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Girls & Boys Post-Season Meeting Agenda

June 29, 2026

- Welcome and introductions- **Tom Imperato, Brendan McGovern, Ryan Kulat(Matt Stefanski), Jesse Spencer, Steve Skinner, Charlotte Heenan, Dick Bennett, and Cindy Sobieski**
- Review of previous Post-Season Minutes
 - **Reviewed and approved.**
- Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative)
 - Review of I Wanamaker scoring system. – **Positive response from coaches – IW is renewing with the NJSIAA for another 3 years.**
 - Some schools still are not posting scores in a timely manner.- **Will continue to be addressed with schools – possible fines for future non-compliance.**
- Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)
 - Raritan Valley Country Club- **Course played well. Course requested that parents stop calling the course for practice rounds. Course was not available this year for walk through the day before the matches because it was Mother's Day weekend.**
 - New Courses- Boys – Jumping Brook- **Course has agreed to host the Sectional event next year – the course was well received.**
 - Shotgun vs. tee time start- **Coaches agreed that Shotgun start was the best method for the Sectional events.**
 - IW Rankings- Boys – Best 8 Girls – Best 6 – **These required number of matches for qualification will remain in place. NJSIAA reserves the right to modify if weather issues prevent a majority of schools not being able to meet these standards.**
- Review of dates for next season-**Pending NJSIAA Executive Committee approval.**
 - Start of Practice- March 8, 2027
 - First Match- March 8, 2027
 - Sectionals – May 3 & 4, 2027
 - Championships – May 10 & 11, 2026
 - Competition Ends – June 13, 2027-only regular season matches conference matches can be played after the state championships are completed.
- Review current tournament regulations and any proposed changes for next season.
 - Addition of the NP Girls Sectional Event to the MOC and its impact on the Championship Round- number of teams and players. **Discussion on this by Committee. Will leave in place for a second year then re-evaluate it.**

- Boys Individuals – schools who do not qualify for the Sectionals or who do not have a golf team will be limited to 2 entries which rank in the top 10 individuals in the Section. Do we want to keep this? **Committee discussed at length. Motion was made to cap the number of individuals from a school to a maximum of 2 players and to cap the number of players from a school whose team qualified as a team to 5 players. Motion by Ryan Kulat – Second By Jesse Spencer- approved unanimously.**
- New Business
 - Posting of the individual rankings at the cut-off.- **NJSIAA will get from IW and posted online**
 - Pace of Play – **Discussion on this and knowledge of rules by coaches and players. NJSIAA will consult with NFHS and the NJGA to see if there is a online course that can be used during early season practices to help the coaches and players develop a better understanding of the rules. Also, it is suggested that a live rules seminar be given at the coaches' clinic.**
- Old Business
 - **The NJSIAA would like to that Matt Stefanski – Wall Twp coach and a South Sectional Director who has retired after this season for his many years of service to our high school golfers. He will be missed!**
- Correspondence (See Attached)
 - Brendan McGovern- Bergen Catholic- Non- Public Individual in Sectionals – ranking system- require to be in the top 50 or 100 players in their section. OR allowing teams that qualify to enter their 6th and 7th players as INDIVIDUAL if they ranked in the top 50 or top 100 in their Section.- **Committee decided to use wording from the BOYS Individuals at the top of this page.**
 - Dave Monahan- Bergen Catholic- revising the current Non-Public State Tournament Qualifications- **This NJSIAA will continue to use the current classification formula, but after consulting with the NJSIAA, will add one more team from the North and South Sectionals as a qualifier for the Group Championship event.**
 - Brett Jenkins – Cinnaminson HS- Sectional Championships – Public Schools-**Committee discussed but took no action on this request.**
 - Joe Bassford- Montgomery HS- allow all 5 players to play at the Group State Final Championship and Boys Golf as a fall sport.- **Committee discussed and decided not to make any changes to the current regulation.**
 - Robert Moore- Morris Knolls – use of Aim Point on the greens- slowed down pace of play for girls. AND definition of what is considered a “REAL” course- issue with a course in Middlesex County- go back to old rule no more than 3 par 3 holes on each side.- **Pace of Play will continue to be a point of emphasis. Girls Tournament Director, Dick Bennett will continue to make an effort to educate players and coaches on pace of place and suggested that all schools use the NJGA directive on Pace of Play as a guideline. Committee also discussed the definition of what a “legal” course is for IW rankings- Committee determined that if a course has a current NJGA or USGA rating, it can be used by IW for ranking purposes.**
 - Pat Lawler- Ramapo/Indian Hills- Issues with the cut -off date being too early. Individual Player – Top 50 need a score of Under 4.0 on IW makes the field. – **Committee discussed and will keep the current method of ranking the girl players. NJSIAA will look into contacting courses that are used for the championships to see if the event can occur one week later in May.**

- Ed Omelia- Bridgewater HS and Sectional Director- Individuals going to the Sectionals- if we keep this- reduce the number of player on team to 4 so as to not jamming up the course.- **Committee did not receive any other concerns about this issue and will keep the number of team members as stated in the current regulations.**
- Good of the order.
- **Charlotte Heenan suggested that for the future meeting that the boys and girls committee members meet to discuss common golf issues, but them separate and meet for issues that may just pertain to each gender.**
- **Moving golf season to the Fall – Committee discussed and looked at the positive and negative aspects of making the change. The NJSIAA will use the Leagues and Conference Officers meeting to solicit the various Conferences in the state to poll its member schools to see if there is an interested in changing the season to the fall and to also find out if the courses that the schools play on would support the change.**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:20 pm