

2011 NJSIAA Winter Track Committee Meeting

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Date: February 22, 2011

Time: 9:30 am

Site: NJSIAA Headquarters, Robbinsville

Members present: Lou Fraulo (Assistant Tournament Director), Carl Rickershauser (State Rules Interpreter), Elizabeth Morris (Coach, Bridgewater-Raritan), Don Danser (NJSIAA Staff). Observers: Jim Camburn (Head Clerk), Brian Wilkinson (Bennett Center Supervisor), Len Pietrewicz (Randolph Coach), and Pat Montferrat (NJRunners.com).

Correspondence: School requesting the advancement of a runner to next round because bus arrived late. The request was denied because the tournament regulations clearly state that transportation problems are not an acceptable reason for such advancement. It was decided to include in the tournament regulations what every track coach knows: Events that start a meet are closed twenty (20) minutes before the official start time. This allows the meet to start on time, giving clerks time to set up the first race and giving field event contestants time to warm up and practice while the field event officials set up flights.

Parent complained about the stanchions may have been too close to the tracks during the relay meet she attended. This was taken care of by the Bubble Crew.

A coach made a request to extend the seeding procedures used in the relays to the sectionals. Since we received no complaints/suggestions/requests for modifications, after discussing the seeding situation and other means of clerking in the meets, the following procedures will be followed next year for the sectionals (public) and the Non-Public Group Meet:

NJRunner.com will continue what they did for the relays for these above mentioned meets.

Meet Director will download them as late as possible for each meet, copy them and place them in the coaches' packets as a basis for their seeding.

Meet Management will download the latest updates 1 hour before each scheduled meet, and give a printout to the clerks to use for seeding each event. As in the case of the relays this year, if an athlete does not have a "Milesplit" time, the coach can submit a time, but that time cannot be in the "seeded" section of the event. It could be in the next best seeded section, but not the seeded section.

Same coach wondered why in the sections, the same event of 4x400 had one section of 9 and one of 3. The answer: Teams clerk in, heats are setup, when teams are called to the line to start the race, they scratch (almost always the slower-seeded teams) which will leave a heat of three that may have had six or seven when it was clerked, and too late to reseed.

Third item brought up by the same coach dealt with errors in results. Most of the time these errors are identification errors caused by typing in incorrect athlete computer i.d. numbers. They are human errors, but when brought to our attention, are corrected quickly.

Received a fax from a parent who was disappointed that her daughter could not take home a medal. She was tied for 6th in an event. Our policy is to give the medal to the first person who appears for the medal. The other person(s) will have a duplicate mailed to them via their school's athletic director. Since this was a section meet, the medal should have been received by the school by now.

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II. Individual State Group Championships

Entries Close Jan. 19, 2011 (ALL SCHOOLS)

A. Sectionals (PUBLIC SCHOOLS ONLY)

At Toms River's Bennett Center (Hooper Ave, Toms River)

Date	Group	Starting
Monday, February 6, 2012	South Gr. 1 and 2 Boys and Girls	3:45 pm
Tuesday, February 7, 2012	Central Gr. 1 and 2 Boys and Girls	3:45 pm
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012	North 1 Gr. 1 and 2 Boys and Girls	3:45 pm
Thursday, February 9, 2012	North 2 Gr. 1 and 2 Boys and Girls	3:45 pm
Friday, February 10, 2012	South Gr. 3 and 4 Boys and Girls	3:45 pm
Saturday, February 11, 2012	Central Gr. 3 and 4 Boys and Girls	9:00 am
Saturday, February 11, 2012	North I Gr 3 and 4 Boys and Girls	3:00 pm
Sunday, February 12, 2012	North II Gr 3 and 4 Boys and Girls	9:00 am

Any weekday session postponement will move first to Monday at 3:45 pm

A second postponed session will move to Sunday at 3:00 PM

If inclement weather would cause 3rd session to be postponed there will be 3 sessions on Saturday, with the first two sessions changing starting times to 8:30 am for the morning session, and 2 pm for the afternoon session. The 3rd postponed session would start at 7:00 pm. If a postponement happens during the weekend, sessions would be added to Tuesday and Wednesday at 3:45 pm.

B. State Group Meets (All Schools)

At Toms River's Bennett Center

Date	Group	Starting Time
Friday, February 17, 2012	Non-Pubic A & B Boys & Girls	4:00 pm
Saturday, February 18, 2012	Groups 2 and 3 Boys and Girls	9:00 am
Saturday, February 18, 2012	Groups 1 and 4 Boys and Girls	4:00 pm

Monday, February 20 – Snow Date

C. Meet of Champions:

At Toms River's Bennett Center

Date	Group	Starting
Saturday, February 25, 2012	Girls	9:00 am
Saturday, February 25, 2012	Boys and Girls Pole Vault	9:00 am
Saturday, February 25, 2012	Boys	1:00 pm