



Soccer Post Season Meeting Agenda December 2, 2024 @ 10:00am

1. Welcome and introductions. - **11 members of the committee were present. Bill Foley, AD at Vernon HS and the NJAC attended as a guest. Executive Director Colleen Maguire was present at a segment of the meeting. She spoke to the committee about the NJSIAA reserving the right to schedule schools that had both the boys' and girls' team in the Group Championships to play on the same day.**
2. Review of 2023 Post Season Minutes.- **Reviewed- motion to approve- Mike Beirao, 2nd Kate Donahue- all were in favor.**
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative).
 - Tournament games – overtime policy – Presentation of Regular Season and results from NJ. Com- **Much discussion on OT during regular season. Committee reviewed stats supplied by NJ.com. Showed that percentages of game going into OT was less than 12% and of those games less than 29% were still tied at the end of the 2 OT periods. Committee voted 6-4 – 1 abstention to keep the regular season OT as is.**
 - Still getting concerns from schools about officials not clarifying game ejections/DQ's to Athletic Directors/Coaches. **State and Chapter Rules Interpreters will instruct the officials on the proper procedures to be used at the rules meeting next fall.**
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)-
 - Coaches and AD's in favor of keeping the current set up of days between games.
 - The option of Friday/Saturday option is good.
 - Play on dates, but allow for movement if both schools agree. **All of these will continue in 2025-26 season.**
 - Complaints about the field conditions of some playoff games.- **Noted, it was explained to the Committee that the NJSIAA position is that if the league/conference allows regular season games to be played at the site, then NJSIAA**
5. Review of dates for next season- Boys and Girls will switch dates in 2025.
 - Boys begin tournament November 3, 2025
 - Girls begin tournament November 4, 2025
 - NP Boys Finals – November 19, NP Girls Finals – November 20
 - Public Boys Finals- November 22, Public Girls Finals – November 23
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/ Correspondence (attached)

- Yellow Card Rule Every Conference- We need to implement a statewide policy. Derryk Sellers will present his survey results. – ***Derryk Sellers will continue to gather information and draft a proposal for the NJSIAA to track yellow cards.***
 - Mercy Rule—***Committee will recommend to Program Review Committee- “when the goal differential is 6 or more goals at halftime, the game will end at the 20 minute mark of the second half if the goal differential of 6 goals is maintained and/or if the 6 goal differential is reached any time after the 20 minute mark of the second half”.*** This will be for regular season games and state tournament games.
 - Spectator’s Behavior- ***NJSIAA will continue to emphasize positive spectator behavior. Also, it will make officials aware that there is a Unsportsmanlike Behavior form that can be filled out on our website. The NJSIAA will contact the administration at the schools reported and will have the school correct the behaviors.***
 - Game Times – 2pm games on fields with lights.-***Explained that the game time is set by the home school as there may be other state tournament games using the field.***
 - NJSIAA Compliance – out of season coaching, recruitment and rostering of international players.- ***The NJSIAA Chief Compliance officer tracks and vets all transfers and international students to make sure that they are legally eligible. Out of season coaching needs to be reported to the NJSIAA.***
 - Power Points – awarding the winner of shoot out for tournament advancement 1 extra goal. – ***The NJSIAA has spoken with NJ.com, the NJSIAA beginning next season will record all regular season games that end in a tie after the 2 OT periods as a tie- the power points will be split between the 2 teams. During the conference tournaments where a team has to be advanced and a shoot-out is needed – the games will be recorded as a tie for the team record BUT a winner will be advanced based on the shoot-out results.***
 - Officials getting injured during a game – post season – ***If it is a 3 person crew and 1 is injured – the game would be officiated as a 2 person crew game. If it is a 2 person crew game the game would be completed by the remaining official. If a registered official who is not affiliated with either school involved is present at the game they can be used as a replacement official. The R 1 should move to the center position and the replacement official will become a side official. It was also suggested that all Sectional Finals should have a 3rd linesman official assigned to the game. Motion by Tom Mulligan – 2nd by Katie Donahue- all were in favor.***
 - Eliminating OT during regular season or modifying the OT regulations.-***Discussed previously .***
 - Mandating headset-use for all post season games.- ***Our Assigners at the meeting stated that most officials have them. Suggested that the schools purchase a set that can be used by officials during the regular season and can be used in the tournament. The NJSIAA will recommend that officials also purchase their own head – sets.***
8. Old Business—***Tom Mulligan- CBA requested that the NP Tournament end the Sunday prior to the Public Finals as it had been in the past. The NJSIAA will look into this request – may be impacted by the availability of the site – it may also impact the number of days between games on the NP side and the starting date of the NP tournament. The NJSIAA would also like to poll the NP Schools to see if there was a consensus for making the change.***
9. Good of order.- ***None noted.***

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 pm