

RULES INTERPRETATION MEETING

March 7, 2020

Walt Olson opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tracy Taylor gave a short Treasurer's Report for Janet Laing, balance in our account 11, 500, dues still have to be paid.

Jay Demarest - There are four things officials have to do for NJSIAA, Take the test, background check, concussion course and attend 3 of 5 meetings, with the Rules Interpretation Meeting being mandatory. This past season, several officials have slipped thru the cracks having not attended the correct number of meetings and not taking concussion course on time. You were given a gift this year, but it will not happen next year, do not fulfill your obligations, you will not work!

Jay will be holding a starter's clinic in Matawan on March 21st. If anyone is interested.

When an assignment is posted on Arbiter, you have 5 days to accept. Please make sure you are putting in any blocks you have for the upcoming season. Once you are blocked, you cannot be assigned. So if something changes and you can now work a date you blocked, contact Jay and let him know.

The week of a meet, call the school to make sure meet is still on as scheduled. Call again the day of the meet, especially if the weather is in question.

Payments are as follows:

2 Teams - \$80 - 3 carded officials

3 Teams - \$92 - 4 carded officials

4 Teams - \$115 - 5 carded officials

There should not be any meets with more than 4 teams, unless you are scheduled for a Divisional Meet.

Make sure you fill out a voucher the day of the meet. Do yourself a favor, and take a picture of your completed voucher. If you don't get paid, call the AD's office of the host school.

Be prepared to work any venue at each meet, always have your rule book, clipboard, stop watch, and other measuring instruments you may need.

Jim McMillan - just a reminder that Middle School meets are run by Monmouth/Ocean County and there are no set guides for payments.

To reiterate critical information, you must pass the test, you must take the concussion test, background check and the W-9 has to be filled out. The test is now opened, there are 100 questions. You have until March 31st to complete it. You do not have to take it all at once, you can suspend it and return to it. On April 1st if you have not completed the test, you will be removed from the active list and will not receive any assignments.

All dates for the upcoming Spring Invitationals are on our website. Jim will be sending out assignments soon. These meets will never be cancelled, so

come prepared for the weather. DO NOT bring a chair, unless you are an umpire. Be prepared to work and possibly have an assignment changed once you arrive at the venue. Always check in and check out with the Meet Referee. If your assignment finishes early, you may be asked to help out at another venue. Meet Directors want the sign in and sign out to use for pay scales. If you have any questions regarding payment for invitationals, direct those questions to the Meet Director, they are running the meet. In order to check your status on Arbiter, click on your profile, you should see a green badge, this green badge means you are in good standing and ready to be assigned.

Walt Olson - When you do a divisional meet, just filling out the voucher may not be enough, several schools will be in attendance, make sure you make a note of which school is responsible for paying you.

Joe Gomulka - Shore Conference approved the number of athletes allowed in track events to be 8 for the upcoming season, however, shore track officials have not approved this.

B South is running tri meet with 6 teams, no set amount for this meet yet. Some concern over Divisional meets paying only \$100, when we have a meet with 4 teams we are getting \$115. Joe is asking to have 8 carded officials at the B South tri meet.

Marc Johnson - There were 8 rule changes for the upcoming season, Marc handed out information on each, along with a diagram related to the rule

change for the exchange zone. Remember to always have your rule book with you, it is your friend. If you are working a venue that is new to you, review all the rules before the meet. Highlight in the book, always a great help.

Carol Harrison - Results of our voting:

Janet Laing - Treasurer

Lynn Hallenbeck - Secretary

Executive Board 2 yr. - Mary McMillan

Jeff Mezera

Donna Cornell

1 yr. - Michael Mooney

State Board - Marc Johnson

Jay Demarest

25 year Achievement Award - Janet Loschenko

Official of the Year - Grace Goble

John McGillvray introduced the cadets once again.

Meeting was adjourned by Walt Olson at 10:35 am.