

# NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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## League/Conference Officers Meeting Summary

April 6, 2017

### Attendees:

Neil Rosa	Rob Wagner	Frank Torcasio
John Maggio	Carl Weigner	Ken Schoudt
Tim Gillen	Stan Fryczynski	Kevin Murphy
Joe McColgan	Sean Dowling	Rich Roche
Todd Van Orden	Bill Schilling	Steve Jenkins
Sharon Hughes	Giancarlo Riotto	Joe Piro
Tony Carbone	Carl Buffalino	John Fraraccio
Lou Papa	Gus Kalikas	
Steve Fortis	Steve Gazdek	
Rich Shello	Ann Clifton	

Steve Timko opened up the meeting with an introduction of all the directors and attendees.

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### Conference Topics

- **Neil Rosa – Baseball Pitch Count Process of Recording & the form that came out on the Forum. Where do we report our final scores?** Larry White explained that the electronic form on the forum was for sub-varsity players. All varsity players must report their scores on njschoolsports.com. The form was to be used as a print out for the coaches to keep track of how many pitches a sub-varsity player has in case they were asked to play up on varsity. It is also a good way to keep a record of the player's pitch count on file at the sub-varsity level.
- **Steven Jenkins – Fees for neutral sites** for Basketball Tournaments is becoming very expensive to host the games. Looking to see if a facility fee could be implemented or a larger venue which could accommodate larger crowds to offset the fees.
- **Carl Buffalino – "Next Game Time"** will be at the May League & Conference Meeting. Next Game Time is an online scrapbooking service, free of charge, which allows you to create an online scrapbook for your student athlete.
- **Sean Dowling – L.T.I. Courses.** Sean Dowling and Bob Hopek are offering several courses to your Conference schools. If you are interested in hosting an event or would like more information please contact Sean Dowling at [dowlings@madisonnjps.org](mailto:dowlings@madisonnjps.org) or Bob Hopek at [minnesotahopek1@yahoo.com](mailto:minnesotahopek1@yahoo.com)

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### Steve Timko Report

- **Legislative Update:** Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly did file legislation (Transfer Rule), which Mr. Anzano will track.
- **Wrestling Update** – This year we had many changes, but all in all it was a very successful season.
  - Thanks to Joe Arminio and his team at the Pine Belt Arena. The matchups were very competitive and brought a great crowd.
  - Districts went extremely well, however, Steve suggested that based on his attendance at Districts he suggests that any school with a 2 day district should reconsider to a 1 day district.

- The Atlantic City State Championships went very smoothly with the additional wrestlers and time changes.
- Some confusion over billing has been brought to my attention. The new fee is \$14.00 per wrestler that was seeded. If one of the wrestlers forfeits you are still required to pay the fee for that wrestler. If you have any questions or concerns on an invoice that you have received please contact me, if I am unavailable Kim Cole or Bill Bruno can be of assistance.
- **Medical Advisory Committee**
  - Solutions to the Opioid Epidemic were discussed.
  - The emphasis is always on “Heat Acclimatization”, however in the State of New Jersey the months of March and April are cold. The committee is looking into the colder weather conditions that may affect athletes.
  - Mental health was also brought up as an issue, for example when an athlete is cut from a team. The parents and children are affected by this decision and in some cases it needs to be handled differently. The committee would like to have a plan on how to sit down with families afterwards and the best way to approach the situation for both the athlete and parents.
- Spring Sports Sites/Dates are all set and can be found on our website.
- Spring Tournament Regulations are posted on the website.
- The 2017 Basketball Tournament of Champions at Sun National Bank Arena was a huge success. The girls’ game between Franklin and Manasquan was an amazing game to watch. Franklin took the win at the very last second. The Patrick School beat Don Bosco in the boys’ game.
- Denis Nelson did a great job at this year’s DAANJ Conference in Atlantic City. The weather impacted some of the vendors from attending and the overall attendance.

