NEWS

POINT OF EMPHASIS
All safety related equipment required for competition should be worn in all “practice sessions”. Examples include but are not limited to: mouth guards, goggles, ear guards and shin guards. Jewelry should not be worn in practice.

ON LINE STORE
When ordering NYSPHSAA Handbooks, sport rulebooks and scorebooks please use our on-line store at www.nysphsaa.org. The use of the on-line store enables orders to be processed more quickly and efficiently.

FUTURE MEETING DATES
- October 12 Modified Committee     9:00
- October 15 Girls Basketball     9:30
- October 18 Girls Golf     10:00
- October 19 Championship Advisory     9:30
- October 22 Life of an Athlete     10:00
- October 24 Safety Committee     9:00
- October 25 Handbook Committee     9:00
- October 28 Officials Coordinating Fed     9:00
- October 28 Budget & Finance     11:00
- October 29 Executive Committee     9:00

PERMISSION for SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS
School districts are reminded to follow the procedures outlined in the NYSPHSAA Permission for Special Accommodations policy to ensure all students in need of religious or physical accommodations are reviewed and approved prior to any competition. Please contact Assistant Director Lloyd Mott.

COACHES CLINIC (Brochures will be forth coming)
Wrestling     November 2, 2007     Cornell University
Softball     January 18, 2008     TBA
Lacrosse     January 25, 2008     SUNY Cortland
Baseball     February 29, 2008     Cooperstown
Field Hockey     March 28, 2008     Utica
Track & Field     March 28-29,2008     Utica
Soccer     May 30, 2008     Oneonta
Volleyball     TBA

FUTURE SECTION MEETINGS
- October 4     Section 7
- October 10     Section 11
- October 16     Section 9
- October 18     Section 1
- November 1     Section 10

FUTURE CONSIDERATION
Football Committee - The committee is requesting a change to the classification numbers for the 2008 season. If approved the change in cut off numbers would be: Class AA (1051 and up), Class A (626-1050), Class B (441-625), Class C (281-440) and Class D (280 and below).

BOYS BASKETBALL - The committee is requesting consideration for the following: For 2008—2009 season permit each Section to have the opportunity to use two 16 minute halves as they feel appropriate in their schedules.

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD—To add one at large entry for Division I and II when the qualifying standard has been met.

WRESTLING Committee - To permit athletes from the CHSAA & PSAL to be selected for at large berths into the NYSPHSAA/Federation Championships. To increase the 275 lb weight class to 285 lbs. The 96 & 285 lb weight classes would remain optional.

ICE HOCKEY - Accept Utica AUD as the venue for Championships through 2011 season.

ITEMS of INTEREST

2007 –2008 NYSPHSAA HANDBOOK - An updated handbook will be available on our website on November 1, 2007.

SPORTS RECORDS - Coordinators are reminded to send in any new records at the conclusion of the season.

BOYS LACROSSE - The East Regional Semi-Final game scheduled for June 12, 2008 will be played at West Point.

SKIING - Helmets are required in all alpine practices and races.

BOWLING - A game consists of 10 frames. A Match (Contest) consists of a maximum of 3 games. The Baker format may be used a maximum of two times per season with a maximum of 15 Baker format games per tournament. A combination tournament is permitted with a maximum of eight (8) Baker format games and three (3) regular games. A combination tournament counts towards the maximum of two (2) Baker format tournaments.

FIELD HOCKEY- Protective eye wear to be recommended for the 2007 season and required for the 2008 season.
WRESTLING - Continuation of the waiver for the 1.5% weight loss rule. The 50% rule and the current minimum weight class will remain in effect.

SPORTSMANSHIP EJECTION POLICY - Any player or coach:
• Ejected from one contest shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest;
• Ejected from two contests in the same sport in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests; and,
• Ejected from a third contest in the same sport in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season.

SOCCER YELLOW CARD ACCUMULATION policy will include coaches.

GIRLS LACROSSE - Beginning with the 2008 season girls lacrosse jerseys will be required to have the 6” numbers centered on the front and 8” numbers to be centered on the back.

FOOTBALL - Schools are reminded to include the following field markings for the 2007 season:
• 2 yard restraining line around the field
• 9 yard marks if the field of play is not visibly marked.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

ON LINE COACHING COURSES
The NYSPHSAA has partnered with SUNY Cortland in offering the New York State Coaching Certification Courses on line - an asynchronous web-based program. Go to www.cortland.edu/physed for registration information.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT
Any school interested in purchasing the ImPACT Concussion Management program, please check the NYSAAA or NYSPHSAA websites.

VOLLEYBALL
The NYSPHSAA has adopted Molten USA Volleyball as the “official volleyball” for state championship competition. The Molten USA agreement begins with the 2007-2008 school year. Molten USA has sent all volleyball schools a ball to familiarize teams with the product. The girls programs will use the IV58L-U Super Touch while the boys programs will use the V58L-U Pro Touch.

BOYS BASKETBALL
The NFHS rule requiring “white” uniforms for the “home” team affects varsity uniforms only. Lower level programs may still continue to wear “light-colored” uniforms as home jerseys.