

Place: NJSIAA Headquarters  
Time: 9:30 am

Members Present: Robert Byrnes (Tournament Head Clerk), Gerald Richardson (Coach), Allan Stumpf (Athletic Directors' Representative), Louis Fraulo (Assistant tournament director), Carl Rickershauser (State Rules Interpreter), Martin Holleran (Coach), and guest Kyle Austin (Toms River Bennett Center Manager), Don Danser (NJSIAA staff).

- I. First order of business was the committee's sincerest thanks to the Toms River School District for their great efforts in making this a very successful season, in spite of the snow. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time the Meet of Champions will take place after this "end of seson" meeting.  
NJSIAA would also like to thank the trainers and emts that worked the meets. It seems we had at least one major medical problem each session which they handled efficiently and professionally. Again thanks for being there.  
Secondly, I would like to thank Milesplit and all the coaches who participated in entering their relay entries and individual entries on Milesplit so that we could preprint the cards for these entry level meets. This system will be used again next year as well as for the spring season. Once coaches understood that they do no lose any flexibility by pre-entering, most were highly in favor of continuing the system.
- II. As is the norm, we dealt with correspondence first:
  1. E-mail from a coach concerning the use of converted mile and 2 mile times for seeding the 1600 and 3200. Coach felt it was very hard to get 1600 and 3200 times for some of our best runners because of trying to get relay seeds and to prep for the Millrose mile, etc. Committee agreed that the mile and 2-mile times converted will be accepted next year.
  2. The next piece of correspondence asked that we lead the way to change the NJSIAA bylaws to allow exhibition relays in varsity invitational meets (i.e. to run an A, B, C, etc team in one event). Idea was discussed, but no action taken.  
The second item in this e-mail dealt with the use of alleys for the 400m Another e-mail from another coach also expressed concerns with running alleys for this event and the 4x400. Presently we use them only in the sectionals (and in the Relay Championships for the Sprint Medley and 4x400) and will be using them in all entry level meets, which means they will be used in the Non-Public Group meet also. They don't just save a few minutes, it adds more than an hour to the any meet we run when we run both the 400 and 4x400 in lanes. However the committee did state the the top two seeding sections will be kept to 7 competitors, with the others topping out at 9.
  3. Next e-mail discussed asked for wildcards from the sectionals to groups. Committee discussed the issue but felt that is was not needed.
  4. Should coaches be allowed to "up" seeds in the Meet of Champions like they can outdoors was the topic of the next e-mail. Again it was discussed, but the coaches present thought it was not necessary for indoors, mainly because indoors has six running events, two of which run trials, while outdoors there are eleven running events. This difference puts more pressure on athletes on the sectional and group level to double and triple because of the team titles outdoors than indoors, ergo no need for the rule indoors.
  5. A non-public coach asked that we maintain the A and B titles in the Relay meet. We agreed, but noted that there has to be more participation, especially from the girls B schools to keep justifying the expense.  
This same coach wants a mechanism to ensure that seeds that don't make Milesplit at the cutoff date (Noon on Tuesday before each weekend's sectional, and Noon on the Tuesday before the Relay) or from

meets that only report the top six finishers can be used meet day. Since there is no way to verify these seeds, we would be back to the mess we had before we started using Milesplit.

This same coach wants us to pre-seed the meet and publish heat sheets, so all athletes would have to do is show up for their event and pick up their number. Everyone thought this would cause more problems that it would solve mainly because of the large number of scratches and changes coaches make meet day.

And finally, coaches should be allowed to enter alternates when entering their sectional entries. This was considered when we decided to use Milesplit. The idea was rejected as not necessary because coaches can make any changes they want on meet day, but the main reason was fear that coaches would mistakenly put 4 cards in the same event into the clerks' seeding bins, which would mean that all four would be disqualified.

6. We received a two-page letter outlining how we could make sure that in the Group Meet we always had 24 competitors in each event. The system would work like this: The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> finishers (8 total) for all events except the HJ/PV for each sectional would become alternates for the Group Meet. They would be ranked 25 to 32 based on sectional performance, not place, and cannot be seeded ahead of automatic qualifiers. Alternates need to go to the group meet, but are not guaranteed to run. After the 1-24 qualifiers check in, scratches would be filled from the alternates list for that event.

