



Basketball Post Season Meeting Agenda April 14, 2026 @ 10:00am

- Welcome and introductions.
 - Reminder that this committee is advisory only – not policy making.
 - Present- **Matt Wolf- Lenape- Coach, Jason Miller - South Hunterdon, Ex. Committee Representative, Bill Vacca – Tournament Director, Jeff Cohen – Assigner, Mike Stoia Re bank Regionals, Erin Keenan- AD Burlington City.**
 - NV – non – voting member- **Brain Lauducci – Basketball Official**
 - **Special Guest- Colleen Maguire – Executive Director NJSIAA, Paul Popadiuk- Chief Compliance Officer, NJSIAA**
- Review of 2025 Post Season Minutes
 - See Attachment- **Reviewed and passed 6-0**
- Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative)
 - Complaints about spectator policies and crowd issues continue- **NJSIAA continues to monitor and work with schools to reduce issues.**
 - Definition of in season tournament what counts as post season vs regular season tournament. - **NJSIAA approved in season tournaments- See Attachment**
 - Level of officiating- State Observers continue to give input. - **Al Stumpf shared the process and handed out a report developed by Billy Martin, State Rules Interpreter.**
- Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)
 - Post Season Official Assignment- Round 1 – set times? Feedback from state assigners. – **Assigners feel there is no reason to go back to pre-set start times for games through the Sectional Finals. Round 1 through Sectional Final will be based on the home teams request.**
 - High Seeds – gym size- should there be a minimum size for Sectional Finals? NJSIAA will step in and help if needed. -**Colleen Maguire spoke about some issue with small gyms for Sectional Finals. In the future, the NJSIAA will request that schools with small gym capacities seek using a site with a larger spectator capacity if needed. The NJSIAA will assist schools in securing a larger site if needed.**
 - Ticket sales – online vs at the door- **Rounds 1- 3 home school decides.**
 - Ticket sales Sectional Finals (Public) Host school - **if expecting a sellout – paper tickets must be used – 60/40 split.**
 - Predetermined sites-NJSIAA will continue to use the following policy: **For the NP Sectionals and the Public Group Semi- Finals at the predetermined sites all games will be boy/girl doubleheaders at the same site- for example,**

Central/South Group 2 boys and girls at the same site, same day. – Endorsed by the post season committee.

- **Officiating of games in post -season – End of game situations. - NJSIAA will continue to assign a 4th official to the table at the Sectional Finals and beyond to assist the crew on the floor with any end of the game issues- their primary responsibility will be to watch the clock and where the ball is when time expires. Has not been needed but the NJSIAA will continue this practice.**
- Review of dates for next season: Dates are tentatively scheduled.
- 3-day try-out period- November 23-25
- First Official Practice – November 30, 6 days practice – 1 day of rest
- Competitions may begin – December 7
- Cut Off for post season – February 13
- Power Points close at 12 noon – February 14- **Both dates have been corrected from original agenda.**
- Tournament begins – February 24

- Review of current regulations and any proposed changes for next season.
 - **Illegal Uniform issues- penalties will be assessed. Technical Foul – loss of bench privileges for head coach and/or fine for schools. Brian Lauducci (official) was concerned that putting the burden of calling a “T” on the official would cause the coaches to begin the game with a negative feeling towards the officials. Same feeling about pre- game “dunks” by players. If the NJSIAA decides to have officials enforce these rules, the NJSIAA will make it known to both AD’s and coaches prior to the start of the season that these violations will be enforced.**

- New Business
 - NJBCA – June Scholastic Event – NJBCA will sponsor NJ Live on the following dates: NJ LIVE Boys Session 1- June 12-14. NJ LIVE Girls Session 1 - June 18-20
NJ LIVE Boys Session 2 – June 26-28
Sessions will be held at Iron Peak Sports Center, Hillsborough, NJ and Montgomery HS.

Paul Popadiuk explained to the committee how the competitive balance formula will move teams to a higher group based on their previous success- this Competitive Balance formula passed it first reading with the NJSIAA Executive Committee on April 15 and will go into practice for the 2026-27 season if the Executive Committee passes it during its second reading at its May 2026 meeting.

Paul also explained the new transfer sit rule as it would apply to basketball. Seniors would sit for 8 games; underclass would sit for 12 games. This also needs to be approved after its second reading at the May 2027 Executive Committee meeting.

- Old Business-**NONE**
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- Correspondence (See Attached)
 - Montgomery HS – **State cut off date will not be changes to first weekend in February. The concept of “jumping” will not be used in basketball, committee**

- felt that it would be difficult to track as some schools could play twice during the regular season and possibly one more time in the conference/county tournament. The NJSIAA is looking at increasing the number of games counted towards power points. It will be discussed at the April Executive Committee meeting as a first reading and if it is agreed it will be given a second reading at the May meeting.
- Mahwah HS- Committee discussed changing the mercy rule number of points to 30. The NJSIAA prefers to keep it at 35 as originally proposed in the 2-year trial period. It will be re-visited at the 2026 meeting when the 2-year trial ends.
 - Abraham Clark HS- Requested that their 2025-26 state classification be changed based on geographical and travel times. The Basketball Committee does not have the authority to make this change. Classification criteria is based on the NJSIAA Constitution.
 - NJSIAA Proposal- Competitive Balance Formula- discussed and explained in the NEW BUSINESS section of the postseason meeting. Also transfer sit will go through the same process.
 - Any others received will be given out at the meeting. - None received.

- Good of the order.- None

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 am Motion – Miller Second – Vacca
All were in favor.**