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NYSAAA President's Message



By Wayne Bertrand, CAA

In difficult times such as these, it is often very difficult to justify attending conferences, especially when many schools are forced to cut teachers, supplies and programs. Usually, the money budgeted or spent for conferences, as well as extracurricular programs is the first to go. However, it is in times like this, that we may benefit the most from attending our state conference. It is with this in mind that we ask Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Administrators to consider these cost effective benefits of attending in the difficult times that lie ahead. Below is a list of the top ten reasons that we believe justify attendance at this year's NYSAAA Annual Conference:

1. Dr. Oliver Robinson, Superintendent of Schools for the Shenendehowa Central School District, a leader in his field, will present a workshop entitled "Athletics in Trying Fiscal Times – A Superintendent's Perspective"
2. Bob McGuire (Athletic Administrator, Burnt Hills CSD) will present a workshop on "Alternative Methods in Athletic Budgeting and Purchasing"
3. Techniques and Practices for Dealing With Issues Relating to the Poor Economy and Budget Cutbacks
4. Bidding, Purchasing and Installation of Athletic Field Surfaces
5. Getting the Most Out of Capital Projects
6. National Level Speakers Addressing Cutting Edge Issues in Athletics
7. Sharing Ideas and Practices with other Athletic Administrators - Drop-in Center for the Sharing of Information
8. Access to more than 100 Vendors of Athletic Supplies and Equipment to Maximize Cost Effective Purchasing Practices
9. Developing Tools and Techniques for Justifying Athletic Programs in Difficult Times
10. Conference Attendance Expenses can be Declared as a Tax Deduction on your Personal Income Tax for Those Whose Schools Won't Pay for Attending.

Please consider that the cost benefits can far outweigh the actual expense of conference attendance, when making the final decision to attend or not. The conference planners have worked diligently in trying to develop a conference program that is "the best yet" in dealing with the current economy that we are living in and making the best of these difficult times. I do hope to see all of you in March. Even if you only come in for one or two days, it will be worth the time and money spent in the long run.

Sincerely,

Wayne Bertrand, CAA
President



Future NFHS/NIAAA Conference Dates/Sites:

2009 – Dallas, TX (Dec. 12-15)
2010 – Orlando, FL (Dec. 11-14)
2011 – Indianapolis, IN (Dec. 9-13)
2012 – San Antonio, TX (Dec. 14-18)

Summer Institute:

The 6th Annual Athletic Administrator Leadership Training Summer Institute dates for next year have been moved earlier to the last week in June (June 28-July 1, 2009) at Brewster, MA (Cape Cod). Over these past 5 years, New York attendees have been in a majority at this quality program. The Ocean Edge Resort is a world class resort that normally gets \$450 + per night for condominium units during the summer months, but due to the earlier dates, the rates (for Condo units) are being kept extremely reasonable (\$180/night) for this time of year on the Cape. This professional development experience has become an event for the entire family to enjoy. Get more information, schedule of courses and registration forms at www.section1.niaaa.org. All Leadership Training Courses are sanctioned through the NIAAA.



NIAAA Assistant Director Will Attend NYSA Conference:

Michael Blackburn, Assistant Director of the NIAAA, will be in attendance at the NYSA Conference in March, 2009 and will address the opening night general session attendees. The NYSA is honored to have Mike spend several days visiting with us. We thank Bruce Whitehead, Mike Blackburn and the entire NIAAA staff for its continued support and partnership with the NYSA.

NIAAA to Teach LTC 501, 502 and 504 via Internet:

We are pleased to announce that the NIAAA will be webinar teaching LTC 501, 502, 504 via the internet in the spring of 2009. The athletic administrator will be able to view the course from the convenience of their home or office. Administrators will also have the opportunity to pose live questions and the class can be divided into discussion groups with the capability of receiving reports from each group. What better way to take a class? There will be no travel time and no travel costs (gas, meals or lodging).

Our suggestion would be to use the computer that is connected to the greatest bandwidth (DSL, Cable or T-1 line) which could be at your school if you do not have high speed internet connection at home. However you can get the broadcast with a 56K / dial up modem typically used with home computers. The only issue here is that this type of internet connection will be slower since pictures/PowerPoint take longer to download.

