Soccer Committee Meeting  
December 6, 2018  
Agenda

1. Introduction of Attendees and Voting Members

2. Approval of 2017 Committee Minutes – Approved after explanation By Al Stumpf of how the Shootout was proposed and approved by the committee after they recommended extending the OT periods to 15 minutes which NFHS would not allow.

3. Agenda Items
   A. Sectional and State Champions – Boys/Girls- Reviewed by Al Stumpf and Tony Maselli
   B. 2019 Soccer Dates
      - Start of Official NJSIAA Practice - August 12, 2019
      - First Scrimmage - August 19, 2019
      - Start of Regular Season: Tuesday, September 3, 2019
      - Cut-off Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019
      - Seeding Meeting: Monday October 21, 2019
      - Committee Meeting: Thursday, December 7, 2019

     Tournament Dates- ALL TENTATIVE

     **GIRLS**  
     Preliminaries - Oct. 26 or 28, Oct. 30, Nov. 1, 5  
     Non-Public Sectional Finals - Thursday, November 7
     Public Sectional Finals - Friday, November 8
     Public State Semi-Finals - Tuesday, November 12
     Non-Public Finals - Sunday, November 10
     Public State Finals - Saturday, November 16

     **BOYS**  
     Preliminaries - Oct 26 or 29, Oct.31, Nov. 4,7
     Non-Public Sectional Finals - Thursday, November 7
     Public Sectional Finals - Thursday, November 7
     Public State Semi-Finals - Tuesday, November 12
     Non-Public Finals - Sunday, November 10
     Public State Finals - Sunday, November 17

   C. Review of Sites for Public State Semi-finals and Non-Public Sectional Final Games/ Change of dates and times of games. –sites are fine. In 2019 the Non – Public Semi Finals will be treated the same as the Public Sectional Finals – they will be run as a HOME game by the higher seeded school. NJSIAA will monitor any questions about the quality of the field and will recommend a neutral site if the field is not up to a “championship level field”. The Finals schedule at Kean on Sunday will be modified this year – 10 am Boys, 12:30 Boys, 3:00 Girls, 5:30 Girls – this schedule maybe modified if a school has both their boys and girls team in the championship game – they will play back to back unless both schools have both their teams in the game. If that occurs the NJSIAA Directors will set the schedule.
   The **PUBLIC SEMI FINALS** will continue to be at a neutral site, the NJSIAA will modify the schedule in that their will only be a single semi-final game per day at each site game time TBD. The NJSIAA will ask the current host site if they can host one game on Tuesday and one game on Wednesday, if they cannot the NJSIAA will secure additional sites. The NJSIAA will also attempt to schedule these games at sites that are closer for the 2 teams involved. The Gender that plays...
on Tuesday will play the Saturday Finals at Kean and the Gender that plays on Wednesday will play Sunday at Kean. For 2019 the girls will play Tuesday/Saturday and the boys will play Wed/Sunday.

These changes were made to reflect the issues that we received in regard to the late nights out and the travel times that some schools experienced.

D. Feedback from Arbiter Administrators and Regional Assignors assigning Officials to all Tournament Rounds - For the most part the assigning went well. There were some issues – officials who had not officiated the required number of games, officials that were not certified and/or did not pass the test, etc. These issues will be resolved with the regional assignors after Tony Maselli and Al Stumpf review the Arbiter statistics – we want to make sure that ALL Officials Chapters get assigned to games. This issue comes from the regular season assignors not sending their list of their best qualified officials when requested to do so by the regional assignors. Tony and Al will be addressing this with the Leagues and Conference Officers so they can instruct their assignors to forward those lists.

E. NJSIAA – continue to Update Active List of Soccer Officials and List of Officials with School Affiliation – on going process.

F. Review of Tournament Regulations/Modifications – regulations will be updated – Teams must now play at least 60% of their games against NJ schools to be qualified to enter the state tournament. All other changes such as dates, times and uniform colors will be updated.

G. Review of tie breaking procedure - first year. Was used in 1 boy’s final and 1 girl’s final this season. This will be discussed at the end of the 2019 season because it was approved as a 2 year trial by the Executive Committee. NJSIAA received 4 concerns about the application of the procedure in this year’s tournament finals.

4. Correspondence
   a. Kevin Murphy - Seeding Procedure
   b. Scott Rosenberg/Ryan Hashway - Seeding Procedure
   c. Barry Veenstra - Seeding Procedure – Premium Power Points - All of these proposals were thoroughly discussed by the committee. The committee likes the concept of changing the current seeding process based on Powerpoints through the first 13 games to seeding based on a team being seeded using the 10 highest Powerpoint games from their first 13 games. Further action was tabled until Tony Maselli can get NJ Highschoolsports to re-run the 2018 powerpoints using this formula to see the impact on the seeding. The committee will re-convene in April to review this proposal and make a recommendation if needed for the 2020 season.
   d. Vito Chiaravalloti - TOC - was discussed and was not moved on because as in the past the coaches felt that it would interfere with the club showcases that begin immediately after our state finals and that the players may not want to attend the TOC.

5. Old Business/New Business – Other items discussed:
   Cutting halftime to 7 minutes and allow each team – a 1 minute timeout each half – no motion
   Start playing games earlier so the weather is better during the state tournament – no motion
   Rotating the sections playing each other in the State Semi Finals – no motion
   Requiring schools with lights to play tournament games at a later time and/or rotating genders playing night games by groups to free up the pool of officials. – no motion
   Have AD’s fill out facility forms for game times similar to what they do in basketball – no motion