

**Minutes for NJIFA All State Spring Coaches Meeting  
March 18, 2009 7:15pm, Wayne Valley High School**

**1. Tournament Issues**

**A. Bring Working Equipment**

- i. Please bring extension cords with you! 50 ft or longer preferred
- ii. Also please bring splitters and electrical boxes

**B. Weights and Shims**

- i. Must bring: Weights and shims sets for foil & epee, boys & girls  
What's the penalty if you don't bring it? Yellow card?
- ii. Officials should be professional and bring w & s as well.
- iii. Should Tournament directors make up kits for the officials? W/ timer, w & s, etc.
- iv. How to get w & s returned? Security deposit?
- v. A full equipment setup includes w & s
- vi. Have a team managers. Make a sub/underclassman be in charge of w & s)
- vii. Sent to Committee: Jim R, Gene Packer, and Noah Lewis

**C. Misplaced/misappropriated equipment--Please bring to fall mtg. & return**

**D. Increased fees - Increased Officials Base and Pay**

**E. Tournaments**

- i. Again, much discussion on the format of the Santelli and Cetrulo. Concerns, questions or suggestions on the format and seeding should be sent to the tournament committee.
  - Nick comments on the least-fan friendly events are San and Cet
  - Best Fencer falls flat---do they get a fair chance?
  - DEs vs. Pools-consensus is that slightly more want DEs
  - Need a better way to Seed (USFA good, but not escalator points for year in high school senior vs. soph) (not everybody fences all year round) (fencing by talent? Who is better? Which way is best?)
  - How many teams to sign up? Even pools instead of some of six and some of seven or eight
  - Sent to tournament committee

**F. Credentialing Issues**

*Certified coaches:*

-Only BOE certified approved high school coaches of your approved high school fencers on the floor. No parents. No club coaches. 2 coaches per team, max 4 per school. You can only coach your high school team fencers.

Ask Jack DuBois--Do we need a min. of three coaches b/c of three weapons?

*IDS*

- more official IDs with pictures, team name, coach name, credentialing
- investigate a way to create IDs with lanyards, temps, easy to read
- implement IDs in the fall meeting
- piggyback with NJIFOA on this issue

## **2. 2009-2010 Tournament Dates**

### **A. Santelli & Cetrulo: TBA**

- i. Will try for back-to-back Jan. 9 & 10
- ii. VENUES
  - a. Morris Knolls and Voorhees checking
  - b. Need an official time/date to call a snow day so ppl can make plans
  - c. Snow chain? Check website? Call president? How to communicate best?

### **B. Districts & State Tournaments to be determined by NJSIAA**

- i. rotate districts Sat. vs. Sun?, Sun costs more \$, think about ref usage and travel

### **C. We are aware of USFA dates and will try to avoid conflicts**

## **3. District Reps – Rep NJIFA, not NJSIAA**

- A. Dist 1 – Tom Tishman**--Congratulations to District One Marianne P. for running an efficient tournament.
- B. Dist 2 – Ted Li**- not present
- C. Dist 3 – Susan Lewis** – would like to change district 3 to Saturday and rotate days
- D. Non-NJSIAA – John Harrold** – not present

## **4. Volunteers Needed (Tournament San/Cet, Squad, State)**

- A. Tournament Date/Site Confirmation** - Josh Lewis
- B. Tournament Start Time Reminder** - Chris Awad
- C. Tournament Refreshments For Officials** – HOSTING SCHOOL
- D. Tournament Officials (Securing)** - Nick and Chris, NJIFOA, Micah Lewis
- E. Tournament Calculation Equipment Organizer** - Chris Awad
- F. Tournament Vendor Contact** - San. Cet. Gene Packer w/ Roger Jones
- G. Tournament Armorer Assigner** - Ted Li
- H. Tournament Trainer Assigner** - Ted Li
- I. Trophies** – Pat Lawrence
- J. All State Points Calculation** - Jim Rutzler
- K. All State Points Dinner** - Laura Pelizzoni & Chris Awad
- L. Website & Yahoo! Group** - Tom Tishman
- M. 501c3/Nonprofit Group** - Nick LaTora

## **5. All new coaches please e-mail Tom Tishman all contact info so website can be updated.**

[www.njifa.org](http://www.njifa.org)

## **6. All State Points and Voting**

### **A. Selection Criteria-Jim Rutzler**

- i. Points are all inclusive, you earn what you earn. Explanation of phantom points
- ii. To change system, make a proposal in the Fall meeting 2009

### **B. Teams-see below**

### **C. Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 23, 6.30 at Hanover Manor.**

- i. Please RSVP by April 10<sup>th</sup>. See website for form if necessary.

