

2008 NJSIAA Indoor Track and Field Committee Meeting

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Members Present: Bill Collins (Coach, Highland Regional), Lou Fraulo (Assistant Tournament Director), Len Pietrewicz (Coach, Randolph), Carl Rickershauser (State Rules Interpreter), Ralph Ross (Executive Committee Representative), Mary Sok (Coach, Watchung Hills), and Don Danser, NJSIAA Staff.

Absent: Ray White (Coach, Cranford)

Guests: Jim Camburn (State Meet Head Clerk), Brian Wilkinson (Bennett Center Coordinator)

Generally speaking, the meets went well except for the weather and the inability of the Armory to host the pole vault in a way that was practical. Coaches, athletes, athletic directors, officials, meet workers, and the venues are to be commended for the way everyone pulled together under very adverse and stressful conditions to complete the winter program.

Because pole vaulting at the armory has proved to be impractical, and after witnesses some great moments in the event for both boys and girls, the committee did not recommend dropping the event in order to continue to use the Jersey City Armory. With the presence of the basketball court, floor space is minimal even for the high jump and shot put. Coupled with the uncertainty of dates when using an active military facility, the committee decided against using the armory next season.

The preliminary schedule follows: (All meets are scheduled for the Bennett Center in Toms River)

1. Relay Championships

Friday, January 16, 2009 – Non-Public Championships

Saturday, January 17, 2009 9:00 AM Group 2 Boys and Girls
3:00 PM Group 4 Boys and Girls

Sunday, January 18, 2009 9:00 AM Group 1 Boys and Girls
3:00 PM Group 3 Boys and Girls

Monday, January 19, 2009 would be reserved as a possible snow date.

2. Sectionals (Public Schools Only)

Thursday, February 5, 2009 4:00 pm – North 1 and North 2 Group 1 Boys and Girls

Friday, February 6, 2009 4:00 pm – Central and South Group 1 Boys and Girls

Saturday, February 7, 2009 8:00 AM – North 1 and North 2 Group 4 Boys and Girls
1:00 PM – North 1 and North 2 Group 3 Boys and Girls
6:00 PM – North 1 and North 2 Group 2 Boys and Girls

Sunday, February 8, 2009 8:00 AM – Central and South Group 4 Boys and Girls
1:00 PM – Central and South Group 3 Boys and Girls
6:00 PM – Central and South Group 2 Boys and Girls

Monday and Tuesday would be reserved as possible snow dates.

Snow dates would work like so: If Thursday, Feb 5 were postponed, it would move to Monday the 9th and the rest of the schedule would go as scheduled. If Friday, the 6th were postponed, it would move to Monday the 9th and the rest of the schedule would go as scheduled. If Thursday and Friday both were postponed, Thursday's schedule would move to Monday and Friday would move to Tuesday. If either Saturday or Sunday were postponed, Monday would become the 8:00, and Tuesday the 1:00 schedule, and the next available Bennett opening would be the 6:00 pm schedule. If both Saturday and Sunday were postponed, we would have to schedule both Monday and Tuesday with double sessions starting at 1:00 pm. The remaining two sessions would have to be on the next available Bennett opening. Let's pray for no snow on these dates!

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3. Group Meets

Friday, February 13, 2009 4:00 pm Non-public A and B Boys and Girls (run concurrently)

Saturday, February 14, 2009 9:00 am Group 3 Boys and Girls
2:00 pm Group 1 Boys and Girls

Sunday, February 15, 2009 9:00 am Group 4 Boys and Girls
2:00 pm Group 2 Boys and Girls

Monday, February 16, 2009 – Snow date

4. Meet of Champions:

Saturday, February 21, 2009 10:00 am GIRLS only
1:00 pm Boys only

Using the first 3 weekends in February will give more flexibility for rescheduling if bad weather becomes an issue. Since the Meet of Champions draws more spectators than any other meet, it was requested by the Bennett Center to split the session.

Program Changes

1. Three entries per event will be permitted at the entry level (sectional meets for Public and group meet for Non-Public).
2. Six wild cards will be added to the Meet of Champions since it will now be a two-session meet.
3. Remove any references in the regulations that give Group Winners assurances that they are in seeded sections in the Meet of Champions. Seeding in the Meet of Champions will be based strictly on performances made in the Group Meet.
4. Many coaches communicated suggestions for a different order of events. Based on these recommendations the order below was adopted by the committee for next year for all meets:

Relays

Girls Distance Medley
Boys Distance Medley
Girls Shuttle Hurdles
Boys Shuttle Hurdles
Girls 4x200
Boys 4x200
Girls 4x800
Boys 4x800
Girls Sprint Medley
Boys Sprint Medley
Girls 4x400
Boys 4x400

Boys will start Shot Relay
Girls will start High Jump Relay
Boys will start Pole Vault Relay

Sectionals, Groups, Meet of Champions

400 meters Girls
400 meters Boys
1600 meters Girls
55 Hurdles Trials Girls
55 Hurdles Trials Boys
1600 meters Boys
55 Hurdles Finals Girls
55 Hurdles Finals Boys
800 meters Girls
55 meters dash trials Girls
55 meter dash trials Boys
800 meters Boys
55 meter dash finals Girls
55 meter dash finals boys
3200 meters Girls
3200 meters Boys
4x400 Girls
4x400 Boys

Girls will start the Shot and Pole Vault
Boys will start the High Jump

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5. Meet procedural changes
 - a. If the total entries in the 3200m for two different groups is 18 or less, the two groups will be combined into one section and separated at the finish for scoring purposes. Unseeded sections in the 3200 may be combined even when the seeded section is not. If unseeded sections are combined, these sections would run before either seeded section is run.
 - b. If there are 8 or fewer 4x400 (or sprint medley) relay teams reporting in a group, that group will run "head to head" in alleys. If 9 or more report, the race will be run in lanes in all sections.
 - c. Pre-seeding races before meet day will take place ONLY FOR THE RELAYS (as was the case this year).
 - d. When two girls or 2 boys groups are high jumping and/or pole vaulting, the two groups will jump concurrently. The starting heights will be based on the group with the lower established height. Meet management reserves the right to determine how high each elevation will be in both the high jump and pole vault. On the day of the meet, If meet management thinks the field requires a double increment twice, then it will do so. For example, in a sectional meet N1 and N2 Group 2 boys are high jumping together. The starting height was established at 5-4. The next height will be 5-8. Meet management may then set the next height at 6'0" or 5'10" at its discretion. Once the increment becomes "normal" [2' in the hj and 6" in the pv] it will not be doubled after that. For example, the Group 2 starting height was 5'4", then 5'8", then 5'10, Since meet management did not raise it 4" after 5'8, the increments will remain 2" for the rest of the competition.
 - e. Warm-up time between field event groups will be limited to 30 minutes. May extended only with permission from the Meet Director or Meet Referee.