



## Soccer Post Season Meeting Agenda

### December 9, 2025 @ 10:00am

1. Welcome and introduction. **Attendance- Ed Seavers- Rules, Steve Parseghian & Teri Connor- state assigners, Jen DiLorenzo, Katie Donahue, Katina Anthony, Tom Mulligan- coaches, Josh Mehl – Boys Tournament Director, Steve Barandica, Tripp Becker, Mike Beiero – AD's and Natalie Gorman – Executive Committee**
2. Review of 2024 Post Season Minutes.-**Reviewed, no ads/deletes- approved**
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative).
  - Tournament games – overtime policy & PK procedure – officials not being familiar with the policy- **Discussed – all will be reviewed at officials rule interpretation meeting in the fall of 2026.**
  - Still getting concerns from schools about officials not clarifying game ejections/DQ's to Athletic Directors/Coaches.- **Procedure will be emphasized at fall officials meetings.**
  - Very high number of DQ's during the season.- **Alarming rate of player and coaches DQ's – boys soccer was the highest of all fall sports.**
  - Illegal white uniforms- schools wear them and officials do not report them.- **Solid white with contrasting solid number is the only legal white top – schools will be notified and possible penalties will be accessed.**
  - **It was also noted that many players are wearing illegal shin guards. Coaches and school Ad's need to address it with players. Players will not be allowed to play with illegal shin guards- if during game – they will need to leave game and cannot return unless they have legal shin guards.**
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)-
  - Coaches and AD's in favor of keeping the current set up of days between games. - **Yes**
  - The option of Friday/Saturday option is good.- **Yes**
  - Play on dates -but allow for movement if both schools agree.- **Yes**
5. Review of dates for next season- Boys and Girls will switch dates in 2025.  
**Dates need to be approved by Executive Committee.**
  - Boys begin tournament November 3, 2026
  - Girls begin tournament November 2, 2026
  - NP Boys Finals – November 15, NP Girls Finals – November 15
  - Public Boys Finals- November 21, Public Girls Finals – November 22 – may change depending on B/G doubleheaders- **Committee favors keeping boys and girls championships on separate days.**
6. Review of current regulations and any proposed changes for next season. -

7. New Business/ Correspondence (attached)

- Yellow Card Rule Every Conference- We need to implement a statewide policy. Derryk Sellers will present his survey results. **NJSIAA will investigate a policy for all conferences. Tripp Becker will develop a policy for having players who are yellow carded being mandated to be out of the game for a set period of time, team will be allowed to replace the player on the field. This will increase the penalty for a yellow card and will hopefully cut down on yellow cards and DQ's. ONCE THE POLICY IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE NJSIAA IT WILL BE POSTED ON THE NJSIAA SOCCER WEBSITE.**
- Mercy Rule- **Some concerns about impact on players statistics, but overall positive reviews of the procedure.**
- Spectator's Behavior- **Continues to be a concern- schools must enforce the Spectator Code Of Conduct they are all required to have in effect.**
- Game Times – 2pm games on fields with lights. Issues with getting Officials – especially Round 1 games. – **NJSIAA will recommend that schools try to schedule games later if they have lights.**
- Modifying Public Finals to Group 1 & 3 Boys and Girls to one day and Group 2 & 4 Boys and girls to one day to accommodate the possibility of B/G doubleheaders if one school has both teams playing.-**addressed under # 5**
- Sparta HS – yellow card for misconduct- - **Committee discussed and did not see it as being a problem- issue is that many players rush to get ball out of net because the clock does not stop in the club teams rules but it does stop in high school.**
- RFH HS- handshake – **move to pre-game- Committee felt it emphasized good sportsmanship after the game was completed.**
- Morristown HS- eliminate regular season OT- **Committee was split on this, Josh Mehl and Katina Anthony will poll the coaches in the state to get their opinion of eliminating OT on regular season games. Some of the people on the committee feel that it is needed so teams do not have to play OT for the first time in the conference or state tournament.**
- South Brunswick HS- Neutral Locations for state semi finals -**Committee understands the concerns, but also realizes that it is getting harder to secure "neutral sites" to host because of a multitude of issues such as the host site having 4 sets of unknown spectators on their campus and the possibility of increased travel times to reach these sites during the week.**
- Shalick HS- mandate that Sectional Finals be at least the NFHS 110 yards x 65 yards. – **Committee discussed and feels that it makes it difficult for a school whose field does not meet the proposed requirement to find an alternate site. The Committee recommends, but does not mandate the host school to find an alternate site to play the game.**

8. Old Business—**none noted**

9. Good of order.- **none noted**

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15pm**