

**Attendance**

Gail Kedoin, West Windsor-Plainsboro North

Johanna Snedeker, Montgomery

Angelo DeVito, West Milford, G

Lou DeVito, West Milford, B

Patrick Curran, Holy Angels

Dmitri Kopylov, West Essex

Robert Baum, Millburn

Jessie Huston, Millburn

Paul Apostol, Ramapo

Tom Losonczy, Bernards

Sam Dupre, Hunterdon Central

Mike Mariorino, Somerville

Steve Sobel, NJIFOA

Nick Latora, Lakeland

Kerry Verrone, MKA

Chris Awad, Wayne Valley

John Quinn, Northern Highlands

John Harrold, The Lawrenceville School

Rich Beischer, The Lawrenceville School

Vince Paragano, GL

Jim Rutzler, GL

Doc Paulina, Columbia

Steve Khinoy, Bergen Tech

Ted Li, Pingry

Pat Lawrence, Teaneck

Sabina Orsi, Teaneck

Tom Tishman, Mendham

Laura Pelizzoni, Mendham

Barbara Lynch, Morris Hills

Daryl White, Columbia

Molly James, Somerville

**Coach of the Year 2007-08**

Barb Lynch, Boys Coach

Vince Paragano, Girls Coach

**NJIFA All State Selections**

*Discussion and voting on NJIFA All-State Selections* **Dmitri Kopylov**

*Sportsmanship Award Results* **Darlene Shellhouse**

*Invitations to All-State Awards Banquet* **Chris Awad**

Hanover Manor, Wednesday, April 16, 6.30pm

-Get RSVPs back ASAP to Chris Awad

**Tournaments**

*Conference Frosh Soph Tournaments reports* **Tom Tishman**

- Discussion of limited, but stronger, state-wide F/S Tournament, weekend before State Indiv. Championships (try to avoid conflicts; USFA, NCAA, etc?)
- Will have to qualify from conference
  - every conference needs to have a F/S tournament
- (Details to be discussed at Competition Committee mtg. over summer)
- \*EVERY CONFERENCE MUST HANDLE THEIR OWN F/S TOURNAMENT**

### *Santelli Cetrulo*

Discussion of Pool to pool format vs. Pool to DE format

- Balance the pools; 6 vs 7 in a pool for first round, equitable # in pools, concern that same teams always in longer pools vs. smaller pools for every round
  - All-State points issue, worst fencer on a good team vs. best fencer on worst team
  - must fence from bout one, no 'warm up' pool, etc, to end up in top 8 pools and get upset at being in 9-16 pool
  - Second round of pools more competitive b/c fencers are able to compete at their own level
  - length of day for all involved
  - all three fencers count the same in a win; (strong A fencer coming back from a 10-2 deficit, etc)
  - Swiss System (chess tournament) or a hybrid format?
  - many coaches like this year's format better
  - discussion of what the GOAL of the tournament is
- (Details to be discussed at Competition Committee mtg. over summer)

### *State Individuals*

Possible increase in number of coaches allowed on floor

- go from two per team, up to more, discuss with state
  - ALL must police this situation, step up and help out with this
  - coaches would need to be board-certified with school
  - Entry Fee (set by state)
  - People who qualify for state but don't come
    - suggest: if you qualify and don't go, a consequence (concern is taking spots from kids who WANT to be there or can be there, unless of illness)
- (Details to be discussed with NJSIAA rep)

### *All Tournaments*

Venues—need to consider new venues, talk to your AD if site is big enough

- Consider size and safety, placement of strips (help out officials)
- Spectators—control them, get parents off floor, help people control, police ourselves, fencers need to respect and understand requests from officials, coaches to move
- Safety—be mindful
- Sportsmanship—this comes from the top down, we MUST set the example, the officials assoc. will be told to card, card, card for EVERY infraction, belligerent, disobedient fencers, coaches, parents, no flash photography
- Withdrawing from Competition – Black card, upfront rule
  - voted from this year forward if you withdraw from an NJIFA tournament, you will receive a black card, and be unable to participate in following year's competition
  - put consequences on tournament application
  - no penalty retroactive for St. B and MK
  - by default, rules are that of NJSIAA (will check with NJSIAA rep.)

*Tentative Tournament Dates with proposals of sites*

Santelli TBD

Cetrulo TBD

Districts, decided by State

Frosh Sophs, to be decided by conference

State Tournaments, decided by State

*Volunteers*

Santelli/Cetrulo Officials Assignor, ???

Tournament date and site confirmation (visit new sites), Ted Li, Nick Latora

Tournament refreshments for officials, Sabina Orsi and Laura Pelizzoni

Tournament Vendor Contact, Rich Beischer

Tournament Armorer Assignor, Ted Li

Tournament Trainer Assignor, Ted Li

Santelli/Cetrulo/All State Trophy Coordinator, Pat Lawrence, Sabina Orsi

All State Points Calculation, Gene Packer, Jim Rutzler

All State Dinner, Chris Awad

Website, Tom Tishman

Tournament statisticians, ???, **(This position is essential to the efficient running of the tournaments)**

software must be changed to accommodate more than 12 teams in a district, see Irene Petsche

**NJIFOA Report, Steve Sobel**

NJIFA is requesting the NJIFOA continue to have officials wear nametags as did at NJSIAA individuals. Perhaps members could be issued a nametag to wear at all meets and tournaments.

