

GLASSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monthly Board Items

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Date Submitted:
Oct. 6, 2015

Proposed Effective Date:
Nov. 1, 2015

Grade(s) impacted:
9-12

Name:	Position/Item: NJSIAA Constitutional changes	Submitted By: Jeff Cusack Athletic Director/Activities Dir	Building: High School
Proposed cost/amount: \$0	Funded through:	Hours/Days per week:	Benefits: Y or (N) (circle one)

Is candidate currently employed by District:
 No Yes

Is candidate a former employee: No Yes

(if yes, what position) _____

If yes, part time or full time (circle one)

Check references/review district personnel file?
 No Yes

Board Action Requested:

Recommend approval to cast votes for the five proposed changes to the NJSIAA constitutional changes on December 7th at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ. I am recommending that we cast votes as follows:
Proposal #1- Yes, Proposal #2- No, Proposal #3- Yes, Proposal #4- No and Proposal #5- Yes.

Details and ramifications

See attached documents.
New policy on Drones is attached.

Positives:

Concerns:

Other Comments:

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Board Date: _____ Approved: Y or N Index #: _____

Athletic Memo

To: Dr. Silverstein

From: Jeff Cusack

Date: Oct. 9, 2015

Re: Proposed changes to NJSIAA Constitution and their effect on Glassboro Athletics

Proposal #1- Recommended vote "Yes" Separation of Non-Public schools from the Public School Districts and Regions Wrestling tournament. Yes vote will increase Glassboro/Clayton wrestlers a better opportunity to advance further in the wrestling tournament.

Proposal #2- Recommended vote "No". Moving the start date for fall sports up one week earlier. The proposed change will have the fall season involve playing games prior to Labor Day and even before September 1st in some years. We need to provide our students and coaches with time to increase strength and rest which will promote increased strength.

Proposal #3- Recommended vote "Yes". Permit winter sports to use the three days before Thanksgiving to be used to evaluate student-athletes. Winter sports teams currently have the shortest pre-season period to get their teams ready for season. Additional 3 days will help improve the students opportunity to show what they are capable of doing.

Proposal #4- Recommended vote "No". Separate all non-public football schools from the public schools and form conferences for non-public schools. Glassboro has a positive relationship with the non-public schools in our conference and the WJFL is able to develop workable schedules.

Proposal #5- Recommended vote "Yes". This proposal adds an additional penalty to students who transfer to another school if they are a varsity athlete. That penalty is they cannot participate in post-season play-offs and must sit out for the first 30 days of the season.

BALLOT PROPOSAL NO. 1 - Yes

Northern Valley Regional High School has proposed a new section to Article VIII of the NJSIAA Bylaws. "CONTEST RULES CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIALS," to separate wrestlers from public and non-public schools at the district and regional tournament levels. The Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee have endorsed this proposal.

This proposal requires a majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting, based on the total number of ballots cast at the annual meeting.

BYLAW CHANGE

(Additions to the current Bylaws are shown underlined.)

Bylaws, Article VIII, "CONTEST RULES CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIALS"
(*Handbook*, page 50):

Section 5 Wrestling Individual State Tournament (new)

1. All public schools shall be separated into twenty-eight (28) district tournament and seven (7) regional tournament sites.
2. All non-public schools shall be separated into four (4) district tournaments and one (1) regional tournament site.
3. All contestants who place first, second or third in the public school district tournaments shall advance to a public school regional sites.
4. All contestants who place first, second, or third in the non-public school district tournaments shall advance to a non-public school regional site.
5. All contestants who place first, second or third in the public school regional tournament will advance to the State Championship Tournament.
6. All contestants who place first, second, third or fourth in the non-public school regional tournament will advance to the State Championship Tournament.

7. Three wild cards will be used per weight class to allow for the next best region place winners to qualify for the individual state tournament. The non-public school 5th place medalist will be eligible for one (1) wild card. The 7 public school 4th place region medalists will be eligible for up to three (3) wild cards. The NJSIAA Tournament Committee prior to the start of each season will establish objective criteria that provide equal access for both non-public and public schools for the aforementioned wild cards.