Equipment Needed: Personal Computer with sound card, speakers and a microphone (Inexpensive \$10 microphone will work fine which can be purchased at any computer store).

Course Dates (Spring-2009): 501 Wednesdays - March 11, 18 and 25; 504 Mondays - March 9, 16 and 23; 502 Thursdays - March 12, 19 and 26.

Course Times: The Courses will be taught by experienced faculty. Each class will consist of three 120 minute sessions taught on three consecutive Monday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings. We will be limited to one section for each course of no more than 25 students per course. Therefore we suggest you register early. (7:30 pm to 9:30 pm Eastern Time; 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm Pacific Time; 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Central Time; 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm Alaska Time; 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Mountain Time; 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm Hawaii Time.

Registration: The NIAAA has established a fee of \$100 for each course. Download the enrollment form and use your credit card or pay by check returning the form with payment to the NIAAA, 9100 Keystone Crossing, Suite 650, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240. When using a credit card you can fax the enrollment form to 317-587-1451.

Registration Deadline for all classes will be February 27, 2009. Course manuals will be sent to you prior to the first class.

Certificates and Missed Classes: Certificates will be mailed to those that complete the entire course.

For additional information contact the NIAAA office at 317-587-1450 or pconrad@niaaa.org

Online Interactive Membership Services For Active & Inactive NIAAA Members:

If you have an active NIAAA member ID number and are a first time visitor to Member Services, please click the link that says Activate My "Members Only" Online Account. You will be required to use your member number as part of the activation process. If you have forgotten your member number, please contact us at 317-587-1450 or via email at pconrad@niaaa.org. After you activate your online account you will have access to all of the members only services including the job board, pressbox services, membership renewal, open dates etc.

IAA Magazine is now circulated to over 24,000 individuals across the country. Articles are written by and for Athletic Administrators. It is considered one of the best professional resources available for athletic administrators and by itself, is worth the price of the membership dues. As a NYSA Member, you should be receiving your copy of IAA Magazine four times per year. If you are not getting your copy, please call the NIAAA Office (317-587-1450) or email pconrad@niaaa.org



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTEPAD

Alan Mallanda

Conference time is right around the corner. In a year which has certainly produced hard economic conditions, both at schools, as well as at home, it may seem easy to skip the conference this year. However, it is in times like these that we need the support and wisdom of other professionals in dealing with all the issues we face in our jobs. This year's conference will be sure to address the current issues we face and more. The conference planners have all worked hard to provide you with one of the best conferences ever. It is well worth the money spent to attend, considering the benefits received by attending. You can't afford not being there. You also may want to consider coming in for a day or two, if you cannot attend the entire conference. Whether you are new to the job, or more experienced, there is something for everyone. Taking only one idea back to your district, in itself, can make the trip worthwhile. And, remember, if you are paying your own way, it's tax deductible. Here are some of the highlights:

Wednesday:

Leadership Training Classes all day (8 am to 5 pm) – 6 classes to choose from, 3 morning and 3 afternoon

Registration opens at 2 pm. Triple A Shoppe will be open all afternoon

Buffet Dinner @ 5 pm followed by the First General Session – including addresses by Conference Planners, NIAAA Assistant Director, Mike Blackburn, and entertainment by comedic hypnotist, Tom DeLuca

Exhibit Hall Festival (7:30 - 9:30 pm) – Food, refreshments, entertainment, gifts, drawings & raffles with valuable prizes, over 100 vendors available to visit with

Thursday:

Two workshop sessions (A & B) addressing “cutting edge” issues

Drop In Center, Registration and Triple A Shoppe open all day 8 am to 5 pm

New Athletic Director/First Time Attendees Orientation Workshop

Exhibit Hall Open all day (8 am to 5 pm) with over 100 vendors available. Raffles and Drawings all day

Second General Session featuring Tim Flannery, NIAAA Past President, Ass't. Director, NFHS – NFHS Coaching Education Program

Conference Awards Luncheon @ 12 pm

NYSAAA Association Meetings including Committees, Chapter Representatives, Representative Board

Friday:

CAA Exam; Spouse Program & Luncheon

Drop In Center open all day 8 am to 5 pm

Third General Session – Dr. Noel Genter – “The Psychology of Dealing with the Modern Day Athlete”

