BREAKING NEWS

NYSPHSAA OFFICER—The Association will be welcoming Eileen Troy (Section II) as the 2nd Vice President beginning next school year.

NYSPHSAA HALL OF FAME
The NYSPHSAA is pleased to announce the inductees for the Class of 2008. The Hall of Fame ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Central Committee meeting and is scheduled for August 6, 2008 at the Rye Town Hilton in Westchester County (Section I).

- Dr. John Foley – Administrator (Section XI)
- Dr. William Moran –Administrator (Section IX)
- Sal Ciampi – Coach (Section XI)
- Gene Masters – Coach (Section VI)
- Peter Oley – Coach (Section I)
- Boomer Esiason – Athlete (Section XI)

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SEARCH
NYSPHSAA is proud to announce the selection of Todd Nelson as a NYSPHSAA Assistant Director. Todd is the Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics at Herkimer Schools (Section III). Todd has been extensively involved in the Section III Athletic Council and NYSSAA. Todd will begin his work with the Association on July 1st. This position is a result of Lloyd Mott’s retirement which is effective on September 1st.

GIRLS SOCCER - Overtime procedure:
Regular season - two 10 min. periods played fully
Sectionals & beyond—two 10 min. periods played fully then two 5 min sudden victory periods, then penalty kicks. If still tied in State Championship Game only co-champions will be declared after the two sudden victory periods.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL - The Championship Finals will begin at 10:00 AM on Sunday.

WRESTLING - A wrestler may compete twice in a regular dual meet under specific situations pertaining to forfeits and exhibition matches.

2008 – 2009 CHAMPIONSHIP:
- Girls Swimming @ Erie County Community College, Boys Swimming & Diving @ Nassau Aquatic Center, Boys and Girls Bowling @ Gates Bowl and Softball at Waterloo High School. Girls Volleyball will be November 15-16, 2008.

2008-2009 CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS - The cut off numbers will remain the same for next school year; Class AA 950-up, Class A 550-949, Class B 325-549, Class C 193-324, Class D 192-below.

SPECIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Girls Tennis May 29-31 US Tennis Center (NYC)
Boys Golf May 31-June 2 Cornell University (4)
Girls Golf June 7-8 Foxfire Golf Club (3)
FED Golf June 8 Mark Twain Golf Club (4)
Boys Lacrosse June 12 Semi Finals East(8) & West (3)
Outdoor Track June 13-14 University of Buffalo (6)
Girls Lacrosse June 13-14 SUNY Cortland (3)
Boys Lacrosse June 14 Hofstra University (8)
Baseball June 14 Binghamton & Endicott (4)
Softball June 14 BAGS, Binghamton (4)

FALL MANDATORY WORKSHOPS

Eligibility & Sportsmanship

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE** - The Committee presented a draft of specific penalties and/or fines for rule and eligibility infractions by coaches and member schools. Sections are requested to fully discuss and seek the input from their schools so the representatives are prepared to report to the Executive Committee at their August meeting.

**POSTPONED ITEMS**
Vote scheduled for August 5-7, 2008

**MODIFIED SPORTS**—An increase in the number of contest permitted in the Sport Standards chart.

**ITEMS of INTEREST– REMINDERS**

**SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM AWARD** - May 16th (Friday) is the filing deadline for the spring season.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**
May 5  Boys Golf  10:00
May 8  Transfer Committee  9:30
May 9  Boys Basketball  9:30
May 19  Life of an Athlete  10:00
May 21  Bowling  10:00
June 11  Adapted Athletics Task Force  10:00
June 18  Sport Season Committee  10:00
June 19  Coaches Education  10:00

**COACHES CLINIC** ([Brochures have been mailed](#))
Soccer  May 30, 2008  Oneonta

**FUTURE SECTION MEETINGS**
May 14  Section 5
May 20  Sections 1, 8 & 11
May 21  Sections 6 & 9
May 22  Section 3
May 28  Section 2

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION & DISCUSSION**

**WRESTLING** - The concept of a regional wrestling format to advance to the state championship finals is still being discussed. The wrestling committee members gave input at their April meeting and some changes will be made to the proposal.

**BASEBALL**— The committee is considering requesting a two day tournament format.

**FUTURE CHANGES—BE PREPARED**

**FIELD HOCKEY**— Rule clarification—if undershirts are worn - they must be white in color for the home team and dark in color for the away team. In 2011 home uniforms will be required to be white. Away uniforms can be black or dark in color. Classification numbers will remain the same.

**ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

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

**PERMISSION FOR SPECIAL ACcommodations**

School districts are reminded to follow the procedures outlined in the NYSAAA 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.

**FUELING SPORTS PERFORMANCE DVD** - The NFHS has partnered with Gatorade to provide a free video which aims to educate high school coaches on the performance benefits of hydration, how dehydration can affect health and performance and what to do in an emergency situation. The free video is available online at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com) as part of the NFHS Coaches Education Program.

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

**RISK MANAGEMENT DVD** - The NFHS and NIAAA have joined to produce a Risk Management DVD. The two part DVD can be shown to parents & students to highlight the need to take responsibility for one’s safety. Part II targets administrators and coaches focusing on the 14 duties involved in interscholastic athletic programs. The DVD can be purchased on our on-line store for a cost of $34.95.

**SANCTIONING** - When traveling out of state for an athletic contest please contact Lloyd Mott or Barb Hennessey in the NYSAAA office to give notice or to determine if the event is properly sanctioned.

**ON LINE COACHING COURSES** - The NYSAAA 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/phised](http://www.cortland.edu/phised) for registration information.