

June 14, 2011

Outdoor Track and Field Committee Meeting

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Members Present: James Camburn (South Sectional Director), Ed Colona (South Section Director), Frank Calise (representing Lou Fraulo – Assignor of Officials for tournament), Wayne Gardiner (Morris County Track Coaches Association Timing System), Len Petriewicz (North I Sectional Director), Rich Refi (Central Sectional Director), Carl Rickershauser (State Rules Interpreter), John Schwartz (North II Sectional Co-Director), John Tonerio (North II Sectional Co-Director), Brian Zatorski (Southern Regional Coach), Pat Montferrat (observer), and Don Danser (NJSIAA staff). Missing: Jay Demarest (Central Sectional Director), Bill Milone (North II Sectional Director), Brian Rodak (North I Sectional Director), Pam Willson (Coach – Hackettstown), John Struck (Coach-Morris Hills), Shemayne Williams (Coach – Immaculate Heart Academy).

I. Correspondence – By topic

A. Old Bridge as a sight for the Group Meets and Meet of Champions

About 5 e-mails on this topic, one totally against, mainly because of the difficulty he found getting his bus back for pickup both after the Group Meets and Thursday Meet of Champions. The others were very positive with hope that traffic flow can be improved next time.

Discussion with Old Bridge administration will be held on this area. For the first time through there are some obvious areas that need attention. One suggested solution was not to allow cars to park on campus, just busses. All cars (except press, officials, and handicaps) will park at the high school with shuttle busses running from the high school to the stadium. Since they know the area better than anyone on the committee, they will work on a solution to the problem.

B. Sectional and Group Meet problems for which e-mails were received

Disqualification for profanity at the end of the race.

This is a judgment call not subject to appeal (NJSIAA Constitution: Article VII, Section I: Protests based upon an official's judgment or misinterpretation (misapplication) of the playing rules will not be honored.)

Javelin throwers throwing in another group

Two competitors asked the head javelin official to allow them to throw in Group II instead of Group III. Unfortunately the head javelin official said it was ok and allowed them to compete in Group II. When several Group III coaches found out what had happened, they went to the meet referee who disqualified the two throwers from the event on the basis that results from one meet cannot be transferred to another. In addition, it was unfair to the Group III competitors not to be able to throw head-to-head against the two best throwers in their group, and thirdly, the javelin approach is grass, which means that the Group III throwers were throwing on an approach that had 20+ throwers take 3 to 6 throws on it before they threw, which meant that the runway conditions were not the same for them as it was for the throwers who threw in Group II. It was no different from the Group II runner who ran in the Group 3 400 meter race and was disqualified. The meet referee did call the state rules interpreter to ask whether or not his ruling was correct in these circumstances. The rules interpreter agreed with the call. In the case of the javelin throwers, because of the mitigating circumstances, the tournament director advanced the two throws to the next round. The ruling could not be reversed by NJSIAA because of Art. VII, Sec. 1. of the NJSIAA Constitution.

Measuring an erased mark in the triple jumps

The allegation was that a triple jump mark was erased before it was properly measured. The official marking the event placed the tape in the pit anyway and said he was sure he had the right mark. According to the e-mail the Field Event Referee allowed the measurement to stand. Again, Art VII, Sec. 1.

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Too many competitors per flight in field events

This was a “pre-emptive” attempt to prevent a situation that had occurred the previous year where in the sectional, a field official did not divide 30+ throwers into flights. The e-mail was forwarded to the sectional director involved who stated he would make sure that would not happen this year. Not receiving another e-mail on the topic, we are assuming that things went well this season.

Using Milesplit to seed in sectionals

Coach was not complaining about the practice, but thought it should be stated in the regulations if that is what we were going to do.

This is, in fact, what we plan to do for next year at all sites. To get into the seeded section of any race, you will have to be listed on Milesplit OR have show proof (like a newspaper clipping of a box score) to be seeded above anyone on the Milesplit list. Lower seeded sections will be seeded based on the information supplied by the coaches on their entry cards.

Missing events because arrived late to the meet.

