

2012 NJSIAA Outdoor Track and Field Committee Meeting

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Members Present: Ed Colona (Meet Director- South Gr 3&4, & Group 2, 3, NP B), Jay Demarest (Meet Director Central Gr 2&3), Lou Fraulo (Assistant Tournament Director-Assignor of Officials), Bill Milone (Meet Director-North II Grs 2, 3, South NP A), Rich Refi (Meet Director – Central Gr 1 & 4), Carl Rickershauser (State Rules Interpreter), Brian Rodak (Meet Director-North I Gr 2&3), John Schwartz (Meet Director North 2 Gr 1, 4, NP North A), Pam Willson (Coach-Hackettstown), Russ Williams (Meet Director- South Gr. 1, 2 NP B) and Don Danser (NJSIAA Staff).

Members Absent: Bill DePonte (Executive Committee Representative), Brian Zatorski (Coach-Southern Regional), Len Pietrewiez (Meet Director-North I Gr 1,4, NP North B), Shemayne Williams (Coach-Immaculate Heart)

Guests: Jim Casey (Official), Paul Schwartz (Reporter-The Record), Pat Montferrat (NJRunners.com (MileSplit))

Again – All involved – Coaches, Athletes, Athletic Administrators, Officials – are to be congratulated for making this a most successful season. We had 22,000+ entries on the sectional level at the eight sites throughout the state (Buena and Egg Harbor for the South, Hillsborough and Monmouth for Central, Ridge and South Plainfield for North I, and Randolph and Mahwah for North II). We then had 5000+ entries for the Group Meets at South Plainfield and Old Bridge, and finally 1700+ entries for the Meet of Champions at Old Bridge.

And again, we had a weather issue with the Meet of Champions at Old Bridge. At 1:30 in the afternoon the site was visited with a 15-20 minute heavy rain storm and then a 40 minute rain with thunder and lightning at 4:00 pm, 30 minutes into the meet. Initially the thought was to wait until 5:00 pm to see if the weather would clear up, but after checking AccuWeather radar by computer and the Weather Channel radar via several cell phones –all showing more storms on the way at 4:30 pm, it was decided there was nothing to be gained by waiting another half hour since more bad weather appeared to be on the way. In addition to what was appearing on our radar screens there was serious doubt whether or not any field event could be contested given the amount of rain that had fallen at that point. Before the meet had started the high jump officials were reporting bad footing due to the rain that came at 1:30. With the additional rain at 4:00 it was highly doubtful that the Javelin and vertical jumps could resume that night no matter what. The next morning the forecast for Friday was only slightly better (25% Chance of pm thunderstorms in the Old Bridge area compared with the forecast of a 30% chance of storms on Thursday), Old Bridge administration and NJSIAA agreed that it was not worth the gamble to try to resume the meet on Friday and elected to go with Monday where the forecast was a near zero chance of storms in the pm. We needed to start at 5:00 pm because of activities at the host site would be a problem for a 3:30 start. Friday conflicts or Monday conflicts with proms, graduations, banquets and the like did **not** play a significant role in the decision. It was almost entirely weather/field conditions for the site. The forecast for Saturday was a 40% chance of storms from 11 am forward, thus ruling out Saturday as a possible restart date.

Because of the above, the Committee decided to go back to the Wednesday date following the Group Meets (June 5, 2013) and because of the lengthening of the meet by the addition of up to 42 4x100m relay entries and 42 4x800m relay entries from 18 of each this year, the starting time was moved back to 3:00 pm (from 3:30 pm) The rain date will be Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 3:00 pm. It was also decided that if the circumstances should arise that would require the meet to be suspended after starting a second time, the remaining events would be cancelled.

Another change in the Meet of Champions was to make all running events finals on time, since all events have valid seeds from the previous round.

There were about 95 responses to the survey circulated at the section meets. (See attachment 1 for summary of the results of the survey).

Most of the correspondence dealt with seeding, updating times, appeals for advancing from one level to another, specific complaints about every site, and the weather. Since heat, and more importantly humidity, are very unpredictable, and since complaints were very few from coaches, the Committee decided not to make any changes based on those possibilities. After reading through the 50+ e-mails, none were brought forward for discussion.

