

2017 Cross Country Committee

Review of the Season

Tuesday, November 21st, 2017

NJSIAA Offices: 9:30am

Minutes

1.

I) Welcome/Introductions and Comments: Mr. Timko stopped in to say thank you for working hard for the student-athletes of NJ. Mr. Timko will be retiring 12/31/17.

II) Sectional Meet Directors reports will discussed. See attachments.

III) Group And MOC Summaries where given by Ed Colona. See attachments.

IV) Mr. Bruno reported out that our XC participation numbers are on the rise in NJ.

V) Coaches Change Sheets for the day of the meet numbers where discussed. The break down follows, at the sectionals a total of 81, at the groups 23 and at the MOC 7.

Committee voted to continue with this new process.

VI) Discussion about adjusting the start/finish line. Arrangements are being made with the parks department to see what can be done.

VII) Recruitment of officials- great discussion here about getting younger people involved.

**Suggestions: Post chapter cadet classes on Mile split
Video Tutorials produced by mile split
Recruit from local Junior colleges, colleges in NJ.
Recruiting tables at school district job fairs
League & Conferences post information on their websites
Discussion to fast track coaches for their certification to officiate.**

- VIII) **Combine Starter/Referee Positions-** Discussion on doing just this sort of thing at the sites where it is feasible.

- IX) **Rotate Afternoon Start Times:** Discussion about doing this at the Sectional Sites. Thompson Park, due to a scheduling conflict, started at 1:00pm and saw an increase in spectator attendance. That was tabled for future review!

- X) **Special Needs Student Athletes—Inclusion !**
Carl spoke about the need to be inclusive for our student-athletes
There are guidelines for both officials and coaches to follow.

- XI) **Premier Sports Medicine—**Bill explained our new partnership with PSM.
They are an Athletic Trainer Service.
- XII) **Northwest Designs:** NJSIAA new vendor for apparel. Bill received positive feedback from site directors regarding this new vendor.

- XIII) **2018 Spring Track Sites** were discussed with committee members.

2) Committee recommendations for next year.

- I) **Pre entry 8 for the sectionals, groups and MOC, but be permitted to make up to 7**
Changes the day of the meets provided the athletes are listed on the Mile split team Roster by entry date. Coach must make those changes as soon as they arrive at the Meet site. **Approved !!**
- II) **For group meets only—start time at 9:30am instead of 10:00am. Approved!!**
- III) **For group meets only—Awards Ceremony –Present awards by combining the Boys & Girls (example Group I, boys & girls together) Approved!!**
- IV) **Rent an evaluated stage for better sight for the crowd of the award winners.**
Approved! Pat Montferrat and Bill Bruno will research companies.
- V) **NJSIAA will investigate the purchase of walk-talkies at Holmdel Park.**
Poor reception at the park, especially for emergencies.

VI) NEW format for TEAM advancement to the MEET of CHAMPIONS.

Individual qualifiers remain as is!!!!

Top 2 teams from each group automatically advance. (12 total teams)

Next, the 8 fastest WILDCARD teams will qualify thru a merger process.

The language of this will be developed over the next few weeks and will be presented for program review and the executive board of the NJSIAA at the January 10th, 2018 meeting for approval.

3) XC DATES for the Fall of 2018:

Sectionals: 11/3/18 Thompson Park, Greystone, Delsea, Garret MT--?? TBD by 3/1/18

Groups: 11/10/18 Holmdel Park

MOC: 11/17/18 Holmdel Park

Times & Rotations to be included in the 2018 XC Rules & Regulations that will be posted by 7/1/18

Members of the 2017 Cross Country Committee in Attendance.

Dave Pfeifer Len Pietrewicz Joe Lanzalotto Mike Jordan Pam Willison Jeff Di Coco

Tim Grant Tim Mooney Pat Montferat Lou Faulo Chris Monaco Stan Frycznski

Scott Noonan Chris Lynch Martin Holleran Mike McCabe Bob Byrnes Chris Tafelski

Chris Therston Carl Rickershauer Steve Theobald Ed Colona Bill Bruno

North 2 Central Park, Greystone

This was the first year on the newly designed, one loop Greystone course. The entire season has been run on this layout, and most teams had seen the course. Having the course map on line is a great aid. Runners use their smartphones rather than needing a paper map. No one got lost

The Morris County Parks Commission was very helpful with the meet. They would like to make Central Park the showplace of their system. Morris County Park Police came up with a bus parking plan, and directed parking for the meet. The Office of Emergency Management had an ambulance, and an off road ambulance, each staffed with two EMT's, at the meet. The course was groomed the morning of the meet by the county trail staff.

I saw no problems, and I heard no complaints.

The officials know the course, have worked together, and make the meet director's job much easier

One official was late to the meet due to road construction, so I covered his spot for the first race. I had an off- road vehicle available, so this was not a problem.

