

## Agenda – Spring Track Meeting

August 10, 2021 – NJSIAA Office

Minutes Revised August 26, 2021

1. **Attendance-** *Al Stumpf- NJSIAA, Carl Rickerhauser- Rules Interpreter, Ed Colona- Group Meet Director, Leon Owen – Executive Committee Rep, Karen O’Neil- Seneca AD, Brian Baumann – Voorhees AD, Sectional Directors- Joe Fig (Bill Millone), Sean Dowd, Kevin Dee, Frank Calise, Dave Pfeifer, Coaches- Dave Pfeifer- Holy Spirit, Pam Willson- Hackettstown, Rebecca Misko- Mt. Lakes, Tim Mooney- invited Attendee -Rep for NJXCTFCA, Victor Wu- Timing Systems*  
  
*Absent- Ryan Miller- AD – Scotch Plains Fanwood HS, Coaches – Matt Fuller – Pinelands and Tony Stewart- Union Twp., Robert Kellert- Mile Split*
2. **Review of the 2021 Spring Season-** *Loss of Bill Bruno. Review of weather issues at Sectional Meets*
3. **Old Business-** *Tournament Regs (Contradictions), Medals, Starting blocks, Order of events, weather re-starts, officials, changes day of the meet, - All will be addressed during the meeting.*
4. **New Business**
  - a. **Role of the sports committees-** *NJSIAA Executive Committee has revised the role and structure of the sports committees. Number of voting members will be based on the number of schools offering the sport, for track it is 4-5 coaches, 3 AD’s, NJSIAA Sport Director will be the tie breaking vote. Invited attendees may take part in the discussion but have no vote and cannot introduce new topics for discussion at the meeting- all topics by invited attendees must be submitted for discussion prior to the meeting.*
  - b. **Tournament regulations – need to be re-written-** *Discussion of the conflicts in the current regulations- Committee decided that a small group will be selected to review and revise the tournament regulations to make them more accurate and user friendly. Al Stumpf stated that directions for Mile Split will be separated from the regulations and will be added to the Spring Track website after they are updated. Tim Mooney indicated that he would like to serve with the group.*
  - c. **Starting blocks for Sectionals- will be addressed with schools hosting-** *The issue of starting blocks was discussed- it was agreed that they are necessary for the Sectional – MOC events. Host schools will be asked to supply the starting blocks for the Sectional, the NJSIAA will supply for the Groups and MOC. The NJSIAA will work with M-F Track to try to get a certain starting block to be offered at a discount for member schools to purchase to be used at all state level spring track meets. Because of school budgets this may not be implemented for next year. For the 2022 spring season – the NJSIAA will find out from the host schools what size spikes can be used to anchor the starting blocks and for runners to have in their shoes. Spikes will be randomly checked by the clerks at the sites- coaches will be assessed a fine (amount to be determined) if their athletes use illegal spikes in their shoes or starting blocks.*
  - d. **Entry Deadlines-** *Entry deadlines will be 2 dates- the preliminary date will require coaches to list all their rosters and events, there will be a second date a few days later to allow coaches to make corrections to their original entry. It is important that all coaches list all the athletes*

*they think they may use in the tournament. The second date will be the cut off date- teams not entered by that date can be entered after the deadline but the school will be fined for the late entry.*

*For 2022 – a process will be developed to add an athlete to an event entry who was not originally listed on the card.*

**e. Order of Events- A sample revised order of events was submitted and discussed at the meeting.**

**3200m placement-** *There was discussion about the placement of the 3200 m at the events (concerns about the safety of the runners in the heat).*

*Not enough recovery time for athletes who are in multiple events and running the relay  
Karen O'Neil – AD at Seneca will form a committee to develop an Order of Events to attempt to resolve these issues and concerns – once it is completed it will be discussed and voted on by the committee.*

**1. Changes made by officials at sites. –** *discussion of officials (not the meet directors) who took it upon themselves to change the order of events at the site. It will not be allowed unless approved by the meet director and announced in advance of the start of the vent to all coaches and athletes. This year the official who made such a change was removed from officiating at the meet- this policy will continue.*

**For future reference- Triple Jump and Long Jump – OPEN PIT – at Sectionals and Non Public Meet .**

**Flights – at Group meet and MOC**

**f. Inclement weather plans-** *in the vent of inclement weather the meet will resume from the event that the stoppage occurred. The NJSIAA will also develop a contingency plan such as a 1 day meet schedule and/or possibly running some events on Sunday.*

**g. Athlete Check in procedures- need revision-** *Committee discussed alternative methods of checking in athletes on the day of the meet – will continue to hi- light entries on the check in sheets. **Since the committee met – it is believed that a coach can place all 6 possible entries on the entry based on their athletes performance time, if they are listed as such the top 3 can automatically be entered without the coach high- lighting their names. We will be checking to see if that is true. If it is the coach will only need to report changes from their original entry that day. If the coach wants to run the first 3 listed they will be considered to automatically be checked in.***

**h. Grouping of state group sizes at Sectional and Group meets**

*Public Schools- Group 1 and 4*

*Group 2 and 3*

*Non Public – Groups A and B – Combined Sectional/Group Meet similar to this year.*

**1. Automatic and wildcard qualifiers-** *Qualifiers will be Top 2 + 6 wild cards at each site. That means 10 from each site and 30 at MOC's per event. This includes relays.*

**i. Awards**

**1.number of medals-** *Al Stumpf will recommend that the number of medals award be Places 1-6 at the Sectional and Group meets and Place 1-8 at the MOC.*

**2. ceremony-** *Each Meet Site Director will be asked to develop some type of awards ceremony to better recognize the winners of the medals. For the MOC some type of awards podium will be used to recognize the place winners.*

**j. Clerking – pre-seeded and grace period-** *the committee looked at this topic and had much discussion about it. For the pre-seeding of the event, the method that is developed from ITEM G on the agenda will be used. BUT, there will be a “grace period” that will be used. On the day of the meet the coaches of both the boys and girls coaches will be allowed to use up to 3 event(entry) changes cards per gender that will be available at the clerking area. This ‘grace period” can be used up to the time that the final seed sheet goes to the timer at the meet.*

**k. Announcing at the meets –** *The announcing at the meet will be used to call events, announce medal winners, call coaches etc.- there will no longer be any commentary before or during the actual running of the races. Meet management is also asking that coaches keep their athletes who are not on the track for competition purposes out of the infield to eliminate the warnings to the non -competitors on the infield.*

#### **5. Important Dates – Spring Track 2022- Tentative**

**Event Dates (Boys & Girls)**

**First Practice: March 7, 2022**

**First Scrimmage: March 14, 2022**

**Opening Day: April 1, 2022**

**Claim teams on MileSplit by 12:00 PM May 28, 2022**

**Post-Season Meeting: TBD**

**Public Sectionals June 3 & 4, 2022**

**Group Meets- Public and N P June 10 & 11, 2022**

**Meet of Champions June 18, 2022**

**5. Good of the order-** *meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05 pm.*

*Added to minutes on August 26, 2021 –*

*Tim Mooney asked that for the MOC that coaches “declare” which events their athletes will be competing by Wednesday at midnight the week of the MOC. He felt that this would bring more excitement to the meet as key match ups could be highlighted by the media prior to the event. For example, if an athlete qualified in 2 events, they could declare that they were competing in one of both.*

*This was not supported by the committee.*

