NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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GIRLS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING – Minutes
June 12, 2018

Voting Members in Attendance: Cindy Beradino, Tournament Director; Maureen Dzwill, Rules Interpreter; Joel Stein; Kathleen Esposito; Amy O’Keefe; Pam Edwards; Chris Lanzalatto; Injoo Han; Jennifer Fleury.

Voting Members not in Attendance: Julie Waicus; Jess McGinn; Joanne Dzama; Lou Emanuel.

Non-Voting Member: Kim DeGraw-Cole, NJSIAA Assistant Director

Committee Structure & Rotation: 3 Athletic Directors and 1 coach will be replaced.

Approval of 2017 Minutes: Motion by Kat Esposito, second by Maureen Dzwill, Unanimous.

Correspondence & Discussion:

Kinnelon HS: Non-Public Group – The Non-Public schools should be placed in their own sections/group.

Classifications: Kim provided handouts which provided how the “proposed structure” would work. Girls Lacrosse is the last NJSIAA sport that does not have a separate Non-Public Group. The change would make a North and South Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 and a Non-Public North and Non-Public South. Date changes would be made and it would allow for more play time during the regular season, however, only 160 teams would move forward to the State Tournament. This year 180 teams participated in the State Tournament. The idea is to maintain consistency within the State Tournament. After much discussion, the committee will maintain the current structure and classification for two more years. In the interim the committee will look at the proposed structure and see what would have been different in the upcoming 2019 Girls Lacrosse Tournament if this change was implemented.

2018 Girls Lacrosse Tournament & Regulations:

Music at Kean University/other sites: 2018 Tournaments had no issues, music was provided by the sites.

Post-game at pre-determined sites: Pre-determined sites worked out perfectly, there were no reported issues. Thank you to all the Athletic Directors who hosted our events, everyone was great and very helpful. A special thanks to Warren Hills, West Essex, Moorestown and Point Borough for hosting the Semi-Finals. Middletown South for hosting the Tournament of Champions Semi-Finals and to Kean University for hosting the Tournament of Champions Finals.

Proposal Sectional Finals on Turf Field: After much discussion the committee decided to strongly recommend that the Sectional Finals be played on a turf field for the upcoming season, and a mandatory requirement in the 2020 season. Motioned by Pam Edwards, Hopewell Valley and seconded by Kat Esposito from Bishop Eustace, Unanimous.
Change in Regulations: Page 2 remove information pertaining to games being played at an earlier date than indicated on pairings form. Consultation with the assignor will now be mandatory in order to make any changes.

Reiterate that date changes will not be made for State Tournament Games due to the prom, SATs, and school events. Time changes may be considered as approved by the sectional assignors. Graduation will be taken into consideration as approved by the Tournament Director.

Review of Officials Assignments, New for 2018: Tournament Director, Cindy Beradino and sectional assignors will be assigning the officials for the entire tournament. An arbitrate flaw caused a few issues this season, this will be corrected for the upcoming school year.

The 2018 Tournament had good quality officiating and no issues were reported. A question arose as to implementing a travel expense for a lacrosse official that has to travel more than 45 miles (one way) to a site. Kim advised the committee that a proposal like this would most likely not pass. Travel expenses for officials is not provided by the NJSIAA in any other sport. Currently the West Chapter 5 pays for mileage over 40-50 miles and compensates their officials. This issue should be brought to the Board’s attention to see if compensation would be an option.

2019 Tournament Dates: Provided as a handout. Changes will not be made as to prom dates, graduations and school events. We compromised this year as to some confusion in the regulations, it will be made very clear in the 2019 revised regulations.

4pm Game Time: A discussion ensued as to time changes made that were not confirmed with either the athletic director or assignor. This issue came up a few times this past season, a simple solution would be to have either the athletic director or assignor call to confirm times if a change is made. If the game time is 4pm, no action is required, if the game time has been moved all parties involved need to be contacted. This is a policy that should be followed.

3 Consecutive Games: The rule states that 3 consecutive games can be played during the State Tournament, however, this past season this request was made during the first week of the Tournament and was denied. There is no reason to jeopardize the athlete. This rule is in place to provide flexibility due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Congratulations to our 2018, 16 Sectional Champions, 4 Group Champions Oak Knoll, Haddonfield, Moorestown and Ridgewood and the Tournament of Champions Winner Moorestown.

NJSIAA Assistant Director, Kim De-Graw Cole, thanked Cindy Beradino for a wonderful job running the Tournament. Kim also thanked Joel Stein, Maureen Dzwill, Julie Waicus and all of the athletes for all of their hard work in helping make 2018 a great season.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30am, Motioned by Maureen Dzwill, seconded by Jennifer Fleury.