Fourth General Session – Nina Van Erk, CAA – NYSPHSAA Executive Director – NYSPHSAA UPDATES

Three Workshop Sessions (C, D, & E) – addressing more current issues dealing with the economy as well as others

Leadership Luncheon – Roundtable discussions of current issues we are facing, by invitation (4 per Chapter)

NYSAAA Annual Meeting – including door prize raffle and association meeting gift

Conference Awards Banquet

Saturday:

Buffet Breakfast, Conference Wrap-up, Chapter Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle

Hotel:

Conference Headquarters, meetings, workshops and General Sessions are located in the Saratoga Hilton. Hotel registration forms are included in this newsletter. Overflow Hotel Accommodations are available in the nearby Marriott Courtyard and Hampton Inn (new) with special conference rates available. Exhibit Hall is located in the Saratoga Springs City Center adjacent to the hotel.

Larry “Sparky” Rector Drop-In Center:

Be sure to stop into the Whitney meeting room where athletic administrators share ideas by bringing in materials to share with others. All athletic administrators are asked to bring something they might want to share with others. Please make at least 200 copies, a CD or Memory Stick. Sample handbooks, policies & procedures, forms, presentations and projects. Athletic administrators should bring computer or memory sticks to upload/download information.

Overall, there is excitement in the air with the changes we've made in the conference format. We hope that all will agree. In addition, we will have an increased number of quality gifts planned for all registrants throughout the conference, beginning with registration, at the “Exhibit Hall Festival”, at the Annual Meeting and through the end of the conference. Don't miss this important annual event.

Alan Mallanda, CMAA

NYSAAA 2009 Conference Highlights



Wednesday – March 18, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	LTC 501 – Athletic Administration – Philosophy, Leadership and Professional Programs
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	LTC 504 – Legal Issues I (Risk Management)
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	LTC 703 – Citizenship Through Sports and Fine Arts
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	NYS Council of Administrators Meeting (Tentative)
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	LTC 502 – Athletic Administration – Principles, Strategies and Methods
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	LTC 508 – Legal Issues III (Hazing)
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	LTC 709 – Communication, Leadership and Decision-Making Concepts
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Conference Registration & Triple A Shoppe (Gallery)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Buffet Dinner Reception
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	<u>OPENING GENERAL SESSION</u> – Conference Welcome
	Keynote Speaker – Mike Blackburn, Assistant Director, NIAAA, Indianapolis, IN
	Keynote Entertainer – Tom DeLuca, Comedic Hypnotist – “The Art of Suggestion”
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	<u>EXHIBIT HALL FESTIVAL</u> – Opening Hospitality Reception - Snacks/Refreshments
	Visit Exhibitors - Drawings, Door Prizes, Special Events

Thursday – March 19, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	State Committee, Chapter Representatives & Retired Directors Breakfast Meetings
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open (Last Day – Will not be open on Friday)
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	New Athletic Directors/ <u>First Time Attendees’ Conference Orientation</u>
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Conference Registration (Gallery)
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Triple A Shoppe – Logo Clothing & Supplies (Gallery) – (Last Day/Not Open on Friday)
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Larry “Sparky” Rector Materials & Drop-In Canter
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	“WORKSHOP SESSION A” see page 10
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Visit the Exhibitors – Drawing #1 – 10:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	“WORKSHOP SESSION B” see page 10
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Dave Martens Conference Awards Luncheon
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Visit the Exhibitors – Drawing #2 – 1:45 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<u>SECOND GENERAL SESSION</u> – Keynote Speaker - Tim Flannery, NIAAA Past-President, Assistant Director, NFHS, Indianapolis, IN – NFHS Coaching Education Program
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Visit the Exhibitors – <u>Closing Session</u> – Drawing #3 – 4:30 p.m.
3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	NYSAAA Representative Board Meeting
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eastern States Deaf Association Annual Meeting (Tentative)
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Section Secretaries and Treasurers Meeting of NYSPHSAA
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee (by invitation)
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own – Saratoga Area Restaurants

