches, administrators and parents on skin infections can be found on the Association's website.

Safety Mandate

- The committee discussed the issue of mandated meetings by our member schools, particularly the safety mandate which was approved in 1981 by the Executive Committee. They would like to recommend that if the fiscal concerns mandates are continued for the next year or two, that the safety meeting mandate would be required every other year. This will be added to the agenda of the Executive Committee's May meeting.

Heat Index/Wind Chill Procedures

- The committee members reported on concerns and comments about the new procedures from a few Sections. The concerns included the location in which the AccuWeather website was receiving the information to determine the RealFeel temperature and also, we recommend no helmets during practice at a certain RealFeel temperature but allow games to be played at the same temperature. These concerns will continue to be discussed by the Safety Committee at their Spring meeting.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the Safety Committee is scheduled for April 5, 2011 at 9:00AM via conference call.

Sportsmanship Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive

- The committee discussed the need to have a statement that addressed the behavior of the spectators at athletic events.

A **motion to approve** the Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive statement be read at all NYSPHSAA Championship events **carried.** Slade/DeCillis

NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Card

- The committee discussed the issue of the reading of our sportsmanship card by sport officials. All of the representatives were asked to go back to the Sections to get ideas on how to keep this concept from getting stale. This is also a concern from the officials group.

Developing a Sportsmanship Video

- The committee discussed the possibility of the Association developing a sportsmanship video for our member schools. A suggestion was to have a contest within the Sections for students to develop a video. Each Section could select a winner. The Section winner would represent the Section at the NYSPHSAA level for an overall winner. This will be discussed at their spring meeting.

Student Leadership Committee. Chairperson Murphee Hayes presented the report.

- Since T-Mobile is no longer sponsoring the Student Leadership Conference, it will not take place this summer.
- She reviewed the new initiative established by the six student leaders who attended last year's conference as a way to encourage students to get involved in their local community and beyond.

A motion to implement the NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge Award as a way for schools and students to take on a leadership role and give back to their community **carried.** Harrica/Nickerson

Handbook Committee. Chairperson Robbie Greene presented the report.

League Championship Games

- Section IV asked the Handbook Committee to consider not counting league championship games toward

the maximum number of contests. The committee believes it is a league decision to contest a season ending tournament for their member schools and therefore they will need to reserve space within their schedule. The committee is not in favor of expanding the number of games a school could play.

Misidentified Player – Page 104, Add #3 under Player

- The committee discussed an appeal process for a misidentified player. The appeals must be heard and decided on a case by case basis.

A **motion to approve** adding “based on clear and concise direct evidence” **carried.** Wolfe/Staves

Sportsmanship Rule

- An athletic administrator requested the committee discuss adding language to help clarify when the Sportsmanship Standard would be enforced. The committee felt that the current language, “This standard applies to all regular season and post schedule play” was very clear and sufficient.

Transfer Rule – Page 106

- Renee has suggested that the term “exempted” be changed to “waiver” when referring to the one transfer without penalty. This suggestion was made due to the requirement to submit a form before the student is eligible to play. The form serves two purposes, to track the student’s transfer and to verify there was not any undue influence or recruitment.

A **motion to approve** changing the term “exempted” to “waiver” when referring to the one transfer without penalty **carried.** Carboine/Bullis

Wrestling Points

- The committee discussed what penalty should be assessed when a student/team exceeds the maximum number of tournaments (6) or 2 two-day dual meet tournaments within the 20 points permitted for the sport of wrestling. The committee recommended the following interpretation. The penalty is assessed to the individual athlete(s) who exceeds the tournament limitation. They felt that if the 20 points were exceeded, the existing penalty of the team ineligibility should remain the same.

A **motion to approve** the following penalty for exceeding the maximum number of tournaments in wrestling **carried.** Maney/Brewer

- Exceeds the maximum 5 bouts limitation in a tournament – individual wrestler penalized, team loses standing in tournament, but other wrestlers individual performances would stand.
- Exceeds the 6 tournament limitation or the 2 two-day dual meet limitation – the individual would be penalized (ineligible from the date of violation for the rest of the season).
- Exceeds 20 point limitation – entire team penalized (ineligible from the date of violation for the rest of the season).

