

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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Soccer Committee Meeting
November 29, 2011
Minutes

Welcome and Introductions: Jim Loper, Girls Tournament Director

Committee Members

Present: Steve Silver, Val Gazda, Evan Baumgarten, George Rhea, Coaches Association; also present Allan Brown, State Interpreter; Rob Harmer, Executive Committee; guests-John Millar, Roy Nygren and Jerry Klimek and Kim DeGraw-Cole and Jack DuBois, NJSIAA Staff.

SOCCER COMMITTEE MEETING

Correspondence:

Several e-mails' received from Athletic Directors and brought to the League and Conference Officers Meeting by Denis Nelson, River Dell representing the Big North: relative to the 2 game DQ following an ejection relative to Rule 12-8, Art. 3 (d) 2 located on page 56 of the NFHS 2011-12 Soccer Rules Book. E-mail regarding Seeding and Head to Head competition; game date restrictions in the tournament; eliminate shoot out; officials from outside the area-concern.

Discussion Items:

All e-mails discussed, however Rule 12-8 received the most attention. Evan Baumgarten will formulate language to distribute to the voting committee members in order to conduct a pilot modification for the 2012 Soccer Season. Awaiting final review!

B/G Double Headers Sites:

Indian Hills, Ridge, Millburn, Watchung Hills, Toms River North, Neptune, St. Augustine and Washington Twp.

Non Public-PCTI, Eastern, Perth Amboy and Holmdel.

We will allocate 2 ½ hours in between games as opposed to 2 hours and 15 minutes used in 2010.

Dates: Concern raised regarding utilizing Thursday for Group III and IV Boys Group Championships, Jack will alternate the Group I and II with the Group III and IV; rotating the Sunday and return to Friday. The Thursday date saw a decline in attendance and more of a hardship on travel. 2012 The boys group I and II will be on Friday and the boys group III and IV will be on Sunday.

Tournament Officials:

Review of assignments by Jim Loper. Compliments by the committee for a job well done. Every Chapter received at least one state final. There was some concern that a few athletic directors did not know who the officials were who were working at their games. Arbiter used for assignments and only 1 official failed to show for Semi Final game. No School received an official from their Non Preferred List. This year only 66 girls' soccer and 60 boys' soccer coaches returned this form. 288 officials assigned by James Loper. A job well done!

2011 SOCCER COMMITTEE MEETING (continued)

Discussion regarding the Officials, handbook "Guidelines for assignors of NJSIAA tournament officials"-page 31 D, and whether this practice has been followed. These guidelines will be reviewed by the assistant directors this summer as it applies to all tournament assignors and was created some time ago.

Review of Tournament Regulations:

Updated. All adjustments were made as per normal rotation.

A change was made to starting time of 4:00pm when a field is utilized with lights, this would not be an option but rather the official starting time; this would definitely assist in the availability of officials. Please note: Second year of this stipulation.

Sectional trophy at the site – worked very well, utilizing sectional representatives and office staff to deliver trophy and the Wilson balls.

2012 Tournament Dates (Corresponding dates)

Practice Date: August 15, 2012

Start of the Season: September 6, 2012

Cutoff Date: October 20, 2012

Seeding Meeting: October 24, 2012

Committee Meeting: November 27, 2012

Tentative

Boys

Preliminaries:

Oct. 29, Nov. 1, Nov. 5

Non Public Sectional Finals
November 8

Public Sectional Finals:
November 8

State Semifinals:
November 13

Non Public State Finals:
November 12

Public State Finals:
November 16 & 18

Girls

Preliminaries:

Oct. 30, Nov. 2, Nov. 5

Non-Public Sectional Finals
November 8

Public Sectional Finals:
November 9

State Semifinals:
November 13

Non Public State Finals:
November 13

Public State Finals:
November 17

NOTE: All State Final Championships will be played at TCNJ.

Review of Pilot Seeding Procedure: Power Point Formula:

13 games were utilized in the computation of power points calculation for the 2011 Seeding. The committee was pleased with the seeding formula.

Old Business:

Sectional Representative distributed the Trophies and Balls. This was a positive addition allowing the students to receive immediate recognition. It worked well for most sites.

2011 SOCCER COMMITTEE MEETING (continued)

New Business: Modification Red Card Rule 12-8. Will be attached when appropriately worded and voted on. (Awaiting review)

The rosters in the Championship programs were much better this year due to coaches utilizing www.njschoolsports.com; a few schools still need to be reminded so all students receive the recognition they deserve.

Team IP: Great quality product, nice design, and well received by parents, students and fans.

The meeting adjourned with a motion by Mr. Loper and second by Val Gazda.