



## **Basketball Post Season Meeting Agenda April 23, 2024 @ 10:00am**

1. Welcome and introductions.
  - Reminder that this committee is advisory only – not policy making.
  - Present- **Al Stumpf – NJSIAA Basketball Director, Colleen Maguire- NJSIAA Executive Director, Bill Vacca, Tournament Director, Jeff Steele, EC, Jason Miller, EC, Scott Durham, AD, Anthony Browning, AD, Erin Keenan, AD, Brendan McGovern, AD, Lisa Kukoda, Coach, Jose Rodriquez, Coach, Billy Martin, Rules Interpreter,**
  - NV – non – voting member- **Nick Marinello- NJBCA/Coach/AD**
2. Review of 2023 Post Season Minutes
  - See Attachment- **No questions/comments- Motion by Jason Miller, seconded by Scott Durham- all in favor- passed**
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative)
  - Complaints about spectator policies and crowd issues. **Colleen Maguire spoke of the spectator behavior policy that is being reviewed by the NJSIAA EC for approval. Was discussed by this committee and this committee was in support of it.**
  - Definition of in season tournament what counts as post season vs regular season tournament.- **Will be more specific in its definition in the tournament regulations. (maximum of a 5 game total including the championship game- any other “tournament” must come out of the maximum regular season game count).**
  - Level of officiating- role of coaches in evaluation of coaches.- Additional Training for officials- IAABO offer to help.- **Billy Martin will work with the NJSIAA and NJBCA to increase the coaches participation in filling out ranking sheet for game officials to assist the state assignors for state game assignments.**
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)
  - Post Season Official Assignment- Use of local assignors Round 1-3- **Will continue to use this system for round 1-3.**
  - Local Assignors – self assignment to tournament games-**should be avoided if possible.**
  - High Seeds – gym size- should there be a minimum size for Sectional Finals- **Discussed- if the higher seed feels their gym cannot support crowd size they should try to secure an alternative gym. Question about who determines if a gym is adequate for a state game- NJSIAA policy is if the conference allows games to be played during the regular season it is adequate.**

- Ticket sales – online vs at the door- **Committee recommends that schools use paper tickets for all games round 1- 3. There were issue this season in which schools online codes were shared which lead to some spectators being shut out of seeing games.**
- Alternate days that boys and girls from same section play- splitting of crowds/administration/security.- **NJSIAA will continue to use the same model that was used during the 2023-24 season for another year and will evaluate it after the 2 year trial has been completed.**
- Predetermined sites- B/B, G/G or B/G?- **For the NP Sectionals and the Public Group Semi- Finals at the predetermined sites all games will be boy/girl doubleheaders at the same site- for example, Central/South Group 2 boys and girls at the same site, same day.**
- Officiating of games in post -season – what can be done to increase the quality of officiating? – NJSIAA Ideas.- **NJSIAA will be meeting over the summer to develop an electronic tool to get input from coaches, Athletic Directors and NJSIAA Observers to rate officials for post season play. NJSIAA will also have 3 person crews from the same chapters working games together during he tournament. All games from the State Sectionals on will be officiated by crew that have worked together and are not from the chapters which officiate the teams involved during the regular season.**
- End of game situations.- **NJSIAA will be assigning a 4<sup>th</sup> official to the table at the Sectional Finals and beyond to assist the crew on the floor with any end of the game issues- their primary responsibility will be to watch the clock and where the ball is when time expires. Also- The NJSIAA will be installing LED Lighting on the backboards of all the predetermined site that will light up when the game clock expires.**

5. Review of dates for next season (See Handout)

6. Review of current regulations and any proposed changes for next season.

- Possible Power Point calculation change.- **Will be published once it is approved by the NJSIAA Executive Committee. ALL Schools will receive power points for OSS/Non Member schools.**
- New pre-season – 6 days practice 1 day rest – then games/scrimmages- **Allows for regular season games to be played this year on Dec. 9 after 6 practice days and 1 day of rest. Both schools must agree that it is a regular season game. Once a school plays a regular season game if it then plays a scrimmage that scrimmage will count towards the 24 game regular season maximum.**

7. New Business

- NJBCA – June Scholastic Event – **Boys and girls are scheduled at Montgomery HS – NJBCA will be sending out invites.**
- Issues from Correspondence – in #9

8. Old Business-**NONE**

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9. Correspondence (See Attached)

- Dan Healy – Union County Conference – all Groups Boys play of one set of dates and all Groups Girls play on another date.-**NJSIAA will continue the present schedule for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of its trial period.**
- NJ Basketball Coaches Association - (Bob Grauso)- Sites for state Tournament- ensure that there is no “HOME” court advantage. Assigning of officials. Charter schools/open Enrollment schools – Classification. NJ Schools in post season showcases.- **All issues discussed**

- Darren D'Alconzo- Chatham- Advancing ball on time out – last minute of game.- **this is not part of the NFHS rules – NFHS would need to adopt this rule for NJ to use. NJSIAA cannot make this rule modification.**
- Kevin Diverio – Don Bosco and Darren D'Alconzo- Chatham – Shot Clock.- **Discussed- will continue to gather information from NJ schools about it. Concerns about cost and finding competent people to run it.**
- Jeff Radigan- Lyndhurst – requiring all State Sectional, Group Semi and Group Final sites to have backboard LED lights tied into the game clock.-**Addressed earlier in meeting.**
- Barry Veenstra- Eastern Christian School- Sportsmanship-impact on NP Girls Entries.- **Discussed at length, committee will recommend that a “mercy” rule be enacted to prevent scores from being run up during games. Schools that continue to run up scores may be subject to penalties.**

10. Good of the order.- No comments

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:45 pm – Motion – Miller, second -Rodriquez All in Favor