

- I. Meeting was called to order by Don Danser at 9:30 am. Members present were: Carl Rickershauser (State Rules Interpreter), Jim Casey (Central Sectional Meet Director, Assistant to the State Meet Director), James Camburn (South Sectional Meet Director, NJSIAA Executive Committee Representative), Justina Cassavell (Coach – Voorhees High School), John Shea (Coach – Eastern High School), Aaron Oldfield (Coach – Hopewell Valley High School), Len Pietrewicz, (Coach – Randolph High School), Wayne Letwink (North II Sectional Director), Lou Fraulo (North I Sectional Director) and Don Danser, NJSIAA Staff. No members absent.
- II. First topic of discussion was the history-making decision to postpone the Group Meets from Saturday to Sunday because of the weather forecast of severe thunderstorms and even tornadoes. Since we are now required to have busses and spectator vehicles parked two miles away, there is no emergency shelter available for the thousands of athletes, officials, and spectators that are in the park during the event. There is no gambling when safety is the issue. As a result, we will build in postponement dates and every one will be advised to check the NJSIAA website on Friday and Saturday morning if a postponement is warranted in the future. Again, it would have to be a threat of severe weather to postpone the meets. Rain alone will not cause a postponement.
- III. Correspondence
  - A. A parent said that at the group meet his son was not allowed to wear undergarments. Of course, he was allowed, if the undergarments were within the rules. If what he was wearing was not legal, he was probably told that he would have to fix the problem before he could run.
  - B. Chris Threston, Head Coach of Bishop Eustace proposed that the Non-Public A-B Classification be done around a hard number (like 569) instead of 50% by size (Larger half is A, smaller half B). This cannot be done under the present constitution. [See more on this issue later]
- IV. Holmdel Park – Just so all are aware of what the park requires, below is a summary of five-page contract for the Group Meet and Meet of Champions which was received on the Tuesday before the Group Meet.
  1. NJSIAA may use the park from 8 am to 4 pm in the designated areas only.
  2. NJSIAA must provide insurance with liability limits of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and \$1,000,000 for property damage. (Cost: \$200.00)
  3. NJSIAA shall be required to park all spectators off site and acquire the services of a bus company to provide shuttle busses for spectators and park patrons. Minimum of 6 busses. [We hired 8 buses at a cost of \$2,792]
  4. No busses carrying team members will be allowed to park inside the park. Coaches shall be responsible for notifying the bus drivers when they are ready to be picked up.
  5. Certain areas of the park are off limits to cross-country runners in order to protect the natural resources and to insure the safety of all runners and visitors.
    - a. The arboretum, sled hill, and the rental picnic areas
    - b. Park buildings, patios, walkways, parking lots, and roadways are not to be used as warm-up, running, or exercise areas.
  6. Payment of rental fee by November 1. [both meets: \$2,360]
  7. Paying for Holmdel Police (at least 1) [we hired 2] to be scheduled from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm who will be stationed at the front gate to direct traffic. [both meets: \$1,195]
  8. Arrange for ambulance crew and one certified athletic trainer to be on sit from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm [This was a change from requiring two ambulances and two trainers, which we hired again this year since we did not see the contract early enough. [both meets - Cost: \$828.75]
  9. Provide six people from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm to pick up litter. [both meets - Cost: \$582]
  10. Paying for 10 portable toilets to be in place for the meet. [We rent them for two months. The Shore Coaches Association helps by paying for the clean outs every Friday. [Cost to NJSIAA: \$4,491]
  11. Having the proper number of officials to enforce the “runners only” area that is beyond Hill Top Parking lot. [Total official fees for all meets: Sectionals through M of C: \$15,055]
  12. The maintenance road must be kept clear for emergency and park system vehicles.
  13. No dogs or bikes will be allowed on the course during the meet.
  14. Providing the park system with an estimated number of participants and updating that number.
  15. The Park Manager must receive a copy of all materials given out to participating schools regarding the meet, including the schedule prior to the day of the meet
  16. NJISAA may permit venders, up to 4 at \$225 each. [New item. We may ask neighboring schools like Holmdel Park if their booster clubs wish to take advantage of this so that food and beverages could be made available to spectators and athletes.]
  17. An onsite meeting between the race director and the park manager is required. [It was held on Tuesday before the Group Meet where the contracts were signed.]

