ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (July 3, 2015) -- The NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) recently named Gregory Bailey as president, while Elaine McGrath and Charles Klaus have been appointed first and second vice president, respectively. In addition to the new president and vice presidents, there are 20 new representatives serving on the 48-member executive board for the 2015-16 school year.

Bailey is a member of the North Jersey Football Officials Association, Northwest New Jersey Board 168 Basketball Officials, New Jersey State Baseball Umpires Association, and the Bergen County Umpires Association. He has served on the West Milford Township Board of Education since 1996.

“Having been a member of the NJSIAA Executive Committee for many years, I am honored and humbled to be elected president of this outstanding organization,” said Bailey. “Alongside the dedicated staff, I am committed to making sure that the high school athletic experience for New Jersey student-athletes, their parents and caregivers, and the entire community of athletic administrators and coaches, is the best that it can be at all times.”

McGrath is the athletic director of South Brunswick High School, and was previously president of the Greater Middlesex Conference, assistant principal/athletic director at Highland Park High School, and head women’s basketball and head women’s softball coach at Rutgers University in Newark.

Klaus, a 1982 graduate of Haddon Township Memorial High School. He held the position of wrestling captain at Boston University, was assistant wrestling coach at Maple Shade High School and the head coach at Haddonfield for 15 years. During that time, Klaus was selected as Regional Coach of the Year and District Coach of the Year on three occasions. He has served as Region 7 wrestling president and ranking chair. In 2011, he was inducted into the South Jersey Wrestling Hall of Fame.

“These positions have always been filled by individuals especially accomplished and experienced in both education and athletics,” said Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. “The new members and those continuing their service take a proactive role in maintaining excellence in high school sports, while always finding ways to enhance the experience for our students.”

In addition to the presidential and vice presidential positions, there are 20 new NJSIAA representatives in the categories of Non-Public School Representatives, Public Counties–School Representatives, NJSBA at-Large Representatives, NJSIAA At-Large Representatives, and Ex-Officio Representatives. They join the board with a total of 48 members.

**New Non-Public School Representatives**
• **John Stanczak**, principal of Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, NJ
• **Chris Calveley**, athletic director for Lacordaire Academy in Upper Montclair, NJ
• **Tony Mitchell, MA, CAA**, athletic director for Paul VI High School
• **Sue Petrone**, upper school director, Gill St. Bernard’s School

**New Public Counties – School Representatives**

• **Dr. Brian Brotschul**, (Burlington) superintendent of schools in Delran Township
• **Scott Lodgek**, (Cape May) athletic director at Middle Township High School
• **Denis Williams**, (Essex) principal at Nutley High School
• **Suzanne J. Cooley**, (Hunterdon) principal at Hunterdon Central Regional HS
• **William O. George III, Ed.D.**, (Monmouth) superintendent of schools for the Middletown Township Public Schools since 2011
• **Robert Haraka**, (Morris) athletic director, Morris Hills High School
• **Matthew McFarland**, (Salem) principal at Pennsville Memorial High School
• **Danny A. Robertozzi, Ed.D.**, (Union) superintendent of schools, Linden Public School District
• **Robert Grauso**, (Warren) director of athletics, Health & Physical Education, Hackettstown School District

**New Ex-Officio Representative**

• **Philip Schaffer**, principal, Wildwood Middle/High School

**New NJSBA At-Large Representatives**

• **Kathy Goldenberg**, president, Moorestown Board of Education; representative for NJSBA

**New NJSIAA At-Large Representatives**

• **Judy Finch-Johnson**, director of athletics for the Elizabeth School District
• **Gerald Glisson**, administrator of Co-Curricular Programs and Athletics for Neptune High School
• **Mary Liz Ivins**, principal of Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville Township
• **Maureen M. Bilda**, vice principal for Student Activities & Athletics, Deptford High School
• **Sharron Grady**, director of athletics, Health, Physical Education, & Family Life, Trenton School District

The full list of representatives on the NJSIAA Executive Board is available here: [http://goo.gl/2lZTst](http://goo.gl/2lZTst)

Digital portraits of Bailey, McGrath, and Klaus are available here:

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**NJSIAA appoints Howell resident as new assistant director**

*Bill Bruno overseeing cross-country, winter and spring track*

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (August 5, 2015) – Howell resident Bill Bruno was recently appointed as an assistant director by the [New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association](https://njhsiaa.org) (NJSIAA). In this role, Bruno will be in charge of cross-country, winter track, and spring track.

Prior to joining NJSIAA, Bruno was athletic director for Brick Memorial and Veterans Memorial high schools in [Brick Township Public Schools](https://www.bricktownshipnj.com). He has also served as athletic director at Marlboro High School and Howell High School, and has experience as a head coach in football, winter track, and spring track.

“In identifying someone to step into an NJSIAA assistant director role, Bill's outstanding professional experience and his familiarity with the association really stood out,” says Steven J. Timko, NJSIAA executive director. "It's difficult to imagine any responsibility or challenge for which Bill isn't supremely well prepared. I'm confident he's the perfect fit for the NJSIAA and for the student-athletes we serve."

