FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE
November 29, 2017

AGENDA

VOTING MEMBERS
Chair, Tournament Director: Janet Schillig
Tournament Staff: Linda Alimi, Maureen Dzwill
State Rules Interpreter: Charlotte Heenan
Executive Committee: Suzanne Cooley
Coaches: Lindsay Kocher, Megan Pietrunti, Jen Schwarzenbek
Athletic Directors: Rich Lamberson, Denise Materia Jason Morrell

Also in Attendance: Jill Cosse, Ali Good
Non-Voting: Kim DeGraw-Cole, NJSIAA Staff

CORRESPONDENCE

Eastern, J. Hill: What went well: positives Bordentown, Rancocas Valley, Kean University. Recommend review of the Semi-Final Sites and services at each.

West Essex, J. Cosse: State Semi-Finals;
There was much discussion of alternating sectional matchups from the norm of North I vs. North II; Central vs South in the state semi-finals but ultimately the committee decided to maintain the traditional structure. Issues of concern included sites and times of games.

Other discussions: Tournament of Champions Rankings, will continue the process used during the 2017 seeding. Tracking will be done, to review power pts, winning % and any other factors worthy of consideration.

Other discussions about Face Masks, NFHS and ASTM standards for eyewear.
The NJSIAA staff, through Rules Interpreter, Charlotte Heenan and Asst. Director, Kim DeGraw-Cole will continue to provide input and guidance relative to all the needs of our NJ field hockey programs.

DISCUSSION:

Tournament Details & Regulations: will be revised for 2018.

Review of 2017: Outstanding job by the Tournament Staff.

Congratulations to Group Champions: Oak Knoll, Haddonfield, Rumson-Fair Haven, Moorestown, Eastern. Tournament of Champions: Oak Knoll

State Semi-Final Sites: Boonton HS; AL Johnson HS; Hightstown HS; Egg Harbor Twp. HS:
A huge thanks to Dave Hughen, Gus Kalikas, Jim Peto and Mike Pelligrino for hosting these games.

Group Finals at Bordentown: Site well suited with a great warm up field, good seating, ample parking and the Bordentown staff does a fine job. The only issue was a lighting glitch in the last game and of course a tad warmer would have been nice. The games were competitive. The tournament staff and officials did a tremendous job. The NFHS Network did the live stream and all in all, it was a great championship event. Thanks to Ernie Covington and his staff.

Tournament of Champions Sites: Rancocas Valley and Kean University, Thanks to Jean Marie Seal and Jack McKiernan’s staff at Kean for a tremendous T of C.
Seeding Chart provided for the committee to review.

Review: Athletic Trainer provision, all went well. A special thanks to all the athletic trainers from the participating schools, especially the additional coverage provided by Moorestown and Oak Knoll.

Northwest Designs: Championship Apparel, positive and well received.
Additional Timer ($65) Presentation to the Finance Committee and Program Review—Motion by Denise Materia, second by Lyndsay Kocher to add an additional timer in the booth beginning with the Public State Semi-Finals and Non-Public Sectional/State Semi-Final and throughout the tournament. This would be an increased cost to the designated home team of $65 and additional cost to the NJSIAA. Presentation to the Finance Committee, Program Review, Executive Committee. Vote Unanimous.

Overtime: Lively discussion regarding several options. Jen Schwarzenbek made a motion and second by Suzanne Cooley, to alter the present Overtime of two (2) Ten (10) minute sudden victory overtime periods to two (2) fifteen (15) minute sudden victory overtime periods beginning with the designated site play, state semi-final round through the Tournament of Champions. The same would apply for the Non-Public Sectional final/state semi-final on the turf field. Vote Unanimous.

Practice-Equipment-Pregame: we will check status of Heat Acclimatization with Medical Advisory Committee. Notes reviewed from the May 2016 meeting. The Medical Advisory Committee was not comfortable altering the NATA recommendation/NJSIAA mandatory requirements.

Other Discussions: Officials using tools to keep the game safe. Progressive Red.

Points of Emphasis for all Coaches: responsible to keep the play safe, the players safe, to keep our game safe. We all need to work together for this tremendous sport. The students we serve deserve our best and we all have a stake in keeping play SAFE! Educate and Teach. Positive Coaching Alliance as an option. There are several great courses on the NFHS Learn website.

REVIEW OF TOURNAMENT DATES: Tentative

Game Times & Dates: Details wording.

Practice Date Monday, August 13, 2018
Starting Date Thursday, September 6, 2018 (Legislation-12/3/17: new date 9/4/18)
Cut-off date Monday, October 15, 2018
Seeding Meeting Wednesday, October 17, 2018

PUBLIC Dates:
 Preliminaries:
 1st Round October 22 Gr. 3 & 4 (rain date-next day)
               October 23 Gr. 1 & 2 (rain date-next day)
 2nd Round October 25 (Rain Date –October 26) Gr 3
               October 26 (Rain Date –October 27) Gr 4
               October 27 (Rain Date –October 28) Gr 1
               October 29 (Rain Date –October 30) Gr 2
 3rd Round October 30 (Rain Date-October 31) Gr 3 & 4
               October 31 (Rain Date-November 1) Gr 1 & 2

Public Sectional Finals:
 Thursday, November 1 (Rain Date-November 2) Gr. 3 & 4
 Friday, November 2 (Rain Date-November 3) Gr. 1 & 2

Public State Semifinals:
 Tuesday, November 6 (Rain Date-November 7)
NON-PUBLIC Dates: (Rain date next day “On”)

1st Round by October 27
2nd Round on October 31
3rd Round BY Nov. 3
Sectional Final Nov. 7 (Nov. 8)

Field Hockey Dates

Group Finals Public and Non-Public Finals:
Saturday, Nov. 10
Rotation Gr. P2, P3, P4, P1, NP
(10, 12, 2, 4, 6)

Tournament of Champions

The T of C: 4 vs. 5 on Nov. 12 at 6:00
T of C Semi-finals on Nov. 14 at 5:30 and 7:30
T of C Finals on November 16 at 6:30 pm.

Will continue to explore options for a Nov. 13, 15, 17 Tournament of Champions.

Final Statement: Kim DeGraw-Cole thanked Janet Schillig, Linda Alimi, Maureen Dzwill and Charlotte Heenan for their hard work, tremendous efforts and commitment to this tournament and the game of field hockey. This is an awesome group of women who do a tireless job. Thanks to all host sites, all officials, all athletic directors, administrators, coaches and students for an outstanding year.

Motion by Jason Morrel, second by Rich Lamberson to adjourn.