NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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League/Conference Officers Meeting Summary
April 7, 2016

Attendees:
Sharon Hughes
Steve Fortis
Carl Weigner
Matt Sheehan
Stan Fryczynski
Joe Piro
Steve Fortis
Rich Roche
Gus Kalikas
Al Stumpf
Ann Clifton
Tim Gillen
Rob Wagner
Joe Sprague
Louis Papa
Bill Schilling
Sean Dowling
Tim Walsh
Rusty Todd
Jerry Maietta
Jamy Thomas
Joe McColgan

Conference Topics

- Steven Jenkins
  
  Larry White informed the committee that upon investigation Newark Tech used ineligible players for not only the 2014-2015 Season but also for the 2013-2014 Season. The Sectional Title earned in 2014-2015 will be vacated and the team will be on probation for the 2016-2017 Season.

- Stan Fryczynski
  
  o 9pm Basketball tip off for a school night, especially at top of the week. Perhaps planning and flexibility by all parties to avoid this happening in the future.
  A discussion ensued as to this particular situation. The issues were the late start time and students not returning home until after 11pm on a school night. An arrangement was made between both athletic directors to a 9pm start time due to the special circumstances. Steve Timko said the athletic directors of the schools involved need to work together; however, consideration may be given to including a limit to the start time in the Tournament Rules and Regulations. This topic will be addressed at the Basketball Rules Committee meeting on May 10, 2016.
o **Baseball Postponement**
Larry White provided a handout with the Ending a Regulation Game Rule in the NFHS Baseball Rule Book. The NJSIAA recommends that if a League/Conference is going to institute a suspended game rule, the NJSIAA suggest that the game tried to be completed before the cutoff date for power points and seeding for the state tournament. The power point system is not designed to handle “ties”. Power points are calculated on the first 15 games and completed on or by the cut off of May 13, 2016. If a game is tied and it is not completed by 5/13/16, the system will automatically not count that game and then will go to the 16th game for that school provided that the 16th game is on or before the cutoff. A discussion ensued between the members on different scenarios and circumstances.

o **Softball Postponement**
Softball is different than baseball in regards to the suspended/halted game. As per the 2016 Softball Rules Modifications. The Softball Rules committee approved the Suspended/Halted Game as per the NFHS Softball Rules book, Rule 2, Section 26, Article 1 and Rule 4, Section 2 be permitted during Tournament Play so that games would be resumed from the point of interruption. The Suspended/Halted Game Procedure will be used at State Tournaments and any other Tournaments (School, County, Conference or League Tournaments) as approved by the NJSIAA Assistant Director (Kim DeGraw-Cole).

Softball does not recognize a suspended game for the regular season. If a game ends because of weather conditions, or darkness interferes with play before it is regulation, the game is to be replayed. This partial play does not count as a game for game limitations. If the game is regulation as per Rule 4, Section 2 Article 2, and is a tie score, recognized by the league/conference for division standings, the game counts but is not used in tournament seeding. This game counts towards the game limitations. Softball Ties will not be recognized by NJSIAA for seeding and will not be formulated as part of the Power Point Calculation. A Tie should be reported to njschoolsports but it will not be factored in the power point formula calculation.

- **Joe Piro/Sean Dowling (NJAC/SEC)**
  - **Can we schedule out 2 years of dates for State Tournaments?**
    The directors currently have the 2016-2017 schedule up on the website. They will work on getting the 2017-2018 schedule up as well.
Steve Timko Report

- Steve commends athletic trainer Karen Manista of Summit High School who revived a student that collapsed on the field during a game. The emergency plan that was set in place resulted in a positive outcome. Steve reiterated the importance of reviewing your school’s plan so that in case of an emergency immediate action is taken.
- Steve highly praised the NJSIAA Athletic Directors on a job well done for the Winter Season. The Tournaments went exceptionally well and all their hard work paid off.
- A handout was provided with the Legislative Update.
- **Wrestling Update:**
The wrestling season was a huge success. Moving back to Toms River turned out to be a positive move. Every session was well attended. The Atlantic City State Championship was a great event which was also well attended. Congratulations to Nick Suriano, undefeated state champion, from Bergen Catholic High School. The Wrestling Committee will discuss the proposed realignment of moving districts for the upcoming year.
- **2015-2016 New Advisory Committee Members**
  - Rod Sharpless, AD-Cumberland Regional HS
  - Bob Abatemarco, Principal-Red Bank Catholic HS
  - Jen Fleury, AD-Villa Walsh Academy
  - Ryan Miller, AD-Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS
- **Medical Advisory Committee Meeting**
  - Tony Maselli is the liaison between the NJSIAA and the Department of Education.
  - Jack Kripsak is the new chairperson of the NJSIAA Medical Advisory Committee.
  - Opioid use is rising in high school teens. This issue was discussed at the Medical Advisory Committee meeting where it was noted Oral Surgeons are prescribing large amounts. The Committee noted that Oral Surgeons are being tied to youth painkiller prescriptions.
  - Al Stumpf brought up a question regarding the use of an epi-pen, and whether or not coaches/athletic directors should be required to learn how and when to use one? Speaking on behalf of his school nurse, Al recommended every team have an Epi-Pen Delegate. Steve will bring this issue up at the next Medical Advisory Committee meeting in May. Several officers present advised that their school has requirements on how to administer an epi-pen.
- **Spring Sports Sites & Dates** are complete. Finalizing golf sites. 2 out of 3 are set.
- **The DAANJ Conference** was well attended. Bob Rossi did a great job with the event.
- **A Unified Sports Program** between the NJSIAA and Special Olympics has been approved. Special Olympics will be providing resources to schools that wish to participate in this program. The goal for the next school year is 5 on 5 Soccer, Basketball and Outdoor Track and Field events. A new position is being developed at the NJSIAA and more details will be coming next month.
- **Next League/Conference Meeting** will be held on Thursday May 5, 2016.
Kim DeGraw-Cole Report

