

Minutes from NJIFA End of Season Meeting/All-State Selection
March 21, 2007, at Somerville High School

I. Tournament Issues

- A. Triplette Machines
Please do NOT bring them--overheat & become problematic
- B. Extension Cords
Please DO bring them, each district rep should have 2 w/ boxes
- C. Misplaced/misappropriated equipment
Bring in Oct to coaches meeting & leave on 'anonymous' return table
- D. Increased fees—increased officials base and pay
May increase tournament fees to pay officials more
- E. Rule Clarification
Email from Jeff Bukantz. RE: Fleching
- F. Frosh/Soph Format
Report from Tom Tishman, the Iron Hills Conference (IHC) held their own F/S tournament in Dec., had fencers register on askFRED, created a special consolation round for those who were out in the first DE, Morris Knolls had more room, boys and girls were able to go the same day
It was decided that each conference would now be responsible for their OWN freshman/sophomore tournament, thus abandoning the old February tournament at Morristown. The financial responsibility to hold this tournament falls to each conference.
The tournament committee will discuss details over the summer
- G. Santelli/Cetrulo Format
Much discussion was held concerning format, points, many ideas on how to change were discussed. It is turned over to the tournament committee
- H. Credentialing Issues
Only HIGH SCHOOL coaches and fencers on the floor. NO parents. NO club coaches. 2 coaches per team, max 4 per school
- I. Team Timeouts
We voted to add a 30-second team time out between rounds in dual meets

II. 2007 Tournament Dates

- A. Santelli, Saturday, Jan 5 (snow Jan 12)
- B. Cetrulo, Sunday, Jan 6 (snow Jan 13)
- C. Districts 1-2, Sat-Feb 2 (snow Feb 9)
- D. Districts 3-4, Sun, Feb 3 (snow Feb 10)
- E. As discussed the Frosh/Soph is CANCELLED leaving Feb 9-10 open
(individual conferences will organize and host conference frosh/soph tournaments)
- F. State Tournaments to be determined by NJSIAA (Dates as per NJSIAA meeting)
Boys Squad States: Saturday, February 23, 2008 – No Hunterdon
Girls Squad States: Sunday, February 24, 2008 – No Hunterdon
Sweet Sixteen Team States: Boys Girls
Rounds of 16 2/12 (snow date 2/14) 2/13 (snow date 2/19)
Round of 8 2/20 (snow date 2/22) 2/21 (snow date 2/25)
Round of 4 2/26 (snow date 2/28) 2/27 (snow date 2/29)
Finals 3/6 (snow date 3/7) 3/6 (snow date 3/7)

Individual States: Saturday, March 8, 9am – Rider University

III. District Reps

- A. Dist 1 Marianne Pratschler @ Hackettstown
- B. Dist 2 John Reid @ North Hunterdon
- C. Dist 3 Chris Awad @ Wayne Valley (as per NJSI AA)
- D. Dist 4 Gene Packer @ Fairlawn

IV. Volunteers—Very Important!

- A. Tournament date/site confirmation Paulo DaSilva and Jim
- B. Tournament start time reminder volunteer still needed!!!
- C. Tournament refreshments for officials Sabina Orsi and Laura Pelizzoni
- D. Tournament officials (securing) Sue and JJ
- E. Tournament calculation equipment organizer Nick LaTora
- F. Tournament vendor contact Vince Paragano
- G. Tournament armorer assignor Ted Li
- H. Tournament trainer assigner Doc Difabio
- I. Trophies Pat Lawrence
- J. All State Points Calculation Dmitri Kopylov and Gene Packer
- K. All State Points Dinner Sabina Orsi and Chris Awad
- L. Website & Yahoo! Group Tom Tishman
- M. 501c3/Nonprofit group Nick LaTora

V. Election of Officers

- A. Treasurer Gail Kedoin
- B. Secretary Laura Pelizzoni
- C. Vice President Barb Lynch
- D. President Molly James

VI. October Clinic/Meeting

- A. October 27- Morris Hills
Discussion on adding a Sports Psychologist lecture for part of the day

VII. Bob Largman, Officials Update

They have a formal association, are working on a certification process, want to help find and train new refs, help with rules interpretation and be a partner with coaches
Please fill out evaluations