

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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SOFTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING
June 15, 2011
MINUTES

Members: Gloria Garibaldi, Tournament Director, Allison Munch, State Rules Interpreter, David Frazier, (unable to attend) Executive Committee, Peter Fick, Lorenzo Sozio representing the Coaches Association. Kim DeGraw-Cole, Assistant Director.

We will be replacing one coach on the committee due to retirement.

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Discussion Items:

- Discussion regarding the Non-Public Sectional Final at the home site vs neutral site. The committee unanimously believes it is most appropriate to have the current neutral site maintained. We will attempt to locate the appropriate site with an emphasis to be placed on double headers for A & B North site and South site.
- Discussion of the tournament finals format, distribution of trophies etc. and although all committee members concur that everything on June 11th went very well, we will do some minor adjustments to address the procedures.
- Umpires Discussion-
- Issues regarding the rotating chapter system, lack of qualified women officials availability, and the oversight of assignments. As we look for improvement in this area, we will do further research to provide a system which gets the best SOFTBALL umpires in the state on the finals as defined by our Rules Interpreter, Allison Munch in conjunction with sectional reps and chapter leadership. Neutral umpires should be used but not necessarily from the same chapter-Key will be acquiring home plate SOFTBALL umpires viewed as the Best in NJ high school softball. The committee unanimously decided to have Allison Munch, Gloria

Garibaldi, with assistance from Kim DeGraw-Cole, oversee this process of selection.

- One of the KEY elements to this process is that EVERY Coach must complete The SOFTBALL PREFERRED OFFICIALS FORM and mail to our Tournament Director.
- Beginning in 2012-All Entry Fees will be sent directly to the NJSIAA.

- Sties:
- North-Nutley, JP Stevens, Belleville, Ramsey, Ivy Park-Seton Hall University, Clarks Pond-Bloomfield

- South-Lenape, Allentown, Northern Burlington, Rancocas Valley, Wall, Neptune, New Egypt

- Other-Kingsway, Hillsborough, Washington Twp.

- We may also explore college sites-Kean, TCNJ, etc.

- Coaches and AD's we encourage your input so the semi final rounds are played at the best we can offer with reasonable planning and location. Double Headers will be explored, lights for night games will be considered if the price is right.

- Rule **considerations (only)** from the NFHS- Double First Base, Pitching Lane, two feet on the Rubber as well as other rules-under review. We will provide any update should the status changes.

Dates for 2012 Tournament are on Page 3!

2012 Tournament Dates:

CUT-OFF DATE: Friday, May 11, 2012

Seeding Meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2012

NON-PUBLIC: (Note Memorial Day is May 28, 2012)

Preliminaries: 1st round on or before Thursday, May 24 (Rain May 25)
 2nd round on or before Tuesday, May 29 (Rain May 30)
 3rd round on or before Friday, June 1 (Rain June 2)

Sectional Finals: Tuesday, June 5, 2012 (Rain June 6)

PUBLIC: (Note memorial Day is May 28, 2012)

Preliminaries: 1st round on or before Tuesday, May 22 (Rain May 23)
 2nd round on or before Thursday, May 24 (Rain May 25)
 3rd round on or before Tuesday, May 29 (Rain May 31)

Sectional Finals: Friday, June 1 (Rain June 2)

State Semifinal: Tuesday, June 5, 2013 (Rain June 6)

Public and Non-Public Finals: June 9, 2012