

## Post Season Girls Volleyball 2021 - Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Meeting will be held at NJSIAA Office- Robbinsville, NJ – November 30 – 10am

1. Attendance- **Coaches – Andrew Hopman- Old Bridge, Glenn Jansen- Donovan Cath, Kerry Flukey- Absegami, Dianna Furusawa- River Dell, Helen Antzoulide – Rutherford, AD’s- Alice Conley- Olympic, Dave Ryden- Shore, Dave Luciano – Union Catholic Executive Committee Representative – Bev Torok Tournament Director/Assignor/Rules Interpreter – Sharon Hughes Guests- Pete Lukach – Asst. Tourn, Beth Powell- Demerest, Linda Chu- Bergenfield, Anthony McMichael – Roxbury NJSIAA Volleyball Director – Al Stumpf and NJSIAA Assistant Director- Derryk Sellers (will be taking over GVB responsibilities 2022) Absent – Maya Barton -Coach – Mt. St. Dominic**
2. Introductions- **Everyone introduced themselves to the other Committee members.**
3. Review of the regular season- **Very few issues throughout the season – some were discussed later in the meeting.**
4. Review of Group and TOC - Sharon Hughes- **Ms. Hughes reviewed the Group tournament and the TOC Tournament. Ms. Hughes stated that the seeding process resulted in the top seeds in each section playing for the sectional championships (there was one #5 and one # 7 seed that played in the final). She thanked William Paterson University and commended Franklin High School for hosting. It was explained as to why the TOC was moved out of Wm. Paterson. Coaches that were at Franklin High School liked the facility and thought it was fan friendly and easily accessible being centrally located in the state.**
5. Old Business- **Reminder to coaches about out of season coaching at clubs or club facilities. -I did not address this at the meeting, but as a reminder that will be sent out to the AD’s, coaches are not permitted to work with any of student who attends their high school (whether or not the student is a member of any level team within the school volleyball program) during the out of season period, except for the summer period. This includes Club Teams and at Club or outside facilities. Coaches of the boy’s programs and the girl’s programs cannot switch and work with athletes from the other gender during the out of season period. Any violation of this out of season rule can lead to sanctions being placed on the coach and the school’s athletic program. Coaches who own and run academies need to make sure that they do not have contact with any of their schools’ students who may be legally working with other non-school coaches at these facilities.**
6. New Business – **Review new guidelines for the post season- committee. - The guidelines were emailed to the committee member prior to the meeting.**
  - A1. – **Review of classification process and Northing numbers. - Executive Director Colleen Maguire was in attendance to explain the process and to answer questions. The issue of why some schools who had been in a different group in previous years had moved to another group – mostly based on either the student population growing/declining or caused by schools adding the sport.**

a. Expansion of the public- school bracket from 12 to 16 teams. -**This was discussed by the committee. A motion to expand the public bracket to 16 teams was made by Helen Antzoulides and seconded by Dianna Furusawsa. Motion was passed by a unanimous vote.**

b. Jumping teams next to each other in the seeding based on regular season matches.- **Item was discussed by the group. A motion was made by Sharon Hughes and seconded by Glenn Jansen to allow a team who had defeated the team 1 place above them during the regular season to jump to that position. For example, Team A is seeded #3 and Team B is seeded #4, B defeated A during the regular season – Team B get the #3 seed and Team A drops down to the #4 seed. Teams may only jump up 1 place in the seeding. If the teams split 2 games during the regular season no jump would occur. – Motion passed – unanimous.**

c. Use of Power points for seeding through the entire bracket versus using pre-determined sections. – 10 power pointed matches? Do we increase the number? - **Discussed- no change to the use of the pre-determined sections for the group semi- finals, the NJSIAA uses this procedure in its tournament to ensure that the same section does not always host. For 2022, North I and Central will be the pre-determined home teams in the group semi- finals.**

**Increase the number of the top power pointed matches for seeding from 10 to 12. It was discussed and decided to increase it to 12 based it being half the number of the maximum matches. This is on hold until the power point system is reviewed by Tony Maselli and njhighschoolsports to determine if seeding by the top “x” number of games is the most equitable method to use. Any changes to the power point system will be shared with all our sports committees.**

d. ending using players as line judges for all matches/officials shortage?- **It was discussed and suggested that schools get paid adults staff members and train them to be line judges when NJSIAA officials are not available. The issue of the officials shortage was discussed by Sharon Hughes and the NJSIAA- Al Stumpf suggested that the coaches encourage their former players who attend college in NJ to get involved as officials as a means to stay close to the game and also to make some money while in college. Pete Lukach was questioned about the training period being too long for new officials, he explained that it takes time for them to grasp how to officiate. Both Sharon Hughes and Pete agreed that the newer officials could be utilized for sub varsity matches and as line judges for varsity. Both Sharon and Pete told the coaches that they should have interested parties contact them if they want to become officials.**

