FISCAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE - Recommendations for Consideration

On December 8th members of the Fiscal Concerns Ad Hoc Committee held a telephone conference call meeting to discuss ways the NYSPHSAA could assist member schools, leagues/conferences and Sections to reduce costs while maintaining quality interscholastic athletic programs for all students in grades 7-12. After considerable discussion on the merits and feasibility of each of the suggestions, the members of the committee unanimously reached consensus on the following items for consideration by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee:

1. Supporting the use of telephone conference calls and video conferencing for NYSPHSAA meetings to reduce the travel reimbursement costs for the NYSPHSAA and Sections.
2. Support the use of officials from the host section at all NYSPHSAA regional contests. Officials at semi final and final contests will be reviewed in the future.
3. Support a moratorium on the expansion of NYSPHSAA tournaments as it pertains to participation.
4. Support the use of centralized sites for all NYSPHSAA Championship competition.
5. Support the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season. Sports with 24 contests be reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests be reduced to 18 and sports with 18 contests be reduced to 16. Wrestling would be reduced to 19 points (5 tournaments) and football would be reduced by one contest. Junior Varsity and Freshmen programs would be reduced by two (2) additional contests and the modified program would be reduced by two contests.
6. Support the reduction of the number of classes and divisions in team and individual NYSPHSAA championship competition.
7. Support the reduction of participants in NYSPHSAA Championships in individual and combination (team/individual) sports.
8. Support the reduction of tournaments (multi school competition) for team and individual sports.
9. Support the establishment of a maximum number of scrimmages permitted by a team to: Varsity, JV and freshmen – 2 scrimmages and Modified – 1 scrimmage.
10. Support the reduction of Central/Executive Committee meetings to three per year. (Constitutional change)
11. Support the establishment of a team travel restriction for all member schools limiting out of state team travel to competition with bordering states only.
12. Support the establishment of a moratorium on the following NYSPHSAA (mandated) workshops such as Safety, Life of an Athlete, Sportsmanship and Chemical Health workshops.
13. Support eliminating participation in the NFHS Student Leadership Conference.

POSTPONED ITEMS FROM NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Re-defining a scrimmage to be a practice competition.
- Eliminating Friends & Neighbor status at the high school level

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (January 30)

Modified - Mercy rule experiment in baseball and softball.
Safety - Collect data on injuries to head and neck area in girls lacrosse.
Softball - Super Regional in Classes B&C for Sections 1-8-9-11. Increase student athlete roster size from 20-23 and bench personnel from 4-6 to equal baseball.
Baseball - Tied and Suspended game rule.
Girls Lacrosse - Increase student athlete roster size from 25 –35 to equal boys lacrosse.
Boys Tennis - To increase medals to award places 3-6 to equal girls tennis.
Girls Tennis - To permit coaching on the court at championship, but no cheering.
Boys and Girls Tennis - The student athlete’s certified high school coach must be present at NYSPHSAA Championship events.