Executive Committee Meeting Update

- Steve opened up the meeting with introductions of all the directors and attendees.
- Office renovations were completed over the summer under the direction of Colleen Maguire.
- Al Stumpf is the newest Assistant Director of the NJSIAA in charge of Unified Sports, Boys and Girls Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Swimming/Diving and Golf.
- A handout was provided with a Legislative Update (Paul Anzano).
- The Union County Conference Appeal to Leagues & Conference was denied. St. Mary’s and Union Catholic will stay in the same division.
- Sectional Meeting Dates are available on our website. A handout was provided with 3 Legislative Changes.
- Wrestling Proposal: 8 Teams will now be in the Tournament vs. 6 from previous years. The higher seeded team will be responsible for any costs on Monday and Wednesday during the preliminary rounds. The NJSIAA will cover all costs at sectionals on Friday, and group semi and finals in Toms River on Sunday. A 4th place finisher will now compete in the Championship in Atlantic City. Due to the fact that there will be an additional 112 wrestlers at the Championship there is a possibility that the matches will start at an earlier time on Friday. Anticipated times 12:30pm weight check, 1pm weigh in, 3pm start time instead of 5pm. The additional costs are $10K-$12K. Beginning with Districts there will no longer be an $80.00 fee, instead a one–time $14.00 per wrestler, fee will be assessed at the start of the Districts. Example, if a team enters 14 wrestlers at the districts they will be assessed $196.00 if a team only has 10 wrestlers they will be
assessed $140.00. This is similar to the way swim, track, cross country, bowling, tennis and fencing individual tournaments are assessed.

- This year’s first Executive Committee Meeting was held yesterday, September 14, 2016.
- All Fall Tournament Sites are posted on the website.
- Final Steroid Report: Schools are randomly chosen, out of 68 schools, 497 students, no positive tests and no protocol issues.

**Conference Topics**

- **TCC – Jamy Thomas & CVC – Francis Kowal**
  - The updating of the football regs with the “clarification” of awarding 2x (or 1.5x) the power points regardless of the outcome of the game.
  - The lack of consistency for how proposed changes are made. Some ‘fast track’ and others are required to a vote of the membership.

A discussion ensued pertaining to the new football proposal awarding power points regardless of a win/loss. The topic of ‘fast tracking’ votes was also clarified on the different ways a vote (change) can move through the process.

**Larry White Report**

- Girls Volleyball and Gymnastics Tournament Regulations and Dates are set and posted on the website. Girls Volleyball cut-off date is, October 19, 2016. A report was provided to the officers detailing important information as to the above sports.
- A detailed copy of the DQ Report was provided.
- NFHS has mandated a pitch limit rule. The baseball committee will meet to figure out the best way to implement this new rule. There are 2 parts to this rule – number of pitches allowed on any given day and the subsequent rest time period, and two, the enforcement piece of this rule. We will implement this rule for the 2017 baseball season.
- The 2016-2017 NJSIAA Constitution and Bylaws is posted on the website under Resources.
- A handout was provided with information for a Volleyball Webinar. Please distribute this information to your coaches.
- Any conferences with Ice Hockey officials meeting dates/times please email Larry at Lwhite@njsiaa.org so that he can attend the meetings.

**Jack DuBois Report**

- Sportsmanship Banners will be handed out at the November League & Conference Meeting. To date we have not received schools from the NJAC or the HCIAL.
- NJSIAA Executive Committee granted waivers of the 70% rule in football to Montclair Kimberley Academy and Moorestown Beard.
- Reminder to submit the Conference Representatives to the NJSIAA Football Committee.
- Football cards were mailed out on September 14, 2016
- The NJSIAA will assign the officials for Soccer. Please update your contact list of Athletic Directors by September 30, 2016. Please send this information to Jack at jdubois@njsiaa.org
- Soccer – An athlete must play 50% of the season up to the cutoff date to participate in the state tournament. Medical Excuses will be handled on an individual basis.
A handout was provided of the Final ShopRite Cup 2015-2016 Standings. This information is also available on the NJSIAA Website.

**Approved Co-Op Sports Programs**
- Henry Becton HS / Wallington HS – Cross Country, B/G Tennis
- Lawrence HS / Hightstown HS / Ewing HS – Ice Hockey
- Gill St. Bernard's School / Immaculata HS – Ice Hockey
- Bordentown HS / Florence HS – Wrestling
- Governor Livingston HS / New Providence HS – Ice Hockey
- Clayton HS / Glassboro HS – Wrestling/Golf
- Glassboro HS / Clayton HS – B/G Swimming

A policy committee has been convened to discuss Co-Ops and related policies. The committee is being chaired by Rob Haraka and consists of Executive Committee members. The primary topics of discussion are: 1) Three specific dates for filing. 2) Allowing 2 school names on the uniforms. 3) DQ to LEA or to the school in which the athlete represents. Any questions concerning Co-Ops should be directed to Rob Haraka at rharaka@mhrd.org

