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TO: Section Executive Directors

FROM: Sandra E. Scott, Executive Director

RE: Interpretation of "Excessive" Bleeding

As you are aware, all National Federation game rules have a section on player's bleeding. All use of the term "excessive" when referring to the amount of blood on the uniform. To date we have not had a statewide problem in the interpretation of "excessive" blood on uniforms. Preferring to be in a position of readiness for situations which may arise, the NYSPHSAA will interpret "excessive blood" on a uniform as follows:

Excessive blood on a uniform will mean that the part of the uniform involved is saturated in blood. Saturated does not mean a wet spot. Saturated means a major portion of the garment is covered and soaked through with blood. For this to occur a serious injury would have had to take place. This rarely happens during an entire season of competition.

For any blood on uniforms less than "saturated", the uniform does not have to be changed. School personnel have the responsibility of treating the bloody area with the appropriate disinfecting solution before the athlete may participate. If the uniform is "saturated" with blood, the uniform must be changed before the athlete may participate.

These interpretations are to be followed in the conduct of all NYSPHSAA, Inc. contests.

cc: Sport coordinators  
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