#### **Kim DeGraw-Cole Report**

- Girls Basketball Results for 2017. Group I – Bound Brook; Group II – Manasquan; Group III – Pascack Valley; Group IV – Franklin; Non-Public A –Red Bank Catholic; Non-Public B – Rutgers Prep. The Winner of the Tournament of Champions was Franklin Township High School.
- Girls Bowling Results were provided as a handout.
- Kim provided a detailed handout with important dates as to Lacrosse, Softball and Boys Tennis.
- Lacrosse Sites are all set except for the Semi-Finals that were set to take place on June 7 at Monmouth University. The campus is undergoing renovations at that time. A new venue will need to be considered for this event. As soon as a site is set it will be posted on the website and put out on the forum.
- Softball will have a Tournament of Champions for the first time ever. It will be a very aggressive schedule to squeeze everything in. The Tournament of Champion Finals will be held on June 9 at Ivy Hill Park.
- Sub Varsity Modifications-Any feedback is appreciated.
- 3 person umpire crews beginning at Round 3 of the Softball Sectional Semi-Final was approved at the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be implemented for the upcoming 2017 softball season.
- Tournament Refusal Designations are posted on the website. Baseball Deadline 5/12/17; Softball 5/11/17; Boys Lacrosse 5/13/17; Girls Lacrosse 5/10/17 Boys Team Tennis 5/2/17; Boys Volleyball 5/12/17.

#### **Larry White Report**

- The bowling waiver for Mary Help of Christians Academy was granted for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row. A question was asked as to why this was granted for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Mary Help of Christians Academy has no female teams in their conference. So they compete against their male counterparts.
- Boys’ Bowling results are posted on the website. Warren Hills is the Girls State Champions and East Brunswick is the Boys State Champions. Aimee Sherman from Jackson Memorial and Ryan Carlisi an independent bowler from Steinert received top individual honors.
- Boys Basketball Results for 2017. Group I – Verona; Group II – Newark East Side; Group III – Teaneck; Group IV – Linden; Non-Public A – Don Bosco Prep; Non-Public B – The Patrick School. The Winner of the Tournament of Champions was The Patrick School.
- **Winter Disqualification Report:** A slight increase from last year, not an alarming rise. A detailed report was included in a handout.

- A packet was distributed with the NFHS Member State Associations' Varsity Baseball Pitch Count Policies for all 50 states. New Jersey falls in the middle of the average for the maximum amount of pitches thrown. A baseball game pitch log was provided to keep track of sub-varsity pitches and a reporting form attached could also be used for record keeping.
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### **Jack DuBois Report**

- The West Windsor North and South High School Football Coop Waiver Request was tabled until the next meeting. The West Jersey Football Conference had not yet made a decision on the request.
  - Pope John Waiver Request for Early Football Opener on August 26 was denied. Pope John wanted to schedule a game with an out of state opponent. The official start date is August 31.
  - Football Power Points Adjustment Pilot Plan was approved in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. A handout was provided with detailed information on the various power point scenarios.
  - On Tuesday, May 9, 2017 the NJSIAA will have a Legal Liability and Athletics Workshop on Transgender Issues in Interscholastic Athletics. Please submit your forms as soon as possible, registrations are filling up.
  - Ice Hockey Results/Updates: Morristown HS (Public A), Ramsey HS (Public B) and Delbarton HS (Non-Public). The finals were held at the Mennen Arena this year due to the fact that the Prudential Center could not accommodate a schedule to fit our needs. The Ice Hockey Committee is presently considering adding an additional 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Group to the classifications. It was approved at the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.
  - Fencing Results: St. Peter's Prep won the boys team championships while Bergen County Tech won the girls team championships.
  - On March 19, 2017 the NJSCA Senior All Star North/South Basketball Game was held at Rider University. This is a fun, positive event to showcase some of the top male and female players in the state.
  - Our annual Scholar Athlete Luncheon will be held at the Pines Manor on May 21, 2017. This year every athlete will be given a \$500 scholarship. Any Conference who would like to donate to the scholarship fund please contact me as soon as possible. [jdubois@njisaa.org](mailto:jdubois@njisaa.org)
  - Policy Committee approved the following as to Cooperative Sports Proposals.
    - Team Names on Uniforms has been approved. An officer asked if there were 3 schools in a cooperative program can all 3 teams be listed? Yes, all 3 teams can be listed.
    - Assignment of Disqualification Penalties to the school that the athlete attends was approved. It is no longer the LEA school.
  - Cooperative Sports Programs (Approved)
    - Toms River East HS/Toms River South HS – Ice Hockey
    - Middlesex HS/Dunellen HS – Wrestling
    - Park Ridge HS/Emerson HS – B/G Cross Country; B/G Bowling; B/G Golf; Boys Lacrosse
    - Emerson HS/Park Ridge HS – Wrestling; Girls Lacrosse
    - David Brearley HS/Jonathan Dayton HS – Wrestling
    - Jonathan Dayton HS/David Brearley HS – Gymnastics; Co-Ed Swimming
  - Update on Corporate Sponsors: Team Gear; The Marines; Ivy Rehab (Co-Sponsor of Baseball).
  - Boys Lacrosse: If a game is stopped due to weather in the 1<sup>st</sup> half the game has to be replayed. You can find this information on our website under Lacrosse Regulations.
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### **Bill Bruno Report**