This is just another way of having wildcards from sectionals. Having kids show up at a meet "on stand-by" just does not seem like something we would want to do, not to mention adding potentially nearly 200 more people to the already crowded facility.

7. The final correspondence dealt with a complaint from the coach of a second place finisher in the shot put, claiming that the winner of the event won because the official marked the putter's best throw incorrectly, marking it where it landed after it bounced once. Meet management and the referee were not made aware of this problem during the course of the meet. We did not hear about it until the next day through e-mail. No matter what our findings, because of the NJSIAA Constitution and Bylaws, the results of the event have to stand. In spite of this, we conducted an investigation, communicating with all four officials involved and two other coaches who were at the event. There was no empirical evidence to support the coach's claim. We did and will again remind all shot put officials that the person marking the landing spot needs to be backed up by at least one additional official who must not be afraid to challenge the mark of the lead official. We also asked Kyle Austin (Supervisor of the Bennett Center) if we could mark the sector with distance lines, similar to outdoors which might help make spotting the landing easier.

### III. General policy/procedure changes.

1. Ask Finance committee to award Meet of Champion medals to a "Showcase" event. We would like to add a 200m championship race to the Meet of Champions. To qualify, the top 16 boys and top 16 girls as ranked on Milesplit would be invited to participate. The invitation has to be accepted by Noon on the Monday before the meet. The event would only be run in lanes 3,4, 5, and 6, which is the reason for using 16 as the optimal number of entries.
2. On the sectional levels and the Group Meet for Non-Publics – for time reasons – the 400 and 4x400 will be run in three alleys with 3 per alley as has been done in the past. The clerk will keep the top two sections to seven participants.
3. Reminder to Group 4 relays – Since the events are single gendered events, we will again be using A and B venues for the three field events. Most coaches responded positively to this procedure.

IV – Changes in the regulations

- Page 1 Note: 1. January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2015  
2. Note: January 18, 2014 to January 17, 2015
- Page 2 Rule 20 Section 5: Change January 19, 2014 to January 18, 2015
- Page 3 Meet schedules
- A. State Relay Championships: Entries close January 2, 2015 (postmarked)
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|----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Thursday, January 15, 2015 | 4:00 pm | – Group IV Girls            |
| Friday, January 16, 2015   | 4:00 pm | – Group IV Boys             |
| Saturday, January 17, 2015 | 9:00 am | – Groups II Boys and Girls  |
|                            | 4:00 pm | – Groups I Boys and Girls   |
| Sunday, January 18, 2015   | 9:00 am | – Groups III Boys and Girls |
|                            | 4:00 pm | – Non Public Boys and Girls |
- Snow date: Monday, Jan. 19, 2015

**B. Sectionals**

Friday, January 30, 2015	3:45 pm	South, Groups 1 & 4, Boys and Girls
Saturday, January 31, 2015	9:00 am	North 2, Groups I & 4, Boys and Girls
Saturday, January 31, 2015	3:30 pm	North 1, Groups I & 4, Boys and Girls
Sunday, February 1, 2015	9:00 am	Central, Groups 1 & 4, Boys and Girls
Friday, February 6, 2015	3:45 pm	South, Groups 2 & 3, Boys and Girls
Saturday, February 7, 2015	9:00 am	North 2, Groups 2 & 3, Boys and Girls
Saturday, February 7, 2015	3:30 pm	North 1, Groups 2 & 3 Boys and Girls
Sunday, February 8, 2015	9:00 am	Central, Groups 2 & 3, Boys and Girls

Snow dates: Sunday Feb. 1 at 4:00 pm  
Sunday Feb. 8 at 4:00 pm  
Monday Feb. 9, at 4:00 pm

**C. State Group Meets**

Friday, February 13, 2015	4:00 pm	Groups 2 & 3, Boys and Girls
Saturday, February 14, 2015	9:00 am	Non-Public A & B, Boys and Girls
Saturday, February 14, 2015	3:30 pm	Groups 1 & 4 Boys and Girls

Snow Date: Sunday 15, 2015

**D. State Championships (a.k.a. Meet of Champions)**

Saturday, February 21, 2015	10:00 am	Boys – all events
	10:00 am	Girls Pole Vault (Boys PV will start at 10:00 am)
	1:00 pm	Girls Running events, HJ and Shot put

Page 4 2. Electronic Devices, radios, tape recorders and other electronic communicating devices are permitted in non-contestant areas for coaching purposes only. They cannot be used for any other purpose.