Bruno has held a wide range of volunteer leadership positions within the NJSIAA. In addition, he's a former New Jersey Athletic Director of the Year, as voted by the [Director of Athletics Association of New Jersey](https://www.njdirectorsofathletics.org), and a former Brick Township Man of the Year.

“Based on years of professional experience at four different high schools, I understand all the nuances of an athletic director's role," Bruno says. "As an NJSIAA assistant director, I'm committed to utilizing my background and expertise to assist our member schools in maximizing the benefits of sports programs for their student-athletes."

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2016 NJSIAA Basketball Tournament Schedule Released

Starts February 29; some finals to take place in Pine Belt Arena

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (August 14, 2015) – NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) has announced changes to its basketball tournament this winter, including revised scheduling and an additional venue. The Non-Public North A and B section finals and the four Public Group Finals, previously played at Rutgers, will now be played at Pine Belt Arena in Toms River. In terms of frequency, no school in the tournament will play more than three games in a week, unless inclement weather becomes an issue.

“This move to Pine Belt is a positive one for multiple reasons, including its central location, lack of parking fees, and the fact that non-public boys’ teams will be playing sectional finals at the same site as group finals,” explains Larry White, assistant director at the NJSIAA.

The tournament kicks off with public and non-public groups alike starting on Monday, February 29. Times will vary, as some rounds have been moved to later in the afternoon to better accommodate spectators. Times and locations for many games, unless otherwise noted, are to be determined based on those participating and venue availability. Public schools, due to their participation in the state semi-finals round, will have one more round than non-public schools.

Feb. 29 – Start of Tournament – Public Groups 1 & 3 Boys and Girls and Non-Public B Boys and Girls
Mar. 1 – Public 2 & 4, Non-Public A Boys and Girls
Mar. 2 – 2nd round – 1 & 3, Non-Public B Boys and Girls
Mar. 3 – 2nd round 2 & 4, Non-Public A Boys and Girls
Mar. 4 – 3rd round 1 & 3, Non-Public B Boys and Girls
Mar. 5 – 3rd round 2 & 4, Non-Public A Boys and Girls
Mar. 6 – open date, if a snow date is necessary
Mar. 7 – Public Sectional Finals – 1 & 3 Girls, Boys 2 & 4
Non-Public B Girls and Boys – Boys (Pine Belt), Girls (North JFK Paterson; South Jackson Liberty)
Mar. 8 – Public Sectional Finals 2 & 4 Girls, Boys 1 & 3
Non-Public A Girls and Boys – Boys (Pine Belt), Girls (North JFK Paterson; South Jackson Liberty)
Mar. 9 – Public State Semi-finals – 1 & 3 Girls, Boys 2 & 4
Non-Publics off day – snow day
Mar. 10 – Public State Semi-finals – 2 & 4 Girls, Boys 1 & 3
Non-Public Group Finals – B Girls and Boys – Girls at 5:30 p.m., Boys at 7:45 p.m. (Pine Belt)
Mar. 11 – Public off day – snow day
Non-Public Group Finals – A Girls and Boys – Girls at 5:30 p.m., Boys at 7:45 p.m. (Pine Belt)
Mar. 12 – Public Group Finals – Girls 1 & 3 – 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., Boys 2 & 4 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Pine Belt)
Mar. 13 – Public Group Finals Girls 2 & 4, 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., Boys 1 & 3, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Pine Belt)

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New NJSIAA compliance initiative based on site visits to member schools

Emphasis on supporting new athletic directors, understanding rules, and enhanced levels of communication

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (August 25, 2015) -- The NJSIAA has established an initiative intended to increase member schools' compliance with association regulations, enhance direct communication with schools, and help mentor new athletic directors. At the core of the program is a comprehensive annual schedule of visits by NJSIAA representatives to approximately 80 member schools, including all those with new athletic directors. Previously, the association's routine reviews were conducted with schools submitting standardized paperwork.

"This is a terrific new effort that I'm sure our schools and athletic directors will appreciate," explains Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. "And because we'll be helping improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the sports programs at all our member schools, this initiative will greatly benefit student-athletes across New Jersey."

In terms of logistics, the program will involve NJSIAA representatives visiting the athletic directors at each of the association's 431 schools on a revolving, five-year cycle. The initiative will supplement ongoing self-assessment by athletic directors, emphasizing that schools are in line with the association's constitution and bylaws; mentoring of newly-appointed athletic directors; making professional development recommendations; and expanding communication channels between schools and the association.

The visits will be conducted by designated NJSIAA representatives, who will be selected specifically for the program, and who will be responsible for 12 visits each school year. It is anticipated that many, if not all of those conducting the visits will be former athletic directors.

"The format of having experts conduct visits to provide insight and support is both common and successful within the sphere of education," says Mike Zapicchi, who the NJSIAA recently appointed to oversee the program. "In addition, a similar model has been utilized by the NCAA for years with its member schools."

Among the multiple topics discussed during site visits will be ineligibility lists, steroid testing, transfer forms, coaching certifications, and Janet's law protocols.