**7. Election of Officers**

- A. Treasurer – Gail Kedoin**
- B. Secretary – Toni Kiernan**
- C. Vice President – Sabina Orsi**
- D. President – Chris Awad**

**8. October Clinic/Meeting**

- A. October 17 or 24**
- B. Presenter:** Yuri Gelman Olympic Coach? Please give suggestions to Chris Awad
- C. Host School:** Morris Hills

**9. Officials Update Nick Franzi**

- A. Next year all officials must be members of the officials organization to ref state tournaments; the following year, even high school dual meets will have to be a member**
- B. Referees MUST join the NJIFOA**
- C. Coaches should give feedback after dual meets, etc.**
- D. Evaluation forms on website under referees**
- E. Fencers don't go on internet and talking about coaches, officials, other fencers, etc. be professional, etc.**
- F. Refs should recuse themselves if a conflict of interest**
- G. Enforcement of rules, professionalism**
- H. Email/call Nick with any issues**

**10. Off-season rules! Be careful.** Can not fence your fencers in the off-season. Summer is “no season”. Talk to NJSIAA. Coaches in favor, goes to state.

**11. Email sportsmanship votes to Chris Awad by Wed. March 25,**  
**[ChrisAwad@optonline.net](mailto:ChrisAwad@optonline.net)**

**12. Congrats to Coach of the Year:**

**Boys Vince Paragano, Girls Amy Lawless**

## **NJIFA ALL-STATE TEAMS**

**1<sup>st</sup> team in points order, other teams alphabetical**

### **Girls Epee 1<sup>st</sup> Team**

Anjali Baliga  
Christie Robinson  
Kaitlyn Wallace

### **Girls Epee 2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

Christine Forsythe  
Guinnevere Parise  
Emily Vassoler  
Isis Washington

### **Girls Epee 3<sup>rd</sup> Team**

Jennifer Denike  
Olivia Kim  
Gwendolyn Mowell

### **Girls Foil 1<sup>st</sup> Team**

Brianna Martin  
Jacqueline Dubrovich  
Jennifer Yamin

### **Girls Foil 2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

Christine McIntosh  
Anisha Mukherjee  
Vikki Nunley  
Ryan Western

### **Girls Foil 3<sup>rd</sup> Team**

Jackie Heath  
Olivia Shepard  
Brenda Sorgi

### **Girls Sabre 1<sup>st</sup> Team**

Faizah Muhammad  
Celina Merza  
Kathleen Rand

### **Girls Sabre 2<sup>nd</sup> team**

Harrit McTigue  
Kathryn Palazzoto  
Jessica Russo  
Beverly Yang

**Girls Sabre 3<sup>rd</sup> Team**

Sara Leung  
Zoe Lieb  
Katharine Simeon

**Boys Epee 1<sup>st</sup> Team**

Allen Hadzic  
Dan Burke  
Dan Flynn  
Jackson Huemer

**Boys Epee 2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

David Eckelmann  
Gary Flynn  
Mark O'Dea  
Michael Wolff

**Boys Epee 3<sup>rd</sup> Team**

Joe Behnke  
Ben Gold  
Jon Wong

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

Brian Kaneshige  
Brendan Cusack  
Steven Jow  
Andrew Hong

**Boys Foil 2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

Andrew Ark  
Andrew Malik  
Max McDermont

**Boys Foil 3<sup>rd</sup> Team**

Ben Huh  
Geoffrey Marino  
David Yang  
William Zhang

**Boys Sabre 1<sup>st</sup> Team**

Adrian Bak  
Sean Buckley  
Michael Mills  
Josh Hammond

**Boys Sabre 2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

Nathaniel Benzimra

Jason Choy

Dan Herczak

**Boys Sabre 3<sup>rd</sup> Team**

Nik Barbera

Chris Bonner

Dylan Carr

Charles Copti

Steven Yang