



Fencing Post Season Meeting Agenda April 26, 2023 @ 6:00pm

1. Welcome and introductions
 - **Present- George Janto – Tournament Director, Ted Li, Lisa Campi-Sapery, Mike Malecki, Sabina Orsi, Ralph and Marilyn Bellantoni, John Reid, Rich Molina**
2. Review of 2022 Post Season Minutes
 - Any questions- **No Questions – last year's minutes were approved.**
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative)
 - No weather issues.
 - District sites were good.-**Committee thanked all host sites. Some concerns with Bernards for Championship- loss of wrestling room space at the last minute.**
 - Issues with Co Ed teams have how to enter as individuals.-**Needs to be clarified in the tournament regulations.**
 - Conflict with USA fencing dates.-**NJSIAA is working to avoid the issues.**
 - District event used to seed Sweet 16.- **Questioned by a member school- how can a non- NJSIAA event be used?- Other sports use results from tournaments for seeding purposes. NJSIAA will investigate it.**
 - Shortage of Officials/ NJSIAA response – **NJSIAA worked with the tournament assigners to allow “interim” officials if they passed the background test.**
 - Definition of fencers “Officially Entered” and 50 % rule- **was discussed and will be clarified.**
 - Reporting of team and individual results during the regular season.- **was discussed.**
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)
 - Following the regulations for entering the Tournament.
 - Conflict with the JO/ Sweet 16 event on Presidents Weekend.-**NJSIAA has a schedule developed to eliminate scheduling of state tournament matches during President's weekend.**
 - “Officially Entered” and 50 % rule enforcement.- **Both were enforced this year**
5. Review of dates for next season
 - November 20-22-Optional 3 day try out – does not count towards scrimmage date.
 - November 27 – First Official practice date.
 - December 4- first scrimmage allowed.
 - December 14- first official match allowed.
 - January 28 – District 1 &2.
 - February 4 – District 3 & 4.
 - February 11- District 5 & 6.
 - February 13 – Sweet 16 starts.
 - February 16-20 – Junior Olympics – No state tournament fencing during this period.
 - February 21 – Sweet 16 resumes.

- February 27 – Sweet 16 Semis
 - February 29 - Finals
 - March 3 – State Individuals/end of regular season competition.
6. Review of current regulations and any proposed changes for next season.
- Definition of “officially entered”- **will better defined in the regulations.**
 - Penalties for not reporting results in a timely manner.- **NJSIAA will use and enforce the reporting policies that other sports use- suggest it must be done within 48 hours of the completion of the match.**
 - 50 % rule clarified by Executive Committee- **Fencing will use the new 50 % rule that was adopted by the NJSIAA Executive Committee in May 2023.**
7. New Business
- Shortage of officials- “interim” and coaches.-**NJSIAA will work along with fencing community to increase the number of officials.**
 - Definition of a “Credentialed” coach.- **Credentialed coach is a school approved coach. Proof of school approval of an individual can be asked for.**
 - Training program for new coaches- George Janto-**explained by George – a training program set up to teach individuals the basic skills of coaching fencing. NJSIAA will send out information to member schools if requested to assist in this program.**
 - Invite to Connecticut Fencing schools for C/S Tournament.-**NJSIAA will allow as long as the schools are members of the Connecticut Athletic Association.**
 - Team Championship – **start time of the event may be modified – suggested 6pm start will be discussed with the host school.**
8. Old Business
- **Clarification on how replacements fencers can be inserted into the state tournament when a qualified fencer cannot fence or must drop out of the tournament. Liss Campi -Sapery will work on the wording and submit it to the committee for approval.**
 - Timeouts/bout stoppage- **Committee discussed the excessive use of the timeouts during a bout. Committee approved the following – 1 timeout per bout with a maximum of 15 per match.**
9. Correspondence (See Attached)- all addressed during meeting
10. Good of the order.-

NJSIAA working with the NJ Fencing Coaches – open dialogue.

Meeting adjourned approximately at 8:30 PM