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###
NJSIAA designates Spike's Trophies as Official Awards Provider

Partnership covers all NJSIAA tournaments and events

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (September 8, 2015) -- The NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) has designated Spike's Trophies Limited as the official provider for all of its awards and trophy needs for the 2015–2016 school year.

In addition to providing the championship trophies and medals presented to teams or individual athletes, Spike's will also manage an online store for the purchase of replica team trophies.

"We are truly excited about being awarded the exclusive contract to provide NJSIAA its awards," says Keith Baldwin, president of Spike's Trophies, which is based in Philadelphia. "We are also looking forward to enhancing the awards presented, in addition to providing replica awards for the first time to the schools, individual athletes, and their families via a new online store provided by and managed by Spike's."

Steve Timko, executive director of the NJSIAA, adds: "When student-athletes receive awards recognizing their achievements, the NJSIAA wants to ensure that trophies and related items are of appropriately high quality to remain as keepsakes for years to come. We selected Spike's Trophies as our official awards provider because of its outstanding record and reputation -- they've been producing and distributing these type of items for nearly 90 years, and will be an excellent partner for us."

About Spike's Trophies Limited
Spike's is a manufacturer and distributor of awards, trophies, promotional products, imprinted apparel and signs, since 1929. Spike's provides a wide range of high quality recognition and promotional products to schools, businesses and organizations of all sizes, locally and nationally. It has two locations: 2701 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114 and in Center City Philadelphia, at 1617 JFK Boulevard, Suite 108, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Follow Spike's on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gospikes and online at www.GoSpikes.com.

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###
Camden County’s Haddonfield Memorial High School receives prestigious, annual NJSIAA ShopRite Cup

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (October XX, 2015) – Camden County’s Haddonfield Memorial High School is one of six schools to receive this year’s ShopRite Cup. The award, presented by ShopRite and the NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association), recognizes the top high school athletic program in each of New Jersey’s six group classifications.

Throughout the 2014-2015 school year, athletic programs accumulated points based on performance in championships in the 32 NJSIAA-sanctioned sports. Schools also received three additional points per season whenever none of their student-athletes or coaches were disqualified. The final point standings are as follows:

- **Group I:** Shore Regional High School (Monmouth County) - 68 points
- **Group II:** Haddonfield Memorial High School (Camden County) - 130 points
- **Group III:** Summit High School (Union County) - 67 points
- **Group IV:** Ridge High School (Somerset County) - 68 points
- **Non Public A:** Christian Brothers Academy (Monmouth County) - 193 points*
- **Non Public B:** Oak Knoll (Union County) - 113 points*

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###
Union County’s Summit High School and Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child receive prestigious, annual NJSIAA ShopRite Cup

Recognized as state’s top Public Group III and Non Public Group B sports programs, respectively, during 2014-15

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (October 13, 2015) – Union County’s Summit High School and Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child are two of six schools to receive this year’s ShopRite Cup. The award, presented by ShopRite and the NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association), recognizes the top high school athletic program in each of New Jersey’s six group classifications.

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###
Monmouth County’s Shore Regional High School and Christian Brothers Academy receive prestigious, annual NJSIAA ShopRite Cup

Recognized as state’s top Public Group I and Non Public Group A sports programs, respectively, during 2014-15

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (October 13, 2015) – Monmouth County’s Shore Regional High School and Christian Brothers Academy are two of six schools to receive this year’s ShopRite Cup. The award, presented by ShopRite and the NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association), recognizes the top high school athletic program in each of New Jersey’s six group classifications.

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###
Somerset County’s Ridge High School receives prestigious, annual NJSIAA ShopRite Cup

Recognized as state’s top Public Group IV sports program during 2014-15

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###
ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (October 14, 2015) — Continuing its emphasis on strategic cost reductions – as well as a commitment to identifying alternate revenue sources – the NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) today unveiled financial results for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Net assets for the 2014-2015 fiscal year increased by approximately $204,000 to a total of $2.7 million, which is consistent with the increase recorded for the prior fiscal year.

"Reducing costs across a range of categories is an ongoing commitment of ours, and these results show us enjoying success in this regard," says Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. "For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, we'll continue pushing to trim costs, while also developing alternate sources of revenue.

Overall revenues increased by approximately $41,000, while expenses increased by approximately $38,000.

"We consistently face assorted challenges, and all our efforts are impacted by various external factors," Timko added. "And yet, we've put New Jersey's scholastic athletics in a nationwide leadership position. For the sake of our 280,000 student-athletes, we're intent on remaining there."

New Jersey has the largest variety of championship tournaments offered by any state's scholastic athletic association.

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ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (November 12, 2015) – Select NJSIAA championship events will be available to watch live this weekend on the NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) Network, at http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/, with various subscription options.