- 3.
- Thursday, January 2, 2014 to Friday, January 2, 2015
  - January 4, 2014 to January 9, 2015
  - Jan 16, 2014 to Jan. 15, 2015
  - January 16, 2014 to January 15, 2015

Page 5 B: FOUR components make up an entry:  
B.1.a.(2) 2013/2014 to 2014/2015

Page 6 3.e January 7 to January 12  
January 29, 2014 to January 29, 2015  
Feb. 11, 2014 to Feb. 12, 2015

Page 7            add 4. Entry on NJ.Milesplit.com  
To complete your entry you need to enter the Relay Meet and Sectionals (Group Meet for Non-Public ONLY) on nj.milesplit.com. Directions on how to do this are available on Milesplit.  
The purpose of this is to provide you with completely filled out cards the day of the meet. However, it does not prevent you from making any changes day of the meet. The only thing you cannot change day of the meet is the TOTAL NUMBER of entries, and of course, you cannot add to your roster the day of the meet.

Note 1: Change Three parts to Four Parts

Page 8            B.1 Six highest performances from FINALS only in each event ....

Page 10:        H.1.3.(3) As in the case of the relays, if an athlete does not have a Milesplit time, the coach can submit a time, but the runner will be seeded after the top six (6) in the 55m, HH, 400 and 4x400, and after the top twelve (12) in the 800, 1600, and 3200, **but top nine in Group 1 and Non-Public B**. If a “protected” runner does not compete, the missing slot(s) will be filled from the best times submitted on the seed cards for that event. In other words, if number 6 or 12 on the list is missing, number 7 or 13 on the list does not become a “protected runner,” and could be supplanted by a performer with a higher seed from the seed cards.

Page 11:        c....Bib numbers report with their contestant numbers pinned on the front of their jerseys.

Page 13        B – Change all girls PV starting heights to 7’0”  
Starting Height for the Group Meets shall be no higher than the 12<sup>th</sup> seed from the sectionals

Page 14        Non-Public Winter Track Group Meet Classification  
2014 to 2015  
January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2015  
January 16, 2014 to January 15, 2015

Page 15 -       Relay Meets – Dates, groups, times as established earlier  
Boys will run first.

Page 16 –       Sectional Meets  
Large schools will go first, as will the Boys

Shot Put Order:        Group L Girls followed by Group S Girls  
                                  Group S Boys followed by Group L Boys

Pole Vault Order:     Group L Girls followed by Group S Girls  
                                  Group S Boys followed by Group L Girls

High Jump Order:     Group L Girls followed by Group S Girls  
                                  Group S Boys followed by Group L Boys

Events 10 and 11 would be mixed to breakup running 7 or 8 3200 meter sections in a row.  
It would look like the following:

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|-----|---------|-------|-------------------|
| 10. | Group L | Boys  | 3200 meter run    |
|     | Group S | Boys  | 3200 meter run    |
| 11. | Group L | Boys  | 4x400 meter Relay |
|     | Group S | Boys  | 4x400 meter Relay |
| 12. | Group L | Girls | 3200 meter run    |
|     | Group S | Girls | 3200 meter run    |
| 13. | Group L | Girls | 4x400 meter relay |
|     | Group S | Girls | 4x400 meter relay |

Starting Height for boys pole vault Groups 2, 3, and 4 – 10' – may be lowered at the discretion of meet management based on seeding information supplied by the coaches the day of the event.  
400 and 4x400 will be run in 3 alleys (maximum of 9 participants per section – top 2 seeded sections to be limited to 7)

Page 17 State Group Championships  
Time Schedule same as on page 3  
Order of events – Boys before Girls – small followed by Large – stagger the field events  
Add alleys for Non-Public Meet in 400 and 4x400 with max of 7 for highest two seeded sections

Page 18: State Championships (a.k.a Meet of Champions)  
Time Schedule (same as changes on page 3) Girls will be in PM boys in AM

Pending approval of appropriate NJSIAA committees:  
200 meters will be added to be run after event 5 (800 meters)  
Top 16 athletes as ranked on nj.milesplit.com will be invited to participate, going deeper if some of the top 16 decline the invitation.  
Medals to the top 8  
Only lanes 3, 4, 5, & 6 will be used.

Change 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> under High Jump and Pole Vault