

New Jersey Interscholastic Fencing Association
Fall 2008 Coaches Meeting
Morris Hills High School
October 25, 2008, 3:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Sabina Orsi, Teaneck
Tom Tishman, Mendham
Barb Dunnick, Mendham
Laura Pelizzoni, Mendham
Molly James, Somerville
Barb Lynch, Morris Hills
Ted Li, The Pingry School
Susan Lewis, WHHS
Joshua Lewis, WHHS
Noah Lewis, WHHS
Ken Katz, Bergen Academy
Steve Khinoy, Bergen Academy
Paulo DaSilva, Morristown
Patrick Curran, Holy Angels
Eric Salehi, Montclair Kimberley
Tom Owens, Pompton Lakes
Natalie Miller, West Morris Central
Jason Suter, Wayne Valley
Pat Lawrence, Teaneck
Glenn Blekicki, Bernards
Marianne Pratschler, Hackettstown
Michael Malecki, Morris Catholic
Roger Jones, Morris Knolls
Jay Haase, Morris Knolls
Kate Lyon, North Hunterdon
John Reid, North Hunterdon
Jim Rutzler III, Governor Livingston
Tony Barbera, Governor Livingston
Michael Moroch, Hudson Catholic
Harry James, Somerville
Gene Packer, Fair Lawn
Micah Lewis, Wayne Hills

1. Introduction of NJIFA Officers

President, Chris Awad
Vice President, Sabina Orsi
Treasurer, Gail Kedoin
Secretary, Laura Pelizzoni

2. Treasures Report – Gail Kedoin

Balance as of 10/24/08 \$14,007.82
Will be purchasing new laptops this season

3. Tournament Dates

- a. NJIFA
 - i. Santelli - Sunday, January 4, at Voorhees (Snow: 01/11/09)
 - ii. Cetrulo - Saturday, January 10, at Morris Knolls (Snow: ??)
 - iii. In determining dates considered SATs, USFA, venue size and availability
- b. NJSIAA
 - i. Districts 1 & 2
 - 1. Saturday, January 31 (Snow: 02/07/09)
 - a. District 1 – Hackettstown
 - b. District 2 – North Hunterdon
 - ii. District 3 & 4
 - 1. Sunday, February 1 (Snow: 02/08/09)
 - a. District 3 – Wayne Valley
 - b. District 4 – Fair Lawn
 - iii. Prep School State Championships – February 18
 - iv. Sweet 16
 - 1. Round of 16
 - a. Girls – February 10 (Snow: 02/12)
 - b. Boys – February 11 (Snow: 02/17)
 - 2. Round of 8
 - a. Girls – February 18 (Snow: 02/20)
 - b. Boys – February 19 (Snow: 02/23)
 - 3. Round of 4
 - a. Girls – February 24 (Snow: 02/26)
 - b. Boys – February 25 (Snow: 02/27)
 - 4. Championships – Morris Hills
 - a. March 5, Snow March 6
 - b. Bronze 4 pm
 - c. Gold 7.30 pm
 - v. State Squad Championships – North Hunterdon
 - 1. Girls – February 28 (Snow: 03/7)
 - 2. Boys – March 1 (Snow: 03/8)
 - vi. State Individual Championships – Rider University
 - 1. Girls – March 14
 - 2. Boys – March 14
- c. NJSIAA REMINDERS-Jack DuBois
 - i. Season starts day after Thanksgiving
 - ii. Start of competition 12/19/08
 - iii. End of season March 14
 - iv. FYI-2 club teams Morris and Hudson Catholic, can not play against schools with Varsity teams
 - v. New Team-Ranney School, Tinton Falls, Boys and Girls Team, assigned to District 2

4. NJIFOA Report-Jeff Bukantz

a. Assigning officials

- i. in Regular season you can assign anyone, but for the tournament season we would prefer NJIFOA Members, but this year it is acceptable to be either a NJIFIA member or have a USFA Rating. Next year all will have to be members of the NJIFOA.
- ii. coaches who do their own hiring for regular season should get in touch with Jeff Tishman or the NJIFOA to get a database of refs.