Friday – March 20, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	CAA EXAM
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Spouse Activities & Lunch (Gideon Putnam Hotel)
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Larry “Sparky” Rector Materials & Drop-In Center
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<u>THIRD GENERAL SESSION</u> – Dr. Noel Gentner, Sports Psychologist - Professor, Ithaca College – “The Psychology of Dealing With Modern Day Athletes”
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	“WORKSHOP SESSION C” see page 10
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	BREAK
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	“WORKSHOP SESSION D” see page 10
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Past Presidents Luncheon
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Leadership Luncheon (by invitation)
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	“WORKSHOP SESSION E” see page 10
2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	<u>FOURTH GENERAL SESSION</u> – Keynote Speaker – Nina Van Erk, Executive Director
	<u>NYSPHSAA Update</u>
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	NYSAAA Annual Meeting – Gift/Conference Door Prize
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	President’s Reception (by invitation only)
7:00 p.m.	Roy O’Neill Conference Awards Banquet

Saturday – March 21, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet/Chapter Door Prizes/50-50 Raffle (You must be present to win.)
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**2009 Conference Registration
March 18-21, 2009
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City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Amount Enclosed:

Conference Registration (Member).....\$195.00 \$ _____

Retiree Conference Registration.....\$95.00 \$ _____

Retiree NYSAAA Dues\$15.00 \$ _____

NYSAAA/NIAAA Dual Membership Dues\$105.00 (DOB _____) \$ _____

Conference Registration at Conference.....\$205.00 \$ _____

Conference Registration for Non-Athletic Admin.\$240.00 \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

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**Please do not forward registration after March 13, 2009. Register on-site in Saratoga Springs.
Registration fees will be refunded only if registrar is notified of cancellation prior to March 13, 2009.**

**Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel.
Please do not send hotel reservations to conference registrar.**

Conference Registrar Use Only

Date Received: _____ Check # _____ P.O. Number: _____

CHAPTER NEWS

REPORTS FROM CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Submitted by Roger Brown, CMAA, NYSAAA
Secretary

General

- ❑ Chapter Representatives were asked to encourage fellow athletic directors to provide handouts for the Sparky Rector Drop-In Center at the March conference.
- ❑ The next meeting for Chapter Representatives will be at the state conference on March 19, 2009.

Chapter 1 (Rich Beckley: John Jay High School in Katonah)

- ❑ The Chapter 1 winter meeting was held on January 23 at Crystal Bay in Peekskill. The agenda included vendor presentations from Net Return, Digital Signage, Digital Sports and Sports Ventures. Ms. Patricia Kennedy, Athletic Director and Compliance Officer at Mercy College, gave a presentation on NCAA recruitment regulations and guidelines. A professional development survey will be completed by the membership to help prepare future agendas for Chapter 1 meetings.
- ❑ Section I recently completed an alignment review and conducted a vote on a new alignment proposal for the 2009-2011 school years. This proposal places geography as the prime factor in the development of conferences and leagues for the next two school years. Section I is reviewing the tournament entry guidelines and seeding methods to determine if improvements are necessary.
- ❑ Section I is reviewing cost cutting measures from transportation to the number of teams each school offers. The Section has approved decreasing the maximum number of contests played during the regular season at all levels effective for the spring of 2009 and continuing into the next school year.

Chapter 2 (Scott Stuart: Queensbury High School)

- ❑ Preliminary discussion regarding helmets for girl's lacrosse has been addressed. There does not appear to be a majority of schools in favor of using the helmets.
- ❑ A new contract for officials is being negotiated. Pay rates and mileage are the main issues.
- ❑ A two-part proposal for boy's soccer has been approved to take effect for the 2009 season. The proposal is intended to reduce the number of cards issued during regular season play. The first part would reduce the number of yellow cards from 5 to 4 before a penalty is assessed. The second part of the proposal states that a team assessed in excess of 20 yellow cards during the season will be disqualified from participating in the Section II tournament.
- ❑ The classification of private/parochial schools continues to be an issue due to the number of appeals, mostly in basketball.
- ❑ Finances have been a major area of concern. Currently, Section II pays expenses for teams who travel to regional and state competition. Discussion has been focusing on ways to decrease or cut these expenses. Section II has restricted the issue and use of passes for admission to contests. There was also an informal survey to determine whether to award patches or medals at sectional competition. The current use of patches was supported overwhelmingly.

Chapter 3 (Bill Brown: Jamesville-DeWitt High School)

- ❑ Financial concerns have Athletic Directors looking for ways to limit spending while maintaining programs.

