

**Swimming Post Season Meeting**  
**March 18, 2025 @ 9:30am**

1. Welcome and introductions: Sandy Mamary, NJSIAA (Chair), John Fraraccio (Exec. Com. Rep.), Paul Welsh (Tournament Director), John Berckes (State Assignor), Brian Booth (Mainland HS), Lia Kunnapas (Immaculate Heart HS), Carly Misiewicz (Princeton HS), Genevieve Wall (PCTI)
2. Review of previous Post-Season Minutes:
  - Wild Card Meet for MOC entries continues to be a success with increased participation this year. This is only the second year for this event
  - Start Date, not every school has pool access 5 days/week
3. Review of the regular season (Positive/Negative):
  - Remember to enter venue of pool while designating Yard or Meter Pool in njschoolsports.com, the software/site will calculate the appropriate power points
  - Every school must submit all times at njschoolsports.com, failure to comply will lead to a fine
  - A lifeguard must be on duty for every practice and competition
4. Review of the Post-Season (Positive/Negative):
  - Neutral Sites for State Tournament: During inclement weather, there will be a double dual at the scheduled site, may have to adjust the schedule as far as which day will host the double dual, depending on when the bad weather occurs
  - Play on or Play by Dates: All tournament rounds are **PLAY ON** Dates. Schools can mutually agree to move tournament dates except for the sectional finals, semifinals, and state finals. If schools do not agree, then it must be played on the date listed. If any date is moved by mutual agreement, the potential next round of opponents must be notified ASAP. Moving forward the document with Important Dates will read as follows: All tournament rounds are Play On Dates. Schools can mutually agree to move tournament dates except for the neutral site contests. If schools do not agree, then it must be played on the date listed. If any date is moved by mutual agreement, the potential next round of opponents must be notified ASAP.

5. Review of dates for next season:

- Start Date/First Practice: November 24, 2025 (TBA)
- Competition May Begin: December 1, 2025
- Entry Form Opens: January 5, 2026
- Entry Form Closes: January 19, 2026
- Conflict of Interest Forms Due: January 19, 2026
- Cutoff Date: January 24, 2026
- PowerPoints Close at Noon on January 25, 2026
- Team Tournament Seeding: January 27, 2026
- Hy-Tek Individual Entries Open: January 31, 2026
- Individual Cutoff: February 14, 2026
- Hy-Tek Individual Entries Close: February 15, 2026
- Deadline for Wildcard Entries: February 23, 2026
- Deadline to update Seed Times: February 23, 2026
- Tournament Dates: February 3, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 22
- Regular Season Competition Ends: March 8, 2026

6. Review current tournament regulations and any proposed changes for next season:

- State Tournament: must have 2 timers in each lane or 1 timer in each lane if there is an electronic timing device being utilized
- Schools must input teams' times in each event during the state team tournament as they do during the season, or they will be fined
- Neutral Sites for Team State Tournament: Must have ATC present for your school/team, including Team State Championship Meet
- Change Team Tournament Dates from Mondays to Tuesday's
- Teams/Schools who will compete in State Tournament Championship Meet must input/submit Team Roster in BeSmartt, Team Manager, Zip Drive
- Teams/Schools who will compete in the State Tournament Championship must hand their line-up to Paul Welsh, (Tournament Director) when they check in at the door. Changes can be made throughout the meet on the cards. At the end of the meet, the school receives a print-out of the times with each swimmer's name, this will be helpful when the coach submits the swimmer/athlete for All-American Recognition

- At the conclusion of the Team State Championship, the Captains (no more than 4) from each team should meet behind the blocks for acknowledgement of sportsmanship

#### 7. New Business:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> round of State Tournament must have electronic timing, it is the responsibility of the home/host school
- Schools will be fined if they do not enter their scores and times of the meet
- MOC: DQ's will be announced over the loudspeaker
- Diving State Meet will be "Double Dual" the boys and girls will compete on the same day, February 24, 2026

#### 8. Old Business:

- Start Date: Change to 11/17/25, one week earlier than the 2024-25 season, NJSIAA is reviewing this request and will be discussed at Program Review Committee Meeting

#### 9. Correspondence:

- MOC's top 16: This topic was thoroughly discussed, and I also consulted with last year's NJSIAA Director about the change. While 33 states allow placing athletes 1-16 at the Meet of Champions (MOC), none have the same state team tournament structure that we do. In most other states, the competition format involves a dual meet season followed by a single two-day event to determine individual state champions. The results from this event are then used to calculate the team state champions based on the individual placements. Given our format, the NJSIAA offers more opportunities for student-athletes to excel and improve their personal best times in each stroke. The NJSIAA will not endorse a consolation round/event at the MOC finals.
- Video/Picture review for DQ: We do not have the technology to accommodate this request. There would be an extravagant budget for the equipment in each lane at every neutral site.
- Power Point calculator on nj.com to open during state tournament so coaches/officials can expedite any ties
- Break time: 15 minutes is allowable and, in the regulations, if one team wants the entire 15 minutes, the official must allow

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