- A handout was provided to recap Cross Country and Winter Track numbers, the committee structure, state meet entry formats and the online process on MileSplit NJ.
- The Hall of Fame Luncheon was held at the Pines Manor on March 26<sup>th</sup>. 528 people were in attendance at this event to honor 34 coaches, 1 athletic trainer, 2 NFHS Contributor Awards, 7 NFHS Sectional Award Winners, 21 State Coaches and 28 State Officials.
- Sites are all set for the Spring Season. Sectionals will be held at River Dell HS; Randolph HS; Madison HS; Ridge HS; Bernards HS; Hillsborough HS; South Delsea Regional HS; South Egg Harbor Twp. Groups will be held at Egg Harbor Township and Northern Burlington. The Meet of Champions will be hosted by Northern Burlington High School on June 10, 2017 at 2pm. This is the first year the Meet of Champions will be held on a Saturday. We are anticipating a great turn out.

- Milesplit entries for the Winter Track Season went very smoothly. Kudos to the coaches for navigating the new online entry system, there was a less than 2% error rate.
  - The NJSIAA/NJSCA 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wrestling Coaches Clinic will be held on Friday, May 5, 2017 at Princeton University. Registration forms are up on the website and are due back by May 1, 2017.
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#### **Al Stumpf Report**

- The 2017 Swim Results are posted on the website under “Swimming”.
  - Swim Committee Minutes were provided as a handout.
  - The survey results to move the swim practice date back to November 15<sup>th</sup> did not warrant this change.
  - A Memorandum was provided in reference to *New Qualifying System for Individuals Girls State Tournament*.
  - All golf sites are secure. The Girls’ Golf Tournament will be held at the Watchung Valley Country Club on May 23, 2017. Boys’ Golf Tournament will be held at Hopewell Valley Golf Club on May 22, 2017.
  - New Golf Rule: Accidental Movement of Ball on Putting Green Rule – no penalty.
  - Handcarts are allowed on the golf course, unless the site states otherwise.
  - Not all golf courses have AEDs available. Please be sure to check with the course prior to arriving. If they do not have an AED on site be sure to bring one with you.
  - Wakefern has offered to take 4 to 6 girl golfers to the Women’s LPGA Shoprite Championship Tournament. The girls will walk inside the ropes with the groups. Next year, the winner will be able to play in the Pro-Am.
  - **Unified Update**
    - The unified basketball tournaments that took place throughout the state were a success. High schools reported that there were more spectators in attendance at the unified games than at the regular season tournaments. The atmosphere was positive and it was great to see the benefits unified sports has on students, faculty and spectators.
    - Unified Spring Track participation is low. Please reach out to your schools and encourage them to read the message sent out on the AD Forum on how to register for spring track. Special Olympics is still offering grants to help kick start this program at your school. The application will be available later this month. Any questions please contact me at [astumpf@njsiaa.org](mailto:astumpf@njsiaa.org)
    - Please note that Milesplit has a separate entry page for unified track. There are 7 events listed.
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#### **Colleen Maguire Report**

