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TO: NYSPHSAA Section Executive Directors
FR: Dr. Robert J. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
RE: Spalding Alpha Football
DATE: August 20, 2021

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Due to several factors, including, but not limited to COVID-19 impacting production operations, limited supply of leather material, and the temporary closure of the Spalding production plant overseas, NYSPHSAA and Spalding have mutually agreed to immediately suspend the requirement for the use of the Spalding Alpha Football for the Fall 2021 post season.

We recommend schools work with their local vendors for updates on production and fulfillment of current orders.

The post season Spalding ball requirements remain intact for the other Spalding sports (i.e., soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball). NYSPHSAA and Spalding are closely monitoring production operations and will keep the NYSPHSAA membership informed as to any further updates and/or changes.

The post season requirement for football will resume for the Fall 2022 and Fall 2023 seasons.