



SPECIAL NYSPHSAA REPORT

Highlights from Executive Committee Meeting December 5-6, 2010

FINANCIAL: All Items were approved

Dues 2011 - 2012: Add to the Central Committee agenda (conference call December 21, 2010) an Action Item for a dues increase of \$30.00 per district and \$.03 per student for the 2011-2012 school year.

Fiscal Concerns: To bring the following motion for a vote by the Central Committee on December 21, 2010 at 10:30 AM - 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.

SPORTS MEDICINE - SAFETY: All Items were approved

Concussion: The Concussion Management Model School Policy Draft and support materials be shared with our member schools to help them through the concussion management process.

Track & XC: A waiver of the Jewelry Rule to allow hair restraints as defined in the sport specific rule book.

GENERAL: All Items were approved

Classification: Official enrollment numbers presented for 2011-2012. (No change to cut off numbers).

Student Leadership: 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.

Fact Finding and Arbitration Process: To negotiate with the Officials Coordinating Federation to include the new Fact Finding and Arbitration Process Guidelines in the next OCF agreement.

Cheerleading: 1. The Cheerleading Ad Hoc Committee continue to study cheer and how it would be defined as a sport. 2. NYSPHSAA recommends that beginning in 2011-2012, all coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) complete the following courses prior to coaching: First Aid for Coaches, CPR & ACCAA Safety Course.

SPORTS: All Items were approved

Coordinators: Dick Cerone (Football), Dan Doherty (Girls Outdoor Track & Field), Mike Andrew (Boys Soccer), Cathy Allen (Softball) and Jim Amen (Boys Lacrosse).

Girls Basketball: Recommends the use of the NFHS Concussion Rule.

Wrestling: A wrestler who receives a forfeit will not have to wait 45 minutes before their next match.

Penalty for exceeding the maximum number of tournaments: 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 day dual meet limitation - the individual would be penalized. Exceeds 20 point limitation - entire team penalized.

Softball: 1. Moving the pitching distance to 43 ft for all high school programs in spring of 2011. 2. Continue to prohibit the use of metal cleats for all levels of play.

Field Hockey: A waiver of the NFHS field hockey uniform rule change for one year (2011 season).

Basketball: A waiver of the orange ball rule during the month of February if both teams agree.

STANDING COMMITTEE REQUESTS: All Items were approved

Modified Committee: 1. With Section/League approval, a "mercy rule" in modified baseball and softball 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. **APPROVED** 2. Beth Staropoli (1) as the Modified Girls' Lacrosse Sport Coordinator.

Sportsmanship Committee: To have the "Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive" statement read at the beginning of all NYSPHSAA Championship events.

Transfer Committee: For Academic Hardship waivers: 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.*

Handbook Committee: Misidentified player –The appeals must be heard and decided on a case by case basis. Counsel suggested that the misidentified player and the newly identified player be part of the hearing.

Transfer Rule – The term "exempted" be changed to "waiver" when referring to the one transfer without penalty.

REVISIONS TO THE SECTION IV HANDBOOK

The following revisions (*noted in bold and italics*) to the Constitution and By-Laws have been drafted to update current practices in Section IV.

Article II Composition (Page 6)

1. The governing body for the organization and control of athletics in Section IV shall be the Athletic Council.
2. The Athletic Council shall be composed of the following members:
 - A. The four (4) elected representatives to the *N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A.* Central Committee.
 - B. ***Each school in Section IV will be entitled to one (1) vote for every voting item in the Section IV meeting agenda. Each league shall have one (1) representative and one (1) alternate to attend and report each school's vote at the Section IV meeting.***

Article VI League Representatives, Alternates and Independent School Representation (Page 8)

1. Each approved league in Section IV shall elect a representative and an alternate to the Athletic Council. The representative shall take office on July 1 of each year. The league representative and alternate shall be certified, in writing, to the Interscholastic Sports Coordinator of the Athletic Council, ***and shall report the votes from each of the league's schools in all matters pertaining to Section IV business.*** However, if an emergency arises, another alternate may be appointed by the President of the league before the Council meeting, by phone, mail or in person, if done in ample time.

Article IX Meetings (Page 8)

1. Regular meetings of the Athletic Council shall be held on the third (3rd) Wednesday of September, the third (3rd) Wednesday of November, the third (3rd) Wednesday of January, ***the fourth (4th) Wednesday of March*** and the Wednesday of regents test week in June each year. The time and place of these meetings ***for the following school year*** shall be determined by the Executive Committee and announced at the June meeting.
2. ***Meetings for the transaction of special emergency business may be called by the President provided that at least forty eight (48) hours notice has been given to all Council members who shall be empowered to vote on the special emergency business item.***

Article XIII Membership – New Schools (Page 9)

1. Any school that is a member of the N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A., Inc. may apply for membership in Section IV.

2. Schools located in another Section's territory wishing to be admitted to Section IV must proceed as follows:
 - A. *A new school would require approval for admission to a league within Section IV.*
 - B. *A new school must submit a request for admission, in writing, to the Section IV Interscholastic Sports Coordinator who will advise the membership of the upcoming vote.*
 - C. *If and when approved by Section IV, the new school must secure a release from their original Section through their Interscholastic Sports Coordinator.*
 - D. *Final acceptance would be determined by the N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A., Inc. and a vote of the Section IV Athletic Council.*

To: Executive Committee - Section IV

The Boys Swimming & Diving Coaches would like to submit a proposal to change the format of the Sectionals for the 2011-2012 Season.

They would like to eliminate the Preliminaries held on the Wednesday before the Saturday Finals. This would mean that the Finals would now become a Timed Final to be held at three sites on that Saturday. The three sites would be where the Prelims were held for the Wednesday Meets.

This proposal would eliminate one meet. The coaches feel that this will help their swimmers because they only have to train for one meet. It could also save the Section money by not having to pay for officials (our only cost) for one meet.

In addition they suggest eliminating one official from the finals (five to four) at the three timed final meets. Diving will remain the same which is held on the Friday before the Finals as five officials are needed for this event.