FAILURE TO BE PRESENT AT THE TIME THE EVENT IS CALLED DUE TO TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM, MISUNDERSTANDING OF INSTRUCTIONS, TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS, OTHER SIMILAR EXCUSES, WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

Athletes need to be present at least 25 minutes before an event is scheduled to run. If a meet is scheduled to start at 4:00 pm, and the first event is the 400 Intermediate Hurdles, the competitors for these events must plan to arrive no later than 3:35 pm to make sure they are PRESENT AT THE TIME THE EVENT IS CALLED.

C. Sectional sites that do not have eight-lane ovals or straight-a-ways.

Sites, like Hillsborough and Randolph that do not have 8-lane straight-a-ways must use two-section finals for the 100/110 hurdles, the 100m dash, and 200m dash. Nine athletes will qualify to the finals, with the three slowest times running in the first section, and the fastest six times running in the second section. Final placement will be the fastest six overall times from both sections. Sites like Mahwah, Ridge, and Monmouth, which have eight-lane straight-a-ways but six-lane ovals, must use this procedure for the 200m dash.

D. Meet venues

Anyone may suggest sites/venues for any meets, but the venue selection is made by NJSIAA staff. No changes in sites are anticipated for next year.

E. Non-Public Sectionals

Two e-mails were received which proposed we drop the non-public sectional and go back to the procedure of two years ago where non-public schools entered the tournament at the Group Meet level. No one present thought that should happen. The main argument stated in e-mails was “not geographically viable.” The writer doesn’t understand that sectional names do not refer strictly to location. Several years ago the “northing” concept was introduced whose purpose was to equalize the number of teams in each section. The old geographical names (North I, North II, Central, and South) were retained, but do not hold the same meaning as they did in the past. It is particularly true for the Non-Public schools. There are approximately eight of the 78 non-public schools south of Mercer County. That means that most “South” Non-publics will be north of Mercer County. That is the main reason South Plainfield, with its 8-lane track and double pole vault venue, was chosen to host one of the South Sections instead of Egg Harbor. Moving any of

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the non-public sections to other sectional sites did not seem feasible. For instance, someone suggested moving the North B section from Randolph to Mahwah because Mahwah has an 8-lane straight-away, but Mahwah does not have a double pole vault venue. Six groups and one pole vault has proven not to be workable. This also rules out Monmouth Regional as a potential Non-Public sectional site.

Discussion was held on the feasibility of finding one centrally-located site to host all four non-public sections at once. It should be a non-public school, which makes finding a central-location tough. It also should have a double pole vault venue. NJSIAA will look into all aspects of this question and, as stated before, will entertain any suggestions for a possible site for this meet.

Another major consideration would be the increase in cost, which would range between \$10,000 to \$15,000, depending on the venue. In the present political atmosphere, this may be the biggest hurdle to a separate venue for the non-public.

F. The annual question of qualifying for the Meet of Champions.

Because of the nature of track and field (also cross-country), these proposals come up annually. The official policy of the NJSIAA, annually re-enforced by the Executive Committee, is that the Meet/Tournament of Champions in all sports are NOT designed to ensure that the BEST OF THE BEST qualify for them. They are designed as SHOWCASES for the GROUP WINNERS. Track and field (and cross-country) have already been granted a small variation of this policy by allowing six wild cards (10 in cross-country) in each event to qualify for the Meet of Champions. Any one wishing to change this policy should propose through their principals legislation to that effect.

G. Placement of the 4x100m and 4x800m in the Meet of Champions Order of Events

This was discussed this for nearly an hour. The end result was to leave them where they are in this year's order of events.. Every attempt to move them (first, last, or somewhere in between) seemed to create different problems for different people.

H. Adding the 4x100m and 4x800m to the Sectionals as a scoring event.

This cannot not be done without going through Program Review and the Executive Committee who would first order a survey of the schools before even considering the proposal. Committee asked that NJSIAA survey the schools about this proposal. It will be done next school year.

## II – Changes in the Tournament Regulations

Page 4 Entries must be postmarked by Friday, May 4, 2012

Changes to rosters may be made up to 12:00 pm on May 18. Rosters must be submitted by May 4, 2012.

