

**Soccer Committee Meeting
December 7, 2017
Agenda and Minutes**

All the minutes will be italicized

1. Introduction of Attendees and Voting Members

Members present- Giancarlo Riotto, Keven Murphy, Teri Connor, Jeannine Calhoun, Jim Bonder, Scott Rosenberg, Brendon Silva, Evan Baumgarten, Rob Haraka, Jack Dubois, Al Stumpf and invited guest Tony Maselli

2. Approval of 2016 Committee Minutes

3. Agenda Items

A. Sectional and State Champions – Boys/Girls

B. 2018 Soccer Dates

Start of Official NJSIAA Practice	- August 13, 2018
Start of Regular Season:	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Cut-off Date:	Saturday, October 20, 2018
Seeding Meeting:	Monday October 22, 2018
Committee Meeting:	Thursday, December 6, 2018

Tournament Dates

GIRLS	BOYS
<u>Preliminaries</u>	<u>Preliminaries</u>
October 27 or 30, November 2, 6	October 27 or 29, November 1, 5
<u>Non-Public Sectional Finals</u>	<u>Non-Public Sectional Finals</u>
Thursday, November 8	Thursday, November 8
<u>Public Sectional Finals</u>	<u>Public Sectional Finals</u>
Friday, November 9	Thursday, November 8
<u>Public State Semi-Finals</u>	<u>Public State Semi-Finals</u>
Tuesday, November 13	Tuesday, November 13
<u>Non-Public Finals</u>	<u>Non-Public Finals</u>
Sunday, November 11	Sunday, November 11
<u>Public State Finals</u>	<u>Public State Finals</u>
Sunday, November 18	Saturday, November 17

C. Review of Sites for Public State Semi-finals and Non-Public Sectional Final Games –*all sites were reviewed and will be asked to host in 2018*

D. Feedback on Arbiter Administrators and Regional Assignors assigning Officials to all Tournament Rounds- *Use of regional Assignors was discussed, there were a few glitches but overall the assigning of officials went smoothly. Much discussion on how the officials are recommended for state tournament assignments. Motion was made by Scott Rosenberg and seconded by Evan Baumgarten to add 4 assistant regional assignors to assist the Regional Assignors to help them get the best officials for the state tournament. It was decided that a meeting will take place in January 2018 at NJSIAA with the interested members of the*

committee along with the current Regional Assignors to develop a plan to ensure that the best officials get assigned.

**** To help free up the number of quality officials for the first round games in 2018 schools will have the option of playing the first round of the boys and girls tournament on Saturday October 27, 2018 IF IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED TO BY BOTH SCHOOLS.*

- E. NJSIAA – continue to Update Active List of Soccer-will continue to update
- F. List of Officials with School Affiliation- will encourage the various Chapters to update on the Arbiter.
- G. Ball Runners at Kean during Championship Finals-Continue to encourage the use of high school age ball runners.
- H. Review of Tournament Regulations/Modifications- Motion made by Scott Rosenberg to change timing of the game back to time being kept by officials on the field and the Stadium Clock being shut off with 2:00 left in half or game- no second, Motion fails. Clock rule as used in 2017 season will continue, coaches and official in attendance like the method currently used.

4. Correspondence

- a. Jeannine Calhoun/Katie Donahue –A few items under this:

Request for the wearing of under garments during cold weather- current NFHS uniform rule is the undergarments must match the predominate color of the uniform. Al Stumpf reported that he had received the proposed 2018 soccer rules modifications from NFHS and they are looking to modify the uniform rule to allow wearing any color dark undergarments with the dark uniforms, but if they are worn ALL players must wear the same color.

Request that for the games at Kean University that the team benches be moved to the side of the field AWAY from the spectators, Al Stumpf has already spoken with Kean officials and the benches will be moved in 2018. The spectators will be kept on the Press Box side of the field at Kean.

Request that the Kean advertisements on the big screen not be shown during warmups- Kean is very gracious with allowing the games to be played there and it is a great venue. We will not ask Kean to stop the advertisements.

- b. Scott Rosenberg

Asking that schools with lighted fields be required to start their home state games no earlier than 5pm during the first 2 rounds to help free up more officials – this would allow for more quality officials to be these rounds because they could do 2 games each day. Committee felt that NJSIAA could not mandate this because many schools have multiple sports and activities taking place on the lighted fields.

Post Game Handshake- being witnessed by the officials, concern is that for some reason soccer stay for the post game handshake. Only sport that does so. Committee feels that soccer officials need to leave the field as soon as the game has ended. Officials will not be required to stay to witness the hand shake, that will be handled by the coaches.

5. Old Business –none noted

6. New Business -2 items;

Issue of the finals of the Group Championships ending in a tie after 2 OT periods and Co-Champions being declared. Motion made by Jeannine Calhoun and seconded by Scott Rosenberg to modify the current rule of 2 ten minute periods to increase the OT periods to 2 fifteen minutes periods to help

give teams more time to score and decide a game winner. Passed 9-0, after discussion it was decided to have Al Stumpf and Tony Maselli to approach the Medical Advisory Committee and the Program Review Committee to get their advice on this matter and if they are in agreement to ask for a 2 year pilot program. (Soccer committee feels it needs 2 years to see if it would work because unlike this year in which 3 of the 6 girls Group Championships ended in Co-Championships, in other years there may be no games ending in co-championships).

Scott Rosenberg- Concept of re-seeding the Public Sectional Champions after the sectional finals to determine who would play each other in the Group Championships for the Group Title. Currently in the Public School Tournament, North 1 played North 2 and Central and South play each other. Some people feel that using this set up that the 2 best teams do not always make it to the finals. After much discussion the committee decide that they want to explore this concept further. Many questions were asked about who would do the re-seeding and what would be the criteria for the seeding. The committee will schedule a meeting on this to see if there is merit and support for this type of plan before they were to make any recommendation on it to Program Review. They are not looking to make this change for the 2018 season.

Rich Lamberson and Ted Ritter- AD and Girls Soccer Coach- St John Vianney- Requested that 3 men crews be assigned for ALL REGULAR and post season games. He and his coach feel that a 2 man crew is at a disadvantage officiating a quality game and maintaining the safety of the players. Teri Connor (official and committee member) stated that there is a shortage of officials to cover all 3 levels of games now and that the only way this might be able to be done is if ALL VARSITY game were scheduled beginning at 6pm at the earliest. After discussion the soccer committee feels that it would not be possible to accomplish this request.

7. Adjournment- meeting was adjourn at approximately 12:45 pm

Submitted respectfully,

Al Stumpf
Assistant Director