

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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Girls Volleyball Committee
December 5, 2018
11:00 A.M.

- I. Welcome:
- II. Members Present: *Tom Armour, Sharon Hughes, Pete Bogdan, Nancy Saggio, Nicole Bolash, Helen Antzoulde, Dianne Furusawa, Bev Torok, Rich Roches CVC, John Taylor SEC, Ron Becker TCC.*
- III. Invited Guests:
 - a. Mr. Scott Rosenberg- not present
 - b. Mr. Dean Rayside
 - c. *Marie Nolan*
 - d. *Pete Lucach*
 - e. *Brad DiRupo*
 - f. *Mia Gavin - NJAC*
- IV. Review Tournament of 2018
 - *Tournament ran smoothly*
 - *Question of how conference tournament seeding could be used to help the state seeding. In some cases a team that was seeded higher in the conference tournament was seeded below a team that was seeded lower in the conference tournament. Response – the number of teams in the conference is lower than the number of teams being seeded, seeding committee felt that how a team did against a larger number of teams in the state was more valid than how they did in conference play, also the various conferences have different seeding criteria than does the state seeding committee. Also the teams record may change from the time the conference seeding takes place and when the state seeding takes place.*
 - *Conference seeding can be used as a factor for state seeding if all of the conferences submit their seeding to the state committee*
 - *High School scorekeepers need to be seated at the scoring table at William Paterson to help the official score keepers keep track. This change will be made – Helen Antzoulide*
 - *Can court be used for pictures after the Final at WPU? – We cannot do this because WPU is concerned about possible damage to the*

floor by the shoes of the spectators and because of other events that may be scheduled immediately after the tournament.. – Marie Nolan

- *Can WPU supply water for teams? WPU is concerned about damage to the floor. Committee suggests that teams use water bottles.*
- *Seeding Committee – Limited to Head Coaches*
- *TOC Seeding Committee- questioned how they seed for the TOC, there was some concern that the Group 1 schools always get the #5 seed. It was explained that the seeding committee view the games at WPU and then rank the teams based on what they see at the tournament. There was discussion about setting criteria which might include how the teams in the finals faired against each other in the regular season. Proposal made by Diane Furusawa , 2nd by Tom Armour – # 1 team gets a bye into Finals, 2, 3, 4 and 5 seeded teams play on Saturday, the winners of the first game play 2nd game on Saturday – the winner of that game plays #1 seed on Sunday. Proposal defeated 1 in favor, 9 opposed*

V. Discussion Items:

- a. Change of dates – Close date, Seeding date, 1st through 4th round dates- *Will be in Regulations*
- b. *Playing 3 dates during 1st week of the tournament – Saturday PSAT Date-remains the same.*
- c. 2018 Legends Program – comments/more Legends to attend – contact committee?- *Need to get word out on this – are schools aware of this for nominating coaches and athletes? Al Stumpf will get it sent out via AD Forum and the new text messaging blasts.*
- d. Seeding – was it accurate? *Discussion during seeding proposal presentation.*
- e. Assigning/assignments – Sharon and Pete – comments-*Question of line judges for state tournament. Addressed by Sharon Hughes- she cannot cover all requests for tournament games, some officials will not travel to do line judging. AD's should call their local assignors for those games. Can use students if needed. For State Sectional Finals on – Sharon will assign certified officials.*
- f. Sectional sites – still good to send trophy to #1 and #2 seeds?- *Continue this practice*

VI. Tournament and Date Changes – go over for 2019-*Will be in Regulations*

- a. Change gym availability form to reflect 11/4 -**Groups 3&4/NP and 11/5 – Groups 1&2**
- b. If no form is received from a school the match time is 4:30 pm
- c. NJ.com needs to list the play in matches.- *NJ.com cannot do this in their current format – they must list play-in games underneath the bracket. This may change in future.*

- d. NO MORE DATE OR TIME CHANGES- After matches are posted if there are any requests for changes in time, the school must contact officials. If there are no conflicts with the officials, the time change can take place. School MUST contact tournament director and the change will be made in the Arbiter.
- e. 2019 Dates:- **Approved**
 - 1. Seeding Meeting – 10/28 (Monday)
 - 2. Play In – 10/30- 11/2
 - 3. 1st Round- 11/4 (**Groups 3/4, NP**) or 11/5 (**Groups 1/2**)
 - 4. 2nd Round- 11/7
 - 5. 3rd Round-11/9 - Saturday
 - 6. 4th Round- 11/13 – Sectional Final at Higher Seed
 - 7. State Finals-11/16
 - a. Group 4 10:30 am
 - b. Non Public 12:00 pm
 - c. Group 1 1:30 pm
 - d. Group 2 3:00 pm
 - e. Group 3 4:30 pm
 - 8. TOC-OUT BRACKET GAME – Saturday Nov. 23 – 2pm
Semis- 3:30 and 5:00 PM
Championship Game – Sunday Nov. 24 – 2:00pm
- f. Discussion regarding signs, posters, flags, noisemakers and body paint for spectators.- **Will be enforced at WPU**

VIII. Good of the Order:

- a. Revised Seeding Proposal Presentation- **Presentation made to committee by Dean Rayside – assistant coach at Northern Valley Demarest. Modification of current system to rank teams. The formula used to calculate the Total Ranking Points would be :**
Winning Percentage Points multiplied by 1
RPI Points multiplied by 2
Committee Ranking Points multiplied by 7

Therefore:

Winning percentage would account for 10% of the total
RPI would account for 20% of the total
Teams Tournament seed would count for 70%

Committee likes this proposal – asked Dean to calculate all of the groups for this year to see how it would affect the seeding. Dean has done this and it has been forwarded to the committee.

Proposal to use this system for the 2019-20 Girls season made by Dianne Furusawa, Nancy Saggio, 2nd - Proposal passed unanimously.

- b. New Group Proposals – Rationale- VB is fastest growing sport- also many complaints about travel times and distances for state tournament games
1. North and South – Groups I, II, III, IV and Non Public
 2. North 1, North 2, Central and South Groups I, II, III, IV and Non Public N&S

Much discussion on this topic by the committee, Initial support for 2 Sections North and South- Groups 1, 2,3,4 and NP as conversation continued some support for 4 Sections N1, N2, C and S- Groups 1,2,3,4 NP A, B. Smaller schools feel that the geographical sections would not be truly N&S – some Northern schools would be put in the South just to balance out the numbers. NP had similar concerns. Committee wants to research more before moving on this. Al Stumpf will look at the schools that qualified this year and break them down into both a N&S sectional and also a N1, N2, C, S and NP sectional. This topic will be continued to be discussed.

- c. 3 out of 5 Matches – *Again, much discussion on this topic. As of 2018 (NFHS statistic) only 4 states still use the 2-3 format. Concerns about how it would affect the Frosh and JV programs. These groups would continue to play 2 of 3 – might have to play different days, practice facilities, busing etc. Also small schools voiced concern about having to possibly split their coaching staffs. Committee decided to table this for now but did ask Al Stumpf to contact NFHS to survey the other state associations who have recently switched to 3 of 5 to see how it impacted the game in their state. NFHS is now writing up the questionnaire for the NJSIAA.*

IX. Adjournment: *Motion by Tom Armour, 2nd – Nicole Bolash – all in favor*

*Respectfully submitted by Al Stumpf
December 11, 2018*