In the upcoming week, the championship events that will be available to watch are:

- Field hockey, November 14 starting at 10 a.m., from Bordentown (five games)
  See the NFHS Network’s landing page for the field hockey tournament at http://goo.gl/jgHy41
- Volleyball, November 14 starting at 10:30 a.m., from William Paterson University (five games)
  See the NFHS Network’s landing page for the volleyball tournament at http://goo.gl/QbD1wE
- Girls’ soccer, November 21 starting at 10 a.m., from Kean University (four games)
  See the NFHS Network’s landing page for the girls’ soccer tournament at http://goo.gl/kn8uJy

“This is an outstanding opportunity for the talent of our student-athletes to been seen by a wider audience,” says Steve Timko, executive director of NJSIAA. “These broadcasts will also engage supporters, family, and alumni who are unable to attend the events in person.”

The network is a joint venture between the NFHS, its member associations – including the NJSIAA – and PlayOn! Sports. To learn more about NFHS Network broadcasts of upcoming NJSIAA championship events and subscription options, additional information is available at http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/njsiaa

About The NFHS Network
The NFHS Network (www.nfhsnetwork.com) captures the passion, pride, and energy of the high school experience by delivering live high school sports and events to family members and fans whenever they want, wherever they are.

The NFHS Network celebrates and showcases the unique accomplishments of high schools students, including the student-athletes participating in 27 different sporting events and the student broadcasters from schools around the country that produce events through the School Broadcast Program. The NFHS Network also broadcasts state playoff and championship events in 46 states.

Follow the NFHS Network on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram at @NFHSnetwork for the latest news and event information.

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NJSIAA inducts “class of 2015” into Bollinger Hall of Fame

Inductees from Asbury Park, Camden, Collingswood, Montclair, Scotch-Plains, South Amboy, Union, Westfield, Winslow,

Include former Mets manager Jeff Torborg, NFL Pro Bowler Art Still, and "world’s fastest human" Frank Budd

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (December 7, 2015) — A former New York Mets manager, an NFL Pro Bowler, and an Olympic sprinter once recognized as the "world's fastest human" highlight a group of nine Garden State sports luminaries being inducted into the NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) Bollinger Hall of Fame as the class of 2015.

The inductees are:

- A catcher at Westfield High School, **Jeff Torborg** was named All-State, First Team by the Star-Ledger. He continued his athletic career at Rutgers University, where he spent three seasons on the varsity, once batted .537, and was named an All-American. He signed a professional contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers, spent 10 seasons in Major League Baseball, and after his playing days ended managed the New York Mets (1992-'93), as well as the Indians, White Sox, Expos, and Marlins. In 1990, he was the American League’s Manager of the Year.

- **Art Still**, who passed away in 2014, was an exceptional athlete at Asbury Park High School, and went on to attend Villanova University. He competed in the 1960 Rome Olympic Games, finishing fifth in the 100-yard dash, then a year later assumed the title of "world’s fastest human" by establishing a new, 100-yard dash world record (9.2 seconds) at the National AAU Championships. Budd also spent two seasons in the National Football League as a receiver for the Eagles and Redskins.

- Winslow Township High School state champion wrestler **Jordan Burroughs** competed for the University of Nebraska, where he was an undefeated national champion both as a junior and senior. A three-time collegiate All-American and the 2011 InterMat Collegiate Wrestler of the Year, Burroughs won an Olympic gold medal in London in 2012. He was a World Champion in 2011 and 2013, and following a defeat at the 2014 World Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, he recaptured his title this September in Las Vegas.

- **Gary Williams** played basketball for Collingswood High School and received a scholarship to the University of Maryland, becoming that school's starting point guard and leading it to victory in the
1965 Sugar Bowl Tournament of Champions. His coaching career began at Woodrow Wilson High School, and he captured an NJSIAA state title in 1970 with an undefeated squad. On the college level, he coached Lafayette College, Boston College, American University, Ohio State, and, from 1989 to 2011, the University of Maryland. There, his teams earned 14 NCAA Tournament berths, had seven Sweet 16 appearances, and won the 2002 National Championship. With 649 career NCAA victories, Williams is the fifth winningest head coach in NCAA Division 1 men’s basketball history.

- Among the finest athletes ever produced at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Jeffrey Hammonds earned baseball All-Conference and All-County honors in 1987, 1988 and 1989. In addition, he was the Gatorade Player of the Year for New Jersey in 1989. Hammonds went on to an All-American career at Stanford University, then played a dozen seasons in the Major Leagues with the Orioles, Reds, Rockies, Brewers, Giants, and Nationals.

- Over the course of 27 years and 74 different seasons, Montclair High School's Clarence “Clary” Anderson coached five different sports -- football, baseball, hockey, basketball, and swimming -- and compiled a remarkable .768 winning record. As a football coach, Anderson -- who passed away in 1988 -- won 16 Group IV football championships, while his baseball teams were 10-time sectional champions. Further, he’s widely recognized as being instrumental in the development of the North Jersey Scholastic Hockey League. On the college level, Anderson coached football and baseball for seven seasons at Montclair State University, then served as Fairleigh Dickinson University's baseball coach in 1977.

- A baseball legend at Union High School, pitcher Al Santorini was an All-State, First-Team performer in 1964, 1965, and 1966. He graduated with a career 35-1 record, recorded 552 strikeouts, and had an earned run average below 1.0. A first round draft pick of the Braves in 1966, then a first round expansion draft pick by the Padres in 1969, he played ten seasons in the Major Leagues.

