



Spring Track Post Season Meeting Agenda June 23, 2025 @ 10:00am

1. Welcome and introductions
 - Present- **Kathy Hunter, Joe Pastva, John Schwarz, Dave Pfeifer, Anthony Brito, Victor Wu, John Tenero, Sean Dowd, Karen O'Neil, John MacGillviray**
 - NV – **Joe Figlio, Tom Kincannon, Matt VanDeursen**
2. Review of 2024 Post Season Minutes
 - See attached document.- **approved**
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative)
 - Coaches not reading the Tournament Regulations- too many coaches think that MileSplit is the official Tournament information site. – **Coaches will be reminded by MileSplit and their Coaches Association that they must read the NJSIAA Tournament Regulations – that is the only OFFICIAL document.**
 - The new championship dates earlier schedule.- **Very positive reviews from coaches and athletes. Some concerns from conferences because of their championship events but they will work it out.**
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)
 - Review of sites- issues. – **Site reviews were positive. Some weather issues. Delsea was complimented on how quickly they were able to get their site up and running after some serious flooding.**
 - Use of Wind Gauges at all state meets.- **All sites had wind gauges set up for running and vertical events.**
 - Clarification of late entries – what is allowed and what is not allowed. – **Entries can be modified at the site, but NEW entries cannot be added- for example – cannot add a 100m runner on meet day if the coach did not enter a 100m runner on the original entry.**
 - Defining Sectionals and Groups as ONE MEET.- **some DQ's because coaches believed an athlete could do 4 events on Friday and 4 events on Saturday. Sectional and Group meet is defined as one event.**
 - DQ's due to athletes being entered and competing in more than 4 events.- **see above.**
 - Disrespect shown by coaches towards officials.- **Needs to be addressed by schools and coaches. There needs to be a mutual respect between officials and coaches. Both officials and coaches need to treat each other in a professional manner.**
 - Coaches not knowing the proper procedure for protests and what can and cannot be protested.- **Protests must be filed with the Head Referee on the day of the meet. Coaches need to understand that JUDGEMENT calls by officials cannot be**

appealed. Videos cannot be used as support for appeals. Only video that is allowed to be used is the finish line camera.

5. Review of dates for next season- If Approved by Executive Committee:
 - Sectional – May 15 and 16, 2026 - Public
 - Group Meets – May 29 and 30, 2026- Public and Non-Public
 - MOC- June 3, 2026
6. Review of current regulations and any proposed changes for next season.
 - Will be updated after season dates are set by Executive Committee.
 - Dates will be clarified in the Tournament Regulations
 - MileSplit Directions will be updated.- ***will be supplied by MileSplit.***
7. New Business/ Correspondence
 - Should winter track results continue to be used for seeding for spring?- ***Will continue to be used.***
 - Reinforcing that all seeds MUST come from NFHS and/or NJSIAA Sanctioned high school meets against high school competition. No club meet seeds/distances are allowed.- ***Committee agrees with this.***
 - Recruitment of new officials.- ***All chapters are working on this. Coaches will be encouraged to speak to their graduating athletes about getting involved with officiating. Some Chapters have been successful using remote learning.***
 - Correspondence- Attached
 - Jonathon Dayton Coach- private Pole Vault coaches in coaching area at Sectionals and Groups coaching all the vaulters. They are not school approved. Meet Directors not having them removed from coaching areas as they are not board approved coaches but are somehow getting coaching wristbands.- ***NJSIAA will have schools fill out forms identifying all their approved coaches. That list will be used to hand out wrist bands at events. If the name is not on the list or if the list is not turned in – no wristbands will be handed out.***
 - ***South Jersey Track coaches- New Order of Events- 4x8 and 3200m – Karen O’Neil (South) and Matt VanDuersen (North) will poll coaches by July 4 and will submit their responses. Also proposed that the MOC be moved to Friday and starting events later in the day- the committee discussed and decide to leave the meet on a Wednesday and keep current time of the start. Pre-seeding of the MOC- was discussed – no motion was made to act on it. Drug Testing- concern about athletes having to wait excessive amounts of time after the competition. – Committee will request that the testing be done prior to the meet date at the athletes home school. Announcer at MOC – next year there will be 2 announcers hired- one for awards and one for announcing the meet.***
 - ***Jim Luginsland – Bridgewater Coach- Wild Cards – believes that the statement “ must have competed in the finals of the event be considered as a wildcard” should be removed. Suggested that wildcards be selected based on the marks in trials regardless of whether they make the finals. He believes that the that the following should be considered-***
 - ***2 automatic (first and second place finishers) per group (12) and the next 18 best finishers (including trial results) regardless of groups move on.***
 - ***OR – use NCAA model- take top 30 results in each event to the MOC.***

Karen O/Neil and Matt Van Deursen will add this to the poll they are taking.

8. Old Business
 - ***Because of the classifications used this will be used in 2026 – the NJSIAA will hold off on requesting RFP on any new sites for future use of facilities for the Track Championships until 2026.***

- **Merger of Jackson Liberty HS and Jackson Memorial HS into one Jackson High School will cause the NJSIAA to look for a new site for the Central Group 2 and 3 Sectional. The NJSIAA is working on locating a new site.**

9. Good of the order.- None

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 am