



Executive Director's Update

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*An Update from Robert B. Gardner, Executive Director
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NFHS Coach Education

Fundamentals of Coaching Cheer and Dance is now available on www.nfhslearn.com. This course, combined with AACCA Spirit Safety Certification, will provide spirit coaches training in all areas of cheer and dance and translate into a more positive experience for the participants. This online course will replace the NFHS Spirit Program Management and Coaching Principles courses that were taught face-to-face.

The NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Basketball course – hosted by Clark Kellogg and authored by Don Showalter – will be available in September. This two-hour online course provides something for all basketball coaches. Most importantly, it instructs coaches on the skills and tactics of basketball and shows through video how to teach and coach the sport. This is a must for new coaches.

“Concussion in Sport, What You Need to Know” has received rave reviews from medical professionals and state associations whose coaches are required to have training. More than 8,000 courses have been delivered since it became available on June 1. Although not a requirement, many states are encouraging coaches and officials to complete the 20-minute online course since it is provided at no cost to the user.

NFHS National Student Leadership Conference

The 2010 NFHS National Student Leadership Conference will be held July 15-18 in Indianapolis. We have more than 300 delegates from 33 states and three Canadian provinces (Alberta, Ontario and Newfoundland). Two new states (Missouri and Illinois) are participating for the first time. Please encourage your students to participate fully in this wonderful once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Field Hockey

The annual NFHS Field Hockey Interpreters meeting will be held on August 5 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. We are fortunate to have the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association as our co-host again and provide the facilities and support for this meeting. The meeting call, registration and agenda were sent last week to all high school field hockey-related personnel and state association staff members. Please contact B. Elliot Hopkins if you have any questions regarding this meeting.

Softball

The NFHS Softball Rules Committee held its annual meeting June 7-9 in Indianapolis. Minutes from the meeting will be distributed to each state association this month. A summary of the new rules changes, major editorial changes and points of emphasis were sent to each state and are currently posted on the NFHS Web site. Special thanks to Cindy Simmons of the Oregon School Activities Association, who just completed her four-year term as chair of the Softball Rules Committee.

Soccer

The 2010 NFHS Soccer Online Rules Interpreters Meeting was held Monday, July 12. Information was sent to each state association executive director and soccer liaison.

NFHS Participation Survey

The annual NFHS Participation Survey has been distributed to member state associations, and we ask your diligence in completing the survey online. The deadline was June 30, and we still have some responses outstanding. If you have any questions, please contact B. Elliot Hopkins at the NFHS office.

NFHS Eligibility Survey

The NFHS Eligibility Survey is conducted every even-numbered year. The purpose of the survey is to collect the member state associations' responses to basic eligibility issues. Please expect to receive the survey in August. After reviewing your past responses, please update any changes you have experienced since the 2008 survey. If nothing has changed, please advise us and we will make note of that when we compile the overall responses.

Publications Intern

Arika Herron, who recently completed her junior year at Butler (Indiana) University where she majors in journalism: news editorial, is the NFHS summer semester publications/communications department intern. This is her third internship and she currently maintains a 3.70 grade-point average within her major. Herron graduated in the top 10 in her high school class of 500 from Elkhart (Indiana) Memorial High School in 2007, where she was voted most improved member of the girls soccer team in 2006. She was a member of the state-runner-up Academic Decathlon team and reporter for the school magazine, *Genesis*. She also played the violin in the symphony orchestra and competed every year in the Indiana State School Music Association Solo and Ensemble competition. At Butler, Herron is pursuing minors in both French and international studies. She's a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority, women's club soccer and will be the editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, *The Butler Collegian*, in the fall.

Upcoming National Conferences Dates and Locations

Summer Meeting

- * June 28-July 2, 2011 – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia Marriott Downtown)
- * July 7-11, 2012 – Nashville, Tennessee (Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center)
- * June 23-27, 2013 – Denver, Colorado (Hyatt Regency Denver)

NFHS/NIAAA National Athletic Directors Conference

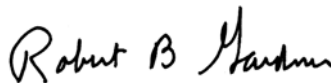
- * December 15-19, 2010 – Orlando, Florida (Orlando World Marriott Center Resort)
- * December 9-13, 2011 – Indianapolis, Indiana (Hyatt, Westin and Marriott Hotels)
- * December 14-18, 2012 – San Antonio, Texas (Marriott and Hyatt Hotels)
- * December 13-17, 2013 – Anaheim, California (Hilton and Marriott Hotels)
- * 2014 – Central (TBD)
- * December 11-15, 2015 – Orlando, Florida (Orlando World Marriott Center Resort)

Winter Meeting

- * January 2-5, 2011 – Savannah, Georgia (Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa)
- * 2012 – Newport Beach, California; Las Vegas, Nevada; or San Antonio, Texas (TBD)
- * 2013 – New Orleans, Louisiana; Orlando, Florida; or Atlantic City, New Jersey (TBD)

Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,



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