

Six Area High Schools Form Mid-State League

The Mid-State Conference, comprised of six area high schools, was officially formed yesterday.

Schools in the new athletic league are Piscataway, North Plainfield, South Plainfield, Somerville, Watchung Hills Regional and Franklin Township.

Robert Sterling, director of athletics at Piscataway who was elected president, said that football competition is scheduled to begin in 1966.

Competition is also slated in basketball, baseball, wrestling, track and other sports, although it's doubtful if the schools involved can rearrange their schedules to start competition this school year.

The schools have contractual commitments with other schools in sports and it may be a year before enough games can be arranged between the Mid-State Conference teams to comprise a bonafide conference schedule.

Also elected at yesterday's

meeting at North Plainfield High were James Olsen, principal of Somerville, vice president; Edward Gibbs 3rd, principal of North Plainfield, treasurer, and Tony Cotoia, director of athletics at South Plainfield, secretary.

Sterling says the constitution also calls for the cultivation of non-athletic activities among member schools.

Groundwork on the formation of the conference started last spring.