



## **Spring Track Post Season Meeting Agenda June 27 @ 9:30am**

1. Welcome and introductions. **Meet Directors- Bill Milone, Marc MacNaughton, John MacGillivray, Frank Calise, John Tenero, John Schwarz, Flo Calise. Coaches- Pam Willson, Dave Pfeifer. Timers- Victor Wu, Jim Rutzler. AD's- Karen O'Neil, Anthony Brito, Leon Owen. Rules Interpreter- Carl Rickerhauser. Guests- Brian Gould and Matt Van Deursen**
2. Review of 2023 Post Season Minutes.- **Reviewed and accepted. Motion – Willson Second Carl R. no one opposed**
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative). **Opening date is too late- explained that the spring date was set by Calander Committee and approved by Executive Committee.**
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative) (Sectionals, Groups, MOC)
  - Closing of events- **Some events were closed too early by clerks- will be corrected for 2024 Tournament.**
  - Mis -application of rules. – **Some mistakes were made by officials- athletes were advanced to next round – NJSIAA does not believe that student athletes should be penalized for mistakes made by officials.**
  - Group Sites- **Would like to thank Franklin and Delsea for hosting events this year, especially after losing sites. NJSIAA will look for sites to host that are more centrally located in the state and have adequate facilities.**
  - Flights in the field events after Sectionals (jumps). – **This will be done beginning in 2024. Error was made this year. NJSIAA has asked the coaches association to poll coaches about the flights being set up as open pit flights vs regular flights.**
  - Shot, Disc and Javelin – marking of throws in post-season. **Upon the recommendation of the two head field officials for the NJSIAA that ALL throw and jumps will be measured in all tournament meets.**
5. Review of dates for next season- **will be discussed in New Business.**
6. Review of current regulations and proposed regulations for next season.
  - Review of Order of Events- placement of the 3200.- **Was discussed, Karen O'Neil who headed the Order of Event Committee explained why the 3200 was placed where it was. After discussion the Committee agreed not to make any changes to the order of events.**
  - Need to correct the wording "wild cards" to MOC. – **Was a typo in the regulations – it will be corrected- total wildcards will be 30.**
7. New Business:

- Review of separate NP Group Meet- hosted by a NP school- **NJSIAA will search for a NP school to host a separate NP Group Meet in 2024 – date to be determined when a host site is found.**
- Request for all Sectional, Group and MOC to be required to keep Sunday or the next day available as a rain date.- **NJSIAA will speak with the host sites to keep Sunday open as a make up date. If Friday is postponed – Saturday schedule will be followed on Saturday, Friday’s events move to Sunday beginning at 10 am. If Saturday is postponed, Saturday events go to Sunday beginning at 10 am. NJSIAA will also post the 1 day meet schedule in the regulations in the event that both Friday and Saturday are postponed. All officials assigned to the meets will also know that they are signed up for Sunday in case of a postponement.**
- Review of possible new Sectional, Group and MOC dates schedule.- **Denis Nelson, RiverDell AD spoke to the committee last year about the track MOC being almost a week after all other NJSIAA Spring Sports Championships are completed. Based on his request the committee discussed his proposal and are recommending the following schedule for 2024:**  
**Sectionals the week before Memorial Day – May 17 &18, 2024**  
**Groups – May 31 & June 1, 2024**  
**MOC – June 5, 2024**  
**This schedule would serve several purposes- allow for weather make ups, reduce the number of conflicts with AP testing, proms, senior awards night, senior trips, and graduations. It would also eliminate the conflict for our student athletes that may have with Nationals and insure that our best athletes compete in the MOC.**  
**The committee and most of the coaches in the state are in favor of this change. After discussion the NJSIAA will poll the conferences on the change.**
- Treatment of officials- sportsmanship-**There has been an increase in the negativity expressed toward officials by coaches- officials will be reminded to make use of the “unsportsmanlike behavior” form that is on the officials website. They will be encouraged to use the form to report negative behaviors which will be monitored and reviewed by the NJSIAA Track Director.**
- Coaches not being familiar with the Tournament Regulations-**AD’s need to remind coaches that the regulations need to be reviewed when they are posted and not 2 days before the tournament begins.**
- Nationals – **addressed above.**
- Use of indoor performances if Sectional Meet is earlier.- **endorsed by the Committee if tournament calendar is change.**
- Relays- replacement of runners because of lag between entry period and MOC. NFHS rule- requested by Hillsborough HS- rule modification.- **It is an NFHS rule that cannot be modified by the state association.**

#### 8. Old Business

- Coaches missing entry deadlines – possible increase in fines-**Increased number of coaches missed the deadline for team entries even though it was May 1- May 27. With the amount of time allowed there is no excuse for not submitting the entries by the deadline. All late entries were fined as per the NJSIAA Constitution and schools were notified. All day of the meet entry changes were also fined.**
- Coaches not signing athletes into events- sending athletes- **it was discussed by the committee. Coaches need to understand that it is necessary for coaches to sign in the athletes for the meet management know that coaches are present. There were some instances this year where parents signed in athletes before the coach arrived.**

9. Correspondence (See Attached)- **all discussed by the committee and noted as topics above.**
10. Good of the order. – **Congratulations to our new Tournament Director, Sean Dowd, who did an outstanding job in his first year. Sean had to deal with some extreme weather conditions this year and always did what was best for our student athletes. He did all of this while also being a full time classroom teacher. I have received numerous compliments on his performance as the Tournament Director.**

**Kathy Hunter, who was the first year meet director for the South Group 1 & 4 meet at Pennsauken ran a great meet while dealing with some major issues with the timing service at the meet. Kathy handled the situation well and ensured that the student athletes were supported.**

**Also- Jim Rutzler demonstrated an electronic tone starting device that would take the place of a starters pistol for starting races. The NFHS has been advocating looking to upgrade and use technology to better track and field. This device uses a tone and electronic flash to start races- based on the rising cost of starters ammunition this device is something that needs to be seriously considered. Several of the timing systems that we use at our events already have this device in their possession and have been using it with little trouble and much success. It is cost efficient and can be used successfully by the schools.**