- Representing one of New Jersey's smallest schools, the 1989 girls basketball team from Hoffman High School (now South Amboy High School) stunned their competition by capturing the state's inaugural Tournament of Champions event. The Lady Governors, who finished 1989 with a 35-5 mark, were coached by future NJSIAA Bollinger Hall of Famer Reggie Carney. They're the first team to earn hall of fame induction.

Established in 1995 and named for Short Hills, NJ-based sponsor Bollinger Insurance, a provider of sports-related insurance products, the NJSIAA's Bollinger Hall of Fame receives nominations annually from high schools across the state. These submissions are reviewed by a selection committee that makes final decisions regarding inductees. Additional details – including specific criteria and the nomination form – are available by visiting http://goo.gl/PBwlBj.

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NJSIAA 2016 State Wrestling Championships tickets on sale this Friday

Can be purchased at Boardwalk Hall Box Office and Ticketmaster.com

Event takes place March 4-6, 2016

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (DECEMBER 10, 2015) – Tickets for one of the largest scholastic sporting event in New Jersey go on sale this Friday, December 11, in-person at Boardwalk Hall Box Office or online at www.Ticketmaster.com. The NJSIAA 2016 State Wrestling Championships take place at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, from March 4-6.

All-session tickets are priced at $40 and will go on sale this Friday, December 11, at noon, through Ticketmaster.com, the Boardwalk Hall Box Office, Ticketmaster Outlets, or by phone at 800-745-3000. There is a 10-ticket limit per order. Single session reserved tickets will be priced at $10 and will go on sale on Saturday, January 30, at noon with the same 10-ticket limit per person.

Group sales for all-session tickets will also be available for orders consisting of a minimum of 11 tickets and a maximum of 50 tickets per order. A $3 service charge per ticket will be added to group sales purchases. Group tickets can be purchased by calling 609-348-7023 or e-mailing aura_sanchez@comcastspectacor.com.

Senior citizens (65 and older), children (2-12) and students with a valid grade school or high school ID are eligible for a $2 ticket purchased starting Friday, March 4, which can be purchased through the weekend of the event. These discounts are only available at the Boardwalk Hall Box Office, with a valid ID.

All Ticketmaster sales are for full price tickets only.

The NJSIAA has also arranged a block of discounted rooms at Ballys and Caesars in Atlantic City for overnight guests. Please visit http://goo.gl/VmuLGk for more information.

Specific event dates for the NJSIAA 2016 State Wrestling Championships are:
- Friday March 4, 2016 at 5 p.m.
- Saturday March 5, 2016 at 10 a.m.
- Saturday March 5, 2016 at 5 p.m.
- Sunday March 6, 2016 at 10 a.m.

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ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (December 11, 2015) — The NJSIAA has enhanced its ongoing sponsorship arrangement with Rothman Institute, extending the contract for three additional years and also designating Rothman as exclusive sponsor of the 2016 NJSIAA wrestling championships. Under the agreement, Rothman sponsors team and individual wrestling championships -- including all district and regional tournaments -- as well as NJSIAA wrestling credentials.

“We are excited to expand our partnership with the NJSIAA,” says Justin Samra, director of Marketing, Rothman Institute. “Supporting scholastic athletics within New Jersey communities continues to be a high priority for our organization. New Jersey has the reputation of producing some of the best student-athletes in the country and we are proud of the association.”

The annual wrestling championships, which will take place March 4-6, 2016 in Atlantic City, feature the top student-athletes and high school teams from around the state.

“Our partnership with the Rothman Institute is an important component of ensuring the success of our wrestling championships,” says Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. "This event is immensely popular, and those who contribute to making it happen are doing something terrific for the talented student-athletes who participate.”

Rothman Institute serves as the official team physicians of the Philadelphia Flyers, Philadelphia 76ers, Philadelphia Eagles, and Philadelphia Phillies, in addition to more than 40 area high schools and universities. It has more than 20 locations and orthopedic-specific urgent cares throughout the greater Philadelphia area and across southern New Jersey.

About Rothman Institute
Rothman Institute is a private orthopaedic practice dedicated to providing communities with high-quality, compassionate, and affordable musculoskeletal care that is grounded in evidence-based medicine, the results of which will exceed expectations. Rothman Institute orthopaedists treat patients at 20 locations in the Philadelphia-region, including orthopaedic urgent care clinics in Marlton, NJ and Limerick, PA.

With experts in orthopaedic sub-specialties including spine, hip and knee, foot and ankle, shoulder and elbow, hand and wrist, sports medicine, physical medicine and rehabilitation, orthopaedic oncology and trauma, Rothman Institute is internationally recognized for excellence in clinical treatment methods, research, education and technology.

Consistently recognized as national and regional “Top Docs,” Rothman Institute is proud to be the first practice serving as official team physicians for all four of the major professional sports teams in one city, the Philadelphia Eagles, Phillies, Flyers and 76ers, as well as several college and high school teams.

For more information about Rothman Institute please call 1-800-321-9999 or visit www.RothmanInstitute.com.
ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (February 25, 2016) – Select NJSIAA championship events will be available to watch live this weekend on the NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) Network, at http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/, with various subscription options.

