



# APRIL 2011 NYSPHSAA OFFICE REPORT

## NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - May 6-7, 2011

### ACTION ITEMS

- Cross Country** - In the State Championship, athletes from each Section will wear their sectional colored t-shirts, providing there is no cost to the individual Section's budget.
- Safety Committee** - Recommends the safety meeting mandate be required every other year.
- Boys and Girls Tennis** - Commitment to Compete Form. "Failure to honor your commitment to complete the tournament for reasons other than injury or illness will result in forfeiture from the tournament and ineligibility from next season's NYSPHSAA State Tennis Tournament. This incident will also be reported to the student's school administration."
- Ice Hockey** - Recommends a waiver of NFHS rule to allow a maximum of 2 game disqualifications per contest for a coach or player.

### AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS Championship Philosophy and Cheerleading Committees

### 2011 CALENDAR

- April 4**  
Wrestling - 10:00 AM
- April 7**  
Section 7 - 9:30 AM
- April 8**  
Modified Committee - 9:30 AM  
Wrestling Advisory - 9:00 AM
- April 12**  
Section 9 - 9:30 AM
- April 13**  
Safety Committee - 9:00AM  
Section 2 - 10:00 AM
- April 25**  
Skiing - 1:00 PM
- April 26**  
Section 1 - 8:30 AM  
Championship Advisory-9:30 AM
- May 1**  
OCF - 9:00 AM
- May 2**  
Boys Golf - 10:00 AM
- May 5**  
Section 10 - 9:00 AM
- May 6-7**  
Executive Committee  
Liverpool

### 2011 CLINICS

- April 2**  
Volleyball - Broome CC College
- May 13**  
Cheerleading - Rochester
- June 3**  
Soccer @ Utica  
Field of Dreams

### BASEBALL

**COMPOSITE BATS  
FOR A LIST OF APPROVED BATS  
FOR THE  
2011 SEASON VISIT  
WWW.NFHS.ORG  
Keyword BAT**

**SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM  
AWARD  
DEADLINE  
MAY 20, 2011**

**SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION  
AWARD  
DEADLINE  
JUNE 30, 2011**

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**Softball:** Pitching distance is 43 ft for all high school (9th, JV and Varsity) programs for spring of 2011. Modified Pitching Distance may not exceed 40 feet. Metal cleats are prohibited.

**SCRIMMAGES**—Review SCRIMMAGE RULES with coaches prior to the start of the season.

**Softball and Baseball** scrimmages must include free substitutions and lineup cards will not be exchanged. Scrimmages must also include *one or more* of the following: 1. Play six (6) outs per half inning (example - 3 outs clear the field/ 3 more outs). 2. Batting order must be altered or modified to include more batters than rules permit. 3. Start with a runner(s) on base with a predetermined situation for at least two (2) full innings.

**Lacrosse** scrimmages must have modified time periods and include *one or more* of the following: 1. Alternate possessions. 2. Start the scrimmage with either a Draw (girls) or a Face-Off (boys) 3. Include the following game situations: Face-Off/Draws - Boys/Girls, Clears and Rides - Boys/Girls, Extra Man and Man-Down – Boys/Girls, Fast Breaks - Boys/Girls.

**Golf** - See page 115. **Track** - See page 116. **Tennis** - See page 118.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE CHALLENGE AWARD - You Can Help Change The World.** Application and program information is available online @ [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org). Deadline for Section Award is May 1. Program deadline for NYSPHSAA Award - June 1.

**Send Us Your Campus News** - Please email [altieri@nysphsaa.org](mailto:altieri@nysphsaa.org). Deadline is Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Sportsmanship** - All member schools are encouraged to fill out the Sportsmanship Promotion Survey on-line at [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org) by April 15, 2011. All schools that fill out the survey will receive a certificate from the NYSPHSAA and will be eligible for the section plaque award and the state banner award sponsored by Pupil Benefits Inc.

**Concussion Management** - Schools are encouraged to develop a Board of Education approved concussion management policy. A draft policy and guidelines can be found on the NYSPHSAA website. Educate your coaching staff through a FREE on-line course at [www.nfhslearn.org](http://www.nfhslearn.org).

**NFHS Licensing Program Information** - Schools receiving royalty checks this winter also received individual school agreements to continue participation in the program. The LRG agreement is non-exclusive so schools who want to continue local agreements for their booster clubs, fundraising and with others may do so. There are other companies seeking agreements with schools for licensing programs. While the LRG/NFHS/NYSPHSAA program must stand on its own merits, schools should know that the NFHS/NYSPHSAA has no relationship with any company for licensing high school merchandise except for LRG. This includes companies desiring to be agents for schools or companies desiring to enter into exclusive licensing agreements. It is not recommended that schools sign 'exclusive' licensing agreements, limiting their options to participate in other programs. Questions, please contact the NFHS or LRG. NFHS Marketing: 317-972-6900, LRG: Dick Welsh 513-492-9278 or Tom Lagone:616-395-0676. Schools may also sign-up for the NFHS/LRG program and find more information at [www.nfhslicensing.com](http://www.nfhslicensing.com).