Introduction of Attendees and Voting Members-

1. Approval of 2018 Committee Minutes- approved

2. Agenda Items
   A. 2018 Soccer Dates- see attached sheet for dates.- approved- will be posted on NJSIAA Website.
   B. Review of Sites for Public State Semi-finals and/or New site Proposal.- see #3b in Correspondence
   C. Weather Cancellation policy in regulations for Public Semi Final games.- new policy will be stated in tournament Regulations- games will be moved to the next day at the home site, if that creates a B/G double header the game originally scheduled for that day and time will the same – the weather make-up game will be scheduled either before or after it depending on the home school.
   D. Feedback on Arbiter Administrators and Regional Assignors.- very few issues, positive feedback on the quality of officials assigned especially in the later rounds.
   E. Evaluation system for officials.- is being worked on with the new assigning platform ZebraWeb.
   F. List of Officials with School Affiliation- Chapters will continue to update.- this needs to be updated every year in the pre-season by the Chapter assignors.
   G. Regular Season games – overtime policy change
      a. No OT- No motion
      b. One 10 Minute OT Golden Goal – discussion by group- no motion
      c. One 10 minute OT – NO Golden Goal- discussion by group – no motion
      Motion was made and unanimously passed by the committee to keep the current OT rules for the regular season (Golden Goal- if tied after 2 OT – game is a tie) and post season intact (2 OT periods Golden Goal – if still tied goes to a shootout). Regular season OT prepares the teams for OT in the state tournament.
   H. Review of Tournament Regulations/Modifications
      a. Addition of “Home” team designation to Soccer Regulations- addressed in the Correspondence section.
      b. Tournament Seeding Procedure
         i. Top 10 Power Point Games /Residual Points – endorsed by committee based on all games up to cutoff. Top 10 Power Point games will be used for seeding.
         ii. Jumping of teams in bracket – Mike Beirao- discussed by committee- no motion to advance it.
         iii. Revision of tie breaker procedure for seeding- Committee revised the tie breaker for ties between schools in the Power Point Ranking for seeding as follows:
            1. Head to head competition up to the cutoff date.
            2. Results vs common opponents up to the cutoff date.
            3. Winning % up to the cutoff date.
            4. Strength of schedule-
               a. Group 4 – 4 points 
               b. Group 3 – 3 points 
               c. Group 2 – 2 points 
               d. Group 1 – 1 point
3. Correspondence
   a. Tripp Becker
      1. Mercy Rule for blow out games- up by X number of goals at half, game ends- much discussion by the committee. Motion made and passed- if both schools agree PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME- if the goal differential reaches 6 goals prior to the 60 minute mark the game will be ended at the 60 minute mark. After the 60 minute mark the game will end when the goal differential reaches 6 goals. MUST BE AGRED TO PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME>
      2. After First week of tournament no Monday games.- discussed – no motion
   b. Lefty Banos
      1. Move State Public Semi Finals to designated “Home” site – rotate each year- 2020 – Home team designated N2 and South, 2021 N1 and Central. – Motion made and passed by the Committee to move public semi -finals games to the designated “home” sites that will be listed in the Tournament Regulations and will be rotated each year. In 2020 the designated “home” sites will be the N 2 and South schools, in 2021 it will be N1 and central schools. *** Games must be played on a turf field- if the home school does not have turf they must secure a turf site for the game or the game will be moved to the other school. If the turf field does not have lights the game cannot be scheduled to start after 2pm, if the field has lights the designated start time will be 6pm.
   c. Mike Gatley
      1. Allow one timeout per team per game- allows for coaching during game.- discussed – no motion
   d. Rob Merkler, Mike Beirao, Lorenzo Sozio
      1. 3 officials for all tournament games- Mandatory/optional if school requests.- Committee discussed- motion made and approved to modify current regulation to 2 officials for the Round 1 games, for Round 2 and 3 schools have the option to request 3 officials and 3 officials can be assigned if available AFTER all the games for that round have been assigned at least 2 officials. Games schedule 6 pm or later make it easier to have 3 officials assigned. Regional assignors will be notified of this change.
   e. Adam Brusotti
      1. Move state finals to a more centrally located site.
      2. Sectional Finals to set locations- not played at higher seed field and their set time. Sites rotated each year.- both items were discussed together, Committee feels that Kean University is an ideal spot and the hospitality of Kean towards the athletes and spectators is great. Also discussed Sectional finals to set locations- committee felt that with the issues encountered trying to find sites to host that it would be difficult to find such sites for all of the sectional games. – No motion to advance.
   f. Lefty Banos, Joe Trentacosta
      1. Drop Ball Rule after dead ball- modify the rule- It is an NFHS rule that a state cannot modify.

4. Old Business- 2 year trial of OT procedure for the State Group Championship was discussed and approved to remain in effect.
5. New Business- none
Meeting was adjourned shortly after power went out due to electrical wires being taken down on Rt. 130 at approximately 12:45 pm.

Respectfully,

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