



TO: Member Schools – Hunterdon-Warren-Sussex Counties

FROM: Bob Hopek, President

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RE: H-W-S County Tournaments

For Immediate Press Release

On May 5, 2009, the Hunterdon/Warren County Athletic Association met with representatives from Sussex County to discuss a merger of counties participating in county tournaments. The meeting was extremely positive, productive and cordial resulting in the formation of the Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex County Tournaments for a period of two years beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. Tentative County tournaments will be conducted in the following sports:

FALL SEASON	WINTER SPORTS	SPRING SPORTS
Boys/Girls Soccer	Wrestling	Golf
Field Hockey	Boys/Girls Basketball	Boys/Girls Track
Boys/Girls X Country	Boys/Girls Swimming	Baseball
Girls Tennis		Softball
Girls Volleyball		Boys/Girls Lacrosse
Cheerleading		Boys Tennis

(All schools in Sussex County with the exception of Jefferson will participate in all tournaments)

The additional schools from Sussex County will provide different competition i.e. teams not participating against each other during the regularly scheduled as well as tournaments; perhaps playing four times/season, new playing facilities and venues such as Skyland Minor League Baseball Park in Sussex County, more exposure by coaches, scouts, and media-expanded coverage, more interaction between athletes, coaches and administration leading to perhaps cultural as well as expanded officials coverage's will be only a small sampling of positive effects of this merger.

Representatives from all counties will meet in June to finalize tournament playing dates, sites, times, etc. for each championship contest played throughout each county.

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