

# NJSIAA Winter Track and Field Committee minutes February 24, 2009

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Meeting started at 9:30 am

Members Present: Ralph Ross (Executive Committee), Lou Fraulo (Assistant Director), Carl Rickershauser (State Rules Interpreter), John Ponte (Coach, Clifton High School), Bill Collins (Coach, Highland Regional High School), Len Pietrewicz (Coach, Randolph High School), Elizabeth Morris (Coach, Bridgewater-Raritan High School), Brian Wilkinson (Guest – Representing Toms River Bennett Center), Don Danser (NJSIAA staff).

It was generally agreed that the program had some problems (Relays were too long, sectionals needed more time between sessions, and Group Meets running events went too quickly), but by-and-large, went relatively well. A large part of the success was due to Brian Wilkinson and all of the personnel of the Bennett Center. Another large part of the success was do to most of the 45 officials who worked the meets.

The first order of business was correspondence. At the time of the meeting there was very little, which is usually another sign that things went well.

1. Coach from Jackson Liberty questioned the “late” disqualification of his relay team in the boys Group III meet. When a coach complains about a call, lack of a call, scoring mistakes, etc., the referee will investigate. If his findings warrant action, he takes it. In the case of the lack of a call, the officials involved were thoroughly interviewed by the referee. That information resulted in the disqualification that came about 15 minutes after the race. All protocols that were followed were normal. The only difference is that it is unusual for the referee to discover information on a “no-call” by the umpires that would result in his declaring a foul and issuing a disqualification.
2. The Head Coach of Bishop Eustace feels that the Non-Public division is not “halved” correctly or fairly. He sites that in NP A boys there were 309 entries while the NP B had 118. In the girls A had 232 while B had 163. Total number of schools that actually participated were 22 NP A boys schools compared to 16 Non-Public B boys schools, while the girls had 16 NP A and 17 NP B. The present classification is based on schools who report having winter track programs (as are all sports-specific classifications) not on those who actually participate. This year 25 Non-public A schools participated while 22 Non-Public B schools participated. Another factor is the single-gender schools can throw off the “proportion” as seen with 22 A and 16 Boys schools, but 16 A and 17 B girls schools. His proposal would be to use the top Group B school in the General Classification (this year 568) as the dividing line for the division. As he has been told in the past, the NJSIAA Constitution forbids this. What we can do is look at the schools that had 10 or more entries into the Group Meet tournament by sex and classify them (divide in half). This could result in the boys team and girls team having a different classification.  
The coach noted that there are no Non-Public representatives on the cross-country or winter track committees. The NJSIAA does not control the coaches placed on the committee. The New Jersey State Coaches Association governing board makes those appointments. He should take this matter up with them.
3. NJSIAA does not have a corporate partner any longer dealing with getting hotels for teams for athletic events. However, we did get a note from Penny A. Brown of Days Hotel in Egg Harbor, offering teams special rates when visiting in the area. Contact info: Tel: 609-641-4500 [www.dayshotelpleasantville.com](http://www.dayshotelpleasantville.com)
4. The only other correspondence dealt with Question 47 being false on the NFHS’s Track and Field Answer Key!

## Next Year’s Schedule

After much debate on how the sectional schedule should be, the committee decided on the following dates for next season (All meets will be at the Bennett Center):

### **I. Relays**

Friday Jan. 15, 2010	Group III Boys and Girls	4:00 pm
Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010	Non-Public A and B Boys and Girls	9:00 am
Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010	Group II Boys and Girls	3:30 pm
Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010	Group I Boys and Girls	9:00 am
Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010	Group IV Boys and Girls	3:30 pm

Monday, Jan. 18, 2010 – Snow Date

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## II. Sectionals

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010	North 1 and North 2, Group 3 Boys and Girls	3:45 pm
Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010	North 1 and North 2, Group 4 Boys and Girls	3:45 pm
Friday, Feb. 5, 2010	Central and South, Group 4 Boys and Girls	3:45 pm
Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010	Central and South, Group 1 Boys and Girls	8:30 am
Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010	North 1 and North 2, Group 1 Boys and Girls	2:00 pm
Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010	North 1 and North 2, Group 2 Boys and Girls	7:00 pm
Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010	Central and South, Group 2 Boys and Girls	9:00 am
Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010	Central and South, Group 3 Boys and Girls	3:00 pm

Note: Any weekday session snowed out will first be made up on Sunday as an added 3<sup>rd</sup> session with the sessions being rescheduled to 8:00 am 1:30 pm, and 7:00 pm.

If more sessions are required to be rescheduled they will be on Monday. If only one session, starting time will be at 4:00 pm. If 2 sessions are needed, it will be 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm

## III. State Group Meets

Friday, February 12, 2010	Non-Public A & B Boys and Girls	4:00 pm
Saturday, February 13, 2010	Groups 2 and 3 Boys and Girls	10:00 am
Sunday, February 14, 2010	Groups 1 and 4 Boys and Girls	10:00 am

## IV. State Championships (Meet of Champions)

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010	Boys	10:00 am
Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010	Boys and Girls Pole Vaulters	11:00 am
Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010	Girls	

The following changes in Meet Schedule will take place in all meets EXCEPT Meet of Champions

There will be two shot puts, two pole vaults and two high jumps available which means

1. The Shot will be conducted in the Intermediate School Gym adjacent to the bubble Boys and girls will throw at the same time, but Groups will throw consecutive. For example Boys North 1 Group 1 would throw first to a conclusion before Boys North 2 Group 1 throws, while at the same time Girls North I Group 1 would throw first to a conclusion followed by Girls North II Group I
2. There will be two high jump pits, which means boys and girls will be jumping at the same time. At the sectional level it means that the two groups (Like North I Group I boys and North II Group I Boys) will jump concurrently, like they did this season, while their female counterparts will be jumping in the same manner at pit number 2, starting at the same time.
3. There will be two pole vault pits, which means which means boys and girls will be jumping at the same time. At the sectional level it means that the two groups (Like North I Group I boys and North II Group I Boys) will jump concurrently, like they did this season, while their female counterparts will be jumping in the same manner at pit number 2, starting at the same time.
4. The pole vault will work differently at the MEET of CHAMPIONS. Boys running events, shot, and high jump will start at 10:00. Girls running events, shot, and high jump will start at 11:00; however, both boys and girls Pole Vault will start at 11:00. The shot put in this meet will be in the Bubble.

The following changes have been made for Seeding for the State Relays:

1. To be considered for the top seeded sections/heats of an event, the coach must submit by Noon on Jan. 13, 2010 a seed that matches or is better than the following table:

[THIS TABLE WILL LIST A SEED TIME BASED ON LAST YEAR'S MEET. IT WILL BE BROKEN DOWN BY GROUP. This procedure will apply only to running events.]

No other changes were made in the program. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.