Page 5 Sectionals: Friday May 25, 2012 and Saturday, May 26, 2012

Section II.C will be updated to reflect the requirement of 2-section finals in the 100/110 hurdles, 100m, and 200m on tracks with less than 8 lanes.

Page 7 Change dates to May 25, 2012 and May 26, 2012

**Add: Those who plan to enter events starting at 4:00 pm on Friday must arrive before 3:35 pm to ensure they have enough time to be checked into these events.**

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**Add: Those who plan to enter events starting at 10:00 am on Saturday must arrive before 9:35 am to ensure they have enough time to be checked into these events.**

Add to the Boys and Girls 200m dash: **\*Nine will qualify for a two section final**

Girls events will be first. Field events contested on Friday in 2011 will be contested on Saturday in 2012. Field events contested on Saturday in 2011 will be contested on Friday in 2012.

Page 8 Same as page 7 + add to the boys and girls 100/110 hurdles and 100m dash: **\*Nine will qualify for a two section final.**

Page 9 same as Page 7  
Eliminate Mr. Tenero's school phone and replace with his cell phone: 201-953-9052

Page 10 Same as Page 7 except the notation for the 200m dash  
A second javelin venue will be added.

Page 11 Same as page 7

Page 12 Same as page 7 + add to the boys and girls 100/110 hurdles and 100m dash: **\*Nine will qualify for a two section final.**

Page 13 Same as page 7 except the notation for the 200m dash  
Change Mr. Camburn's e-mail to: [JCTrack@comcast.com](mailto:JCTrack@comcast.com)

Page 14 Same as page 7 except the notation for the 200m dash  
Change 1/8" spikes to 1/4" spikes

Page 15 Section K.3 – Seeding procedures will be modified to reflect the use of Milesplit in determining seeded sections at the sectional meets.  
K.3.b.iii. will be modified to reflect the requirement to have a 2-section final in the 100/110 hurdles, the 100m, and the 200m.

Page 17 Change dates to Friday, June 1, 2012 and Saturday June 2, 2012  
Change deadline date for updating winner's seeds from sectionals to Group Meet to May 30, 2010.

Page 19 Change date to June 1, 2012  
Add 2<sup>nd</sup> venue for Javelin  
Girls events (running) will precede boys

Page 20 Change date to June 2, 2012  
Add 2<sup>nd</sup> venue for Javelin  
Girls events (running) will precede boys

Page 21 Change date to June 1, 2012  
Add 2<sup>nd</sup> venue to High Jump and Javelin

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Girls events (running) will precede boys

Page 22 Change date to June 2, 2012  
Add 2<sup>nd</sup> venue to High Jump and Javelin  
Girls events (running) will precede boys

Page 23 Change Date to June 7, 2012 (Rain Date June 8, 2012)  
Change updating winner's seeds to June 5, 2012

Page 24 Change Date to June 7, 2012 (Rain date: June 8, 2012)  
Add 2<sup>nd</sup> Venue to High Jump and Javelin  
Girls events (running) will precede boys events

Page 25 Change date in V.C.4 to May 25 and May 26  
Change V.C.4 to reflect the use of Milesplit to enter the 4x100 and 4x800 relays.  
Change date in V.D. to (June 7)

Page 27 Change date in E.1 to 2011/12  
Change G.2. constitutional reference to Article VII

Page 28 Change under South Plainfield (site of state public Group 2, 3 and **B**).

Page 29 (Page 1 of entry form)  
Change date of postmark to Fri. May 4, 2011

Page 30 (Page 2 of entry form)  
Change (May 27 or 28) to (May 25 or 26) and May 25 to May 23.

Page 31 (Girls Wheelchair entry form)  
Change postmarked date to May 4, 2012  
Change date of M of C to June 7, 2012

Page 32 (Boys Wheelchair entry form)  
Same changes as page 31

Page 35 (Boys Special Relays Application)  
Eliminate the page – no longer needed. Application will be made through Milesplit

Page 36 (Girls Special Relays Application)  
Eliminate the page – no longer needed. Application will be made through Milesplit