FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGIN
OCTOBER 31

Although it seems that Fall Sports just began, the 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA Championships begin with Girls Tennis on Saturday, October 31 at the Tri-City Tennis Center in Latham. For a complete schedule of the 2015-2016 Championships, including dates and sites, visit www.nysphsaa.org/championships.

OCTOBER 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING PREVIEW

On Thursday, October 22, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee will meet at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. The Executive Committee meets three times each year (January, May, and October). Some of the voting items on the agenda for October include:

- Requiring adult base coaches in softball to wear a hard shell helmet.
- Site selection for future NYSPHSAA Championships in Girls Golf, Indoor Track & Field, Boys Basketball, and Girls Basketball.
- The addition of a sixth classification in Football.
- NYSPHSAA athlete gift policy for NYSPHSAA Championship events.

For live updates of the Executive Committee Meeting, follow NYSPHSAA on Twitter (@NYSPHSAA) and visit www.nysphsaa.org for a full recap following the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR FALL NYSPHSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Tickets for the 2015 NYSPHSAA Fall Championships are now on sale at TicketLeap, the official ticket partner of NYSPHSAA.

This year, BOYS SOCCER will test a pilot program which allows fans to SAVE MONEY by purchasing tickets on-line as opposed to at the gate. On-line tickets for the 2015 NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Championships cost $8, while they will be $10 if purchased on Saturday, November 14 or Sunday, November 15 in Middletown.

Links to online ticket sales can be found on each sport’s landing page on the NYSPHSAA website.
OVERTIME SPORTS EXPANDS TO VIDEO COVERAGE

Each week, NYSPHSAA publishes Overtime Sports articles on the NYSPHSAA website at www.nysphsaa.org/overtimesports. If you have not taken a look at the section, we invite you to view the stories posted in Overtime Sports that highlight student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and programs. New for the 2015-2016 school year, video is being used to depict these stories, which include interviews and narration by NYSPHSAA Director of Communications, Joe Agostinelli. If you have story ideas for Overtime Sports, contact Joe at jagostinelli@nysphsaa.org!

Some of the topics covered this year so far include:

- Honor and Privilege: Playing on September 11th
- Participation in High School Sports Continues to Grow
- Dealing with Hazy, Hot, Humid Conditions During Fall Sports
- Behind the Scenes with Time Warner Cable SportsChannel

BATTLE OF THE FANS REVS UP FOR SEASON THREE

Last year, Bethlehem High School of Section 2 was crowned the Battle of the Fans Champion!

Battle of the Fans highlights the BEST STUDENT CHEERING SECTIONS ACROSS NEW YORK STATE THAT PROMOTE POSITIVE SPORTSMANSHIP!

Any NYSPHSAA member school is eligible to participate simply by submitting a three-minute video by Friday, January 9th. The video should show its enthusiasm, positive energy, and originality.

You can find instructions and also view our past winners, Bethlehem High School (2014-2015) and Norwich High School (2013-2014), along with many other amazing fan sections across the state, on the NYSPHSAA website at www.nysphsaa.org/sportsmanship.

And don’t forget…BE LOUD, BE PROUD, BE POSITIVE!

DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR NYSPHSAA HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Committee is now accepting applications for the 2016 Hall of Fame. The deadline is December 15, 2015 and applications can be found at www.nysphsaa.org/aboutNYSPHSAA/HallofFame.

Nominations will first go through a screening committee, then a selection committee before the announcement is made next spring. Individuals can be nominated for contributions as a coach, athlete, administrator, official or contributor and must be at least 35 years old. Nominations can be made by anyone as long as they are endorsed by their section and applications will stay on file for three consecutive years for consideration.

NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame inductees may also be candidates for the NFHS Hall of Fame so please send us your nominations by the deadline as there are so many individuals in New York State who deserve the honor of being inducted into either or both Halls of Fame.

