

Place: NJSIAA Headquarters
Time: 9:30 am

Members Present: Paul Buccino (Coach), Robert Byrnes (Tournament Head Clerk), Gerald Richardson (Coach), Elizabeth Kelly (Coach), John Pontes (Coach), Allan Stumpf (Athletic Directors' Representative), Louis Fraulo (Assistant tournament director), Bill Bruno (Executive Committee representative), and guests Brian Wilkinson (Toms River Bennett Center Manager), Pat Montferrat (Milesplit representative), Don Danser (NJSIAA staff).

- I. First order of business was the committee's sincerest thanks to the Toms River School District for their great efforts in restoring the Bennett Center facility in time to salvage the 2013 Winter Season. Without that effort, there would have been no season.

- II. As is the norm, we dealt with correspondence first:
 1. Letter regarding conflict with the group meets and the Milrose Games, asking for a waiver from the Groups to the Meet of Champions because of this conflict. NJSIAA policy has been well-established that to qualify from one round of a tournament to the next the athlete/team must participate in the preceding round. Outside meets aimed at the elite of any sport, in this case, track and field, is the last reason for the NJSIAA to give a waiver. NJSIAA's policy and mission is to involve as many athletes in our tournaments as possible. There is room for the elite, but they must choose which tournament they wish to participate in when a conflict arises.

 2. Coach wanted clarification of the seeding we are using and how Milesplit works. This is the third season using Milesplit as the basis for seeding. The first year, we protected the top 12. This resulted in a lot of slower performances in the top seeded sections. The 2nd year we protected 6, and now we are finding that athletes who should be seeded 7th, 8th, 9th, etc were ending up in the 2nd highest seeded section in the 800, 1600 and 3200, because coaches were not being honest with seeds they were submitting for the "unprotected" athletes. We did not want to go to a strict adherence to the Milesplit rankings do to the nature of winter track state-wide; therefore, the committee decided to protect the top six seeds for the 55m dash, 55 hurdles, the 400m dash, and the 4x400m relay and the top twelve (12) seeds for the 800m, 1600m and 3200m runs.

 3. Coach wanted to maintain the non-public two divisions for the relays in spite of the poor showing from the B schools. If that could not be done, he suggested integration of the non-publics with the publics. Meet management would not want this because it would be adding 30 to 35 schools to already crowded public group meets. We will ask the Program Review, Finance and Executive Committees to look at the situation and ask for another year to make sure the smaller non-public schools realize that they now have their own division in the relays. If this approval is not granted, then there will be one division in the Non-Public Relays.

 4. Coach asked why a waiver could not be granted to allow an excellent runner in the seeded section of the 400 even though the runner did not have a valid seed in the event. The committee felt that the system would become useless if we begin to allow athletes without valid seeds to break into the top seeds from Milesplit.

 5. Two coaches wrote about missing poles after various rounds of the tournaments. There isn't much we can do about this, except to ask schools to check their poles and make sure they do not have other school's poles in their possession. The two missing poles were "advertised" on the athletic director list serve, but so far there has not been any success in retrieving the poles.

6. This coach was concerned about a conflict with the group meet and the ACT's. Again, there is little that can be said, except that the student has to choose which activity is more important and act accordingly.
7. Another e-mail from a coach concerning seeding after the top 6. See #2 above which addresses this problem.
8. The last e-mail from a coach proposed that since the most individuals one can enter in winter track sectionals is 27, teams should be given the ability to using these 27 entries any way they wish (up to a maximum of 6 in one event since there are only 6 scoring places.) Committee felt that this is contrary to the team concept of the meet and that a school with strong sprinters or distance runners, would need to enter only three events to win, and therefore rejected the proposal.

III. General policy/procedure changes.

1. Ask Finance committee to award Meet of Champion medals 8 deep as is currently done in the outdoor M of C. Same number of contestants per event (42), so why not the same number of awards.
2. On the sectional levels – for time reasons – the 400 and 4x400 will be run in three alleys with 3 per alley as has been done in the past. The clerk will attempt to keep the top two sections to six or seven participants.
3. When scheduling the field events, they will be staggered so that the same group is not doing all three events at the same time.
4. To avoid as many weeknight meets as possible, the sectionals will be scheduled over two weekends

IV – Changes in the regulations

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Note: 1. January 3, 2013 to January 2, 2014

2. Note: January 19, 2013 to January 18, 2014

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Rule 20 Section 5: Change January 19, 2013 to January 18, 2014

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Meet schedules

A. State Relay Championships: Entries close January 2, 2014 (postmarked)

Thursday, January 16, 2014 4:00 pm – Group IV Boys

Friday, January 17, 2014 4:00 pm – Group IV Girls

Saturday, January 18, 2014 9:00 am – Groups III Boys and Girls

4:00 pm – Groups I Boys and Girls

Sunday, January 19, 2014 9:00 am – Groups II Boys and Girls

4:00 pm – Non Public Boys and Girls

Snow date: Monday, Jan.. 20, 2014

B. Sectionals

Friday, January 31, 2014 3:45 pm Central, Groups 1 & 2, Boys and Girls

Saturday, February 1, 2014 9:00 am South, Groups I & 2, Boys and Girls

Saturday, February 1, 2014 3:30 pm North 2, Groups I & 2, Boys and Girls

Sunday, February 2, 2014 9:00 am North 1, Groups 1 & 2, Boys and Girls

Friday, February 7, 2014 3:45 pm Central, Groups 3 & 4, Boys and Girls

Saturday, February 8, 2014 9:00 am South, Groups 3 & 4, Boys and Girls

Saturday, February 8, 2014 3:30 pm North 2, Groups 3 & 4 Boys and Girls

Sunday, February 9, 2014 9:00 am North 1, Groups 3 & 4, Boys and Girls

Snow dates: Sunday Feb. 2 at 4:00 pm

Sunday Feb. 9 at 4:00 pm

Monday Feb. 10, at 4:00 pm

High Jump Order: Group L Girls followed by Group S Girls
 Group S Boys followed by Group L Boys

Starting Height for boys pole vault Groups 2, 3, and 4 – 10' – may be lowered at the discretion of meet management based on seeding information supplied by the coaches the day of the event.
400 and 4x400 will be run in 3 alleys (maximum of 9 participants per section)

Page 16 State Group Championships
 Time Schedule same as on page 3
 Order of events – girls before boys – small followed by Large – stagger the field events

Page 17: State Championships (a.k.a Meet of Champions)
 Time Schedule (same as changes on page 3) Girls will be in AM boys in PM
 Add: Violation of the spike rules result in disqualification from the meet and \$150 fine, payable to the Bennett Center.

By this time next year, it is the hope of the NJSIAA that all entries will be interactive, requiring no mailing of entry forms.

Change deadline dates on all appropriate entry forms to January 2 for Relays and January 16 for Individual meets.