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TO:        NYSPHSAA Section Executive Directors
FR:        Dr. Robert J. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
RE:        Interpretation of recent changes to NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule
DATE:      September 13, 2019

Please allow this memo to serve as an official interpretation of the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule as it pertains to the recent changes voted upon and approved at the July 2019 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting.

The Central Committee approved students (grades 7, 8, 9, & 10) who are ineligible, as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule, to practice & participate at the sub-varsity level during their period of ineligibility; noncorresponding transferring students in grades 11th and 12th who are ineligible as per the Transfer Rule, are limited to practice only.

It is my interpretation that any student who is currently serving a period of ineligibility (regardless of date of registration) as a result of their noncorresponding change of address transfer, should be granted the ability to practice and/or play at the sub-varsity level in accordance with the approved changes. The approved changes state, “during their period of ineligibility” and does not specifically mention students who changed registration without a corresponding change of address prior to the rule being revised.

I have received several questions from the membership pertaining to students who transferred prior to the Central Committee meeting in July 2019, when the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule was revised. This interpretation is being distributed with the support of the NYSPHSAA Officers to ensure fairness and consistency throughout the 11 Sections.

The NYSPHSAA Constitution includes the following language under ARTICLE IV Officers and Duties:

“e. The Executive Director shall be the official interpreter of the policies and regulations of the Association, shall be responsible for conducting the business of the Association, shall keep the minutes and records of the Association, the Central Committee and the Executive Committee.”

If you have any additional questions, please let me know or contact me on my cell phone at 518.925.6631.

Thank you.
WRESTLING – ELIMINATE 99LB WEIGHT CLASS IN DUAL MEETS, TOURNAMENTS, AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Action Item
Discussion Item

Presenter:
Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee is seeking approval to eliminate the 99lb weight class for all Dual Meet and Dual Meet Tournaments, including the Dual Meet State Championship. This will be a 2-year experiment.

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2020 - 2021

Rationale:
Each year there are a considerable number of forfeits in dual meet events because one team or neither team has a 99lb competitor. This proposal will address the lack of competitors in this weight class and forfeits that have become frequent in dual meets.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee May 2019

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
The Wrestling Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:
None

Date Revised: June 20, 2019
WRESTLING – CONDUCT ONE NYSPHSAA/FEDERATION WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Action Item

Discussion Item

Presenter:
Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee is seeking approval to conduct the NYSPHSAA/Federation Wrestling Tournament as one tournament. In this proposal, eight places in all weight classes would be recognized with medals.

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2019 – 2020

Rationale:
Presently, the event is considered two tournaments in one and administrators, coaches and athletes feel strongly that this feels like one tournament and have expressed this to the wrestling committee. Approval of this proposal would create just one tournament for all competitors and eliminate confusion in the awards presentation, which now is two presentations for each weight class.

The rationale for increasing awarding eight places is because we currently wrestleback to eight places in several weight classes to accommodate the Federation tournament. It would be consistent and uniform to recognize eight places for all weight classes in this new proposal.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee May 2019

Budgetary Impact:
Both the NYSPHSAA and Federations will share in the cost of the medals. A new medal would be designed with recognition of all four associations participating in the event.

Notes:
The Wrestling Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal

Attachments:
None

Date Revised: June 17, 2019
WRESTLING – WAIVER FOR FIVE-BOUT NFHS RULE IN POSTSEASON

Action Item
Discussion Item

Presenter:
Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee is seeking approval for a waiver for the NFHS five-bout rule in the postseason. This would allow competitors to wrestle in a sixth bout during individual postseason tournaments.

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2019 – 2020

Rationale:
Currently, sections are conducting two-day tournaments to determine placements of wrestlers. This proposal would eliminate a two-day tournament and allow sections to conduct only a one-day tournament, thus saving a significant amount of money on officials, venue rental, travel and more. Furthermore, a wrestler has the potential to compete for a maximum of 30 minutes in a dual meet tournament. This proposal would allow for potentially just two additional minutes of wrestling.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee May 2019

Budgetary Impact:
A significant savings to sections and schools on officials, venue rental, travel, and more.

