



## Fencing Post Season Meeting Agenda April 27, 2022 @ 6:00pm

1. Welcome and introductions
  - Purpose of new post season meeting set up- Committee members – **Explained based on NJSIAA Guidelines**
  - **Present- Mike Griffin, Jay Hasse, George Janto, Ted Li, Robert Baum, Ralph Bellantoni Virtual- Sabrina Orsi, Jorge Gana, Cheryl Delaney, Marilyn Bellantoni**
2. Review of 2021 Post Season Minutes
  - I cannot locate any post season minutes from 2020 or 2021.
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative)
  - District set up- Northing numbers- **Explained how they are determined and how some need to be changed to keep state Fencing sites**
  - Qualifying for Team and Individual Tournament- **Group will meet over the summer to clarify the wording in the regulations.**
  - “Fence Safe” – **NJSIAA cannot use this program to certify officials, all officials need to follow NJSIAA officials guidelines.**
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)
  - Scheduling Conflicts with USA Fencing Tournaments-**Will look at possible solutions.**
  - Cetrulo/Santelli Tournaments- results for seeding- **will discuss over the summer**
  - Alternative seeding used for Tournament- **investigate the lottery system that was used this year due to no C/S tournament. Coaches seemed to like the lottery system.**
  - Districts- should host school District Matches be the 2<sup>nd</sup> district of the day – for example District 1 and 2- if the host site is a District 1 school should District 2 be in the AM and District 1 in the PM- **discussed- mixed feelings**
  - Hiring of “extra” officials-**Needs to be approved and the NJSIAA notified in advance of the tournament dates.**
5. Review of dates for next season (See Handout)
  - Impact of Cetrulo/ Santelli Tournaments on District dates- **will be discussed in summer**
  - Review of proposed dates – 2022-23 season-**Will be posted on the NJSIAA website. First practice November 28, 2022. First match December 15, 2022. Tournament begins January 22, 2023**
6. Review of current regulations and any proposed changes for next season.
  - See attached document – sections marked need to be looked at.- **Items were noted in the document, it will be re-revised prior to the start of practice. Goal is for regulations to be posted on NJSIAA Website at least 1 month prior to the start of practice.**
  - **NEW FOR 2022-23 Season- Maximum Regular Season Matches – 16 matches plus the state tournament.**
7. New Business

- Request for NJSIAA to communicate with USA Fencing about date conflicts.- **NJSIAA will address this with USA Fencing**
  - Scheduling conflicts between NJIT/Districts? Cetrulo & Santelli Tournaments.- **will work on this**
  - Alternative Seeding methods to be used if there is no Cetrulo & Santelli Tournament.- **see number 4**
  - NEW NJSIAA OFFICIALS ASSIGNOR- need to hire someone.- **Contact NJSIAA if interested.**
  - Communication with the NFHS-**NJSIAA will speak with them about the process to approve Fencing as an NFHS recognized sport.**
8. Old Business
- Northing Numbers- Districts- **explained earlier**
9. Correspondence (See Attached)
- **Scores need to be reported in a timelier manner. Will be put in the regulations with possible penalties for not doing so.**
  - **Should 1 school do all 3 Sunday Districts?**
  - **Background checks for officials who are already certified by other fencing organizations.**
  - **Asking for a waiver to start Districts early in the season- cannot be started prior to the start of the tournament that has been approved by EC which is January 22, 2023**
10. Good of the order.
- **NJSIAA will contact NFHS to see how an “emerging” sport is handled so that fencing could become a NFHS recognized sport in the future.**

**Meeting adjourned approximately 8:30 pm**