



Executive Director's Update

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NFHS Coach Education Program

The NFHS Coach Education Committee met September 30-October 1 in Indianapolis to make recommendations to the NFHS Board of Directors concerning the program.

"Fundamentals of Coaching Soccer" was launched on September 22. This course, developed by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) for the NFHS, provides coaches essential soccer coaching techniques and methods and shares practical resources for increasing student participation through effective feedback and stress reduction.

"Fundamentals of Coaching Wrestling," developed for the NFHS by the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA), will be available in November. All sport-specific fundamentals courses can be accessed at www.nfhslearn.com.

The NFHS will launch its first single-focused learning module in December entitled, "Effectively Engaging with Parents." This 1-2 hour online module provides teacher/coaches with information and strategies to enhance their relationships with parents as well as to improve their communications skills. Please promote these courses and modules to your member schools as they will help improve the skills of individuals who work most closely with our students.

Football

All proposals for football rules changes are due in the NFHS office by November 1. The forms were sent electronically in July. If you need a replacement copy, please contact Kim Adams or Bob Colgate at our office. The NFHS Football Rules Committee is asking all state associations to submit game statistics via the NFHS Web site. This is the eighth year football statistics have been compiled through the Web site, which has made the submission and compilation more efficient. Instructions will be sent later this month and the final day for submission is December 19. The NFHS Football Rules Committee uses this information to assist its review of rules proposals for the upcoming season.

Basketball

The NFHS Basketball Rules Interpreters Meeting was held September 25 in Indianapolis. A bonus session was also held the previous evening to discuss important basketball issues. Twenty-seven states were represented by 44 meeting attendees. Henry Zaborniak, Ohio High School Athletic Association assistant commissioner; Darrin Cook, District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association officials' coordinator/rules committee member; and Jim Robinson, Minnesota State High School League basketball rules interpreter, made a presentation to the group entitled "Video Replay – Practical and Philosophical Considerations." Nate Hampton of the Michigan High School Athletic Association and chairman of the rules committee, also helped present the 2008-09 rules changes and points of emphasis. Thanks to Hank, Darrin, Jim and Nate for outstanding presentations.

2009 NFHS Summer Meeting Workshops

The staff is planning for the 2009 NFHS Summer Meeting workshop sessions in Chicago and needs your input for workshop topics and presenters. We are in the process of finalizing the annual workshop session survey, which will be available for completion online in a few weeks. You will receive notification via e-mail when the survey has been posted and will have 4-6 weeks to complete it. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and encourage others who will be attending the Summer Meeting to do so as well. If you have questions, please contact Kent Summers (ksummers@nfhs.org), Becky Oakes (boakes@nfhs.org) or Mary Struckhoff (mstruckhoff@nfhs.org).

NFHS Officials Association

Each state was sent forms to nominate deserving individuals for state, sectional and national officiating awards. The deadline for submission of sectional and national award nominations is November 1.

NFHS Officials Education Program

Some initial offerings on the new NFHS Officials Education Program online platform will be available in mid-October. Each state association will be sent an e-mail with a link and instructions on how to access the information.

NFHS Coaches' Quarterly and NFHS Officials' Quarterly Publications Committee Meetings to be Held

The NFHS Coaches' Quarterly and the NFHS Officials' Quarterly Publications Committees will hold their semi-annual meetings October 18-19 at the Indianapolis Holiday Inn Select Airport. The purpose of the meetings is for the respective committees to review what has occurred with their publications during the past six months, review the previous two issues, to plan the story logs for the next two issues, and to make other short-term and long-term plans with regard to the editorial content of the publications. NFHS Coaches' Quarterly staff liaison Bruce Howard and NFHS Officials' Quarterly staff liaison John Gillis will facilitate the meetings. Jeff Arbogast of Sandy, Utah, is the newly appointed chairperson of the NFHS Coaches' Quarterly Publications Committee, and Dave Sabaini of Terre Haute, Indiana, chairs the NFHS Officials' Quarterly Publications Committee. The new NFHS Coaches' Quarterly Publications Committee member is Bruce Brown of Uniontown, Ohio, and the two new NFHS Officials' Quarterly Publications Committee members are Don Collins of San Francisco, California, and Brad Hadley of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Both magazines are now in their 13th year of publication.

Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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