Notes:
The Wrestling Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal. This proposal will go to Safety Committee in the fall of 2019.

Attachments:
None

Date Revised: June 17, 2019
WRESTLING – USE OF INBODY SCALE FOR THE NYSPHSAA WEIGHT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

___ Action Item
___ Discussion Item

**Presenter:**
Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Coordinator

**Proposal:**
To require all Sections to use the InBody Scale for the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Weight Certification Program.

**Effective Start Date:**
2020-2021 season

**Rationale:**
To provide a consistent method of measurement for all wrestlers in NYS. The current form of measurement of skin folds is subject to the assessor ability and consistency of taking these measurements. The InBody scale would eliminate the inconsistencies in the current process.

**Proposal Originated:**
NYSPHSAA Wrestling and Wrestling Advisory Committees

**Budgetary Impact:**
Each Section would have to provide an InBody Scale at each Centralized Assessment Sites. The current cost of the Scale is $1500.00.

**Notes:**
The Wrestling Committee, Wrestling Advisory Committee, and Section Executive Directors took part in a presentation by the NWCA on the use and function of the InBody Scale.

**Attachments:**
None

Date Revised: June 21, 2019
SOFTBALL – ELIMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL TIEBREAKER FOR REGIONAL CONTESTS

Action Item
Discussion Item

Presenter:
Cathy Allen, NYSPHSAA Softball State Coordinator

Proposal:
The Softball Committee is seeking approval to eliminate the International Tie Breaker Rule for all Regional contests permanently starting with the 2020 season. This was previously a two-year experiment for the 2018 and 2019 spring seasons.

Effective Start Date:
Spring 2020

Rationale:
The same International TieBreaker Rule waiver is in place for State Semifinals and Finals. This proposal would be extended to Regional play while allowing Sections to keep it in their Sectional championships. In spite of the one outlier this season (20 innings), there is no way to assume that the ITR would have ended the game earlier, therefore, Section chairs would be directed to allow sufficient time to complete contests, anticipating extended games. (recommend 2 ½ to 3 hours).

The ITR was instituted to halt the pitcher-dominated games in the 1980’s and was done at a time where the pitching rubber was at 40’ and the equipment limited ball flight and EVO. With the move to a 43’ mound and the addition of composite bats, the game has changed dramatically, and the offense is in the forefront. In fact, we have added a mercy rule in recent years as a means to control games that get out of hand on one side. Therefore, the game should be played as it was meant to be without adding artificial offense.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Softball Committee in June 2017

Budget Impact:
None

Notes:
NYSPHSAA Softball Committee unanimously voted in favor of this

Attachments:
None

Date Revised: June 26, 2019
BASEBALL – ADOPT GAME ENDING PROCEDURE RUN RULE

Action Item

Discussion Item

Presenter:
Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee is seeking approval for State adoption, with section & league approval, a game ending procedure run rule. This run rule was in place for a two-year experiment and would continue as stated that the game will end when there is a run differential of 10 runs after 5 innings (or 4 ½ if the home team is winning).

Effective Start Date:
Spring 2020

Rationale:
Currently, NYSPHSAA hasn’t permanently adopted a game ending procedure. “The NFHS rule, Section 2 Article 4 states …"by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the umpire-in-chief, any remaining play may be shortened or the game terminated.” The game ending run rule procedure being proposed will provide consistency when a game can end. This run rule will save on pitch counts and the number of pitchers that are used in games when there is a lack of competitiveness. A run rule will improve the quality of high school baseball.

