

Field Hockey Post Season Meeting December 16, 2025 10:00am

1. Welcome and introductions – In attendance: Courtney Stetson (West Deptford), Jen Schwarzenbek (Summit), Sarah Pallino (Caldwell), Kimberly Clark (Ridge), Britney Ewan (Clearview), Ali Good (Oak Knoll), Joe McGolgan (AD Moorestown), Kim Gruccio (NJSIAA Exec., Egg Harbor), Maureen Dzwil (State Assignor), Lynda Allibone (Tournament Director), Charlotte Heenan (Rules Interpreter), Michael Jones (AD Warren Hills).
2. Review of previous Post-Season Minutes:
Power Points for out of state competition, this was the first year that the schools were responsible for entering the opponents record and that would decide the amount of power points awarded.

The tournament in the South was sanctioned by the NJSIAA and it will remain as such, no need to continue requesting permission.
3. Review of the regular season (Positive/Negative):
The maximum number of games allowed per season is 18, including all games played up to the regular season competition ending date.
4. Review of the post season (Positive/Negative): AD's and Coaches should confirm state tournament game dates and times with the assignor for confirmation of officials.
5. Review of dates for next season:

First Practice: August 17, 2026
Competition Start: August 24, 2026
Entry Form Opens: October 1, 2026
Entry Form Closes: October 15, 2026
Cutoff: October 24, 2026
Power Points Close at 12:00pm: October 25, 2026
Tournament Seeding: October 28, 2026
Tournament Dates: November 2,3,4,5,9,11, 2026
State Finals: November 14, 2026
Regular Season Competition Ends: November 22, 2026

6. Review current tournament regulations and any proposed changes for next season:
The state assignor and rules interpreter will review the regulations with the officials, and coaches will be notified if any changes are made.
7. Correspondence:
 - Rules and Regulations for Coaches coaching out of season. This was a very detailed

- proposal, many coaches on the committee agreed with the proposal. I will take this to the NJSIAA Directors to discuss the proposal. The biggest obstacle with this request is, who will police the regulations and keep track of the parameters. This proposal was presented to the committee in lieu of many schools losing coaches to clubs for more money, time for player development and the ability to compete year-round.
- Reference of quick charts, this will remain under “schools” tab as it demonstrates start date through completion date of regular season.
 - Communicate with coaches, important rule information and any updates. The AD office must update coaches contact information in the NJSIAA website, this can be accommodated.
 - Friendly reminder for schools hosting games:
 1. Provide security or supervision
 2. Provide assistance to officials and opponents as they walk to their cars and busses
 3. Pay an adult to work the clock/scoreboard
 4. Provide ball personnel for state tournament games
 5. Provide an ATC for state finals games
 - A 4th official hired for Sectional Finals games to work the clock, I will discuss this with the NJSIAA.
 - The rules regarding consecutive games and games will remain as is.
8. Old Business:
The issue of Heat Acclimation and the start of the season for the goalies.
I need a proposal to take this to the SMAC committee. We discussed a gradual acclimation on the first day of 30 minutes in full equipment, second day, 1 hour in full equipment and the 3rd day, 1.5 hours of full equipment. This was a terrific discussion, my hope is that a proposal will come forward.
9. New Business:
- A discussion regarding a state coaches association and workshop was well received but has not been brought to fruition. I received a quote for each coach that would register, but I need a quote for the total workshop.
 - Proposal for out of season coaches to continue coaching in the off-season. The proposal was very thoughtful and well documented. There are many issues regarding this proposal, the question of who would monitor the rules and how this would affect all other sports. The proposal will be read by the NJSIAA.
 - Growing the sport; provide coaches workshops, student-athletes clinics.
10. Good of the Order: The meeting was well attended by the committee, with everyone actively engaged, interactive, and contributing ideas for resolutions and ways to support the sport.



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