If you have questions regarding the NYSPHSA Hall of Fame, contact Joe Altieri at altieri@nysphsaa.org.
NYS Passes ‘CPR in Schools’ Law, Mandating CPR is Required Curriculum

The New York State Board of Regents has finalized regulation to become the 26th state in country to mandate CPR training become a required part of high school curriculum. The change went into effect on October 7.

In last month’s issue of the NYSPHSAA News, we told you about the availability of the Anyone Can Save a Life Program that is available to all of our member schools. This program will satisfy the CPR requirement. For more information, visit www.anyonecansavealife.org, or contact Todd Nelson in the NYSPHSAA office at tnelson@nysphsaa.org.

As a result of this new mandate, statistics show that more than 1.5 million young adults will now be trained in CPR each school year.

ImPACT Testing

Member schools can order ImPact baseline and post-concussion tests by visiting our website at www.nysphsaa.org/forms/forcoachesads, and downloading the PDF forms under the ImPACT Concussion Management box. If you have questions regarding the availability of these tests, please contact Assistant Director Todd Nelson at tnelson@nysphsaa.org.

Getting Your Team Rosters and Photos Uploaded to MaxPreps for NYSPHSAA Championships

Since the 2013-14 school year, NYSPHSAA utilizes MaxPreps for its roster and team photo management for NYSPHSAA Championships programs. Athletic Directors and Coaches are asked to make sure that an updated team photograph and team roster are uploaded to your MaxPreps team page by the time your team qualifies for a NYSPHSAA Championship tournament.

Should you experience any issues in uploading your team photograph and/or roster into MaxPreps, contact Megan Nelson, who handles New York schools for MaxPreps at megan.nelson@cbsinteractive.com.
JUST ONE DEADLINE NOW IN CHANGE TO SCHOLAR-ATHLETE PROGRAM

Once again, Pupil Benefits is sponsoring the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete program, which honors teams and student-athletes for their achievements in the classroom. As was discussed during all the mandatory athletic director workshops this fall, there is ONLY ONE DEADLINE for each season. This is a change from prior years. No submissions will be accepted after the deadline. Our goal is to recognize as many student-athletes, teams, and schools as possible as they work very hard throughout the year and deserve to be recognized for their academic success! The deadline for the fall is Monday, December 7th, and the on-line Scholar Athlete submission will be turned on during the week of Monday, November 2.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Thanks to NYSPHSAA Wrestling Coordinator Marty Sherman for sending along this photo of Section IX Wrestling Coordinator Jeff Cuilty being inducted into the Upstate New York Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame! Congratulations Jeff on your honor!

You can send in photos and/or videos for NYSPHSAA use on social media by emailing pictures@nysphsaa.org.

MAX CONTESTS FOR WINTER SPORTS

With recent changes, some of the maximum numbers of contests for winter sports have changed. Here is all of the 2015-16 Winter Sports with their maximum number of contests:

- Basketball: 20
- Bowling: 20
- Boys Swim & Dive: 16
- Competitive Cheer: 12
- Gymnastics: 16
- Ice Hockey: 20
- Indoor Track & Field: 16
- Skiing: 16
- Wrestling: 20

NYSPHSAA, CSEA LOOKING TO HONOR SPORTS SUPPORTER IN YOUR SCHOOL

The Association and Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) will once again honor a member of your school with the annual Excelsior Award. The Excelsior Award is an award which recognizes a CSEA member in a NYSPHSAA school who has helped promote and foster athletic spirit in their local school district. Both the Association and CSEA established this award in 2009 during their long-standing partnership to honor an individual who has displayed extraordinary dedication and support of high school athletics. The recognition is for an individual in any role as a parent, coach, booster or school staff member.

A quick and easy nomination form can be found at www.nysphsaa.org or www.csealocal1000.org, and will be accepted until November 10th. The honoree will be recognized at the Football Championships either November 27 or 29 at the Carrier Dome.