Chapter 4 (John Goodson: Johnson City High School)

- ❑ There has been much discussion about budget concerns and keeping costs down by possibly cutting programs, eliminating some games, and/or limiting travel outside of Section IV.
- ❑ The Southern Tier Athletic Conference has updated their sportsmanship policy.
- ❑ Section IV has successfully negotiated a new contract with officials.
- ❑ A Section IV Football Coaches Clinic will be held on March 7 at Johnson City High School.
- ❑ Jeff Manwaring from the Elmira City School District is the new Chapter IV President.

Chapter 5 (Peter Shambo, CAA: Penfield Central School)

- ❑ Over 100 Athletic Directors attended the Chapter 5 professional development workshop on October 16 at Victor Central School. Topics included "Random Drug Testing for High School Athletes", "Weight Training Programs for Males and Females", "MRSA: What do you really need to know and do?", "Effective Evaluations of Coaches", "The Next Step – Turning Physical Education Assessments into a Grade", and "How to Run Effective Meetings for Coaches". At the conclusion of the workshop there was a review of the general standards for athletic codes of conduct.
- ❑ By-laws for Chapter 5 were reviewed and updated.
- ❑ The winter meeting and conference will be held on Monday, February 9 at Bristol Mountain Ski Resort. The conference gift for registrants will be a jacket. Items on the agenda include youth sports and identifying ways to link community programs.

Chapter 6 (Brett Banker: Kenmore-Tonawanda Schools)

- ❑ Section VI continues to research the possibility of creating a full-time Executive Director position.
- ❑ Discussion regarding the establishment of a treasury continues along with plans to host a local mini-conference.
- ❑ A new Section VI Constitution was approved via a post card ballot.

Chapter 7 (Cathy Phillips: Peru Central School)

- ❑ Athletic Directors are being asked by Superintendents to reduce the number of contests played and are seeking no increase in dues next year to help defray costs.

Chapter 8 (Denise Kiernan: Oceanside Union Free School District)

- ❑ Financial concerns and developing ways to cut spending are being discussed.



UPCOMING NYSPHSAA COACHING CLINICS

Lacrosse	January 30, 2009	SUNY Cortland
Baseball	February 27, 2009	Cooperstown, HOF
Field Hockey	March 6, 2009	Field of Dreams, Utica
T/F & XC	March 27-28, 2009	Holiday Inn, Syracuse
Soccer	May 29, 2009	Oneonta, HOF
Volleyball	April 2009	Union College

FISCAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE - Recommendations for Consideration

On December 8th members of the Fiscal Concerns Ad Hoc Committee held a telephone conference call meeting to discuss ways the NYSPHSAA could assist member schools, leagues/conferences and Sections to reduce costs while maintaining quality interscholastic athletic programs for all students in grades 7-12. After considerable discussion on the merits and feasibility of each of the suggestions, the members of the committee unanimously reached consensus on the following items for consideration by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee:

1. Supporting the use of telephone conference calls and video conferencing for NYSPHSAA meetings to reduce the travel reimbursement costs for the NYSPHSAA and Sections.
2. Support the use of officials from the host section at all NYSPHSAA regional contests. Officials at semi final and final contests will be reviewed in the future.
3. Support a moratorium on the expansion of NYSPHSAA tournaments as it pertains to participation.
4. Support the use of centralized sites for all NYSPHSAA Championship competition.
5. Support the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season. Sports with 24 contests be reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests be reduced to 18 and sports with 18 contests be reduced to 16. Wrestling would be reduced to 19 points (5 tournaments) and football would be reduced by one contest. Junior Varsity and Freshmen programs would be reduced by two (2) additional contests and the modified program would be reduced by two contests.
6. Support the reduction of the number of classes and divisions in team and individual NYSPHSAA championship competition.
7. Support the reduction of participants in NYSPHSAA Championships in individual and combination (team/individual) sports.
8. Support the reduction of tournaments (multi school competition) for team and individual sports.
9. Support the establishment of a maximum number of scrimmages permitted by a team to: Varsity, JV and freshmen – 2 scrimmages and Modified – 1 scrimmage.
10. Support the reduction of Central/Executive Committee meetings to three per year. (Constitutional change)
11. Support the establishment of a team travel restriction for all member schools limiting out of state team travel to competition with bordering states only.
12. Support the establishment of a moratorium on the following NYSPHSAA (mandated) workshops such as Safety, Life of an Athlete, Sportsmanship and Chemical Health workshops.
13. Support eliminating participation in the NFHS Student Leadership Conference.