e. 2022 Regular Season game limits – 24 matches plus 1 county or league/conference- based tournament PLUS the State Tournament. A county or league/conference tournament is defined as a single elimination tournament not to exceed 32 teams, limited to a maximum of 5 games. Teams MAY STILL COMPETE IN BOTH A COUNTY AND A LEAGUE/CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT, BUT ONE OF THESE TOURNAMENTS WILL COUNT TOWARDS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GAMES PERMITTED IN THE REGULAR SEASON. **This was fully explained by Al Stumpf to the committee and will be place both in the 2022 Girls Volleyball Regulations and on the GVB Site under “What’s New for Girls Volleyball in 2022”.**

f. Any pool play that is less than 2 of 3 format does not count towards the regular season maximum games. - **This was explained it is mostly used for Saturday Pool play. It was also**

clarified that if a team played another team 2x in pool play tournaments on the same day it would NOT count towards the maximum 24 match count since I was not set up as a 2 of 3 match.

Any Saturday pool play tournaments that end by 2 teams playing a 2 of 3 match for a Saturday championship – that match would count towards their 24- match maximum count.

g. Election Day matches- Election Day will be utilized as a play date but will be rotated between the groups each year.

7. Good of the order-

a. There was a discussion about awarding the 2 semifinalists in the NP A and NP B a Sectional Championship award because the NP do not have a Sectional Championship like the Public schools have. Bev Torok made a motion, seconded by Glenn Jansen to stay as they were this year but to award 4 trophies. It was explained that the new tournament set up increased the number of Group Championship Awards to the NP from 1 award to 2 awards – NP A Group Champion and NP B Group Champion. It did not make sense to declare the NP Group Semi- finalist Section Champions because they were in the same group. It was also suggested that the NP groups be split into a North and South Section for both A & B, Sharon Hughes pointed out that because of the number it was not justified. After much discussion, Bev Torok withdrew her motion, and it was decided to keep the set up as it is.

b. After patiently waiting throughout the meeting, Beth Powell, a guest coach from Demarest, discussed a proposal from the Big North Conference to change the seeding procedure from what it currently is to a system like football using “snaking”. The Big North feels that this system will improve the quality of the tournament seeding. Dave Ryden, who is one of the AD’s on the volleyball committee is very familiar with the use of the “snaking” system for seeding and explained how it worked for football. He felt that it might have some merit but cautioned against jumping into it without have data to see if it would be a valid method of seeding for volleyball. He mentioned that a formula for VB would need to be developed because in football it is based on a smaller number of games in the season and it is re-calculated once a week after that weeks games are played. In volleyball more then one game per week is played and games are played by schools every day so it would have to be calculated every day to be accurate.

Al Stumpf stated that the NJSIAA was not going to make wholesale changes to the new tournament set up after just one season and also stated that he had not received any major complaints about the set up from other conferences in the state. He also stated that the number of teams giving their intent to play in the tournament was up 20 % over the 2019 tournament, also teams that never took part played in the tournament this year due to the sectional set-up.

Both the NJSIAA and Dave Ryden suggested that the group looking at “snaking” the tournament to seed using the teams from this year and use the teams that play next year to develop data to see if “snaking” would have any different impact on the seeding than using power points to seed.

c. The NJSIAA took time to thank Dianna Furusawa and Helen Antzoulide, whose term on the volleyball committee are ending this year. Both have dedicated themselves to improving the sport of volleyball in NJ. The committee wishes both good fortune and good health in the future.

8. Adjournment – **Approximately 12:25 pm – Motion by Helen Antzoulide , second by Dianna Furusawa. Motion Approved.**

2022 Volleyball Dates

First Practice- August 22

First Scrimmage – August 29

Competition Starts – September 8 – Transfers after this date are not eligible to play in the State Championships.

Cut- off date – October 18

Seeding- October 21

Post Season Begins – October 28 -**It was mentioned at the meeting that this date should be Oct 27 – I checked the Fall Quick chart and Oct. 28 is the correct date.**

Post Season Ends- November 13- **This is the date on which a school can compete in any contest that is not part of the NJSIAA while still staying within the regular season maximum games allowed.**

**Respectfully submitted December 3, 2021.**

**Al Stumpf**

**Assistant Director**

**Girls Volleyball Director**