



Cross-Country Post-Season Meeting Agenda December 3, 2024 @ 10:00am

1. Welcome and introductions- **14 members of the Committee were present at the meeting.**
2. Review of 2023 Post Season Minutes- **Motion to approve (Victor Wu) seconded (Marty Holleran) – All in favor – 14-0**
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative)
 - **Great weather for the entire season.**
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)
 - Wildcards for MOC- no issue/complaints this year- New wording is clear.- **No issues or comments on the Wildcards this year – Coaches appreciate the clear wording in the regulations.**
 - Report on Sectional Sites by Sectional Directors- **All site directors reported no issue at their sites.**
 - Coaches do not meet deadlines for entry. **There are still coaches that do not meet the entry deadlines. Coaches/schools that submitted late entries were fined.**
 - Issues with timing/results at Group Championships. **The timing issues that occurred in some races were caused by some defective chips not being able to be read- THIS WAS NOT THE FAULT OF THE TIMING COMPANY. All timing issues were corrected by reviewing the finish line video which is a time-consuming process. The Meet Management felt it was more important to get the results correct than to rush the results. This was done despite coaches wanting to get the results quickly.**
 - **Coaches need to be reminded that meet results are not “official” until 48 hours after the conclusion of the race. Corrections can be made up to that point of time.**
5. Review of dates for next season
 - Sectional – November 1, 2025
 - Group – November 8, 2025
 - MOC – November 15, 2025
6. Review of current regulations and any proposed changes for next season.
 - **Todd Briggs- Freehold Twp Coach- questioned why times were rounded up instead of being recorded to three decimal places. Wondered whether it could impact WC placement for teams and/or individuals. It was explained that the NFHS Rule was to round up. Victor Wu researched the last 2 years of results and found that going to 3 decimal places would not have changed the team results BUT would have impacted the individual results. Each year there have been runners who have advanced due to ties for 30th place. Using 3 decimal points, some of these runners would not have advanced.**

7. New Business- Correspondence received(attached):
 - Use of technology- watches – definition of what is/is not allowed. **Scott Noonan, state rules interpreter, stated that watches can only be used for timing as per the NFHS. They cannot be used as communication devices; any illegal use of watches is ground for disqualification.**
 - Request for a change of start time for MOC. **Reviewed by committee. They decided to keep the current times for the races. Cited travel times and the fact that Holmdel Park has another race scheduled at 8:30 am that day.**
 - Revision to method of determining positions on starting line. – **Submitted by Sean McCafferty, CBA Coach. Committee approved his set up – will make more space at the starting line. (attached) Motion to approve – Marty Holleran, 2nd Todd Briggs – All were in favor.**

New Correspondence received after the agenda was made:

Matt Van Deursen- Dayton Coach – wants to add 2 more wildcard teams to Championship Race. – Committee discussed and decided not to move this forward.

Kaitlyn Lavender – St. Rose Coach and Post season Committee Member- this proposal is also supported by Morris Catholic and MKA coaches. Concerns about the lack of numbers in the NP B girls' race- only 54 participants raced and only 5 team scored as a team. NJSIAA entries showed that 106 individuals were registered for the race and 12 teams registered. Of the 12 teams that registered only 5 schools raced with at least 5 runners present. Coach Lavender suggested that the NJSIAA look at the classifications and revise them for NP B girls. This will be looked at for the future- the 2024-25 and 2025-26 Classifications are set. The committee will discuss possible solutions at next year's meeting to be used for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 classification cycle.

Todd Briggs/CBA coaches suggested that the Championship Race be made more special- suggested announcing all racers and teams at the starting line, Todd will investigate finding some event planner/sponsors to help recognize the athletes and their accomplishments.

Changes/ Revisions to rosters on the day of the meet. Some coaches and timers suggested that race day issues could better be resolved by allowing coaches to submit runner changes before the day of the event. Victor Wu will develop a Google Sheet that will allow coaches to make changes up to the night before the race to cut down on the confusion of making the changes at least 20 minutes before the race. Emergency changes will still be allowed on race day if needed.

8. Old Business - **None**

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

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 am Motion Victor Wu, 2nd Kathy Hunter – all were in favor.

