

# Modified Committee Newsletter

## Winter 2019/2020

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### NOTE TO COACHES & ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

*This Newsletter will be produced prior to each sport season. Please place this into your score books and on your scorer's table prior to each contest. – Thank you, The Modified Committee*

### Section 1 Modified Committee Standards of Competition

**I. MODIFIED BASKETBALL STANDARDS** (Grade 7, 8, 9) be aware of NCAA rule changes for girls

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A. "Pressing" by definition is an extension of one's defense. It is usually interpreted by the defense extending their formation to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , or full court. In boys' and girls' basketball the half court line can become an extra defensive player because of the 10-second time restriction.

B. A team is considered NOT to be "pressing" if, after a change of possession, the team on defense retreats back to the top of the key extended. The team will remain behind the restraining line until the ball passes the mid-court line. At this time the defense can extend beyond the restraining line.

C. From the start of the season to Martin Luther King Day (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January), **No press of any form can be used until the last 2 minutes of the contest and the overtime period, if needed. After MLK Day, pressing is allowed at any time.**

D. From the start of the season to Martin Luther King Day (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January) only "**man to man**" defense is to be used in the games. On the Tuesday after Martin Luther King Day until the end of the season, any and all defenses can be used.

E. **7/8 Basketball Program** - It is important that the highest standards of sportsmanship and fair play be maintained among both coaches and participants.

**F. Program Implementation**

1. **Tryouts/Player Selection** - All coaches must maintain at least 12 players on the roster in order to play a five period game. If a team does not have 12 players available at game time, the game will be played under the regular four period format.

## Modified Basketball Program Implementation *(continued)*

### 2. Game Format

- e. **The 3-point shot is allowed. If your court does not have a 3pt. line it will not be used.**
- f. There shall be only one overtime period that is 4 minutes in length. There shall be two time-outs for that period with no carry over of time outs from the game. All players are eligible for the overtime period. If a tie exists at the end of the overtime period, the game will be a tie game.
  - g. Bonus situation (free throws). The one and one rule will be enforced on the 5<sup>th</sup> team foul in each period; **at the end of each period all team fouls will be eliminated.** Team fouls are not to be continuous from period to period.
  - h. The 28.5 basketball is to be used for girls only; boys use the 29.5 basketball.
- i. Halftime- is after the 2<sup>nd</sup> period, regardless of a 4 or 5 quarter game.

## II. MODIFIED WRESTLING STANDARDS

1. See Handbook for Governing Rules
2. All scales will be checked and certified annually.
3. Weigh-ins are on the honor system. Follow Game Rules.
4. Each bout will be scored individually. Team score will not be kept.
5. Five 10 second time-outs will be allowed during the match to assist new wrestlers.
6. Coaches must contact the host coach to discuss match procedures.
7. All teams must follow same weight classes as the Varsity and Junior Varsity, if used.
8. A contestant or team may participate in competitions not to exceed 12 points.
  - a) 1 point meets are any competitions where a wrestler or wrestlers compete in 2 bouts
  - b) 2 point meets are any competitions where a wrestler or wrestlers compete in 3- 4 bouts

### MODIFIED WRESTLING STANDARDS (cont'd)

#### 9. Length of time periods for bouts

If a wrestler wrestles one match:

1<sup>st</sup> period: 1 & ½ minutes

2<sup>nd</sup> period: 1 & ½ minutes

3<sup>rd</sup> period: 1 & ½ minutes

Wrestlers who compete in two, three or four bouts in a contest. Length of periods shall be:

1<sup>st</sup> period: 1 minute

2<sup>nd</sup> period: 1 & ½ minutes

3<sup>rd</sup> period: 1 & ½ minutes

10. There is no limit to the total team bouts in a contest.
11. Coaches must send signed roster form with Athletic Director signature to opposing coaches via email or fax prior to the day of the meet.
12. Sudden Victory Period – Wrestlers start in a standing position, and the period shall not exceed 30 seconds.

13. A copy of the roster should be sent to Kevin Roemer: [Kroemer@scarsdaleschools.org](mailto:Kroemer@scarsdaleschools.org)

14. It is recommended to check weights throughout the season and update rosters accordingly and resend out.

15. Coaches are to weigh in athletes the evening prior to competition to check weights. Scales are to be ready to spot check wrestlers on match day.