The Meet of Champions contract was essentially the same, except for parking (onsite) and length of time using the park.

- V. Other Tournament Expenses:
  - A. Programs [all meets] \$16,055
  - B. Auto Timing/Scoring [all meets] \$3,920
  - C. Awards [all meets] - \$12,818.04
  - D. Stage Rental - \$1,430
  - E. Portable Toilets other sites: \$1,860
  - F. Trainers (all Meets) \$1,875
  - G. Police other sites: \$800
  - H. Other 5 site rentals: \$2,100
  - I. Photographer: \$840

VI. Classification

There was discussion on whether or not boys and girls should be classified separately.

A. Public Schools

1. 310 Public schools said they have girls xc programs – 269 actually participated this season, or 87% participated
2. 318 public schools said they have boys xc programs – 286 actually participated this season, or 90%
3. Present numbers, using 320 schools with cross-country, means that the schools are divided into 80 per group with 20 per group per session.

Section	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	
North 1	15 +2	18 + 1	17	16+1	
North 2	13 + 3	14 + 1	16	16+1	
Central	12 +4	17 +1	18 +1	17+1	
South	10+5	11+4	16	18	
<b>GIRLS TOTALS</b>	<b>50+14=64</b>	<b>60+7=67</b>	<b>67+1=68</b>	<b>67+3=70</b>	<b>269</b>
North 1	18	18	18	20	
North 2	14+3	17	16	18	
Central	16+2	17	19	18	
South	18+1	15+3	17	18	
<b>Boys Totals</b>	<b>66+6=72</b>	<b>67+3=70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>286</b>

The + numbers are schools that submitted individuals. For example the North 1 Group 1 Entry figure of 15+2 means that 15 full teams were entered with two schools entering individuals.

The Committee felt no changes were necessary based on the above data.

B. Non-Public

1. 24 Boys Non-Public A schools have programs, with 100% participation
2. 23 Boys Non-Public B schools have programs, with 70% participation
3. 19 Girls Non-Public A schools have programs with 100% participation
4. 28 Girls Non-Public B schools have programs with 75% participation

	A	B	Total
<b>BOYS</b>	24	15+1	40
<b>Girls</b>	18+1	19+2	40
	43	37	

5. The committee felt that for Non-Publics, because of the number of single gender schools, it would be better to classify the Boys and Girls separately.

VII. Rosters

- A. Nearly 40% of the rosters turned in to Lou Fraulo contained more than 12 names. Unlike most meets, we permit only 12 names to be submitted because each name must be assigned a bib number because we are not asking the coaches to select ahead of time which seven athletes will actually run in the meet.
- B. Proposed solutions
  - 1. Make sure the regulations stress that only 12 names can be submitted.
  - 2. Mr. Fraulo will not check for more than 12. When he submits the names to NJSIAAA for the program, the names listed alphabetically after 12 will be automatically dropped. If this results in a runner being dropped that the coach wants in the meet, and it is not discovered before meet day, the school will be fined \$50.00 per change required the day of the meet. This makes it imperative for coaches to check their rosters on Mr. Fraulo's website before they show up for the Sectionals or [in the case of Non-Publics] the Group Meets.

VIII. Tournament Regulation Changes:

- A. Page 1 – October 21 and October 28, 2008 will be the new Entries Close dates.
- B. Page 2
  - a. Add in Bold and all caps **ROSTER OF Maximum of 12 BOYS and/or 12 GIRLS** where the word roster appears. Do it here and every time the word Roster is mentioned.
  - b. Lou Fraulo's website name has been shortened to LFRACING.COM
  - c. Sectional Date is November 7, 2009 – also an SAT date. Athletes should be informed to make alternate arrangements ahead of time if they need to take these tests on that weekend.
  - d. Order of events:
 

