

Minutes of the Fall 2018 Meeting  
NJIFA 2018-2019 Season

**I. Introduction**

- A. Welcome by Lisa Campi-Sapery
- B. Introduction of the Executive Board
  - 1. Lisa- President
  - 2. Jackson Vice-President
  - 3. Sara Treasurer
  - 4. Mike Secretary
    - a) Webmaster: Robert Baum
- C. New Coaches
  - 1. PCTI- Frank Migliorino
  - 2. Livingston Girls- Janette Ng
- D. District Chairs
  - 1. Marianne Pratchler- Hackettstown
  - 2. John Reed- North Hunterdon
  - 3. George Janto- Livingston
  - 4. Fair Lawn
  - 5. Mike Bindas- Montclair

**II. Old Business**

- A. Reports
  - 1. Lisa- President Report
    - a) Procured head ref for Santelli Cetrulo- Alex Giolla
    - b) Carpets for Santelli Cetrulo
    - c) Email me form <https://bit.ly/SantCetr>
    - d) All-State Banquet- Zeris Inn March 18th (372 Route 46 Mountain Lakes)
    - e) December 14th is the first dual meet date.
    - f) Squad Deadline is 2/1. Same day as Santelli/Cetrulo
  - 2. Jackson- Vice President Report
    - a) Coach - even a volunteer, they have to go through a school selection process. (Must have a "safe sport" training). Practice, Dual Meet, Tournament. It's big trouble
      - (1) They can bring sanctions on your school
      - (2) George: Our Santelli/Cetrulo insurance doubled because we had too many non-certified coaches on the floor. They are a liability to our fencers, your schools and the NJIFA. We haven't had problems so our rates are going down, but please follow the rules on coaches
      - (3) Jackson reiterates- clinics, coaching, practices, all of these things hurt your schools if they are not board approved.
    - b) Coaching during out of season time.

- (1) From state individual ending until the last spring championship, you are not allowed to talk to them about fencing, strip coach at a private tournament, etc.
- (2) During summer you are fine
- (3) September 1st, you are only allowed to talk to your fencers one time.
- (4) Can't talk about training, strategy....only logistical information.
- (5) This is up until the Monday of try-outs.
- (6) Can't have booster clubs to pay at private clubs if it is JUST your school
- (7) If you feel people are, you need to contact your ADs and the NJSIAA....NOT THE NJIFA
  - (a) Seniors who are graduating can be coached privately AFTER the season.

3. Mike- Secretary

- a) Email List- Is only for information from the executive board and the NJSIAA to you.
- b) We do not advertise camps, clinics etc.
- c) Forums- This is where you can talk about anything you wish
- d) NJIFA Website: [www.njifa.com](http://www.njifa.com)
- e) Participation

4. Sara- Treasurer

- a) 7497.29 after payment for Santelli/Cetrulo
- b) 7 schools owe us for Santelli/Cetrulo
- c) After they pay \$10,022.29 in the account.

B. Santelli Cetrulo Committee Update

1. Vince Paragano (Representative from Drew University)

- a) Run the same setup format with one change. Try pulling the stands out. Areas between the pods will be compressed.
- b) No Fencers go into the stands and no bags go into the stands. (Keep it clean)
- c) Cleanup was good, but there was a ton of equipment left behind. Thanks from Drew University for helping their budget by having all that spare equipment
- d) Pray there's no snow because there's no alternate weekend on our schedule or yours.
- e) Invited 15 colleges to come down and offered to give them tables.
  - (1) EWFC Div III
  - (2) MACVA Div I, II, III and clubs

2. Lisa- 40th Santelli dedicate it to Gene Packer?

- a) Pancreatic Cancer Ribbon color on shirts
- b) George made a motion that this would be unanimous

(1) 2nd by Mike

c) No one objects....Motion carries.

3. Santelli Cetrulo Seeding Proposal

a) Proposal 2- This proposal is just to formalize the existing practice from 2017 and 2018. 2A: Change "In Round 1, all participating squads are divided into 6 equal or near equal pools of 7 or 8...." to " In Round 1, all participating squads are divided into equal or near equal pools of 7 or 8...."

RATIONALE: Simply remove the "6" from the rule, as we have expanded beyond 48 teams and could further expand beyond 56 teams.

2B: Change the first paragraph of the Round 2 format to "In Round 2, the squads ranked 1-8 in each weapon make up pool A, squads ranked 9-16 make up pool B. Squads ranked 17 and below will be divided into equal or near equal pools, C being no smaller than D, D being no smaller than E, etc."

RATIONALE: Now that we have expanded beyond 48 teams, it becomes difficult to ensure pools of 8 beyond the A and B pools. This will ensure that the top 2 pools remain at a size of 8, while allowing flexibility for the remaining pools.

(1) This was something that has occurred since we have had a higher amount of teams. It is something that was done because of the by-laws stating we must have 6 pools.

(2) Approved with Unanimous Consent

b) Proposal 3- Add the following to the First Round rules:  
"If there is an absolute tie (% victories, victories, indicators, touches scored) in the 1st round between two or more teams, and not all affected teams can be placed in the same 2nd round pool, a barrage of C-B-A bouts will occur. If all of the affected teams were in the same 1st round pool, the results of their earlier match will be used as the barrage."