The Chart

- The committee was asked to review the chart to be more specific and clear. The committee makes no recommendation for change.

Senior All Star

- A Section requested the Handbook Committee to consider adding language to the Senior All Star Contest rule to require the student to be penalty free in order to participate in a Senior All Star Contest. This request was a result of a student being disqualified from the last contest of the season. The committee was in agreement that sitting out of a Senior All Star Contest does not fulfill the sportsmanship penalty. The committee felt that it would be up to the discretion of the Section to determine if the student would be eligible to participate in the Senior All Star Contest.

Modified Committee. James Rose, Co-Coordinator.

- A synopsis of the committee's October 15, 2010 meeting was included in the meeting packets.

A **motion to approve** in Modified Baseball and Softball, with Section/League approval, a "mercy rule" will be permitted, allowing a game to end after a team at the short end of the 15 run rule has completed their fifth at bat **carried**.
Greene/Bullis

A **motion to approve** Beth Staropoli (Section 1) as the Modified Girls' Lacrosse Sport Coordinator **carried**.

Redmond/Peterson

- He reviewed the Action Items being presented at their Spring meeting scheduled for Friday, April 1, 2011 at 9:30AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

Championship Advisory Committee. Past President Dr. James Tolle presented the report and recommendations of the committee.

A **motion to approve** in Boys Lacrosse the use of the Chief Bench Official for all NYSPHSAA tournaments **carried**.

DeCillis/Harrica

A **motion to approve** in Softball a change in the umpire rotation at the State Semi-Finals and Finals **carried**.

Harrica/Hemstead

A **motion to approve** in Softball a change in the Regional format in Classes B, C and D for Sections 2, 7 and 10 effective the 2012 season **carried**.

DeCillis/Harrica

A **motion to approve** in Girls Golf to include the PSAL, CHSAA and AISAA in the NYSPHSAA Golf Championships effective 2012 **carried**.

Felice/Harrica

- He noted the 2010-2011 Officials Fees and Polices expires June 30, 2011.
- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 9:30AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

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

- The Fall meeting of the OCF was held at the NYSPHSAA office on Sunday, October 24, 2010. One officials representative and five school representatives were absent.
- Concussion protocol was discussed.
- **Fact Finders and Arbitration Process Guidelines.** A draft of the new Fact Finders and Arbitration Process Guidelines was included in the August 2010 Central Committee meeting folders and was to be brought back to the Sections for review and discussion. In the new guidelines, both parties will be able to select from a list of official's representatives and section representatives to serve on the panel.

A **motion** to negotiate with the Officials Coordinating Federation to include the new Fact Finding and Arbitration Process Guidelines in the next OCF agreement **carried**.

Westfall/Harrica

- The Spring meeting of the OCF is scheduled for May 1, 2011 at the Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle, East Syracuse, NY.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

State Education Department. Executive Director Nina Van Erk presented the written report.

- Announced that Trish will be retiring at the end of the year.

NYSED Coaching/FA/CPR Approved Agency Renewals

- Beginning this past fall, all agencies are required to submit an agency instructor evaluation form for each instructor in their agency to maintain status as an approved provider of the NYSED Coaching and FA/CPR courses. These are to be send to SED every January to maintain agency approval status (if no classes have been taught this fall, a blank form should be sent indicating this and approval will be maintained). If your agency did not receive the form, please contact Trish ASAP. This is only required of those agencies issuing NYSED certificates.

Commissioner's Regulation Revisions

- **5th Year of Athletic Eligibility for Students with Disabilities** – The change will allow students with disabilities to have a 5th year of eligibility and eliminate the age 19 rule for them. SED will be developing

guidelines for this change in regulation when and if approved by the Board of Regents in December. Athletic Associations will be invited to participate in the development of these guidelines.