Roster changes were minimal and easily handled; 22 teams changed 24 runners. No team changed three runners

The Morris County Coaches timing crew provided us with 10 walkie talkies, so we had constant coverage of the course, and communication from officials to medical during all events. They also provided the off road vehicle so that we could get on the course and solve any issues that came up.

Because this is a new course, there will be some improvements for next year. They are minor, but will be helpful. Plans include seeding and smoothing the starting area, extending the finish chute, minor course changes because of drainage, a new bus parking area, paving and fencing the entrance area near the building.

From: jared@thewexlers.net
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 8:33 AM
To: Bill Bruno
Subject: RE: XC Wrap up meeting

Bill

Despite having to jump through various hoops with Passaic County parks and Sheriff's Department, everything went smoothly on meet day.

The officials that worked the meet were all tremendous professionals. The training staff was on time and on top of everything. The ambulance corps did not arrive on time due to a miscommunication, but showed and were tremendously cooperative, as were the sheriff's officers. I did not see the final bill for the parks or sheriff's officers. I signed off for four officers for 6 hours each. The bill was sent directly to NJSIAA.

We had an incident where Coaches questioned the order of finish in one race, but the officials maintained that the athlete in question had been passed after passing the finish line. The only suggestion I would make for the future would be to have an official camera placed on the finish line, as we have had in the past.

Please let me know if you have any further questions

Jared

From: John Hein
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 7:33 PM
To: Jeannette Bruno <jbruno@frhsd.com>
Subject: XC Sectional Recap

Bill,

The CJ Sectional went very well; I would say the best of the three that I've overseen. One area that we want to address is reserving the park at an earlier date in order to prevent the scheduling issues that we encountered this year from happening again. On the positive side I would say that the later start actually helped our turn-out--the number of fans was much increased from the past couple of years.

The finish line was well-run, scoring prompt and we were able to get nearly all the medals handed out at the meet.

Thanks,

John

2017 CROSS COUNTRY SEASON

PRE SEASON PREP STARTING IN AUGUST

CONTACT VENUES AND VENDERS
ESTABLISH NEW EMT RELATIONSHIP
SITE VISITATIONS
SEVERAL MEETING THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

SECTIONAL MEET DELSEA

SITE THE SITE DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN PREPARING THE COURSE
AND THE SUPPORT FACILITY AREAS.

OFFICIALS ALL ON TIME FOR THE MEET AND ON TASK

TIMERS EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE

TRAINERS RESPONSIVE TO ALL SITUATIONS. EVERY OFFICIAL HAD THEIR CELL NUMBER
AND THE TRAINERS HAD A MAP OF THE COURSE, SO WHEN A CALL CAME IN
THE TRAINER KNEW EXACTLY WHERE TO GO TO PROVIDE CARE

PARTICIPATION 946 athletes entered in the 8 races

T SHIRT VENDER Excellent busy all day Well prepared for the demand

SITUATION A CALL BY AN OFFICIAL WAS INVESTIGATED AND OVERTURNED BY THE
REFEREE

GROUP MEET HOLMDEL PARK

SITE EXCELLENT WELL MARKED GREAT JOB BY KEN OLSEN AND HIS STAFF

OFFICIALS ALL ON TIME FOR THE MEET AND ON TASK RESPONSIVE TO ALL SITUATIONS
REPORTED ALL OBSERVATIONS IN A TIMELY MANNER

TIMERS EXCELLENT JOB RESULTS PRODUCED QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY

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PARTICIPATION 1952 RUNNERS IN THE 12 RACES

T SHIRT VENDER Excellent busy all day Well prepared for the demand

SITUATION Two situations arose at the end of the day

An official notified meet administration that it appeared a runner entered the meet mid-way after investigation it was not as it appeared no DQ

A spectator observed a runner cut the course after investigation and discussions it was reported by the coach that he did cut the course Runner was DQd and the appropriate action was taken

MOC

HOLMDEL PARK

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TIMERS EXCELLENT JOB RESULTS PRODUCED QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY AGAIN

TRAINERS RESPONSIVE TO ALL SITUATIONS. EVERY OFFICIAL HAD THEIR CELL NUMBER AND THE TRAINERS HAD A MAP OF THE COURSE, SO WHEN A CALL CAME IN THE TRAINER KNEW EXACTLY WHERE TO GO TO PROVIDE CARE CELL PHONES DON'T WORK WELL IN THE PARK AREA, SUGGEST WALKIE TALKIES

PARTICIPATION 427 BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE TWO RACES

T SHIRT VENDER ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DAY FOR THE VENDER

INCIDENTS NONE TO REPORT

WEATHER COOPERATED IN ALL THREE WEEKENDS. OVERALL SEASON WAS A SUCCESS