

## Guidelines for Sports Standards

(As provided for in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education- Section 135.4 (c) (7) (ii) (b) (3))

The New York State Education Department shall annually review the sports standards of athletic associations in order to insure that they conform to the intent of the Regulations and these Guidelines.

1. Sports standards adopted by an athletic association shall conform to the following:
  - a. **Seasons** Each sport shall be assigned a specific starting and finishing date for all member schools. Any necessary changes in such dates due to local school, league, or section problems must be approved by the executive officers of the associations. The length of a season, including all skill testing, conditioning, practice and contests, shall not exceed:
  - b. **15 consecutive weeks** for crew, cross-country, field hockey, football, lacrosse, outdoor track and field, soccer, and team handball;
  - c. **22 consecutive weeks** for basketball, gymnastics, ice hockey, indoor track and field, skiing, s( ha)4(n.004 Tw 9.91 00 Tc 0nc)()Tj ETnn

is subject to review by the State athletic associations and may be altered where it is found that disparities in the number of games contribute to unequal competition between teams in different sections.

All sectional post-schedule tournaments shall be approved by the local sectional athletic council