This rule was approved as a two-year trial for the 2018 and 2019 spring seasons. At the Baseball Committee meeting held on June 14, 2019 the rule was discussed and voted 9-2 in favor of keeping it.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA State Baseball Committee, June 2019

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None

Date Revised: July 10, 2019
New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Central Committee Meeting – July 30-31, 2019

BOYS SOCCER – NEW 6-YEAR REGIONAL ROTATION 2020-2025

___ Action Item
___ Discussion Item

Presenter:
Mike Andrew, NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Committee is seeking approval of a new regional rotation for six years beginning in the fall of 2020 and ending with the 2025 fall soccer season.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2020

Rationale:
Approval of this proposal would allow us to extend the previous six-year rotation with no significant change for the next six years. We have in the past adjusted and corrected any and all problems as they have arisen, generally caused by the occasional typo.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Committee February 2019

Budgetary Impact:
None

Notes:
The committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal during their winter meeting.

Attachments:
None

Date Revised: June 17, 2019
Section IX Athletics
Greg Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Championships
Neutral Site (Existing Policy)

Approved by the Section IX Athletic Council - Tuesday, September, 16, 2014

The Section IX Executive Director, with input from the sport chairperson, will be responsible for determining where the Section IX Tournament Finals will be played in the event of a host team conflict at a designated site. The Executive Director will get involved with neutrality issues only when a particular sport’s championship venue is formally called into question based on a host team’s involvement in the finals.

With the implementation of the new Neutral Site Rule every effort should be made to choose a neutral site as close to the participating schools as possible. The Section IX sports chairpeople should make this part of the decision making process on selecting a site for the Championships.

SECTION IX CHAMPIONSHIPS:
Neutral Site Policy – Proposed Change

It is the responsibility of the sport chairperson to consider the viability of all championship sites located within Section IX. Every consideration will be made to avoid potential scheduling issues with facilities for sectional and championship games.

The sport committees will make recommendations to the Executive Director to place all sectional finals at sites that are of the highest quality for the athletes, officials, and spectators. Once these sites for the sectional finals are established, they will not be changed due to a host team’s potential involvement in the finals.
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OCIAA / MHAL - SPORTS TEAMS FORM
2020-2021

PLACE AN X NEXT TO EACH TEAM YOU HAVE. ADD NEW TEAMS BELOW.

If you are adding a team or deleting a team from the OCIAA or MHAL for 2020-2021 please let us know.

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Return by October 23, 2019  Fax to: (845) 291-7306

Signature: _______________________________
ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
GIRLS GOLF BY-LAWS
Updated September 10, 2019

1. Play will be under the current United States Golf Association Rules and the local rules of the course
   being played.

2. League Play:
   a. Local club rules must be covered before tee off.

   b. Scoring for all regular season matches will be medal play, four-person team*, score the best three. The
      fourth golfer is to be used to break a tie. If a tie still exists, then refer to league scoring.

   c. Due to the number of teams that play on private courses and that we are playing under local rules,
      players are to wear collared shirts, pants or shorts and NO JEANS will be allowed. Players not
      following this standard will not be allowed on the course. This rule will also be consistent with the
      Section and State standards.

   d. Players shall wear appropriate footwear - soft spiked shoes, spikeless shoes or sneakers.

   e. Teammates will be allowed to discuss course strategy. This shall include club selection and reading
      putts. Each player is required to carry their own bag.

3. Division Champions: The Golf League will consist of four divisions*. The divisions will recognize a
   champion based on win/loss record within division play only.

   *In order to qualify for a division title, a team must have a minimum of four members. Teams with less than four
   members will play a non-league schedule and can still win a match based on taking the three best scores. Players will
   also still be able to qualify as individuals for the Section IX and NYSPHSAA Tournaments.

   a. Team scoring for division

      (1) 2 points for a win
      (2) 1 point for a tie
      (3) 0 points for a loss

   b. If there is a still a tie based on the above point(s) system, the following will be used to determine that
      division champion.

