



2023-24 NJSIAA Girls Volleyball Tournament

NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times, and locations for all NJSIAA State tournaments. Member schools will not be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Tournaments if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, or Procedures.

Any student-athlete who transfers after the competition start date will not be eligible for this tournament (Bylaws, Article V, Section 4.K. 5).

Schools entering the tournament will not be granted a change of date/time due to any conflicts with school trips, proms, banquets, SATs, unless agreed upon by both schools. The NJSIAA will make every effort to accommodate schools that have a conflict with their graduation.

Schools that are disqualified from state tournament competition after the tournament has been seeded but prior to the bracket being final, then the bracket will be reseeded and the next ranked school who entered the tournament will be included. If a school is disqualified from state tournament competition after the tournament has been seeded and after the bracket is final, then the bracket will not be reseeded, and no additional school will be included. If a school is disqualified from state tournament competition during the state tournament, then the school will be removed from the tournament immediately and their last opponent will advance in their place.

Schools participating in any NJSIAA tournament are responsible for the actions and behaviors of their spectators. Schools are required to provide adequate staff security to ensure there is proper oversight of their spectators. In addition, schools are financially responsible for any damages to the property or premises caused by their student-athletes, staff, or spectators (spectators include, but are not limited to, cheerleaders, marching band participants, students, and other fans).

NJSIAA requires Certified Athletic Trainers at all its tournament events. The ATC must document all injuries on an injury report form. This form must be available to the NJSIAA upon request.

Member schools not willing or able to comply with these tournament regulations and any relevant procedures found in the Operating Procedures Handbook should not enter the tournament. Member schools are encouraged to review these tournament regulations with the school administration. Coaches must have a copy of these regulations as well as a copy of the Rule Modifications (if any) for this tournament available at all contests. Copies of these documents are available on the NJSIAA website.

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New for This Year's State Tournament

Nothing new this year

Girls Volleyball Tournament Dates

Event	Dates	
First Practice:	August 21, 2023	
First Scrimmage:	August 28, 2023	
Opening Day:	September 7, 2023	
Entry Form Opens:	October 1, 2023	
Entry Form Closes:	October 15, 2023	
Conflict of Interest Form Due:	October 15, 2023	
Cutoff:	October 21, 2023	
Tournament Seeding:	October 24, 2023	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	November 12, 2023	
Post-Season Meeting:	December 5, 2023	
Public Tournament	Dates	Location
Round 1 – Groups 3 & 4:	October 26, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 1 – Groups 1 & 2:	October 27, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 2 – Groups 3 & 4:	October 31, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 2 – Groups 1 & 2:	November 1, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 3 – Groups 3 & 4:	November 2, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 3 – Groups 1 & 2:	November 3, 2023	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	November 7, 2023	Higher Seed
State Semifinals:	November 9, 2023	Predetermined
State Finals:	November 12, 2023	Franklin
Non-Public Tournament	Dates	Location
Round 1 – Non-Public A & B:	November 1, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 2 – Non-Public A & B:	November 4, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 3 – Non-Public A & B:	November 8, 2023	Higher Seed
State Finals - Non-Public A & B:	November 12, 2023	Franklin

Tournament Schedule

Public State Semifinals
November 9, 2023
North I vs. North II - Central vs. South
Host Teams: North II & South

Match times for the state semifinals will be 4:30pm. Matches may be played at an alternate time if both schools agree. If schools cannot agree, the start time will be 4:30pm.

The host teams will choose the team bench for the first game and the visiting team calls the coin toss. Teams will rotate benches after each game.

State Finals	
Franklin High School	
November 12, 2023	
Non-Public A	10:00 AM
Non-Public B	11:30 AM
Group 1	1:00 PM
Group 2	2:30 PM
Group 3	4:00 PM
Group 4	5:30 PM

The higher seeded team will choose the team bench for the first game and their opponent calls the coin toss. Teams will rotate benches after each game.

Coaches must report to the Tournament Director for specific instructions, i.e., locker rooms, warm-up area, etc.