(1) This was a proposal that every year had been discussed as the solution to the issue if it came up. This allows us to place it in the Santelli/Cetrulo Rules.

(2) Approved with Unanimous Consent

c) Proposal 1-

1A: Increase the seed value of an athlete with a USA Fencing C, B, or A from 3/4/5 to 4/6/8. No changes to the seed value for a D/E/U (still 2/1/0).

RATIONALE: The old seeding method equated a Freshman with an A to a Senior with a D. There is no way this is a fair comparison. I contend that there is a big dividing line between a D and a C. Anyone

above this line (A/B/C) is a much stronger fencer and their seeding needs to reflect that.

1B: Increase the seed value for an athlete's year in school by 1. So instead of Freshman 0, Sophomore 1, Junior 2, Senior 3, make them 1/2/3/4.

RATIONALE: For any team with 3 athletes, this is a zero net gain. In reality, nearly every team's seed value will go up by the same 3 points. Where this has any purpose is for teams with a short squad (ie, only 2 athletes in a weapon). By awarding 0 for a Freshman U, you are equating that athlete with a forfeited spot. With this change, 0 is only given for an absent athlete.

- (1) George Janto motions to hold it to the 2019-2020 season
  - (a) No one seconds
- (2) Jerry Duffey (Chatham)- Moves the motion to be voted
  - (a) Ed from Indian Hills 2nds the motion
    - (i) All those in favor- 28
    - (ii) All those opposed- 1 Livingston
    - (iii) All those abstain- 2 Sommerville, Morris Catholic

#### 4. Technology Committee

- a) NJ.com - Please report your scores.
- b) Fencing Time- Force NJ.com to put a platform to use the send button on the dual meet HS Fencing Time Program
  - (1) We've sold more than the 30 copies required.
  - (2) George isn't going to represent it.
    - (a) You can't buy it, you'll have to lease it.
    - (b) 32 schools purchase it.
    - (c) 149\$
    - (d) People who own it now own it forever...but once it reverts it will be a lease.
- c) Njschoolsports.com is the reporting program. Won't be live until after November 1st.
  - (1) Nick Medeiros will make a tutorial video for you.

#### 5. New Program Committee

- a) Need to know about new programs
- b) Anyone who wants to become an ambassador to your district.

C. Lefty's Proposal was rescinded about the Squad States.

D. Sweet Sixteen Seeding Proposal by Jared Hammond-

- 1. Jared- We have subjective rankings and we need objective rankings.
  - a) Rolling Points- Get points for competing in Santelli/Cetrulo and rankings of districts

- b) Balances the playing field-
  - (1) Any procedures on a tie (Santelli/Cetrulo is the tiebreaker)
  - (2) Keep breaking it until you get differentiation.
  - (3) If all three squads are tied (foil, sabre, epee)? Not sure about this.
- c) What if Santelli/Cetrulo is snowed out.
  - (1) Rankings from the previous season will be used.
- d) Details need to be worked out
  - (1) Vote on changing the seeding proposal
  - (2) We can then work out the issues beforehand.
- e) District Champions don't get a bonus.
  - (1) Jackson says they do.
    - (a) Values the state tournament a little higher.
    - (2) Rebuttal: District champ shouldn't have to go on the road. Which is a possibility with the way it is written
- f) Re-Establish the Santelli/Cetrulo importance to the tournament.
- 2. George moves that we table this with a committee to clear up some of the issues.
  - a) Second Lakeland
    - (1) All those in favor- 25
    - (2) All those opposed- 0
    - (3) Jared Abstains
- 3. Jackson moves to affirm that we should change.
  - a) Jared (Bernards), Nick(Mendham) and Mike (Hunterdon Central) seconded
    - (1) All those in favor 25
    - (2) Opposed 3
    - (3) Abstain: 2
- E. Alert your parents- Charging admission to districts for the NJSIAA.
  - 1. NJSIAA says we're the most expensive sport in the state.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. New Rules**

- 1. Delay of foil padded chest plate until next season 2019-2020
  - a) Plastron still needs to be over the chest plate.
- 2. Leon Paul brand masks REQUIRED the extra strap.
- 3. Piggyback timeouts allowed, however, the timeout stops when the person who asked for the timeout is done.
  - a) If you want additional time, you can call a timeout immediately after
  - b) The opposing coach can then piggyback that side.
- 4. Indicator gets expunged when a fencer competes but is not on the roster at major tournaments. It goes down V0 / D0 (Non-offending school gets

the victory, but does not earn indicators for a fencer no other group can fence).

5. Turning Shoulder in Foil. No longer a violation.
- B. Open Floor to New Business
- C. Spring Meeting- Request to Exec board. Please, more than two weeks notice beforehand.
- D. Motion to adjourn.
  1. 2nded and unanimous consent

**Schools Present**

Morris Catholic  
Morris Hills  
Morris Knolls  
Governor Livingston  
Livingston  
Pingry  
Morristown  
Indian Hills  
Northern Highlands  
Millburn  
West Morris Mendham  
North Hunterdon  
Hackettstown  
Chatham  
PCTI  
Montclair  
Lakeland  
Somerville High School  
Ramapo  
West Morris Central  
Wayne Valley  
WWP-North  
Oratory Prep  
Hunterdon Central  
Randolph  
Columbia  
Voorhees  
Teaneck  
MKA  
Bernards