



Fencing Post Season Meeting Agenda- AND MINUTES March 31, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

1. Welcome and introductions
 - Present- **Mike Griffin, Ted Li, Jesse Spencer, Stephen Olson, Ralph and Marilyn Bellatoni, Mike Malecki, Rich Molina, Josh Crome**
 - NV – designates non – voting member
2. Review of 2025 Post Season Minutes
 - **No questions – motion by Mike Griffin, second by Ted Li – approved**
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative)
 - Reporting Match results in a timely manner. **-Was better this year, schools that were not reporting began to report when they were told they could be fined.**
 - Review of 50% rule. – Will be changed. - **NJSIAA will be changing the rule in the summer- will be modified to make it easier to validate 50 % attendance at regular season meets.**
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)
 - New Tournament set up. - **Generally well accepted by coaches, number of teams that qualified doubled. Coaches felt that TbT for qualifying for the Individual Championship needed to be “tweaked” a little for individuals. Committee will work on that during the summer.**
 - Play by dates for Tournament Brackets – keep or make it PLAY ON Dates? **-Keep as it gives the school some flexibility to schedule, especially when the boys and girls are coached by the same coaches.**
 - Hunterdon Central – Individuals- **Generally went well, need to look to hire more officials to make it a shorter day.**
5. Review of dates for next season
 - Rounds up to the Team Tournament will remain
 - Individuals – waiting to hear when wrestling dates are. **-Will be determined when wrestling dates are set .**
6. Review of current regulations and any proposed changes for next season.
 - Will be written up over the summer
7. New Business
 - New teams- **To the best of our knowledge there may be some new programs started on the lower levels – East Orange is starting Middle School with hopes of it moving into a varsity program in the future. Gill will probably have a varsity squad next year.**
 - Power points for Tournament Brackets (based on 12 highest PP matches) – 2026 match average was 13 matches fenced. **Most schools had reached 13 matches**

- by the cut off. Committee felt making the number 12 had increased the number of matches that schools fenced during the season. Some schools did not realize that they could still qualify if they did not reach the 12 matches.**
- Independent Fencers – qualification- keep at C/S Tournament? - **Yes as long as the tournament can stay at Drew University.**
 - Individual Fencer qualification – how will they qualify w/o District Tournament? – Do we need to tweak TbT?- **Will be looked at during the summer.**
8. Old Business
- Lack of officials – discussion on how to increase the number. - **Discussion centered around the fencing community offering more officiating clinics and encouraging graduating fencers to become involved in officiating while in college and beyond. Also, they continue to encourage schools to set up tri and quad meets during the year.**
9. Correspondence – none received as of today. -**No other communications were received.**
10. Good of the order. - **None- meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm**

Thank you to Bridgewater Raritan Director of Athletics, Bill Deniz for allowing us to meet at the school.