b. members of NJIFOA

- i. official must demonstrate an ability to competently officiate a HS Match, and pay the yearly membership fee , which includes the fee mandated by the NJISAA. Currently, a USFA Rating is sufficient to demonstrate that, however, we are continuing to refine the criteria.

c. Safety is the biggest issue

- i. need correct and well-fitting equipment, knickers, plastrons, zippers on the correct side (right/left hand), proper bibs on masks, shirts/pants on proper so they fit and are safe, lames cover a straight line from hip bone to groin
- ii. check the rule book for standing, engage, lunging regulations for jacket/lame, and lame must be to the end of the shoulder and not cut in

d. Sportsmanship

- i. Coach be a Role Model
- ii. taunting not tolerated
- iii. can celebrate after a touch, can not get in opp. face

e. RULES

- i. Coach be a Role Model, know and understand the rules
- ii. Coaching is allowed but cannot disrupt order. After halt until fence can say anything, after fence cannot give individual advice
- iii. One foot *completely* off side of strip stops the action. Anything after whole foot steps off doesn't count. Doesn't matter when halt is called, what matters is when foot went off. Ref does have right to say get back on strip.
- iv. corps à corps in epee requires halt, that ends the action, doesn't matter when ref called halt. Only a card when jostling
- v. Fencers have an obligation to come to the strip with two working weapons, two working body cords in order to keep match moving. This should be enforced at dual meets.
- vi. Flesche "Not when touch scored, where the back foot lands"
By def. I am going to hit and then cross over
Back foot can NOT cross in front of front toe! Back foot must first land behind and then can cross over, but not BEFORE foot lands properly on floor.
- vii. Covering Target
Can switch shoulders, but must be in a position so not covering, keep arm up
If covering target when out of distance/, in distance (beyond adv. lunge) is NOT a penalty for covering
Ducking is allowed in good form, however cannot replace valid target with invalid. Covering target with your head counts as a penalty for covering target

viii. Falling

if score and fall = Yellow Card and annulment of touch

if fall and don't score = nothing

if fall and are hit (one direct action) are hit and touch is awarded

ix. for corps à corps If you are attacking and run into something stationary, the attacker has caused corps à corps. If attacker is moving forward and defender steps into him then defender causes corps à corps as the second movement causes corps à corps

x. "Line is a line is a line" (adv, retreat, lunge) However, derobing without our opponent trying to take your blade means is no longer line

5. Tournament Issues

- a. Need Bigger Venues
- b. Come on Time & Sign In Accurately (phone number will be given to call if late)
- c. Spectators - Control them, get parents off floor, police ourselves, fencers need to respect and understand requests from officials.
- d. Safety
- e. Sportsmanship – Coaches MUST set the example, officials will card for ALL infractions concerning disobedient and belligerent fencers, coaches, and parents.
- f. Withdrawing from Competition – See NJSIAA Rules
- g. Bring rule book to competitions

6. Tournament Competition Committee Report – Tom Tishman

- a. Santelli/Cetrulo format will remain the same (pools to pools)
 - i. Entries must be received by Dec 15 for seeding
 - ii. Forms will be available on website www.njifa.org
 - iii. No seeding=no registration
- b. Frosh Soph tournament is the responsibility of each conference or non-conference
 - i. Get dates and sites to Tom Tishman to post on website www.njifa.org
- c. Each conference needs an official scorekeeper to keep track of dual meet records

7. Volunteer Positions THANK YOU

- a. Santelli/Cetrulo Officials/Statistician Assignor – Nick F., Jay Haas
- b. Tournament Date & Site Confirmation – Ted Li & Nick Latora
- c. Tournament Hospitality – Sabina Orsi & Laura Pelizzoni
- d. Tournament Vendor Contact – Rich Beischer (please confirm)
- e. Tournament Armorer Assignor – Ted Li
- f. Tournament Trainer Assignor – Ted Li
- g. Trophy Coordination – Pat Lawrence & Sabina Orsi
- h. All State Point Calculation – Gene Packer & Jim Rutzler
- i. All State Dinner – Chris Awad
- j. Website – Tom Tishman

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a. Gene Packer addressed equipment management at tournaments
- b. Gene Packer, Jim Rutzler and Noah Lewis to put together a plan to implement at tournaments to avoid lost/missing equipment and track where equipment goes

10. Adjournment