      (1) Head to Head overall for current season between teams that are tied.
      (2) Points allowed between tied teams
      (3) Record vs. the team occupying the next highest position in division standings
      (4) Points allowed vs. the team occupying the next highest position in division standings

4. Weather/Official Match
   If inclement weather interrupts play, refer to Section IX Lightning and Thunder Policy. A match is declared
   official at the completion of 5 holes. An abbreviated match may be used as one of the official qualifying
   matches, but will not factor into their scoring average.
5. **Section Tournament:** This is a 2 day 36 hole tournament that will be conducted for the top golfers in the Orange County League determined by stroke average throughout the season. All players are allowed to use their six (6) best nine (9) hole scores when calculating their average over par. The top 18 scores including ties will advance to the second day of play. A player must compete in at least six (6) matches to qualify. Awards will be presented to the top nine (9) finishers. A 10th place finisher will be determined to represent Section IX, if necessary, at the NYSPHSAA Tournament. A team championship will also be conducted with Division winners facing off. The Team champion will go to the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championships.

If for any reason a qualifying tournament needs to be shortened, the chairperson or designee, golf club pro, or course superintendent will make a decision as to how many holes will be considered official for scoring.

6. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:**

   a. When a coach is ejected from a game please refer to the NYSPHSAA Handbook, Sportsmanship Standard #27.

   b. When a player(s) is ejected from a game for fighting or unsportsmanlike conduct, the following action is required by the NYSPHSAA Regulations, detailed in Standard #27b.

      1. First ejection - that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled match.
      2. Second ejection - that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests.
      3. Third ejection - that player(s) cannot attend or participate in any remaining scheduled matches including Sectional play or any higher level of competition.
      4. There is no appeal to a player(s) ejection. The official's decision is final and includes the following contest(s).

   c. The coach of the player(s) who was/were ejected will notify his/her Athletic Administrator. The Athletic Administrator will then contact the Athletic Coordinator's Office to confirm that the player or players will not be allowed to participate in that school's next scheduled match or matches as required above. The Athletic Administrator must report the ejection to the Athletic Coordinator's Office.

   d. A player(s) who is ejected from a game, will not be allowed to be present at the site of any game that player(s) has been disqualified from participating in (home or away).

   e. For an unsportsmanlike violation that occurs during the OCIAA season, penalties will carry over into sectional play. Once penalties are served, sectional unsportsmanlike conduct rules apply.

7. In the OCIAA and Section IX Tournaments, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. **Cell phones are not allowed nor any other multi-functional device that has the capability to connect to the internet.** This includes, but is not limited internet capable smartphones, tablets, or PDA's which may be used as a distance measuring device, even if no other features or applications installed on the device are not actually used. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for
which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

8. Awards:
   a. Plaque: Division Champions (Team)
   b. Awards: Individual - 1st through 9th place
   c. OCIAA Patches: Each individual school may purchase their own patches if they choose to do so.

9. Schedules:
   a. Will be developed by the Athletic Coordinator.
   b. Each varsity team may not schedule more than 20 total matches.

10. Mixed Competition:

    NYSPHSAA Handbook page 65 and 66.
    The NYSPHSAA requires that the names of girls and boys who participate on a team of the opposite sex be submitted to the league and section before any interschool contest in that sport.
    NOTE: Teams organized for one sex may only practice and compete against teams of that same sex. Furthermore, once an individual competes on a team for one sex during a season, he/she may not compete for or against a team organized for the other sex during that season.
Section IX
Modified Sports ByLaws

Motion:

Approve change to Modified Sports ByLaws by individual league to be Section IX Modified Sports ByLaws.

- **Other Specific Language Changes:**
  - **All Sports:** Eliminate terminology of labeling sports as OCIAA and Replace with the identifier of Section IX.
  - **Modified Baseball and Softball:** Remove Language regarding 6pm curfews and replace with: “If both schools agree prior to the start of the game, there will be a 2 hour time limit from the start of the game. This would not include time for stoppage of play due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.”
  - **Modified Boys and Girls Basketball:** Added language referencing playing time that states, “All players must play in the game.”
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  * Heather - Boys ONLY - Monticello
  * Dan - all other Sullivan

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* **Ulster County Baseball**
  * Doug - six (6) schools: Ellenville, Kingston, Onateora, Rondout, Saugerties, Wallkill
  * Dan - three (3) schools: Highland, New Paltz, Marlboro

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