In the upcoming week, championship events available for viewing are:

- **Indoor Track Meet of Champions**, **February 27** starting at **10 a.m.**, from Toms River
  See the NFHS Network's landing page for the Indoor Track Meet of Champions at:
  www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/njsiaa/9e54f88d01

- **Wrestling**, **February 27** starting at **3:30 p.m.**, from Toms River (Region VI)
  See the NFHS Network's landing page for wrestling at:
  www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/njsiaa/1a915efed9

- **Girls Individual Swimming Championships**, **February 28** starting at **10 a.m.**, from Sewell
  See the NFHS Network's landing page for girls swimming at:
  www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/njsiaa/7247822d1c

- **Boys Individual Swimming Championships**, **February 28** starting at **2 p.m.**, from Sewell
  See the NFHS Network's landing page for boys swimming at:
  www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/njsiaa/5f69da2953

“These broadcasts present the perfect opportunity for some of our most talented student-athletes to be seen by a broader, national audience,” says Steve Timko, executive director of NJSIAA. “And for family, fans, and alumni who aren't able to attend the events in person, it's a great way to stay connected.”

The network is a joint venture between the NFHS, its member associations – including the NJSIAA – and PlayOn! Sports. To learn more about NFHS Network broadcasts of upcoming NJSIAA championship events and subscription options, additional information is available at http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/njsiaa

About The NFHS Network

The NFHS Network (www.nfhsnetwork.com) captures the passion, pride, and energy of the high school experience by delivering live high school sports and events to family members and fans whenever they want, wherever they are.

The NFHS Network celebrates and showcases the unique accomplishments of high schools students, including the student-athletes participating in 27 different sporting events and the student broadcasters from schools around the country that produce events through the School Broadcast Program. The NFHS Network also broadcasts state playoff and championship events in 46 states.

The NFHS Network is a joint venture among the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), its member state associations and PlayOn! Sports. The NFHS is located in Indianapolis, Indiana and is the national
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38th Annual North-South Senior All-Star Basketball Games rosters announced

Boys and girls games at Rider University on March 20

Sponsored by the NJSCA, game will honor founder Joe Silver

TRENTON, NJ (March 15, 2016) – A total of 74 athletes and 12 coaches have been selected for the upcoming 38th Annual North-South Senior All Star Basketball Classic, taking place at Rider University in Lawrenceville on March 20, 2016. The game, sponsored by The NJSCA (New Jersey School Counselor Association), is in honor of Joe Silver – founder and director of the first North-South All-Star Basketball Classic.

The boys’ game will be at 12 p.m. and the girls’ will follow at 2:30 p.m. Both games will feature a North vs. South format. Admission is $5.

The complete team rosters are as follows:

North Girls
Players:
Bergenfield – Haleigh Martin
Chatham – Cassandra Falone
DePaul – Nikki Johnson
East Orange – Jessica Woods
Eastside – Blessing Ejiofor
High Point – Madalyn Smith
Immaculate Conception – Jasmine Gee
Immaculate Heart Academy – Jordan Wilmoth
Mendham – Ashley Gehrin
Montclair – Katie Higgins
Montville – Kelly O'Reilly
Morris Catholic – Stella Johnson
Newark Academy – Jocelyn Willoughby
Nutley – Blair Watson
Old Tappan – Ariana Chipolone
Old Tappan – Emily Crevani
Ramapo – Karlie Brogan
Secaucus – Kristina Ulrich
University High School – Jihayah Chavis
Westwood – Jaide Hinds-Clarke

Coaches:
Mike Kilgallen (head coach) – Bergenfield
Mark Gnapp (1st assistant) – Mendham High School
Brett Roscoe (2nd assistant) – Ramsey High School

South Girls
Players:
Bishop Eustace – Alexis Santarelli
Camden Catholic – Taiyah Thornton
Gill St. Bernard’s – Sam Kramer
Gloucester Catholic – Mary Gedaka
Gloucester Catholic – Maggie McIntyre
Lenape – Maddie Sims
Long Branch – Che’Kasha Andrews
Middletown High School South– Stephanie Karcz
Notre Dame – Nneka Ezeigbo
Notre Dame – Samantha Widmann
Piscataway – Kendrea Williams
Rumson-Fair Haven Regional – Stephanie Lesko
Rumson-Fair Haven Regional – Nicole Morris
Rutgers Prep – Niki Metzel
Sterling – Jordan Wallace
St. John Vianney – Kelly Campbell
St. John Vianney – Gabrielle Caponegro
Voorhees – Erin Jones
Coaches:
Lisa Kukoda (head coach) – Manasquan High School
Kate McDonald (1st assistant) – Sterling High School
Joe Montano (2nd assistant) – Red Bank Catholic

North Boys
Players:
Chatham – Colin McKenna
Don Bosco Prep – Brandon Anderson
Linden – William Phelps
Linden – Zamir Wright
Newark Tech – Mustafa Lawrence
Paramus Catholic – EJ Anosike
Passaic County Technical Institute – Eric Johnson-Alford
Passaic Valley – Jihad Wright
Paterson-Kennedy – Alphonso Gee

