



Soccer Post Season Meeting Agenda December 4, 2023 @ 10:00am

1. Welcome and introductions -**Ed Seavers, Keith Breznovits, Teri Connor, Jen DeLorenzo, Jamie McGroaty, Andrian Castro, Katie Donahue, Mike Beiro, Tom Mulligan, Barry FitzGerald, Sean Dowling, Josh Mehl**
2. Review of 2022 Post Season Minutes-**Discussed- Motion to approve Mike Beiro, passed- 12-0**
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative).
 - Regular season Overtime- will be discuss under New Business.
 - Mercy Rule- **Will let individual conferences decide- ONLY FOR CONFERENCE GAMES- NJSIAA will gather info from each conference on what their guidelines are. Will review next post season meeting to see if a state- wide rule can be developed.**
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)-
 - New playoff schedule – 2 days between games- **Coaches and AD's in favor of continuing**
 - Play On vs. Play By dates- by permission of NJSIAA – did it work?-**Committee recommends that the games by Play By Dates- more flexibility because of other post season sports going on at the same time.**
 - Game times – mutual agreement or by NJSIAA Posted times.- **Continue the practice**
 - Non-Public Finals- Friday- **Will look at the schedule to try to avoid all NP Games on Friday- Directors will look at 2 games on Thursday and 2 games on Friday evenings. Tom Mulligan CBA suggested to go back to the NP Championships be a week earlier than the Publics- either on a Saturday or Sunday. Directors will look into this possibility to see if it can be fit into the 2 days between games schedule.**
5. Review of dates for next season- on hold until after the December Executive Committee Meeting.-**Executive Committee approved the proposal for local option to start regular season games after 6 days of practice and 1 day of rest. Directors will work on the schedule.**
6. Review of current regulations and any proposed changes for next season.- **Teri Connors- State Assigner provided a list of rule change proposals that the NJSIAA will submit to the NFHS Rules Committee for discussion and possible passage. Teri sits on the NFHS Rules Committee and will be at the meeting. Teri also submitted some Points of Emphasis that will be posted on the website along with the Rule Modifications for the 2023-24 season.**
7. New Business- Will be from Correspondence - attached

- Regular Season Overtime- **After much discussion the Committee voted 7-5 to keep the current OT policies in effect for the 2023-24 season for the Varsity level only. Will gather data for next year on when a game went into OT at what point was the Golden goal scored. Will also look at the impact of the 9 week season on the impact of OT on players.**
- Officials Assignments for State Games – **Request for each team to be able to pick an official for its game. Committee decided to keep the current assigning system in place. Committee recommended that schools attempt to secure 3 officials for the First Round games if they are available.**
- Quality of Officials- **Major concern throughout the state. Programs are being worked on to increase the numbers. Recommended that the \$300 incentive program to recruit officials be continued.**
- Officials Concerns- Pts of Emphasis/Rule Changes- **See attached**
- 1 timeout per half- **Committee discussed- no action taken.**
- State Semis at Neutral Sites- **Directors explained that since COVID and with increased crowd behavior issues schools are reluctant to host. Will continue to rotate semis between Sections.**
- Mandatory wearing of headsets by officials in state semis and Finals-**Recommend that this become the practice.**
- OT in playoffs – follow college rule – no golden goal – play to end of period- 2 OT- PK- **Not much support for the college rule. Will keep OT in state games as is.**
- Power Point System flaws (Strength of Schedule?)- **System is being updated – should be done by February- will go the Executive Committee for discussion and approval for the 2024-25 season if passed.**
- Reduce number of games that count towards PP- **No action to be taken until PP system is revised and in effect for 2024-25 season.**

8. Old Business- **None**

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

Motion to adjourn- Jason Mehl, Teri Connor – passed 12-0 at 12:15.