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Post-Season Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and introductions- In attendance were- Laura Palmerezzi- AD Verona, Joe Rossi- Rules Interpreter, Kevin Brady East Brunswick, David Zwirz- AD Colts Neck, Anthony Browning AD Woodbury, Christopher Sariti- NJSIAA Assignor, Diana Fasano- IHA, Kevin English- New Egypt, John Taylor AD Burlington Twp, Derryk Sellers-NJSIAA
- Review of previous Post-Season Minutes
 - Minutes were accepted by Chris Sariti 2nd Joe Rossi
- Correspondence
 - All correspondence was distributed.
- Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative)
 - Sports Proposal
 - # 48 – All state games to be played at a field with a fence (NFHS standards)
 - i. Submission Discussed – most fields have a fence already
 - # 49 – Power Point System
 - i. The system was changed prior to 2024-25 school year
 - ii. The system will be modified for 2025-26 school year
 - iii. 2025 season was impacted by adverse weather on weekends.
 - iv. The cutoff date was extended by 2 days to allow for games to be played. This negatively impacted some schools from a scheduling standpoint.
 - v. # 56 – Power Point System – Change Back to the best 16 games
 - vi. This will be addressed along with #49, with the modification of Power Point System for 2025-26 season.
 - – Start Playoffs Earlier
 - i. Start playoffs before Memorial Day – **CM states tournament will not start before Memorial Day**
 - ii. End tournament by June 5/6
 - iii. Tightening gap between games
 - iv. Play Non-Public championships on Friday
 - Play Public Championships on Saturday
- Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)
 - Discussion about start times for championship games.
 - Non-Publics – want to play later in the day
 - i. 3 & 6 PM start times suggested

- Public Championships - same start times, but taking into consideration travel distances for some teams – **11AM, 1:30PM, 4PM, 6:30PM**
- Warmup times – standard 30 minutes pregame
 - 10 mins for Home
 - 10 mins for Visitors
 - 10 mins for pregame & intros
 - Alternate Location for Championships
 - Ivy Hill Seems to be the Most Convenient Location
 - Rutgers not viable
 - Jackson Complex not viable
 - 2027 possible Northern Burlington Facility will be online
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- Review of dates for next season (See Handout)
 - Softball Schedule for 2026
 - Memorial Day is May 25, 2026
 - NP tournament starts Tuesday 5/26/25
 - Public tournament starts Wednesday 5/27/25
 - Monday is open due to schools using public parks, not being able to practice on Sunday. Monday is open for practice.
 - Power Points will determine home team for state semi-finals and state championships (N1/N2, Central/South)
 - State championship for 2025
 - i. NP B - 3PM
 - ii. NP A - 6PM
 - iii. G1 1 - 11AM
 - iv. G2 - 1:30PM
 - v. G3 - 4 PM
 - vi. G4 - 6:30PM

Important Dates - Softball 2025-26

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>	
First Practice:	March 9, 2026	
Competition Start:	March 16, 2026	
Entry Form Opens:	May 1, 2026	
Entry Form Closes:	May 12, 2026	
Conflict of Interest Form:	May 12, 2026	
Cutoff:	May 16, 2026	
PowerPoints Close (12:00pm):	May 17, 2026	
Seeding:	May 20, 2026	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	June 14, 2025	
Post-Season Committee Meeting:	June 16, 2026	
<u>Public Tournament</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Round 1:	May 27, 2026	Higher Seed
Round 2:	May 29, 2026	Higher Seed
Round 3:	June 3, 2026	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	June 5, 2026	Higher Seed
State Semifinals:	June 9, 2026	Power Points
State Finals:	June 12, 2026	TBD
<u>Non-Public Tournament</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Round 1:	May 26, 2026	Higher Seed
Round 2:	May 28, 2026	Higher Seed
Round 3:	June 2, 2026	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	June 4, 2026	Higher Seed
State Finals:	June 9, 2026	TBD

- Review current tournament regulations and any proposed changes for next season.
 - No pitching lane lines for championships
 - Sub-varsity modifications
 - Team at bat ends after 5 runs or 3 outs
 - Varsity modifications
 - Game ending procedure to make 15 run lead after 3 ½ or 4 innings mandatory game ending score.
 - i. This was unanimously approved
 - Discussion about grouping schools in each group according to level of availability instead of conference alignment.
 - This could be based on current conference sizes and abilities. Very similar to what football has done to help save some struggling programs

- CO-OP
- When 2 teams co-op, but then can stand alone, they have to be split, even though they may end up in a co-op after 1 year.
- If 1 team in a co-op is back to full strength, the co-op partner needs to be realigned with a different school.
- Paul Popadiuk – If you have any questions about it.
- Turf field pitchers plate and home plate
- NFHS to address turf field requirements more in depth in the 2026 rules book.
- New Business
 - Statewide Coaches Clinic- Looking to have a softball clinic for coaches
 - Statewide Coaches Association- Looking to establish a Softball Coaches Association to help organize the coaches and also help with the coaches clini
- Old Business- None
- Good of the order.- Derryk Sellers thanked Joe and Chris for their professionalism during the state championships. Thanked them for handling a difficult situation with class and poise.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:45am