Ramapo – Matt Latka
Ridge High School – Max Mahoney
Seton Hall Prep – Temple Gibbs
Seton Hall Prep – Zach Keller
St. Anthony’s – Kaleb Bishop
St. Anthony’s – Jagan Mosely
St. Joseph Regional – Nate Garvey
Union Catholic – Zahir Newell
Union – Matt Lajeunessa

Coaches:
Rob Carcich (head coach) – Rancocas Valley
Al Coleman (1st assistant) – Pascack Valley High School
Ken Ferrare (2nd assistant) – Morris Knolls High School

South Boys
Players:
Bordentown – Myron Gordon
Camden – Brad Hawkins
Camden – Jamal Holloway
Delsea Regional High School – Kaleb Morton
Eastern Regional High School – Maliq Sanders
Holy Spirit High School – Tyler Jones
Leap Academy – Donovon Guess
Manasquan – Ryan Jensen
Patrick School – Bryce Aiken

Rumson-Fair Haven Regional – Brendan Barry
Southern Regional – Peyton Wejnert
St. Augustine – Sa’eed Nelson
St. Joe’s Metuchen – Tyus Battle
St. Joe’s Metuchen – Breein Tyree
Trenton Catholic Academy – Richmond Aririguzoh
Washington Township – Spencer Cook
Winslow Township – Mike Cubbage

Coaches:
Scott Kupersmit (head coach) – Rancocas Valley
Ryan Ramsay (1st assistant) – Manchester High School
Gene Darling (2nd assistant) – Northern Burlington High School

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ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (March 29, 2016) – The New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association (NJSCA) -- in cooperation with the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) -- will host its annual Hall of Fame awards program Sunday, April 10, at Pines Manor, in Edison. Thirty-six New Jersey high school coaches will be inducted.

In addition, coaches and officials recognized at the national level by the National Federation of Coaches Association (NFCA) and the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) will be honored during the event.

- A list of this year’s NJSCA inductees is available by following this link
- A list of this year’s NFCA Coach of the Year honorees is available by following this link
- A list of this year’s officials being honored by the NFHS is available by following this link

Tim Flannery, retired NFHS assistant director in charge of coaches’ education, the NFHS Coaches Association, and NFHS’s online educational programs will also be honored.

The Hall of Fame program honors coaches from all sports in New Jersey's public, non-public and independent secondary schools. All Hall of Fame inductees have exhibited exceptional coaching skills during their careers, along with strong ethics and integrity.

The official sponsor of the Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon is Wilson Sporting Goods. Tickets are $55.

For tickets or further information about the event, please contact Liz Nodeland at enodeland@njsiaa.org or 609-259-2776.

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With prescription drug abuse by student-athletes reaching epidemic proportions, NJSIAA recommends landmark protocols

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (May 2, 2016) – In the face of an intensifying, nationwide epidemic of prescription medication abuse – which has struck particularly hard among scholastic athletes – the NJSIAA Medical Advisory Committee has made multiple landmark recommendations (available here). Few, if any, high school-level initiatives have ever taken such a comprehensive approach to the crisis.

As background, the most frequently abused prescription medications are narcotic painkillers, which include Vicodin, Percocet, and OxyContin. According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, 12 percent of male student-athletes and 8 percent of female student athletes have been prescribed highly-addictive opioid class narcotics in the past 12 months. Separate studies show that 83 percent of all adolescents actually have unsupervised access to their own narcotics prescriptions.

“By recommending this list of specific protocols, the NJSIAA’s Medical Advisory Committee is intensifying the ongoing battle against prescription drug abuse,” said former Governor Richard Codey, New Jersey state senator. “With so many of our young people now at risk, it’s crucial that groups with the necessary connections and resources push hard to identify solutions.”

The Medical Advisory Committee, which includes representatives of NJSIAA member schools, as well as experts in the field of healthcare and medicine, recommends the following nine protocols related to scholastic athletes and opioid abuse.

- Physicians should exercise extreme caution whenever considering opioid prescriptions for student-athletes.
- In terms of prescriptions, the first option should be such non-narcotic alternatives as acetaminophen, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications, salicylates, and non-medication treatments like cryotherapy and transcutaneous electric nerve stimulation.
- If opioids are prescribed, it should only be for acute injuries resulting in severe pain – and only for one week at a time, with no automatic refills.
- All opioid prescriptions should be accompanied with detailed information on use, including specific warnings about abuse and addiction risks.
- Opioid prescriptions should never be given directly to student-athletes, and should never be administered in an unsupervised manner.
- Treating physicians and/or parents/guardians should notify the school nurse and/or athletic trainer about all opioid prescriptions.
- Treating physicians should utilize a “contract” – to establish boundaries and behaviors – whenever prescribing opioids to student athletes.
- Every school district needs to develop a specific, detailed policy addressing this issue.
- School districts should implement drug monitoring programs, with an emphasis on identifying students who seem to exhibit signs of opioid abuse.
“When it comes to our nation’s young people, this is about as serious as a problem can get,” explains Steve Timko, executive director of the NJSIAA, a voluntary, non-profit organization that oversees scholastic sports across New Jersey. “Lives are being ruined – and in many cases ended – at an unprecedented rate. As an organization dedicated to the well-being of student-athletes, the NJSIAA is taking a proactive role in addressing what amounts to an outright crisis.”

