

**NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
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**TO: Football Committee**

**FROM: Jenny Yelle**

**DATE: March 1, 2016**

**RE: Minutes of January 27, 2016 Meeting**

**I. Roll Call**

The following members of the Football Committee were present: William Surdovel, Rules Interpreter; Mike Gatley, Executive Committee Representative; Greg Bailey, Officials Assignor; Carmine Picardo, Officials Assignor; Rich Hansen, Drew Gibbs, Jon Reising, Tim Gushue, Tony Karcich, Athletic Director Representative; Gary Dorfman, Dorf Media and Jack DuBois.

Jack opened the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Jack DuBois called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and thanked everyone for their assistance in making the football season a successful one.

A motion was made by Rich Hansen, seconded by Tony Karcich, to accept the minutes of the January 29, 2015 Football Committee meeting. Motion carried.

**III. Correspondence – Both schools appealing their divisional placement by West Jersey Football Conference**

- A. Hopewell Valley**
- B. Salem**

**IV. Order of Business**

- A. New Jersey Football Conferences for 2016-2017 season – North Jersey Super Football Conference, NJIC, Mid State 38, Greater Middlesex Conference, Shore Conference, West Jersey Football Conference**

- B.** Return to counting 8 of 9 regular season games for State Playoff qualifications.
    - Tony Karcich motioned to maintain the 7 of 8 regular season games for state playoff qualifications, seconded by Rich Hansen. The Committee discussed at length the Power Point Formula developed by Gary Dorfman. Gary Dorfman discussed the pros and cons of each formula. The Committee voted 10 to 0 to maintain the 7 of 8 regular season games as the previous two seasons.
  - C.** Schools not affiliated with a recognized NJSIAA Conference (Independent) not permitted entrance into State Championship Tournament.
  - D.** NJSFC United Divisions A and B would receive automatic entry into State Championship Tournament.
    - Tony Karcich motioned to move forward, seconded by Rich Hansen. The Committee voted 1-no; 9-yes. Motion approved.
  - E.** NJSFC United Divisions A and B Opponents would receive 2 times and 1.5 times bonus power points.
    - The Committee discussed the pros and cons of the proposal. The bonus power points would be implemented for the 2016 season. Tony Karcich motioned to move forward, seconded by Rich Hansen. The Committee voted 7-yes; 2-no; 1-abstain. Motion approved.
  - F.** Review of the implantation of the 90 minute contact rule during the 2015 regular season.
    - The Committee discussed the contact rule and all agreed that there was no problem implementing it and it was not intrusive.
    - The Committee requested that the NJSIAA develop a log to record weekly contact.
    - The 90 minute contact rule must be adhered on a bye week.
  - G.** Commissioner of Education veto of NJSIAA Legislation separating Non-Public from Public statewide.
    - The Committee reviewed and discussed the decision made by the Commissioner which over ruled the vote on a state wide level.
  - H.** Review use of (Huddle) by Schools, Leagues, and Officials Associations
    - Huddle is a great tool to look at good/bad calls made by officials. The long term goal of this technology is a consistency in officiating.
- V.** Review of the 2015 Championship Tournament and Regional Crossover games.
- A.** Directors overview
    - The 2015 Tournaments were a huge success mostly in part of great match-ups and perfect weather. The additional Thursday night game at MetLife was a huge success. The games played at Rowan benefited the South Jersey Teams. The 2015 season was the best year financially since 2010.
  - B.** Sectional Champions and Bracket Results
    - Handout
  - C.** Number of teams that participated in Championship Tournament – 184
  - D.** Number of teams that participated in Regional Crossover games – 136

**VI. Officials Report – Carmine Picardo, Greg Bailey**

- Carmine Picardo discussed the positive outcomes of using Huddle. The Fall Tournaments had very few problems/issues with the officiating of the games. The player behavior, as well as the coaches improved. The long term goal is putting the very best guys out on the field to officiate tournaments and to have consistency state wide. Huddle is also an incentive to officials to be accountable for their actions and make a conscious effort to improve how they officiate. In the future Carmine plans on creating training tapes that will be used as a visual guide. Greg Bailey agrees that Huddle is a great technology that will improve the program state wide.

**VII. Rules Interpreter – Bill Surdovel**

- Bill conducted the regional rules interpretation meetings in August and at which time the philosophy and mechanics were discussed.

**VIII. 2016 Football Tournament Dates**

- A.** Official NJSIAA Start of Practice – Wednesday, August 10, 2016. 6 days practice, 1 day off.
- B.** Regular season start date for 2016 – Thursday, September 1, 2016
- C.** Playoff Intent Card due date – Monday, October 24, 2016
- D.** Seeding meeting date – Sunday, November 6, 2016
- E.** 2016 Tournament Dates:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Round/Quarterfinals – November 11/November 12
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Round/Semifinals – November 18/November 19
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Round/Finals – December 1, 2, 3, 4
- I.** Regional Cross Over game dates – Thursday, November 10/Saturday, November 12 (No Friday Games)

**IX. Potential NFHS Rule Changes for 2016**

- A.** Jack DuBois discussed potential NFHS Rule Changes for 2016 Season upon final approval of the NFHS Executive Board.

**X. Old Business**

**A. Crossover game matchups**

- Presently the regulations do not allow for a school to play another school a second time in regular crossover games, however, in unique situations the seeding committee will use their discretion to allow.

**XI. New Business**

**A. Revised Football Committee Structure for 2016**

- Jack DuBois recommended a new Football Committee Structure which would go into effect next football season which would include the following:
  - Representative from each Football Conference (6)
  - New Jersey State Football Coaches Association (2)
  - NJSIAA Executive Committee Representative (1)
  - NJSIAA Director of Football (1)
  - NJSIAA Officials Assignor (1)
  - NJSIAA Rules Interpreter (1)
  - NJSIAA Athletic Director Representative (1)
  - Non-Public North Jersey Super Football Conference – United Division – Representative (1)
  - Non-Public South Representative (1)

**XII. Adjournment**