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Girls & Boys Post-Season Meeting Agenda

June 19, 2025

1. Welcome and introductions- **Coaches- Mike Butler, John Canova, Jen Jones. Executive Committee Representative- Brendan McGovern. AD – Rich Carroll. Tournament Directors- Boys – Steve Skinner, Girls Dick Bennett.**
2. Review of previous Post-Season Minutes
 - **Reviewed and approved.**
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative)
 - Review of I Wanamaker scoring system. **-Universal agreement that the system works well and continue to use it as a qualifier for the state tournament.**
 - **Committee asked that IW creates an updated online webinar for coaches prior to the 2026 season.**
 - IW needs to freeze qualifying teams for a designated period when the cut off time is reached.- **IW will be required to shutdown system at 12 midnight on the cut off date for 24 hours.**
 - Advice Givers- **no issues**
 - Not all schools posting scores in a timely manner.- **Must be enforced- Committee feels that it should be done immediately after the matches before the teams leave the site so any issues can be corrected in person. Committee also recommends that teams not reporting be reported to the NJSIAA for possible fines and/or impacting tournament qualification. (after warnings are issued)**
 - **Question was raised about integrating with NJ.com reporting- will inquire with IW if it can be done.**
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)
 - Raritan Valley Country Club- **RVCC does a great job as a host. Issue of no driving range was raised again- that is at the request of the club. Will inquire about it. Issue was also raised about some players using contacts and / or membership at clubs to practice at RVCC prior to the tournament. The NJSIAA cannot control RVCC from preventing cross – club privileges from being honored.**
 - New Courses- Flanders Valley Boys North Group 3 – Preakness Valley NP North – **Both worked out well- some weather issues.**
 - New Girls set up – NP to the Group meet – no Sectional Event. One Coach complained- **Worked well, NP did have a separate Group Championship Award.**
 - Shotgun vs. tee time start- **The NJSIAA prefers shotgun starts but will do what the course requests.**
 - Boys- moving individuals whose team did not qualify or whose school does not have a team back to the Sectional level was received well.-**There was an issue, especially in Group 1 and the NP group in which some schools that did not qualify had up to 5 players qualify as individuals. Committee recommends that the NJSIAA go back to**

the old rule that a school that does not qualify can enter a MAXIMUM of 2 individual players.

- IW Rankings- Boys – Best 8 Girls – Best 6 - ***These numbers will remain in effect.***

5. Review of dates for next season

- Start of Practice- March 9, 2026
- First Match- March 9, 2026
- Sectionals – May 4 & 5, 2026
- Championships – May 11 & 12, 2026
- Competition Ends – June 15, 2026-only regular season matches conference matches can be played after the state championships are completed.

6. Review current tournament regulations and any proposed changes for next season.

- Addition of a NP Girls Sectional Event and its impact on the Championship Round- number of teams and players.
- Boys Individuals – schools who do not qualify for the Sectionals or who do not have a golf team will be limited to 2 entries which rank in the top 10 individuals in the Section .
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At this point the boys and girls committees may decide to break into 2 separate groups to discuss items unique to their Championship

7. New Business

- Non- public boys combining of Groups A & B- ***See notes in Correspondence section.***
- Posting of the individual rankings at the cut off. – ***Addressed earlier.***
- Pace of Play – ***Introduced by Dick Bennett- he will attempt to get his conference to adopt it as a “trial” and report back to the committee next post season meeting.***
- ***Possible reduction in the number of boys teams that qualify in each section- some of the lower teams shot very high scores and slowed the pace of play. Committee will re-evaluate at the end of the 2026 season.***

8. Old Business

- ***None***

9. Correspondence (See Attached)

- Mike Butler- Non-Public – Elimination of NP North and South A & B Classifications into NP North and NP South- small schools having to compete with large schools. – ***The current tournament set up was approved as a 2 year trial- issue was discussed and the Committee feels that it should be addressed, but it cannot be changed until the 2-year trial is completed. It will be discussed and recommendations will be made at the 2026 post-season meeting.***
- Mike Butler- Concerns about Upholding the Integrity of the game and Rules Enforcement.- ***All coaches and players must insist on following the rules of golf and cannot overlook infractions. It is suggested that coaches oversee their teams at matches and not play as the match is going on.***
- Mike Butler – look for a 36 hole course to host the TOC and divide teams to two sites.- ***Would require a change to the tournament set up and approval of the NJSIAA Executive Committee. This will be discussed at the 2026 post-season meeting.***
- Tim Hogan- concerns about the clarity of the wording in the tournament regulations regarding Tie breaker in the State Tournament regulations and in the IW tie breaker.-***IW will adopt the wording for the tiebreaker- it will be imputed into their tie breaker software as the NJ Tiebreaker.***

- Tim Hogan- State cut off- requested that IW system shuts down at cut off for a set period of time. This way no new scores can be added until the qualifiers are determined and noted.- ***Discussed and resolved as noted earlier.***
- ***THESE ITEMS WERE RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PUT OUT TO THE COMMITTEE- ALL WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:***
- ***Raritan Valley CC – NJSIAA needs to find a new location IF RVCC Does not allow all schools a pre -round practice. Committee feels that we cannot demand this from any of our host courses.***
- ***Splitting of boys and girls golf into separate seasons. Reasoning is that courses are having difficulties squeezing bot the boys and girls teams onto their courses in the spring. It may be easier on the courses to have the girls play in the fall as they are the smaller group. The NJSIAA will ask the conferences to survey their membership about this proposal and ask them to check with the courses they use about the feasibility of separate season.***
- ***Weather issues- The NJSIAA will ask all the host courses about having a rain date for the tournament. It is difficult to require a course to set aside 2 days in a row for our tournament, The NJSIAA will request a rain date during the same week as the original date.***
- ***Girls golf – North A and B sites- geographic locations and travel times would be shortened if the sites were switched. NJSIAA will speak with each site director about making the switch.***
- ***Girls and Boys Sectionals be played on separate days- will look into this but it may not be easy based on course availability.***
- ***Girls Golf- Individual qualifiers- look at girls who finish outside of the top 50 BUT who finish in the top 5 of their Section to be advanced if their team does not move on to the Group Championships. This will be investigated. May only add a few more girls to the field.***
- ***Combining of Sections- proposal that 2 Sectional Championship trophies be handed out at each Sectional site for the first and second place finishers. Committee did not move on this request, felt that the first place team was the only Sectional Champion.***

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12 noon. – Motion Carroll , seconded by Canova – all were in favor.