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The **Running events** order of events for the **Meet of Champions** will be as follows: **3:00 Start on Wed. June 5, 2013.**

1. Boys 400m Intermediate Hurdles
2. Girls 400m Low Hurdles
3. Boys 100 meter finals
4. Girls 100 meter finals
5. Mixed 1600m Wheelchair
6. Boys 1600m Run
7. Girls 1600m Run
8. Boys 4x100m Relay
9. Girls 4x100m Relay
10. Mixed 400m Wheelchair
11. Boys 400m Dash
12. Girls 400m Dash
13. Boys 110m High Hurdles Finals
14. Girls 100m High Hurdles Finals
15. Mixed 100m Wheelchair
16. Boys 800m Run
17. Girls 800m Run
18. Mixed 800m Wheelchair
19. Boys 200m Finals
20. Girls 200m Finals
21. Boys 3200m Run
22. Girls 3200m Run
23. Boys 4x800m Relay
24. Girls 4x800m Relay
25. Boys 4x400m Relay
26. Girls 4x400m Relay

Field Events

Starting at 3:00

Mixed Wheelchair Shot, Discus Javelin

Boys Shot followed by Girls

Girls Discus followed by Boys

Boys Javelin followed by Girls

Boys Long Jump followed by Girls

Girls Triple Jump followed by Boys

Boys Pole Vault

Girls Pole Vault

Boys High Jump

Girls High Jump

Sectional (May 24, 2013) and Group Meet (May 31, 2013) Order Friday 3:30 pm

1. Boys 400m Intermediate Hurdles (2 or 3 groups)
2. Girls 400m Low Hurdles (2/3 groups)
3. Boys 1600m Run (1/2 Groups)
4. Boys 100m Trials
5. Girls 100m Trials
5. Boys 1600m Run (1 group)

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6. Boys 100m Finals
7. Girls 100m Finals
8. Girls 1600m Run (2/3 groups)
9. Boys 400m Dash
10. Girls 400m Dash
11. Boys 4x800m Relay
12. Girls 4x800m Relay

Saturday (May 25, 2013) Section 10:00 am start – Group Meets (June 1, 2013) 11:00 am start

1. Boys 110m HH Trials
2. Girls 100m HH Trials
3. Boys 800m Run
4. Girls 800m Run
5. Boys 110m HH Finals
6. Girls 110m HH Finals
7. Boys 3200m Run (1/2 Groups)
8. Boys 4x100m Relay
9. Girls 4x100m Relay
10. Boys 3200 (1 group)
11. Boys 200 finals on time (protecting the top 16 seeds from Milesplit)
12. Girls 200 finals on time (protecting the top 16 seeds from Milesplit)
13. Girls 3200m Run (2/3 Groups)
14. Boys 4x400m Relay*
15. Girls 4x400m Relay*

*As in the past, Each Group will run boys then girls before the next group runs.

For example at South Plainfield Sectional with three groups the 4x400 order would be:

14. Boys Group 2 4x400
15. Girls Group 2 4x400
16. Boys Group 3 4x400
17. Girls Group 3 4x400
18. Boys South A 4x400
19. Girls South A 4x400

Field events will depend on the site, but for the most part the girls will do those field events on Saturday that they did this year on Friday and vice versa. Same for the boys: What the boys did on Friday they will do on Saturday and what they did on Saturday this year they will do on Friday, the exception of Javelin. Girls Javelin will be on Friday, with Boys on Saturday

It will be made clear in the tournament regulations that no wild cards can advance unless it is from the finals of an event. This was a topic of several e-mails.

The regulations will also make clear that the coach must check the performance lists on one of the following websites to make sure he/she knows which athletes have advanced from one level to the next:

NJSIAA.org

Mctrack.org

Lfracing.com

Nj.milesplit.com

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing an old idea about making the group meet title a truer team title. As team title is presently structured, a school blessed with one or two "stars" can win the title scoring in 5 or six of the 18 events. Mr. Paul Schwartz did a great deal of research to see how a restructuring of the team scoring aspect could crown a truer Group Meet Team Champion than the present system without changing how the meets are actually run and without changing how individuals advance.