Selection/Classification – Assistance Requested

- Please remind Directors of Physical Education/Athletics about the following regarding S/C waivers:
 - Try to do all S/C testing in advance of the sport season. Fax (518-473-4884) or send waiver requests with a return email address for a quicker response.
 - Please send only the Individual Athletic Profile and the Special Approval Request application form completely filled out.
 - A Special Case form should be sent only if the student has a developmental rating that is lower than required for the sport. NOTE: the Special Case form will only support a waiver if the athlete passes ALL the performance tests.

Athletic Trainers

- It has come to the attention of SED that some school districts are hiring Athletic Trainers without verifying the name of their supervising physician. In New York State, Athletic Trainers are required to work under the supervision of a physician. If your Athletic Trainer is from a group practice, make sure that practice indicates who the supervising physician is. Do not automatically assume that your Athletic Trainer will be covered by your school medical officer if he/she is a physician. A physician must agree to allow the Athletic Trainer to work under their supervision/license.

Return to Play: Clarification/Reminder

- By regulation, the only individual that can return an athlete to play after an injury or prolonged illness is the school medical officer (physician or nurse practitioner). The new NFHS rule regarding officials removing athletes for exhibiting signs/symptoms of a head injury will require that athlete to be cleared by the school medical officer before they can return to play. The SED is aware that the school medical officer may not be on the sideline for every game however, this is the current regulation. There has been much discussion about the use of other appropriate medical personnel such as Athletic Trainers, EMT's or school nurses. The Office of Professions has informed us that these individuals would be exceeding the parameters of their licensure if they did so.

CPR Requirement for Nurses, Physicians and all others previously waived from this requirement who are non-teacher coaches.

- The Office of Teaching Initiatives has asked for a review of our policy to waive the CPR requirement for coaching licenses for nurses and physicians. The Office of Professions agrees to the policy of waiving the First Aid requirement but not for CPR (or AED if required by the district). Therefore, beginning immediately, all individuals previously waived from the First Aid/CPR requirement will no longer be waived from CPR and will be required to have current valid certifications when they apply for a temporary or professional coaching license.

Temporary & Professional Coaching License Application Reminder

- She reminded all non-teacher coaches have an issued coaching license for the sport before they begin coaching. Allowing a coach to step on the field, court or ice without a valid license will put your district at risk of legal liability if a lawsuit should occur. With the recent reductions in staffing at SED, it is important that tentative coaches apply for their temporary or professional coaching licenses on TEACH early so that their coaching licenses are issued prior to the sport season.

NYS Council of Administrators. Fritz Kilian, President

- Reported the 2010 Council of Administrators Conference was held in conjunction with NYSAHPERD's conference on November 17 & 18. The theme of the conference was "Leadership For the Next Decade".
- Reported Nina Van Erk and Trish Kocialski (SED) gave outstanding presentations at their conference.
- Recognized the following award recipients from their conference: COA Special Service Award – Trish Kocialski, State Education Department; Physical Education Director of the Year – Bob McGuire (Burnt Hills HS); Ellis Champlin Award – Dave Garbarino (AD-Binghamton City School District).

- Highlighted two training programs held for the first time at the conference:
 - **Foundations of Physical Education & Administration** – an introductory course that provides directors history, knowledge and professional applications to enhance the ability to apply techniques that lead to the successful operations of school physical education programs.
 - **Development of Schools Physical Education Plan** – gives directors a variety of strategies on how to implement this process successfully.
- Reported conference attendance was an issue with only 90 directors attending this year. Asked if anyone had ideas on how to increase conference attendance to please contact him.

NYS Council of Superintendents. Diane Munro

- Reported they have a standing committee that addresses concerns about athletics.
- Feels that athletics is more important than ever. It teaches collaboration, goal setting, problem solving and self assessment.
- They are very concerned with the fiscal challenges facing schools.
- They appreciate the Association's initiative with the cost saving measures taken and are very interested in continuing cost cutting in some way.
- They support our position on the Regents amendment and will work with us to fight it because they see the future problems that it is going to cause.

A **motion to approve** the adjournment of the December 2010 Executive Committee meeting on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 12:20PM **carried.** Harrica/DeCillis

Respectfully submitted,



Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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