Chapter 9 (Bob Siracuse, CAA: Goshen Central School)

- ❑ Section IX is still without a Secretary. Jim Osborne, Section IX Treasurer and OCIAA League Athletic Coordinator is currently taking on that role until the position is filled.
- ❑ Section IX is reviewing the possibility of regional testing procedures for Selection/Classification.
- ❑ The Section IX Chemical Health workshop will be held on April 22 at Wallkill High School at 8:00 am.
- ❑ Potential savings measures in Section IX include: eliminate runner-up Section IX plaques; reduce the number of days for Section IX spring track meets to a two day meet (Class A and D on one day with Class B and C meets on another day); possibly reduce the spring track state qualifier from a two day meet to a one day meet; reduce the number of sectional qualifiers for tennis (boys and girls) and golf (boys and girls) to help reduce transportation costs for school districts; use a bid process to select transportation service for Section IX participants to NYSPHSAA events.

Chapter 10 (Eileen Kilcullen, CAA: Franklin Academy)

- ❑ Section X is in the third season of hosting regional testing for the Selection/Classification and Mixed Competition screening program for 7th and 8th grade and other students. The process is working well and will continue to be evaluated to improve the program.
- ❑ Section X has reviewed a variety of ideas to cut costs for the next school year. All Section X Athletic Directors and Chief School Officers met in January to discuss concerns regarding league alignment and financial issues. Recommendations will be made to the Chief School Officers in February. The Section is looking at options to trim interscholastic athletics without negatively impacting opportunities for student-athletes.
- ❑ Section X is in the final phases of completing negotiations with officials.

Chapter 11 (Kevin O'Reilly, CAA: Brentwood High School)

- ❑ Representatives of Sections VIII and XI will meet to discuss Section XI policies on placement and other issues that may be of interest to Section VIII.
- ❑ Fiscal concerns are being discussed to help deal with cost cutting measures.
- ❑ Increased attendance at all four Long Island football championship contests helped contribute to profit-making events.
- ❑ The Brentwood High School boy's soccer team completed its season ranked number one in the country. This was the first time in Section XI history that a public school was honored with such a high national ranking.
- ❑ The Chapter XI January meeting was held at Stony Brook University. The main topic dealt with NCAA Compliance issues for student-athletes. Guidance counselors who deal with the NCAA Clearinghouse were invited to participate.

CHSAA (Don Scarola: Chaminade High School)

- ❑ The NSCHSAA league has adopted a rule for basketball that there can be no noise during free throws at games of all levels. This was approved by the Principal's Council of the league.



Conference Highlights

2009 CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE (AS OF 1/26/09)

WORKSHOP A: Thursday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

- 1- "Dealing with the Entrenched Coach"
- 2- "NCAA Clearinghouse Regulations"
- 3- "Student Leadership"
- 4- "Risk Management"

WORKSHOP B: Thursday 10:30-11:30 a.m.

- 1- "Building an Effective Modified Athletic Program"
- 2- "Capital Projects for PE & Athletics"
- 3- "Coaching Certifications"
- 4- "Dealing With the Media"

WORKSHOP C: Friday 9:15-10:15 a.m.

- 1- "Retirement Planning" (NYSTRS)
- 2- "Replacing a Legend and Inheriting a Poor Program"
- 3- "Health Protocols"
- 4- "Alternative Methods in Athletic Budgeting"

WORKSHOP D: Friday 10:45-11:45 a.m.

- 1- "Office Management"
- 2- "Athletics in Trying Fiscal Times – a Superintendent's Perspective"
- 3- "Women in Athletic Administration"
- 4- "Mentoring Coaches"

WORKSHOP E: Friday 1:30-2:30 p.m.

- 1- "A,B,C's of Selective Classification"
- 2- "The Complete Student Athlete"
- 3- "Bid/Purchase/Install Athletic Field Surfaces"



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"I noticed that the experienced AD's understand the ramifications and made suggestions based on maintaining the integrity of their programs and that 85% have or will make cuts next year."

