BREAKING NEWS

SPORT RULE BOOKS - Remember to order your sport specific rulebooks and scorebooks from the NYSPHSAA. You may use our online store or the order form found in Scholastic Athletics.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT DVD—Schools should look for the Concussion Management DVD in early August in time to share with all fall sports participants and parents.

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

SAVE THE DATE
Assistant Director Lloyd Mott’s Retirement Celebration is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, October 19 at the Holiday Inn Turf in Albany. Details will be provided in the fall.

APPROVED
From the
May 2, 2008 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD - To permit one entry for Division I and one entry for Division II when the qualifying standard has been met.

BOYS LACROSSE – A variation of cut off numbers. Class A 1100 & up, Class B 650 – 1099 and Class C 649 & below.

BOYS SOCCER - Overtime procedure:
Regular season - two 10 min. sudden victory periods. Sectionals & beyond—two 15 min. sudden victory then penalty kicks. If still tied in State Championship Game only co-champions will be declared after the two sudden victory periods.

 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 & BOYS SWIMMING – Approval to use the 30th place preliminary time at the NYSPHSAA Championship meet to develop the qualifying time for individual events and the 15th place preliminary time for relay events.

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.

SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS
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 BAGSI, Binghamton (4)

FALL MANDATORY WORKSHOPS
Eligibility & Sportsmanship
August 26 Section V
September 4 Section VI
September 10 Section IV
September 11 Section X
September 12 Section VII
September 17 Section II
September 18 Section IX
September 19 Section I
September 23 Section VIII
September 24 Section XI
September 25 Section III
October 7 NYSPHSAA Office

COACHING CERTIFICATION & PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLIANCE AUDITS
Please refer to the attached documents pertaining to the future auditing of Physical Education and Coaching Certification Requirements by the Office of State Comptroller.

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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 contests permitted in the Sport Standards chart.

**ITEMS of INTEREST– REMINDERS**

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**
- June 11: Adapted Athletics Task Force 10:00
- June 18: Sport Season Committee 10:00
- June 19: Coaches Education 10:00

**FUTURE SECTION MEETINGS**
- June 5: Section 7 & 10
- June 9: Sections 8
- June 10: Sections 9
- June 17: Section 1
- 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 NYSPPSAA 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 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 NYSPPSAA 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 NYSPPSAA office to give notice or to determine if the event is properly sanctioned.

**ON LINE COACHING COURSES** - The NYSPPSAA 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.