New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association

Route 130, P.O. Box 487 Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691

FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE
November 30, 2011

MINUTES

MEMBERS Present: Janet Schillig, Tournament Director, Jane Hansen, State Rules Interpreter, Linda Alimi, Tournament Assignor, Jill Cosse, Nancy Gross, Danyle Heilig, Coaches Association and Kim DeGraw-Cole, NJSIAA.

CORRESPONDENCE

E-mails:
1.-Goggles; use of illegal goggles.
2.-date restrictions when schools have several sports required to play on the same date and on the same turf field.
3.- No cell phones permitted at the scorers' table by students.
4.-Change in Regulations to reflect the open brackets to 16 in Field Hockey.

DISCUSSION:

Goggles: Jane Hansen reported on concerns at the NFHS level with regards to face masks, possibility of helmets somewhere in the future and the injuries as a result of mandatory goggles. This will be a major point of discussion by the NFHS Rules Committee, Jane serves on that committee representing NJ and Section I. It is fortunate our concerns and issues will be communicated.

Open Brackets: concern over lopsided victories. Test one more year.
Possibility of Power Points to seed the tournament was a point of discussion.

Sites: Robbinsville Turf Field is a great site for location, field turf conducive to field hockey and willingness of the administration to conduct the Tournament of Champions semi- finals.

Toms River District does a great job for the Group Finals, however the committee would like to explore a centrally located college venue for this event. Of course, finances and availability need to be reviewed.

The committee would like to conduct the State semi-finals at one or two sites: Eastern held all the central-south this past year and it worked well, bringing together teams, fans, coaches and college coaches. Due to the Thursday, Nov. 8th date games can begin at 11:00 or noon and progress throughout the day. This will be explored for the 2012 tournament with an admission price to help the costs of moving the group finals to a college site.

NFHS: Rule Modifications:

Committee members were provided with the proposals from the NFHS office and will provide feedback to Jane Hansen by 1/6/12. Goggles are the key issue.

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Tournament Details & Regulations:

Open bracket wording to be corrected on page 1.

Tournament of Champions:

All went well, Congratulations to Eastern and kudos to West Essex for a great game.

REVIEW OF TOURNAMENT DATES: Games to be played on the date designated! All games on fields with lights will be at 4:00pm or later-(later will require mutual agreement, but the 4:00 game is a must. This will help with officials assignments.

Cut-off date	October 17, 2012
Seeding Meeting	October 22, 2012

Preliminaries: a

1st Round	October 24,25,26,27	Gr 3, 4, 1, 2, (rain date-next day)
2nd Round	October 29	(Rain Date –October 30) Gr 3
2nd Round	October 30	(Rain Date –October 31) Gr 4
2nd Round	October 31	(Rain Date – November 1) Gr 1
2nd Round	November 1	(Rain Date – November 2) Gr 2
3rd Round	November 2	(Rain Date-November 3) Gr 3 &4
3rd Round	November 3	(Rain Date-November 4) Gr 1 & 2

Sectional Finals:

Monday, November 5	(Rain Date-November 6) Gr. 3 & 4
Tuesday, November 6	(Rain Date-November 7) Gr .1 & 2

State Semifinals:

Thursday, November 8	(Rain Date-November 9)

Group Finals: Rotation Gr. 3, 4, 1, 2
Sunday, November 11

Tournament of Champions

Semifinals: Wednesday, November 14

Finals: Sunday, November 18