**Clinic Updates**
- As of July 1, 2016, 607 coaches have taken the Fundamentals of Coaching Course.
- Just a reminder that the First Aid Requirement is mandatory for all coaches upon renewal of their CPR/AED Certification.
- Team Life is now a Corporate Sponsor of the NJSIAA. Team Life supplies AED Devices, training and site assessments. More information can be found on their website at www.teamlife.com

**Kim DeGraw-Cole Report**

- A handout was provided with the 2016-2018 Sport Committee Reps. The empty slots need to be filled. Please forward your Conference’s representative to Jenny Yelle at jyelle@njsiaa.org as soon as possible.
- Fall Classifications are complete, we are currently working on finishing up the Winter Classifications.
- Cutoff dates: Field Hockey – 10/18/16; Girls Soccer – 10/22/16; Girls Tennis – 9/28/16 Tournament Regulations/Sites/Dates as to each sport listed above is posted on our website and was provided in a handout.
- Please be advised that the Tournament Refusal and Non-Member Out of State Forms are up on the website. Any questions please send an email to kcole@njsiaa.org
- Reminder: Please be sure to update njschoolsports.com with your rosters, school/team information, contest scores and statistics. This information needs to be accurate. Championship Programs are posted prior to the Tournament and this information is essential. Please relay this message to the athletic director’s in your conference.
- Girls Lacrosse will go from two Sections per Group (North and South) to four Sections per Group (North 1, North 2, Central and South).
- Wrestling: 8 teams instead of 6 in the Team Tournament; 4th place finisher from each region for the Championship in Atlantic City, additional 112 wrestlers; Region and District realignment based on northing number and strength of program.
- Softball rule similar to the existing basketball rule which permits scrimmages during tournament play when there are gaps in games. These scrimmages do not count towards the maximum and must be played against teams also in the Tournament.
Bill Bruno Report

- All Cross Country Sites are set and all officials have been assigned. Please make a note that the cutoff date for both Public and Non-Public is now on the same day, October 19, 2016.
- New this season – Milesplit Rosters will now replace Hytek Rosters. 3 minute tutorial videos are available on the NJSIAA Website under Cross Country/Cross Country Tournament Regulations. You can find the links on the 2nd page of the Tournament Regulations. If you run into problems or questions? Contact rkellert@milesplit.com.
- 5 out of 7 Cross Country Track & Field Chapters have been visited. I am receiving great feedback from the officials at these meetings and hope to visit the remaining 2 chapters within the next couple months.
- The NJSCA Individual Membership Application and NJSCA Hall of Fame Nominee Forms were provided as handouts. Please forward this onto your member schools. NJSCA Hall of Fame applications are due October 20, 2016.

Al Stumpf Report

- Al provided a handout pertaining to the Unified Sports Program which detailed information of upcoming events. The Fall season will have a soccer showcase which will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at Kean University.
- If your school is applying for a grant, the application is due by Friday, September 16, 2016.
- Unified Sports for the Winter and Spring Seasons will be determined by how many schools will be competing. We hope to provide Bowling and Basketball in the Winter and a 4x100 meter relay in the Spring. The additional goal is to also have relays in the 4 x 200 meter, long jump and shot put at the Meet of Champions.
- Cell Phone Contact Number: 1-201-230-1100

Colleen Maguire Report

- A handout was provided to each Conference listing aged invoices. Please forward this to your schools and any questions should be forwarded to Anne Marie Walters at awalters@njsiaa.org. An email will be sent out to each Conference and their representatives with an electronic copy of past due invoices so that it can be easily forwarded to the schools. Please note that all payments must be received by October 17, 2016 at 4pm. If your payment is not received by the above deadline your school will not be seeded for the Fall Tournaments.
- Winter Classifications are almost complete. The following sports are complete and will be on the website, Ice Hockey, Winter Track and Wrestling are posted under the Sports and Schools/Tournaments/Classifications. Drafts of the swimming classifications will be circulated for review.
- Atlantic City Hotel Rooms are listed on the NJSIAA Website Home Page and can be booked in advance starting now. Bally’s & Caesar’s will be offering rooms at a discounted rate for the State Wrestling Championships which will be held on Friday March 3, 2017 to March 5, 2017 at the Boardwalk Hall. We are working with the Tropicana to provide extra rooms at a discounted rate to accommodate the increase of 112 wrestlers attending this event.
- An Officials Payment Matrix has been provided as a helpful tool.
Mike Zapicchi Report

- Site Monitors/Compliance Initiative Report – Monitors will begin to visit the schools listed on the roster which is available on the AD Forum, along with the updated checklist.
- Constitution Review – Structural changes and clarification as to the language set forth in the Constitution have been made. Upon completion, the Constitution will go before the Executive Committee for approval.
- A copy of each Conferences Constitution/By-Laws needs to be submitted to our office as soon as possible to Jenny Yelle at JYelle@njsiaa.org
- The New Jersey Department of Education report on later school start times is complete. The final report has not been released as of yet. This program will be voluntary not mandated.
- International Students: In 2015-2016 there were 46 Students. As of today’s date there are 22 students.

The next League & Conference Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016