- A handout was provided of outstanding receivables. Please forward this information to the schools in your conference for payment.
- The membership mailing was sent out and you should have received your packet. We are accelerating some of the due dates. Annual Dues, Resolutions Card and Principal Affidavit are due back to this office on August 1, 2017. Approved purchase orders for the annual dues will be accepted on this date as well. The Coaches Affidavit is due back by September 15, 2017. The 2016-2017 Non-Public Form must be submitted no later than May 15, 2017.
- Please be sure to update your Fall Coaches in School Manager as soon as possible.
- Colleen provided a brief update on the winter season’s financial results. Overall net profit was approximately \$120K, which is relatively flat compared to the prior season and approximately \$50K higher than budget. The few key items of note are: (1) increased wrestling results due to an increase in District entry fees of approximately \$25K which resulted from the move to an individual based entry fee from a team entry fee, and (2) savings of \$10K related to pushing the first two rounds of the team tournament to the host school. Winter track had an increase in net profit of approximately \$10K due to increased entry fees and officials/other employees savings by Bill and his team continually streamlining the staffing needs. B/G Basketball did note decreased gate receipts, specifically at the T of C Finals...the boys game in particular was not well attended, primarily due to the matchup. These games are scheduled to be played on a Sunday next year...this should hopefully boost attendance.
- A handout was provided of the NJSIAA Imposed Fines that were approved at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. An email was attached which provided better explanations surrounding the fines.
- “Absentee Ballot Cards” votes have been collected and the results will be available at our next meeting in May.

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### Mike Zapicchi Report

- As per Steve Timko's discussion earlier in the meeting, we are waiting to see if we hear back from the Interim Commissioner of Education to see if the Transfer Rule will be blocked. She has until April 15<sup>th</sup> to contact the NJSIAA.
- Compliance: Any new athletic director's in your Conference needs to be sent to Mike to set up a visit with compliance officers. Email at [mzapicchi@njsiaa.org](mailto:mzapicchi@njsiaa.org)
- The possibility of a Committee to overlook Procedures for International Students has been discussed. The present rules apply to foreign exchange students. Procedures need to be tightened up as to Student Visas, Undocumented Students, etc. Please let me know if your school accepts the I-20 Form and the F-1 Form. I would like to composite a list of schools as a reference to contact with any questions on procedures and how different situations are handled.

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### Program Review

- Softball - 3 Umpires at Sectional Semi-Final Round was approved at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.
- New Fall Sports Date (all except football) of September 5, 2017 was approved at the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading will be in May.
- Football Summer Period was approved at the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading will be in May. The summer period would run from June 11 to August 6. Field practice per day would be restricted to 2 ½ hours, weight room lifting sessions and classroom sessions would not be included. Football helmets and mouthpieces would be permitted and protective equipment may be issued for attendance at prospect camps or 7v7 (third party camps) with board approval.
  - **Note:** Please provide Jack Dubois with "Black Out Week" dates for the schools in your conference by June 1, 2017.
- NJSIAA Official Football practice start date of August 7, 2017 was approved at the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading will be in May.
- Football Non-Public Group II Pilot Proposal to double opponent's group size was denied at the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.
- Establishing seasonal deadline dates for cooperative sports program applications was approved at the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading will be in May. Deadline Dates: May 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall Sports; October 1<sup>st</sup> for Winter Sports; February 1<sup>st</sup> for Spring Sports.
- Permitting three schools to form a cooperative sports program in Ice Hockey was approved at the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading will be in May.
- Establishing 3<sup>rd</sup> Ice Hockey Group Classification (One Year Pilot) was approved at the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading will be in May. We currently have two public groups A & B
- Program Review is considering an automatic default date of March 31<sup>st</sup> if April 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Sunday. This would be a permanent change in the Constitution.

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### Advisory Committee – 6 Proposals

- Conference Coalition Football Playoff Proposal submitted by Bud Kowal was passed 13 to 7.
- North Jersey Super Football Conference Football Playoff Proposal submitted by Dan Vivino was passed 11 to 9.
- Amendment to Article V – Six Month Polling of Executive Committee Action submitted by Scott Rosenberg was approved 18 to 2.
- Start of Fall Regular Schedule Opening Dates submitted by John Maggio was approved 18 to 2.
- Football Co-ops to Include Groups III, IV & V submitted by the West Windsor – Plainsboro Regional School District was tabled until the West Jersey Football League approves the co-op.
- Change Non-Public Group Classifications for Boys and Girls Basketball submitted by Mary Kane was withdrawn.
- All these proposals will be by the Executive Committee on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

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**The next League & Conference Meeting will be held on  
Thursday, May 4, 2017**