

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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Tennis Post Season Meeting Minutes June 7, 2018

1. Present:
 - Stan Friedman, Bill Wickenheisser, Bob Abbot, Shane Fallon, Jim Forst, Doris Forst, Allison Munch, Carl Richko, Wesley Smith, David Haney, Tori Wishnick, Sandy Mamary, Mike Mitchell, Elliot Lovi, Tony Maselli.
2. Approval of 2017 Post Season Minutes.
 - Approved unanimously. (1st Allison Munch, 2nd Bill Wickenheisser)
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative).
 - Coaches are not clearly filling out challenge match forms (hard to read). NJSIAA will look at possible making the forms with auto-fill sections so you can do them on the computer.
 - Need to stress to the coaches that they must have the challenge match forms at every match
 - When reporting scores, please use full name of player and report ASAP after the match.
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative) (Sectionals, Semifinals, Team finals, TOC)
 - The regulations for thunder and lightning should be in the tournament regulations. NJSIAA will include them for next year.
 - All challenge match forms and team line-up forms will be sent to the NJSIAA not the tournament director going forward. NJSIAA will make changes to the tournament Regulations to reflect this.
 - There was a discussion regarding officials' coverage and changes to the tournament schedule to try and help schools by adding "play by dates". It was agreed upon that the dates should stay as "must play on dates", however the tournament was moved up one day and a rain date was added for flexibility. Schools still have the option to call the NJSIAA for approval to move a tournament date, but the opponent must agree first.
 - There was a long conversation regarding the boys individual tournament procedure regarding the first round. The boys had one round only on the Saturday of the SAT's for the singles and no doubles. This was the first year of a doing this on a trial basis. In the past it was 2 rounds of singles and 1 round of doubles. The move was done because of the SAT's on a trial basis. Arguments against were mostly centered around the fact that it extended the tournament to long, which takes kids out of school an extra day as well as the potential for extending the tournament even more for bad weather. It was noted that the NJSIAA has said in the past for all the sports regulations that they will not move state tournament for state testing since there is ample opportunity to take the test. Argument for were simple, its better for families and students to have that option as a test day. A vote was taken because a decision could not be rendered. The motion was to go back to the original way (as the girls currently do it) and have 2 rounds of singles and 1 round of doubles on the first Saturday

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of the state individual tournament which is an SAT day. The vote was 6 yes - 4 no - 2 abstain. Motion passes.

5. Review of dates for next season.

- Dates were reviewed and adjusted based on the discussions above.
- Bill Wickenheisser started a discussion regarding the start date for tennis. He felt that the start date was too late because of the short period of time the teams have to get the challenge matches completed, even when there is good weather. The proposal was to move the start date to March 1st each year not the first Friday of March. The 2019 season start is not an issue, but the 2020 season will not start until March 6, and opening day will stay the same. The committee was instructed that they would have to vote on moving a proposal forward from this meeting and that it would have to go to program review, then 2 readings of the executive committee. In addition, the committee was also instructed that there was a current proposal for starting dates for all sports going to the membership for vote in December and if it passes then no changes can take place for two years. A vote was taken whether to move forward on this proposal. 10 yes – 2 no. Bill Wickenheisser will submit proposal.

6. Review of current regulations and proposed regulations for next season.

- Wild card entries need to be clearer. What the wild card entry is, needs to be explained.
- Possible look at condensing the entry forms and making them choose on one form for the individual tournament to select 1st singles, 2nd singles or wildcard entry.
- Clear up the injury time wording.
- Other changes to the tournament regulations were discussed above.

7. New Business:

- Doris Forst introduced a proposal to increase the fee of the officials for the state tournament. Current levels are \$75/ per match for preliminary state rounds and \$80 for the sectional final. Proposed change would be \$85/ per match for preliminary state rounds and \$90 for the sectional final. Reasoning that was included in the proposal was mostly because there are so few tennis officials throughout the state and to cover the state tournament, the officials have to travel many miles. This proposal was discussed by the NJSIAA after the meeting and because the budgets are set for next year for both the NJSIAA and the schools, it will have to wait to be proposed for the following year.

8. Old Business

- None

9. Correspondence

- Using UTR rating for rating players. Committee likes the idea but needs to know more about it. Perhaps it can be a topic at a coaches meeting. NJSIAA will also continue to monitor it.
- It was brought up that North Jersey specifically Bergen County may be under represented regarding the seeding committee. NJSIAA will look at the current state distribution and determine if that part of the state is underrepresented. Joe Iwanski, head coach from the Dwight-Englewood School would be interested if

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needed.

- Several concerns were brought up by the Glen Rock Coach.
 - Changing the state doubles qualifications. This was denied. Doubles teams must play 50% of the matches together.
 - When it comes to having players at the two different sites, the NJSIAA mandates that a Board (or School if non-public) approved employee/chaperone is present to supervise the athletes. It does not have to be a coach.
 - We will continue to increase are postings of the locations (GPS address) of the state tournament sites in various locations.
 - There is nothing the NJSIAA can do if the team does not opt out or forgets to opt out. That is the school's responsibility.
- Eastern Reginal Coach – Proposed rule addendum regarding substations was denied by the committee. The proposal was asking to be permitted to substitute a player in a doubles team because of injury or poor performance, much like other sports do. There was much discussion regarding this and it went to a vote. Motion was to approve the addendum to the substitution rule: 1 yes, 9 no, 2 abstentions. Motion was denied.
- Shawnee H.S. coach submitted two proposals. First was to eliminate doubles from the state tournament and increase the number of singles players. Second was changing the wording of the 7-day rule regarding injury and when you have to breakup your doubles team. Both were denied unanimously.

10. Good of the order

- Nothing