



Soccer Post Season Meeting Agenda December 7, 2022 @ 10:00am

1. Welcome and introductions.- **Absent members- John Simpson- Girls Director, Adrian Castro, Jamie McGroaty, Tom Milligan- Coaches, Marty Flynn and Joe Ward- AD's.**
All other Committee members present. Guests- Evan Baumgartner, Evan Brosniak, Dan Butler- Coaches

Executive Director Colleen Maguire was also present for a segment of the meeting.
2. Review of 2021 Post Season Minutes.- **Reviewed and approved**
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative).
 - **Tournament games – overtime policy – Discussed positive and negatives of OT during the regular season. Consensus of the Committee was to continue to play OT during regular season. PK's will only be used during regular season to advance a team in a conference/county tournament.**
 - **DOGSO – Ed Seavers discussed a clarification of the wording of the rule that will be included in the 2023 season Soccer Rule Modifications that will enable the rule to be applied consistently by officials throughout the state.**
 - **August start date – Coaches expressed concern about the later start to the season. Assistant Directors explained that the date was set after much research from administrators, AD's and players and that it was passed by the Executive Committee of the NJSIAA – the later start date will remain in place.**
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)-
 - **Concerns were raised about playing on Saturday (SAT Testing, Field Issues)**
 - **Play On vs. Play By dates- consensus was keep Play On dates – exceptions could be approved by NJSIAA**
 - **Concerns about boys and girls Sectionals being on the same date**
Above will be addressed in #5 below
5. Review of dates for next season (See Handout) – **No handout- NJSIAA will survey coaches and AD's on a proposal to move the Group finals – 1 week later in November. If approved, it would not require Saturday play dates during the playoffs and would give conferences 5- 6 extra days in which to schedule regular season games.**
Survey to Coaches and AD's was emailed by the NJSIAA on December 16, 2022 – all asked to respond before the Winter Holiday Break begins.
6. Review of current regulations and any proposed changes for next season.- **Will be sent to the committee for review when completed.**

7. New Business

- **Yellow Card Rule Every Conference-** We need to implement a state wide policy for four yellow cards equals a one game suspension. On the 8th card player would be eliminated from the state tournament.- ***Discussed, Derryk Sellers will be gathering information form the conference which track yellow cards and formulate a program to track yellow cards and to establish penalties for excessive yellow cards. Committee was in support of developing a system to review before it is put into practice.***
- **Mercy Rule- Discussion by Committee to implement some type of Mercy rule – discussion was to set a halftime score based on a goal differential in which the game would be stopped and considered complete at the 20-minute mark of the second half.**
Al Stumpf will discuss with the NFHS if this is allowed. If it is allowed the Committee will need to develop the process and will need to submit to the Program Review Committee for approval.
****** Note- NFHS has been contacted and confirmed the state can allow this rule modification of the game.***

8. Old Business- **None**

9. Correspondence (See Attached)- ***Addressed during the meeting discussions.***

10. Good of the order.- **None**

Motion to end meeting – Mike Bierao 2nd- Josh Mehl

Meeting adjourned approx. 12:15 pm

Submitted by Al Stumpf and Derryk Seller – Assistant Directors