

# ***NJSIAA Football Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

January 24, 2018

I. Attendance/Call to Order: Drew Gibbs,Ramapo; Jon Reising Pennsauken; Rich Hansen St Peter's Prep; Anthony Delconte AL Johnson; Mike Gatley Executive Committee; Bill Surdovel Rules Interpreter ;Carmine Picardo Assignor ;Greg Bailey Ass't Assignor; Charlie Voorhees NJIC; Rich Shello Mid State 37; Dave Ryden Shore Conference; Ben LaSala GMC; Bud Kowal WJFL; Tony Mitchell WJFL; Todd Ricker NJAC/NJSFC; Tim Gushue NJFCA; John Fuery NJSFC; Chuck Johnson NJFCA; .Jack DuBois NJSIAA Director of Football.

### II. Correspondence

A. Controversy Committee Hearing – Pope John – Saint Joseph's Regional;

New Milford – Hasbrouck Heights; Mater Dei Prep ;Don Bosco – St. Joseph Regional

### III. Order of Business

#### A. Summer Period

1. Official practice start date – Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>
2. Official heat acclimatization start date – Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> (Requires board approval)
3. First scrimmage date – with one ( 1 ) day off – Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>
4. Summer period begins Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>
5. Black-out-period remains a school or conference option
6. Official regular season start date – Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

B. First round tournament games – in 2018 will be the responsibility of the host school; NJSIAA will assign officials

C. Sideline ID's and sideline management discussed as an issue during the 2107 season. The NJSIAA will recommend as a point of emphasis that schools issue identification credentials and limit the number of non players on the sidelines for safety and liability purposes.

D. NFHS approval for NJSIAA to experiment with video replay. A subcommittee will be established to develop procedures and implementation.

E. Approved football co-op legislation – for Group 3, 4 and 5 teams must forgo divisional championships and competition in state tournament. Opponents of a co-op Group 3, 4 or 5 football program shall be considered winner of the game for the purpose of determining post season playoffs. Co-op of Group 3, 4, or 5 will be eligible for a regional cross over game.

F. United Playoff Plan Approved by NJSIAA membership at Annual Meeting

1. Tentative Schedule – Public schools – Nov. 2, Nov. 9, Nov. 16 (Sectional Championships at neutral sites. Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2 North I vs. North II; Central vs. South (at neutral sites); Non-Public schools – Nov. 2 (top 6 receive byes) Nov. 9 Round 1, Nov. 16 Round 2, Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2 Finals (at neutral sites) – Automatic bids eliminated.
2. Making the playoffs – All games up to the cutoff will count
3. Tentative Seeding Procedure – Cutting the state in half; Northern top 16 will create North I and North II; Southern top 16 will create Central and South – All determined by NJSIAA northing numbers.
4. Power rating system – Meeting scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup> at Rutgers

G. 2017 Sectional Champions – List Attached

- o 183 teams in championship tournament
- o 134 teams in regional crossover game
- o 23 teams in not requesting game
- o Dover odd team

H. Official report – Carmine Picardo, Greg Bailey

I. Rules Interpreter – Bill Surdovel – Potential NFHS rule changes for 2018

1. Improperly worn equipment – player removed for one (1) play
2. Definition of a defenseless player – will include “A Passer”
3. Changed the signal for 6-1-3 (Kicking) infraction from encroachment to free kick infraction
4. Added accepting of a 5 yd penalty from the succeeding spot – for a free kick out of bounds

J. Items for the good of New Jersey High School Football

1. NJSIAA committee addressing – Out of season coaching, eight grade contact rule, 365 rule,
2. NJSIAA committee addressing – School classifications and co op programs
3. Other - Discussion regarding a double o week opening game schedule for schools playing out of New Jersey