*Membership*

Members, must pay a fee to join \$50.00

Recruiting

*Role in 2008-09*

Officially sanctioned by NJSIAA for 2008-09

Those listed in State Directory should be given job preference

Those not NJIFOA members should be paid less than members.

(NJSIAA will send memo to AD's with this information)

Non members will not be used in State Championship competitions.

(Unless emergency)

Responsible for assigning NJSIAA tournaments – Districts, States.

(Details and confirmation to come from NJSIAA)

*Coaches Association*

*Officials Evaluations*

Please provide NJIFOA with list of top 10 officials (give to Nick)

(As an aid in assigning Sweet Sixteen Officials)

Evaluations help NJIFOA with education of officials

-please fill out evaluations of your refs!!!

*Promotion of Sport*

Fan friendly venues—rope off strips, etc., allow parents to watch, but safely

Official friendly venues – allowing for the best officiating

Fencer friendly venues – allowing for best strip set up and safety  
Sportsmanship – fencers and coaches

#### *Rules*

Importance of fencers knowing basic rules

-if fencing continues, you lost your right to protest, do not unhook, do not start fencing, protest on RULES, not on touch, must be protested and stopped

Reminder of protest procedure – fencers still hooked up, on strip, prior to more fencing commencing

- officials must disclose conflicts of interest to bout committee/referee assigners

-There were questions as to qualifications to be a ref in HS or with NJFOA.

- Requested that officials carry own weights and shims?

**Send all thoughts/comments/questions about officials to Nick or Steve**

### **NJIFA Incorporation and Non Profit Status**

#### *Status*

Incorporation **Laura Pelizzoni**

Non-Profit Status, 501(c)3, **Nick LaTora**

#### *Proposed Articles of Governance*

Passed with revisions posted on NJIFA website; please see website for official copy

### **Election of Executive Committee**

#### *Officers*

Pres Chris Awad

VP Sabina Orsi

Sec Laura Pelizzoni

Treas Gail Kedoin

#### *NJIFA Board, District Representatives*

Dist 1 Tom Tishman

Dist 2 Ted Li

Dist 3 Susan Lewis

Dist 4 Gene Packer

Indep. John Harrold

Gail Kedoin, Treasurers' Report

End Comments: Ted Li CE Level One, protection for fencers, fencing uniform

Gene Packer: Tournaments, 2 on a weekend too taxing for head coaches who are both boy and girls head coach, equipment gone missing from state tournaments-how to make responsible to find and keep track of equipment?

### **Fall Meeting and Clinic**

Morris Hills, October – Date TBD, presenters? Alex Beguinet? Sports Psychologist?

## NJIFA 2008 All-State Teams

### **Girls Epee**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Team in order**

Tiffini Austin-Ginlock

Diane Zielinski

Ashley Severson

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Team alpha**

Efthimion, Christina

Galpin, Katie

Kremer, Kaitlin

Robinson, Christie

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Team alpha**

Denike, Jennifer

Forsythe, Christine

Sonshine, Elizabeth

### **Girls Foil**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Team in order**

Laura Paragano

Brianna Martin

Rebecca Grohman

Alyssa Lomuscio

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Team alpha**

Drattler, Rachel

Greeley, Bridget

Ponticello, Claire

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Team alpha**

Bauch, Lauren

Dunn, Alanna

Jacobson, Alice

### **Girls Sabre**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Team in order**

Jessica Russo

Beverly Yang

Faizah Muhammad

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Team alpha**

Frey, Brigid

Rand, Kathleen

Roberts, Samantha

Steck, Kathryn

**3<sup>rd</sup> Team alpha**

Krannich, Janelle  
Palazzoto, Kathryn  
Rosenbauer, Chelsea  
Thompson, Kamali

**Boys Epee**

**1<sup>st</sup> Team in order**

Eric Gurnowski  
Alen Hadzic  
Andrew Bostick  
Russell Valle

**2<sup>nd</sup> team alpha**

Burke, Dan  
Kuschke, Nick  
Trunzo, Mark

**3<sup>rd</sup> team alpha**

Baum, Hunter  
DeLucia, Nathaniel  
Robitzski, Dave

**Boys Sabre**

**1<sup>st</sup> Team in order**

Mike Mills  
Sean Buckley  
Josh Hammond

**2<sup>nd</sup> Team alpha**

Fink, William  
Limoli, Craig  
Mingalone, Tyler

**3<sup>rd</sup> Team alpha**

Barbera, Nik  
Benzimra, Nathaniel  
Deas, Sam  
Efthimion, Phil

**Boys Foil****1<sup>st</sup> Team in order**

Alex Mills

Brian Kaneshige

Zane Grodman

Brendan Cusack

**2<sup>nd</sup> Team alpha**

Fotinos, Michael

Huh, Ben

Wang, Michael

**3<sup>rd</sup> Team alpha**

Jung, Andrew

Levine, Dan

Neiuwland, James

**Sportsmanship**

**Ben Huh, Boys Foil, Ridge**

**Jason Choy, Boys Sabre, Ridge**

**Mark Trunzo, Boys Epee, West Milford**

**Bridget Greeley, Girls Foil, Gov Livingston**

**Samantha Roberts, Girls Sabre, No Highlands**

**Kaitlin Kremer, Girls Epee, Lakeland**