8. If any portion of this section shall be deemed invalid, the remaining portion of this section shall remain in full force and effect.

BALLOT PROPOSAL NO. 2 - NC

The Big North Conference has proposed moving the start-dates for fall sports to an earlier date, as an option for any league, conference or member school. The optional early start-dates for fall sports for the next five years would be as listed below. The Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee have endorsed this proposal.

This proposal requires a majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting, based on the total number of ballots cast at the annual meeting.

RULES & REGULATIONS CHANGE

Rule 2. "Program Regulations," Section 6. "Start of Practice" and Section 8, "Start of Regular Schedule" (*Handbook*, pages 59 and 60); and all "Specific Sport Regulations" for fall sports (*Handbook*, pages 62-75), would be amended to include the following optional start-dates for fall sports:

Aug 15th

2016

Football practice start date

Wednesday, 8 10 16 (22, 23 or 24 days from 1st game dates, 9 1 2 3 16)

All other fall sports practice start date Monday, 8 15 16 (24 days from 1st game date, 9 8 16)

Labor Day Monday, 9 5 16

Football first game date Thursday, 9 1 16, Friday, 9 2 16 or Saturday, 9 3 16

All other fall sports game start date Thursday, 9 8 16 except for Girls Tennis which starts on Tuesday, 9 6 16.

2017

Football practice start date

Wednesday, 8 9 17 (22, 23, 24 days from 1st game dates of, 8 31, 9 1/2 17)

All other fall sports practice start date Monday, 8 14 17 (24 days from 1st game date, 9 7 17)

Labor Day Monday, 9 4 17

Football first game date Thursday, 8 31 17, Friday 9 1 17 or Saturday, 9 2 17

All other fall sports game start date Thursday, 9 7 17 except for Girls Tennis which starts on Tuesday, 9 5 17

2018

Football practice start date

Wednesday, 8/8/18 (22, 23, 24 days from 1st game dates of 8/30, 31, 9/1/18)

All other fall sports practice start date Monday, 8/13/18 (24 days from the 1st game date, 9/6/18)

Labor Day Monday, 9/3/18

Football first game date Thursday, 8/30/18, Friday, 8/31/18 or Saturday, 9/1/18

All other fall sports game start date Thursday, 9/6/18 except for Girls Tennis which starts on Tuesday, 9/4/18

2019 -

Football practice start date

Wednesday, 8/14/19 (23 days from 1st game date of Friday, 9/6/19)

All other fall sports practices start date 8/19/19 (24 days from the 1st game date, 9/12/19)

Labor Day Monday, 9/2/19

Football first game date Friday, 9/6/19 or Saturday, 9/7/19

All other fall sports game start date Thursday, 9/12/19 except for Girls Tennis which starts on Tuesday, 9/10/19

2020 -

Football practice start date

Wednesday, 8/12/20 (22, 23, 24 days from 1st game dates of 9/3, 4, 5/20)

All other fall practices start date 8/17/20 (24 days from the 1st game date, 9/10/20)

Labor Day Monday, 9/7/20

Football first game date Thursday, 9/3/20, Friday, 9/4/20 or Saturday, 9/5/20

All other fall sports game start date Thursday, 9/10/20 except for Girls Tennis which starts on Tuesday, 9/8/20

Provide sched. flexibility ➤

BALLOT PROPOSAL NO. 3 - Yes

Pascack Valley High School has proposed moving the start-dates for winter sports to an earlier date, to allow for try-outs and player evaluation before Thanksgiving. The Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee have endorsed this proposal.

This proposal requires a majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting, based on the total number of ballots cast at the annual meeting.

RULES & REGULATIONS CHANGE

Rule 2. "Program Regulations," Section 6, "Start of Practice" (*Handbook*, pages 59 and 60); and all "Specific Sport Regulations" for winter sports, would be amended to include the following start-dates for winter sports:

The start of the winter sports season shall be the Monday before Thanksgiving. The three days from that Monday until Thanksgiving do not count toward the six days of practice required before scrimmages may occur. No practice is permitted for the four-day period from Thanksgiving to the Monday after Thanksgiving. The Monday after Thanksgiving will start as Day 1 of the pre-season count.

