



NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

JANUARY 2008



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITION— Candidates interested in applying should contact the NYSPHSAA for further information. Major responsibilities include sanctioning, Modified & Sportsmanship Committees, Safety & Risk Management, annual school classification, coaching clinics, NY Good Sports, Wrestling Minimum Weight Certification and Citizenship Through Athletics, etc. Application deadline January 31, 2008.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL - The committee is requesting to be able to permit two score keepers at the table with the home score book as the official book.

BOYS SOCCER - The committee is requesting to have statewide consistency for the following procedures:

- All games will consist of two 40 minute halves.
- Regular season overtime procedure will be two 10 minute sudden victory periods.
- In regular season tournaments when teams need to advance there will be two 10 minute sudden victory periods and if still tied penalty kicks will be used to determine advancement.
- In Sectional and State Tournament games overtimes will consist of two 15 minute sudden victory periods and if still tied penalty kicks. However in the state final championship game Co-Champions will be declared at the end of the two 15 minute periods with no penalty kicks.

GIRLS SOCCER - The committee is requesting to have statewide consistency for the following procedures:

- All games will consist of two 40 minute halves.
- Regular season overtime procedure will be two 10 minute periods (played fully). If still tied, the game will end in a tie.
- In regular season tournaments when teams need to advance there will be two 10 minute periods (played fully) and if still tied penalty kicks will be used to determine advancement.
- In Sectional and State Tournament games overtimes will consist of two 10 minute periods (played fully) followed by two 5 minute sudden victory periods. If still tied penalty kicks will be used to determine the winner.

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.

FIELD HOCKEY— The committee will be requesting the following rule clarification; if undershirts are worn - they must be white in color for the home team and dark in color for the away team.

POSTPONED ITEMS

The following items will be addressed by the Executive Committee on February 1, 2008

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 February)

OFFICIALS COORDINATING FEDERATION - The approval of the 2008 – 2010 Officials Agreement. (Vote in February)

SPORTSMANSHIP - Requesting approval of a mandatory Sportsmanship Workshop to be coupled with the yearly mandatory Eligibility Workshop. (Vote in February)

ITEMS of INTEREST– REMINDERS

FUTURE MEETING DATES

January 11	Field Hockey	9:00
February 1	Executive Committee (Saratoga Hotel)	1:00
February 9	Boys Lacrosse	10:00

COACHES CLINICS (Brochures will be mailed)

Softball	January 18, 2008	Adirondack Sports Complex
Lacrosse	January 25, 2008	SUNY Cortland
Baseball	February 29, 2008	Cooperstown
Field Hockey	March 28, 2008	Utica
Track & Field	March 28-29, 2008	Utica
Soccer	May 30, 2008	Oneonta
Volleyball	TBA	

CITIZENSHIP THROUGH ATHLETICS - On February 6, 2008 in the NYSPHSAA Office the CTA Instructors course is scheduled from 8 AM—3:30 PM. There is no cost. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please contact Lloyd Mott to register at lmott@nysphsaa.org.

FUTURE SECTION MEETINGS

January 11	Section 11
January 16	Section 4 & 6
January 17	Section 1
January 22	Section 9
January 30	Section 2
January 31	Section 8
February 7	Section 7

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE - Permission has been granted for the Handbook Committee to explore the establishment of specific penalties and/or fines for rule and eligibility infractions. Any suggestions should be sent to Nina Van Erk.

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	

ICE HOCKEY - Rule waivers were approved to assist in the transition from NCAA to NFHS playing rules.

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.

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

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.

WRESTLING - Continuation of the waiver for the 1.5% weight loss rule. The 50% rule and the current minimum weight class will remain in effect.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.