#### **16. Weights: New York State Modified Program 2**

**1. Weights: Wrestlers may wrestle each other within a 10-lb. weight variance.**

**2. Matching wrestlers: both coaches will get together and match their wrestlers. All safety measures**

**on the squad roster form are to be used to equalize competition, namely, experience, physical strength and maturity.**

**3. There is no limit to the total team bouts in a contest.**

**4. Scoring: Use regular scoring system with teams receiving zero points for tied bouts or count**

**number of bouts won or a combination of both. All bouts to count in team scoring**

17. Matching wrestlers: Both coaches will get together and match their wrestlers. All safety measures on the squad roster form are to be used to equalize competition, namely, experience, physical strength and maturity.

### **III. CHEERLEADERS**

A. Policies controlling cheerleading have been developed at the Sectional level.

B. Basketball cheerleaders can only cheer at home games.

C. Must follow high school rules

### **IV. Ice Hockey**

1. Tests: Every contestant should be carefully checked to determine his readiness before being allowed to participate, as for football, with the exception of:

Individual Skills – A thorough program of physical conditioning, skating and ice hockey skills should be conducted prior to permitting one to participate in live contact drills. No one should be permitted in live contact drills until ability has been proved in the individual skills. (It is recommended that all players watch the USA Ice Hockey video covering the proper techniques of body checking.)

2. Equipment:

a) All players, including the goalkeeper, shall wear all protective equipment.

b) Properly fitted equipment of good quality is mandatory for safe participation in ice hockey.

c) The essential protective equipment must include an ice hockey helmet with a face mask, elbow pads, ice hockey shoulder pads, ice hockey pants, shin guards, ice hockey gloves, neck guard, ice hockey skates and a mouthpiece.

d) It is recommended that a player's personal equipment be tested for safety protection in a manner that is satisfying to the individual school district.

3. For the purposes of scheduling or rescheduling, the minimum time interval between ice hockey contests may be decreased from two (2) nights to one (1) night, with the following restrictions:

- a) This may occur no more than three (3) times per season
- b) A team may never play three (3) days in a row.
- c) There shall not be more than three (3) contests played per calendar week.

**Game Conditions:** See MS chart

- 1. NFHS Ice Hockey rules and NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey Rules Addendum.
- 2. One and one-half hours of ice time shall be used for a game.
- 3. Games shall consist of three periods of 13 minutes in length. Ice resurfacing between periods is not necessary.
- 4. No overtime periods shall be permitted

## MODIFIED SPORTS STANDARDS CHART FOR INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

Sport	# of Practices for student to represent their school	Team and Individual Maximum No. Contests	Minimum Time Between Contests*	Individual Limitations per Day	Rules	Time and Distance Limits
Badminton	6	14	1 Night	2 Matches/ 1 Contest	USBA	
Baseball	10	14	1 Night	2 Games *	NFHS	
Baseball Pitcher	10	14	2 Nights *	1 Game	NFHS	Pitch Count Restrictions
Basketball	6	14	2 Nights	1 Game	NFHS- Boys NCAA- Girls	7 Minute Quarters
Bowling	6	14	1 Night	3 Games	USBC	
Cross Country	6	10	2 Nights	1 Meet	NFHS	
Field Hockey	6	12	2 Nights	1 Game	NFHS	25 Minute Halves
Football	10	7	4 Nights **	1 Game	NFHS	10 Minute Quarters
Golf	6	14	1 Night	1 Match	USGA & Local Course Rules	
Gymnastics	10	10	2 Nights	3 Events */ 1 Contest	NFHS- Boys USAJO- Girls	
Ice Hockey	6	14	2 Nights ***	1 Game	NFHS	13 Minute Periods
Lacrosse- Boys	6	12	2 Nights	1 Game	NFHS	9 Minute Quarters
Lacrosse- Girls	6	12	2 Nights	1 Game	NFHS/ US Lacrosse	25 Minute Halves
Skiing	6	12	2 Nights	2 Events	FIS & ESA	
Soccer	6	12	2 Nights	1 Game	NFHS	
Softball	6	14	1 Night	2 Games *	ASA	
Swimming & Diving	6	14	2 Nights	3 Events/ 1 Contest	NFHS	
Tennis	6	14	1 Night	2 Matches *	USTA	
Track & Field (Outdoor)	6	10	2 Nights	3 Events/ 1 Contest	NFHS	
Track & Field (Indoor)	6	10	2 Nights	3 Events/ 1 Contest	NFHS	
Volleyball	6	14	1 Nights	2	NCAA	
Wrestling	10	14 Pts.	2 Nights	2 Bouts *	NFHS	Max of 10 Pts. Thru 2 Pt. Contests

(\*) See details in Game Rules Section

\*Except in football and cross country, contests may be played with only one

night's rest. (\*\*) Three nights/scrimmage

(\*\*\*) In Ice Hockey, contests may be played with only one night's rest three times per season scheduling or rescheduling. See details in Game Rules section.