Player evaluation period

BALLOT PROPOSAL NO. 4 –

The Public-Nonpublic Committee has proposed the creation of a separate football conference for nonpublic schools. The Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee have endorsed this proposal.

This proposal requires a majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting, based on the total number of ballots cast at the annual meeting.

BYLAWS CHANGE

(Additions to the current Bylaws are shown underlined.)

Bylaws, Article III. "Classification of Member Schools" (*Handbook* pages 35-37), shall be amended to add a new section as follows:

Section 11. Non-Public Football Conference (new)

There shall be a non-public football conference, consisting of all non-public member-schools that participate in the sport of football. Non-conference play between public and non-public members shall be at the discretion of each school.

BALLOT PROPOSAL NO. 5 - Yes

The Public-Nonpublic Committee has proposed amending the Transfer Rule in the following respects:

- The proposed rule distinguishes between **closed-enrollment** schools and **open-enrollment** schools. *county tech schools*
- The proposed rule eliminates the *bona fide* change of residence exception for all transfers except transfers from one closed-enrollment district to another (i.e., traditional transfer from one public school to another)
- The proposed rule increases the waiting time from 30 days (or half the season) to 30 days (or half the season) & post-season play.
- The existing rule applies only to transferring varsity athletes; the proposed rule would apply to both varsity and non-varsity athletes, but would treat them differently:
 - Varsity athletes would be subject to the 30-day and post-season sit
 - Non-varsity athletes would be allowed to play immediately at the non-varsity level, and could play varsity after 30 days. *eligible for post-season*

*Non-public
transfer -
choice -*

This proposal requires a majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting, based on the total number of ballots cast at the annual meeting.

BYLAW CHANGE

Bylaws Article V, "Eligibility of Athletes," Section 4 "Eligibility Requirements," Subsection K, "Transfers" (*Handbook* pages 46-48), shall be supplemented as follows, with all contradictory language to be deleted:

1. If a student transfers from one **closed-enrollment** school to another **closed-enrollment** school, with a bona fide change of residence, there would be no restriction on the student's athletic eligibility.
2. If a student transfers from a **closed-enrollment** school to an **open-enrollment** school, with or without a bona fide change of residence, the student's athletic eligibility would be restricted as follows:
 - a. For any sport in which the transferring student had participated as a varsity athlete, the transferring student would be ineligible for 30 days (or one-half the

season, whichever is less) and would be ineligible to participate in the state tournament.

b. For any sport in which the transferring student had participated as a non-varsity athlete, the student would be ineligible for 30 days (or one-half the season, whichever is less) of varsity competition. The transferring student would be eligible to participate at the non-varsity level immediately.

3. If a student transfers from an **open-enrollment** school to a **closed-enrollment** school, with or without a bona fide change of residence, the student's athletic eligibility would be restricted as set forth in paragraph 2 above.

4. If a student transfers from an **open-enrollment** school to an **open-enrollment** school, with or without a bona fide change of residence, the student's athletic eligibility would be restricted as set forth in paragraph 2 above, but if the open-enrollment school is a "choice school" or a public school that accepts tuition-paying students, the restrictions on participation would apply only if the student is a non-resident.

5. A **closed-enrollment** school is a school that accepts students residing in a defined geographic area, such as a public school or county vocational school. An **open-enrollment** school is a school that may accept students regardless of the student's residence, such as a non-public school, choice school, or public school that accepts tuition-paying students.

Severability If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Bylaw shall be adjudged to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Bylaw shall be deemed valid and effective.

NJSIAA Interim Drone Policy (August 13, 2015)

Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), or drones, offer a new technology that can impact sports by allowing coaches, athletes and spectators to view an event from novel perspectives.

The NJSIAA will study the costs and benefits of allowing UAS, or drone, flights at high school sporting events. The NJSIAA study will consider, among other things, the federal FAA regulations currently being drafted; the safety of athletes, coaches and spectators; the potential for a school with access to drones to gain an unfair competitive advantage over a school that does not; and privacy concerns about photographing students and spectators from drones. Until the NJSIAA study is completed, no UAS or drone flights will be permitted at high school sporting events or practices involving NJSIAA member schools.