10:00 am	Group I Girls	11:40 am	Group II Girls
10:25 am	Group IV Girls	12:05 pm	Group III Girls
10:50 am	Group I Boys	12:30 pm	Group II Boys
11:15 am	Group IV Boys	12:55 pm	Group III Boys
- C. Page 3 (School lists will change to reflect changes in 2009 classifications)
  - a. Date November 7, 2009 – Entries close October 21, 2009
  - b. Lou Fraulo's Home Phone: 201-805-2078
  - c. Add **ROSTER OF Maximum of 12 BOYS and/or 12 GIRLS** each place roster appears on this page.
  - d. Wayne Letwink's e-mail should read: [Wayne.Letwink@comcast.net](mailto:Wayne.Letwink@comcast.net)
- D. Page 4 (School lists will change to reflect changes in 2009 classifications)
 

Add **ROSTER OF Maximum of 12 BOYS and/or 12 GIRLS** each place roster appears on this page.
- E. Page 5
  - a. Change Group Meet Date to November 14, 2009
  - b. Change wording to reflect how Non-Publics will be classified, stressing boys and girls will be classified separately in cross-country only, so a school with both boys and girls may have the boys in one group and the girls in another. [change in two places on this page.]
  - c. Change Non-Public Entries Close Date to October 28, 2009
  - d. Add **ROSTER OF Maximum of 12 BOYS and/or 12 GIRLS** each place roster appears on this page.
  - e. Change Entry Close Dates to October 21, 2009 for Public Schools
  - f. Change update rosters closing date to October 28 for Publics, and November 4, 2009 for non-publics.
  - g. Change Don Danser's Home phone to 609-267-7314 and add his cell: 609-947-5593
- F. Page 6 – Change Weather section to read:
 

Meets will be postponed only when threats of severe weather, such as thunderstorms, are forecast. If you have any doubt about whether or not the meet will be postponed, check the NJSIAA website: [WWW.NJSIAA.ORG](http://WWW.NJSIAA.ORG). or call your meet director.
- G. Page 8 - Change wording to reflect how Non-Publics will be classified, stressing boys and girls will be classified separately in cross-country only, so a school with both boys and girls may have the boys in one group and the girls in another.
- H. Page 9
  - a. Change Group Meet Date to November 14, 2009
  - b. Race Schedule:
 

10:00 am	Group IV Girls	11:40 am	Group III Girls	1:20 pm	NP A Girls
10:25 am	Group I Girls	12:05 pm	Group II Girls	1:45 pm	NP B Girls
10:50 am	Group IV Boys	12:30 pm	Group III Boys	2:10 pm	NP A Boys
11:15 am	Group I Boys	12:55 pm	Group II Boys	2:35 pm	NP B Boys

- I. Page 10
- a. – Totally new Non-Public classification based on gender.
  - b. Group Meet Award Awards Ceremony Schedule:

10:40 am	Group IV Girls	12:20 am	Group III Girls	2:00 pm	NP A Girls
11:05 am	Group I Girls	12:45 pm	Group II Girls	2:25 pm	NP B Girls
11:30 am	Group IV Boys	1:10 pm	Group III Boys	2:50 pm	NP A Boys
11:55 am	Group I Boys	1:35 pm	Group II Boys	3:15 pm	NP B Boys
- J. Page 11
- a. Change State Championship date to November 21, 2009
  - b. Change Director's Home Phone to 609-267-7314 and add cell phone: 609-947-5593)
  - c. Race Schedule:
    - 10:00 am – Girls Championship Race
    - 10:45 am – Boys Championship Race
    - 11:30 am – Awards Ceremony (Starting with Girls)
- K. Page 14 – Change Group Meet Date to November 14, 2009
- L. Page 15
- a. Change Cutoff Dates Public: October 21, Non-Public: October 28
  - b. Add **ROSTER OF Maximum of 12 BOYS and/or 12 GIRLS** each place roster appears on this page.
- M. Page 16- Add **ROSTER OF Maximum of 12 BOYS and/or 12 GIRLS** each place roster appears on this page.
- N. Page 17
- a. Add **ROSTER OF Maximum of 12 BOYS and/or 12 GIRLS** each place roster appears on this page.
  - b. Change website to LFRACING.COM
- O. Page 18- Add **ROSTER OF Maximum of 12 BOYS and/or 12 GIRLS** each place roster appears on this page.
- P. Page 19 – Entry form
- a. Change Sectional Date to November 7, 2009, State Group Date to November 14, and State Championship to November 21, 2009
  - b. Add **ROSTER OF Maximum of 12 BOYS and/or 12 GIRLS** each place roster appears on this page.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am