JUNE 2010 NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

APPROVED BY NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (April 30 - May 1)

HIGHLIGHTS for the FALL SEASON

FOOTBALL - HIGH SCHOOL ONLY  The first two (2) days of practice must be non-contact, without the use of protective equipment and mechanical blocking devices. The use of cones, ropes, ladders, step-over dummies, soft hand shields and similar devices as teaching aids is permissible. Helmets may be worn. The next three (3) days provide a transition from the conditioning phase to full contact. During this phase, players are permitted to wear a helmet and shoulder pads. Blocking dummies, sleds and similar devices are permitted. During this phase, player-to-player tackling drills, team scrimmaging, running full contact plays, etc. are not permitted. The following six (6) days consist of contact practice with full protective equipment and the use of all training devices. Full player-to-player contact and team scrimmaging is permitted. Four (4) additional practices must be completed by the individual and team prior to the first contest. Interscholastic scrimmages may commence after 11 practices have been completed by the individual player and team. Interscholastic contests may commence after 15 practices have been completed by the individual player and team.

INTERSCHOOL SCRIMMAGES: A scrimmage is a practice that is a SIMULATED CONTEST. In scrimmages: (a) both squads use the same field simultaneously with both coaches making corrections and giving instructions, (b) GAME RULES MUST BE ALTERED – SEE SPORT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, (c) no official score is kept, (d) time period(s) are defined in the Sport Standards section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook, (e) no admission is charged. The use of officials would be permitted and encouraged whenever possible for the purpose of instruction regarding the rules and proper application of rules.

SPORTSMANSHIP - 1. Approved a language change to the Sportsmanship Rule to state, “....disqualified by a sport official....” This change would clarify that the rule would be in effect during a scrimmage or a contest with the consequence being a suspension from a contest. 2. Any coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the Sportsmanship Standard #27, is ineligible to coach until the next two (2) regularly scheduled contests have been completed. If the coach continues to not serve the penalty, the matter will be referred to the Section Executive Director for further action.

ADDITIONAL APPROVED ITEMS of IMPORTANCE

Please use this link for the following information: http://www.nysphsaa.org/minutes/aor.asp
Definition of Foreign Exchange and International Student
Wrestling - Certification to a Weight Class and 96 & 285 lb. weight classes
Practices - Carrying over practices from one sport to another
Modified—Scrimmages, Football, Wrestling and Baseball & Softball rules

THE NEW 2010 - 2012 NYSPHSAA HANDBOOK
Will be available in August
Complimentary copies will be sent to:
Superintendents, HS and MS Principals and Athletic Administrators

DISCUSSION ITEMS for FUTURE CONSIDERATION
Contact your Section Representative
Cheerleading - Coaching Certification and Sport Status
Championship Philosophy Report http://www.nysphsaa.org/minutes/aor.asp
Wrestling - Of the 20 points permitted in wrestling, Two Day Dual Meet Tournaments would be limited to a maximum of two (2) per season.

OCF—Fact Finding Deadline - Add the following: “Failure to respond to the proposed fact finding report or panel’s report on the resolution of the grievance within thirty (30) days after receipt shall result in acceptance of the report. The report will be sent certified mail.” “The attorney for the NYSPHSAA will act in an advisory capacity to the fact finding grievance and arbitration panels on behalf of the Officials Representatives and the NYSPHSAA Representatives.