



NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

MARCH 2008



APPROVED ITEMS

February 1, 2008 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting

REFERENDUM VOTE - Beginning in August 2008 Charter Schools will be classified by the Section Classification Committee.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL - To permit two score keepers at the table with the home score book as the official book.

SOFTBALL - The pitching distance for Varsity, JV & Freshman will remain at 40 feet.

SPORTSMANSHIP - Beginning next year the Sportsmanship Workshop will be coupled with the yearly NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop. Both workshops are mandatory.

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. Classification numbers will remain the same.

AD HOC COMMITTEES - The Association will establish two ad hoc committees this spring; Membership & Classification Committee and Sport Season Placement Committee. There will also be a Task Force established to study and make recommendations in regards to an adapted sport program.

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.

NYSPHSAA DUES - There will be no dues increase for the 2008-2009 school year.

WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mar 8	Boys Volleyball	Oneida HS (3)
Mar 8	Indoor Track	Cornell (4)
Mar 8-9	Ice Hockey	Utica Aud (3)
Mar 8-9	Wrestling	Blue Cross Arena(5)
Mar 14-16	Basketball	HVCC—Glen Falls(2)
Mar 28-30	Federation Tournament	Glens Falls (2)

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 May 2nd meeting.

POSTPONED ITEMS

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD - To adjust the at large entry to permit one entry for Division I and one entry for Division II when the qualifying standard has been met. (Vote in May)

WRESTLING—The committee is seeking approval for a wrestler to compete twice in a regular dual meet under specific situations pertaining to forfeits and exhibition matches. (Vote in May)

NYSPHSAA NEW WEBSITE

The site is up and running

Visit www.nysphsaa.org

ITEMS of INTEREST— REMINDERS

SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM AWARD - March 7th (Friday) is the filing deadline for the winter season.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

March 11	Girls Volleyball	10:00
March 31	Football	10:30
April 1	Wrestling	10:00
April 2	Wrestling Advisory Committee	9:00
April 2	Swimming & Diving (B & G)	10:00
April 3	Soccer (B & G)	10:00
April 4	Modified Committee	9:00
April 4	Girls Tennis	10:00

COACHES CLINICS (Brochures will be mailed)

Field Hockey	March 28, 2008	Utica - Radisson
Track & Field	March 28-29, 2008	Utica - Radisson
Volleyball	April 25, 2008	Union College
Soccer	May 30, 2008	Oneonta

FUTURE SECTION MEETINGS

March 6	Section 10
March 11	Section 11
March 18	Section 8
March 19	Section 4, 5 & 6
March 20	Section 1
March 26	Section 2
March 27	Section 3
April 8	Section 9

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION & DISCUSSION

WRESTLING - The concept of a regional wrestling format to advance to the state championship finals is being discussed. The wrestling committee members are seeking input prior to their April meeting.

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

RECENT NEWS

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT - Sections will be scheduling concussion management workshops for athletic directors and physicians with whom the schools work. Superintendents are encouraged to support attendance at the workshop. Any school interested in purchasing the ImPACT Concussion Management program, please check the NYSAAA or NYSPHSAA websites.

FOOTBALL CLASSIFICATION CUT OFF NUMBERS - The following classification numbers will be used beginning with the 2008 season. (Please note - this is a change from previously published numbers)

Class AA 1051 and up	Class A 626 - 1050
Class B 441 - 625	Class C 276 - 440
Class D 275 and below	

BOYS LACROSSE - The East Regional Semi-Final games scheduled for June 12, 2008 will now be played at Hofstra University.

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.

BOYS BASKETBALL - For 2008—2009 season permit each Section to have the opportunity to use two 16 minute halves as they feel appropriate in their schedules for tournaments and non league games.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

NOTE: If a contest is suspended, all violations of the Sportsmanship Policy and/or any red/yellow cards received during that contest will be enforced regardless if the contest is replayed in its entirety or resumed from the point of interruption.

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

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.

FUTURE CHANGES—BE PREPARED

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.

FIELD HOCKEY - Protective eye wear will be required for the 2008 season.