- Sport Committee Representative for 2016-2018 was provided to each Conference. Please have this form filled out and returned to the NJSIAA by June 1, 2016.
- The DAANJ Presentations are posted on the website.
- Spring Tournament Regulations, Modifications and Classifications are posted and Track and Field will be posted this week.
- Non-Member Out of State Forms Baseball/Softball are past due.
- High School RIO Study:  
  www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/research/ResearchProjects/piper/projects/RIO/Pages/Study-Reports.aspx
  Anyone interested in more information can visit the above website for summary reports and the contact information for the RIO Staff.
- Swim minutes are not posted on the site as of yet. A, B and C Classifications and Tournament Structures will remain the same as the 2016 year. All schools are required to PowerPoint 2 meets or they can refuse to enter the Tournament.

Bill Bruno – Absent

- ShopRite Cup Standings (Posted on Website)
- Spring Track Update (Handout)
- Cooperative Sports Programs-Approved by Executive Committee
  - WWP South HS/WWP North – Ice Hockey
  - Marlboro HS/Holmdel HS – Ice Hockey
  - Lenape Valley HS/Newton HS – Boys and Girls Swimming
  - Newton HS/Lenape Valley HS – Ice Hockey
  - Belvidere HS/North Warren HS – Swimming
  - High Point Regional HS/Wallkill Valley Regional HS – Swimming, Ice Hockey
  - Parsippany Hills/Parsippany – Ice Hockey

Larry White Report

- The bowling waiver for Mary Help Academy was approved. Larry recommends for schools in the conference to look to cooperative programs in girls bowling since many schools have girl bowlers on the boys’ teams.
- Bowling and Basketball Championship Results were provided in a handout.
- The Winter Disqualification Report-From last year we have a decrease of 6 total disqualifications for players and a decrease of 3 total disqualifications of coaches for this past winter sports. There was only 1 disqualification due to the violation of the Sportsmanship Policy and it was dealt with accordingly.
- FYI: Now available online for FREE “Introduction to Pitch Smart”. Please inform your conference colleagues of this.
- Further information can be found @ http://nfhslearn.com/courses/61054/introduction-to-pitch-smart
Jack DuBois Report

- On Friday, May 6, 2016 the NJSCA 22nd Annual Wrestling Coaches Clinic will be held at Princeton University. For further information and to register please visit our website under, Schools; Coaches; Coaches Clinic.
- On Monday, May 9, 2016 the NJSIAA and Legal One will run a Workshop on Unified Athletics and Physical Education for ALL Students: Best Practices and Legal Requirements. For further information and to register please visit our website under, Resources; Workshops/Training.
- The NJSCA Hall of Fame Induction Day will be held at the Pines Manor on Sunday, April 10, 2016. 575 people will be in attendance at this event.
- The Scholar Athlete Luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at the Pines Manor. Thank you to all the conferences which supported the scholarship program. This year we hope to award between $140,000 and $150,000 in scholarships to well deserving student athletes. If you would like to make a contribution or want to renew your scholarship donation for the following year please submit your request to Jack DuBois.
- The NJSCA Senior All Star Game was held on March 20, 2016 at Rider University. The attendance at this event was the best in the past 5 years.

Advisory Committee Meeting - 7 pieces of Legislation
- Arthur L. Johnson HS-Amend Summer Competition Period.
- West Jersey Football League – Divide Non-Public Football Schools into NP North A & B and South A & B.
- West Jersey Alliance/Tri County Conference 2 year pilot program offering all spring sports option of opening regular season early.
- Holy Spirit HS Non-Public Group Classification
- NJSIAA – Classification of Member Schools
- Kinnelon HS – All Schools (Public and Non-Public) must follow anti-bullying bill of Rights Act.
- Tri County Conference – Change to the structure of all sports and rule committees.

Colleen Maguire Report

- Colleen provided a handout of outstanding invoices. Please pass this information on to the schools in your conference with a balance. As usual, a team will not be seeded for the tournaments if there is an outstanding balance on their account. Outstanding invoices will also be posted on the AD Forum.
- In the past the DQ Report was mailed. Upon discussion with the Officers, it was agreed upon that going forward the DQ Report will be emailed to the L&C Officers which can then be distributed via email to all member school athletic directors.
- The yearly membership mailing will go out by the end of April. Please take notice of the Bright Pink postcard included in your package. The postcard will require the school name, signature and a check off box to accept or decline becoming a member of the NJSIAA for the 2016-2017 school year. Please return these postcards no later than June 1, 2016.
Mike Zapicchi Report

- Compliance Monitors are close to finishing up their first year and have visited almost 80 schools and 40 new athletic directors.
- A handout was provided with the NJSIAA Transfer Survey results. 1 out of 4 schools participated in the Survey.
- Representing the NJSIAA on the NJ DOE’s Late Start to School Committee which will be focusing on a later start for high school students as it prepares a pilot program.