

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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Swimming & Diving Post Season Meeting Notes April 4, 2018 (March 21 snowed out)

1. Welcome and introductions.
 - Present: Tony Maselli, Bob Horvath, Linda Dubois, Kevin Nolan, Elaine McGrath, Jeff Knight, Sara Palumbo, Larry Baggitt, Kim Huaranga, Paul Welsh.
2. Review of 2017 Post Season Minutes.
 - 2017 Minutes approved with no changes
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative).
 - Scores need to continue to be entered by teams as mandated. Some schools are still not doing it. It is important to notify the NJSIAA if you know of a school not doing it. The NJSIAA can only assess a fine after the warn a school and the NJSIAA can only warn a school when they are aware of it.
 - The committee would like the rosters due in NJschoolsports by opening day (mandate).
 - Committee discussed the mandatory power pointing of two meets. Several options were discussed but ultimately decided to keep it the same. Each school must power point two and we will review after next season.
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative) (Sectionals, Semifinals, Team finals, TOC)
 - Coaches will be able to check in 30min before warm-up time. Coaches will need to be checked in no later than 15min before start of meet. No athlete will be permitted in the water until a coach, or school approved personnel are on site.
 - The tournament and site directors will look at changing the check-in procedure to allow one check-in area for the coaches to report a scratch or declared false start, and another area for coaches to pick up the wrist bands, heat sheets, and relay cards.
 - There will be no limit to the wrist bands for the coaches as long as they are approved by the school and listed on the entry form. They must be coaches that have coached all year, you cannot add coaches for the state tournament unless approved by the meet director or the NJSIAA.
 - All coaches must check in with proper ID to receive their wrist band. Coaches will no longer be permitted to pick up other coaches' wristbands.
 - Look at brining other pools online for backups (Princeton H.S., WWP, Montgomery, NJIT).
 - Unified events at the MOC was approved unanimously. The best spot for it would be after the breast stroke.
5. Review of dates for next season.
 - Deadline for Individual tournament entry form was moved to the following Monday was approved
 - Deadline for Diving Individual tournament entry form was moved to the following Monday was approved.
 - Committee discussed moving the first practice day to the Monday after the NJEA convention. They felt that it was too early, but the biggest impact is on the facilities that block out the time and the swim teams don't use the pool. This will have to be approved by the program review committee and the executive committee.
 - The MOC and Diving Championships will stay on the same gender rotation so all dates going forward will be boys/girls for next year and switch to girls/boys for all dates the following year.
 - The sectional finals were moved to an ACB rotation to match the ACB rotation at the public state semifinals. Both will rotate the same (BAC next year) going forward.
 - All other dates are good using the corresponding date. See attached.
6. Review of current regulations and proposed regulations for next season.
 - A need to clarify in the regulations, who pays what and to whom was discussed by the committee. This will be completed and entered into the state regulations for next year.
 - Need to add in the state regulations that after the prelims are completed, coaches have 30min to scratch athletes from the MOC finals. This will give the meet director time to contact kids that did not qualify to permit them to swim.

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- Other minor word changes to the state regulations will be made by the meet directors and will be posted before the next season.
- Cut times were updated. See attached.

7. New Business:

- Start Date was discussed in number 5 above.
- The use of tech suits was discussed at length. There were people for and against them, but no consensus was reached. The issue brought up was the fact that it gives the schools that can afford them an advantage. Also, not all tech suits are approved. They must have a FINA symbol on them to be approved. One idea was to have them all in the same colored suit matching their school colors, but the tech suits rarely come in a solid color. More discussion has to take place on this topic. The committee decided to continue to monitor the NFHS rules regarding these suits and the NJSIAA will follow the same rule for next year.
- When can the timing system be overridden? Only when the AT system is not functioning properly. A swimmer missing the pad is not grounds for changing the AT results.
- Can we drop the Public C division and go to a Co-Ed division? Request was denied by the committee, not enough Co-Ed's.
- NJSIAA will look at possible not doubling the enrollment for co-ed teams and get an idea if that will help based on the number of co-ed teams in the state. Perhaps a survey if needed.
- Look at combining the non-publics and expanding the brackets. NJSIAA will look at it and possibly survey if needed.

8. Old Business

- Continue to monitor and fine schools that are not entering the results in NJschoolsports.

9. Correspondence

- Can we change the rotation for the non-publics sites to different locations? Because of the travel of the non-publics coming from all over the state, the committee decided to keep it the same as the current two sites for the non-publics are centrally located.
- Add additional info to the power point face sheet. All signatures need to have a spot to print as well. That will be added for next year.
- Tech Suits issue was discussed above.
- Changing start date was discussed above.
- Can we survey the swim schools and see if they would like to go to the old format of MOC prelims and finals on the same day for one gender and the same for the other gender the next day? Prelims in the morning and finals in the late afternoon. NJSIAA will put out a survey.
- Process for breaking ties will stay the same.
- The entry card becomes official when it is handed to the meet referee or their designee. This process should be discussed at the coaches/captains meeting prior to the start of the meet.
- Backup timers – Schools will determine who the backup timers will be for the state meets. It is advised to only use swimmers as backup timers when all other options have been explored.
- There will be no “mercy rule” for swim meets.
- Power pointing meets will remain the same.
- The transgender law was discussed and explained. There is no further discussion. It's the Law!
- Timing systems are only mandatory for state meets. The NJSIAA will not require all dual meets to have a timing system. Not all pools have them. This should be discussed at the conference level.
- Request to not have the blogger from NJ.com attend the seeding room. Only causes misinformation. NJSIAA will look into it.

10. Good of the order.

- None