"Keeping MS programs intact is a priority for 76% of. Most of the country deals with transportation issues and some of the ideas are pretty creative and show much in the way of keeping a big budget number down. This saves teams and kids."

"I was a little surprised to see a little of 31% have or will cut coaches. Once they're gone, you don't get them back. Obviously Equipment suffers but with certain areas that rely on fundraising and Booster Clubs, it means being more aggressive. Reconditioning is another area of concern and some schools have installed Washers/Dryers to help there."

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"Communication Notebook"

(Donna Brickley, CAA, Athletic Director, Notre Dame Academy, Hingham, Massachusetts) - I use a three-ring binder which I prepare and distribute to my coaches. It includes all of the necessary paperwork, important contracts, schedules, etc. that will assist the coach throughout the season. As the season progresses, updates are periodically provided for them to add to the book.

"Postgame Report Card"

(David LaRossa, Athletic/Activities Director, Fort Myers High School, Fort Myers, Florida) - Every coach is required to turn in a report card(index card) by 9:00 am on the day following a contest. On the card the coach lists the sport and date of the contest, the outcome of the contest, any outstanding performances, the officials for the contest and up to date league and overall team records. This provides my office information for an accurate data base.

"Student-athlete Eligibility Card"

(Larry Goins, CAA, Athletic Director, Sierra Vista High School, Las Vegas, Nevada) - Student athletes, when trying out for a sport, must get a computer generated card from the athletic director's office. This card is given to the student athlete when all of their paperwork is completed and on file. This informs the coach that all of the necessary paperwork has been submitted, that the student athlete meets all eligibility requirements and can participate in practice. The coach then uses the card to record all uniforms and equipment checked out at the beginning of the season and that all equipment is checked in at the end of the season. The card is then returned to the office of the athletic director. A student athlete is not issued a card for the next season until the card for the previous season has been turned in to the athletic director. (Larry Goins, CAA, Athletic Director, Sierra Vista High School, Las Vegas, Nevada)

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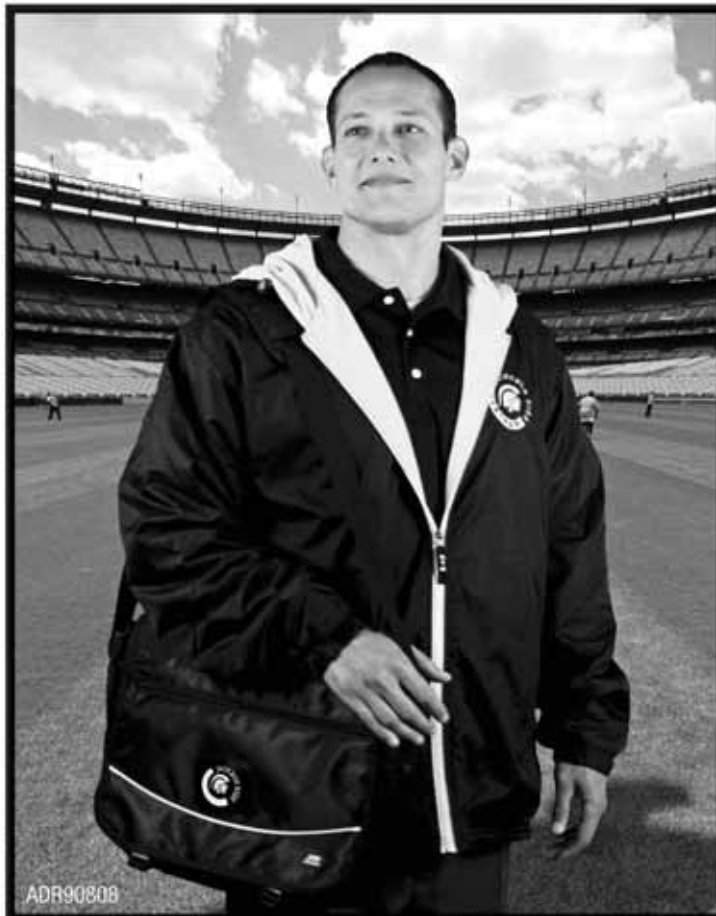
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