As a next step, the advisory committee will reach out to potential coalition partners – including medical societies, pharmacy groups, education associations, law enforcement organizations, and others – to gain access to additional thought-leaders, while also broadening support for its protocols.

“Studies indicate that about 80 percent of heroin users started out by abusing narcotic painkillers,” says advisory committee chair John P. Kripsak, D.O. “That statistic makes it frighteningly clear what the stakes are in this battle. It’s an emergency now, and there’s no doubt we need to implement new strategies in our schools to turn the tide.”

Additional details on the prescription drug epidemic are available online at www.state.nj.us/sci/pdf/PillsReport.pdf, in the form of a New Jersey State Commission of Investigation report.

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217 scholar-athletes across the state recognized by NJSIAA

Students from every county honored for their accomplishments during annual scholar-athlete luncheon

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (May 25, 2016) – The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) recently honored 217 high school student-athletes for their achievements, awarding $172,000 in college scholarships.

Each NJSIAA member high school has the opportunity to select one senior student as their scholar-athlete of the year. Those students then attend the scholar-athlete luncheon where, through a random drawing, they had the chance to win a college scholarship from one of multiple sponsors.

“This dinner is among my favorite annual events, because we’re able both to recognize and, in some cases, provide a bit of financial assistance to some of New Jersey’s finest student-athletes,” says Steve Timko, the NJSIAA’s executive director. “Each of the young people in attendance truly stands out at their individual schools, and our association is honored to be able to bring them all together for this special evening.”

Since 1993, the NJSIAA has honored more than 6,900 New Jersey high school students and distributed more than $1.5 million in college scholarships through its scholar program.

A spreadsheet of scholarship recipients, broken down by counties, is available by following this [LINK](#).

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# # #
NJSIAA in three-year corporate sponsorship agreement with MedExpress®

Partnership includes signage, logo displays

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (June 8, 2016) – The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) has designated MedExpress® as its newest corporate sponsor under a three-year agreement. Through 2018, MedExpress will display signage at all NJSIAA championships, and its logo will be included on electronic game programs for football, soccer, basketball, and wrestling.

"MedExpress, with urgent care centers throughout New Jersey, is proud to be an official corporate sponsor of the NJSIAA," said Sarah Steward, field marketing coordinator for MedExpress.

Steve Timko, executive director of the NJSIAA, said: "We’re appreciative of companies like MedExpress stepping up to the plate to support our student-athletes. Their commitment benefits young men and women across the state."

MedExpress is a nationwide group of physician-led, neighborhood medical centers providing treatment for illnesses and injuries, employer services, and basic wellness and preventative health care.

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NJSIAA appoints Stewartsville resident as new assistant director

Allan Stumpf to implement Special Olympics New Jersey Unified Sports® program among member schools

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (June 29, 2016) – Stewartsville resident Allan Stumpf has been appointed as assistant director by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA). In this role, Stumpf will implement the Special Olympics New Jersey Unified Sports® program among member schools, while also overseeing boys/girls volleyball, girls soccer, swimming and diving, and golf.

Unified Sports programs are dedicated to promoting social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences. Unified Sports joins people with and without disabilities on the same team and playing field to compete alongside one another, providing everyone an equal opportunity to participate in and receive the benefits of interscholastic athletics.

Thanks to funding from Special Olympics New Jersey, Stumpf will work with SONJ to spearhead a 3-year pilot program and work with schools to establish inclusive interscholastic athletic programs that are accessible to student-athletes of all abilities. The proposed programs include 5-on-5 soccer, basketball, and track.

Prior to joining NJSIAA, Stumpf was director of athletics for the North Hunterdon Voorhees Regional High School District. He was also a classroom teacher and coached various sports within that district.

“Allan brings dynamic leadership and a unique perspective to our association,” says Steven J. Timko, NJSIAA executive director. “We’re confident he will be a great addition to the NJSIAA and will flourish in developing our Unified Sports program.”

Stumpf is a graduate of The College of New Jersey, with a bachelor’s in History Education and a master’s in Education. He later received a Master’s of Science degree in Educational Administration from Capella University.

“I’m excited for all the challenges that will be part of my new role as assistant director,” Stumpf says. “Seeing how much the student-athletes thrive from Unified Sports programs, I think our member schools can all benefit from the implementation of this initiative.”

A digital portrait of Stumpf is available here (LINK).

For more information regarding Special Olympics New Jersey and the Play Unified school partnership, please contact Susan Colacello at ssc@sonj.org or Kalee Iacoangeli at KMI@sonj.org

About Special Olympics New Jersey
Special Olympics New Jersey provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in 24 Olympic-type sports for more than 25,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities, completely free of charge, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. Visit www.sonj.org for more information.