



To: NJSIAA Executive Committee

From: Colleen Maguire, Executive Director

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RE: Rules and Regulations Update – Summer Recess – Program Regulations, Section 11

The “summer recess period” is the time during which NJSIAA practice, competition, and out-of-season coaching rules do not apply. It is therefore important for schools to have a clear understanding of when the summer recess period begins so that they can plan their summer programs.

At present, the rules state that, “The summer recess period begins the Monday after the last scheduled Spring NJSIAA event.” We believe this language needs to be updated, and propose that it be changed to say, “The summer recess period begins the Monday after the NJSIAA spring sports competition end date. The competition end date will be published on the website each year.”

The main reason for updating the language is that we have now established a single, uniform “competition end date” for all spring sports. This year the spring competition end date is June 11. We recognize that some sports might still be finishing their tournaments at that time, but we don’t want that to delay the start of the summer period for other sports.

The update will minimize confusion and provide a consistent date for member schools to rely on moving forward. For instance, this year, the Spring Track & Field Meet of Champions and Boys Tennis Singles/Doubles Championships will be held on June 14, 2023 and June 15, 2023, respectively. However, these events are subject to change on an annual basis due to availability of facilities – and sometimes may need to change after the school year has started.

In addition, the update will eliminate the need for schools to ask for waivers of the rule for certain events that NJSIAA feels are important to support – such as the NFHS/NCAA June Scholastic Events for boys basketball. New to 2023, the NCAA girls basketball committee has approved a June Scholastic Event for girls basketball that will be hosted June 15th – 17th. There are other sports that wish to host similar recruiting events or other events during this same time so this update will provide equity to all sports and all member schools.

PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

Rules and Regulations, Program Regulations, Section 11

[Proposed Additions are underlined.]

Section 11 Summer Recess

~~The summer period begins the Monday after the last scheduled Spring NJSIAA event. The summer period beginning date will not change because of postponements to the last NJSIAA spring events.~~ The summer period begins the Monday after the NJSIAA spring sports competition end date. The spring season competition end date is published in the spring sports quick chart found on the NJSIAA website. The last day of the summer period is August 31.