After his presentation, with the help of John Schwarz, Meet Co-Director for North I at Ridge, who showed that the concept could be done using the current Hy-tek software, the Committee decided to try the concept next year. This will require Program Review and Executive Committee approval before becoming final.

The change is in how the meet is scored. After sectionals the top two teams in each public group (Non –publics don't need this adjustment because of the size of their fields) will advance with all of their athletes who placed in the top 12 places in each event. As is currently done, all medal winners in the sectionals will still advance, but the top 2 team scorers will have additional athletes advance who placed 7th through 12th.

At the group meets, only the 8 teams (the top two teams in each group from each section) can score team points. Thus, the group title will go to one of these 8 teams. All individuals and wildcards will still advance to the Meet of Champions as they have in the past. The only change is in team scoring and the fact that not just individuals will advance from sectionals to the groups, but in essence, their team will.

The one side affect will be that in the Group meets there will be more athletes (now the maximum, barring ties is 24 per event) in each event at the Group level. Paul made a careful study of this and over the last three years, an additional 4 or 5 on average would have been added if this procedure had been in use over the last three years.

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Attachment 1 – Summary of Coaches Survey on Order of Events:
Meet Of Champions

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Last two events 4x800, 4x100	1																																																			
Make 4x100 and 4x800 first two events	2																																																			
Last 2 events: 4x400, then 3200	1																																																			
Reverse 4x800 and 100 wheelchair	1																																																			
Remove 4x100 and 4x800	4																																																			
Switch #11 800 with #14 4x800	1																																																			
#14 4x880 switch with 15 wheel 100	1																																																			
Switch events #2 4x100 with 1600 girls (#3)	1																																																			
Eliminate trials in the hurdles, place 800 before 100 trials	1																																																			
4x800 follow hurdle trials	1																																																			
Switch 4x100 (#2) with 4x800 (#14)	2																																																			
Time schedule giving time between races(no suggested schedule)	1																																																			
Switch #12 Wheel 800 with #14 4x800	1																																																			
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Sectionals – Group Meet Suggestions

Suggestions:			Number		
Keep same – no suggestion for adding 2 relays			37		
Switch 1600 and 3200 no suggestion for relays			4		
End Friday with 4x100			1		
Start Sat with 3200, 4x800 as #5 #7 9(old 3200 slots)			1		
End Friday with 4x800, end Sat with 4x100			1		
Start Friday with 4x100, eliminate 200 trials, 4x800 before			1		
Start Friday with 4x800 boys and end with 4x800 girls			1		
End Friday with 4x800, add 4x100 just before 4x400			2		
Start Friday with 4x800, start Sat with 4x100			6		
End Friday with 4x800, Start Sat with 4x100			7		
Run 1600 last on Friday and 3200 first on Sat no relay			1		
Start Sat with 4x800 no suggestion for 4x100			1		
Start Sat with 3200 – no 200 trials			4		
Start Friday with 4x100 – end Friday with 4x800			2		
Sat. make 200 trials event #4			1		
Friday Make 4x800 event 4; sat make 4x100 event 5			1		
Eliminate 200 trials – no relay suggestions			3		
Start Friday with 4x100; sat make 4x800 #8			1		
Friday all 1600's 2 nd event 100 trials/finals end with 4x800 Start Sat with 4x100			2		
Pre-seed sectionals from milesplit; run throwing & jumping by giving 1 attempt, then 10 th best of these becomes mark each must make to receive measurement			1		
Start Friday with all 1600's			1		
Friday 4 x1 Event #2; Sat 4x800 Event #7			1		
End Friday with 4x100 and 4x800			1		
Fri. all 1600's 2 nd then 100 trials/finals back to back 6 grs			1		
Get rid of relays and have separate relay championships			2		
End Fri with 4x100; sat add 4x800 #7 between 200 finals & 3200			1		
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