To Qualify for the Team Tournament

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis and sixty percent (60%) of the games played on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
2. The NJSIAA power point system will be used to qualify all teams for the tournament. Only NJSIAA full or federated member school games will count toward PowerPoints.
3. Games played after the cutoff date will not count toward the PowerPoint calculation even if they were started before the cutoff date.
4. The top 16 teams from each section and each group will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system.
5. PowerPoint calculation for volleyball will be using the **16 best** power-pointed games from opening day to the cutoff date regardless of how many games were played.
6. Residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's **first 16** games played.
7. If there is a tie in power points, the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure will break all ties.
8. Teams that play less than 16 games will still be eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.
9. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the tournament, will be unable to compete in the state tournament.
10. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications prior to the start of the tournament will not be permitted to participate in the state tournament. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.

Entry Procedure

1. All varsity schedules & rosters must be entered in njschoolsports.com by the start of the season.
2. All varsity scores must be reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest. If you encounter problems, please contact hssupport@njadvancemedia.com.
3. Power Points will be downloaded from the njschoolsports.com website on the date listed above at noon. The seeding committee will use this information to seed the tournament. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.
4. The entry form must be completed online during the time period listed above.
5. The officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed by the date listed above.

Tournament Seeding

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded using the NJSIAA power point system.
2. Teams will be seeded based on their power point totals.

3. Seed jumping will be used, please see the procedure below.
4. If there is a tie in the PowerPoints for seeding, we will use the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure.
5. **The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding meeting, however, seedings and brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.**

Seed Jumping Procedure

1. Seed jumping will occur when a lower-ranked team has defeated the team ranked immediately above them.
2. Any split of head-to-head matches will be dropped from the discussion.
3. Movement in the seed may occur one step at a time on the basis of the Head-to-Head criterion (i.e., If 6th in rank has defeated 5th in rank/seed, then they switch positions; if 6th in rank defeats both #5 and #4 than a double jump).

Entry Fee

- \$90.00 per team, Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Girls Volleyball Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to: NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691

Tournament Rules & Information

1. Match times for the first three (3) rounds and the sectional finals will be designated by the higher seeded team. The recommended start time is 4:30. On non-school Days, times will be established by the home team.
2. All match times are pending the official's availability. Athletic Directors must communicate consistently through the first four (4) rounds of the tournament regarding start times.
3. The NJSIAA and the tournament director will determine the start times if there is any disagreement with the start times between schools.
4. Match times for the state finals and the tournament of champions will be established by the NJSIAA and the Tournament Director. Any adjustment to the established times must be approved by the Tournament Director.
5. All matches will be played on the date designated for that round with the following day as a weather day. If weather delays the completion of that round, teams must adhere to the deadline of the succeeding round, even though matches may be played on consecutive days.
6. When conditions prevent a match from being played at the site of the higher seeded team in a reasonable amount of time, the tournament director may choose an alternate site, which may include the lower seeded teams' gym.
7. Schools will be asked to provide their own athletic trainers throughout the tournament.
8. The winning school must notify njschoolsports.com immediately after each match, and the competing schools must notify the local newspapers to keep the media informed as to the tournament progression.
9. In accordance with NJSIAA policy, banners (homemade) will NOT be permitted to be hung at match sites, including the State Final sites. Please notify fans that hand-held signs and noisemakers will not be permitted.
10. As per National Federation rules, no electrical or electrical communication devices are permitted.
11. Participating schools must assign adequate supervision for all matches, home and away.
12. The National Federation Volleyball Rules will govern all tournament matches.
13. The higher seeded team will provide an NFHS regulation MATCH ball. Wilson High-Performance volleyballs will be provided for use in the State Final matches.
14. All match times, including the Sectional Finals must be designated prior to the start of the tournament using the on-line gym availability form found on the NJSIAA website under Sports – Girls Volleyball. This form is due by the date listed above.
15. Warm-up time will be 24 total minutes: 10 minutes general warm-up, 7 minutes full court (higher seed), and 7 minutes full court (lower seed).
16. All matches in the tournament will be two (2) out of three (3) sets and will be determined by rally scoring.
17. Teams must play on designated dates.
18. Any school entering the tournament and then withdrawing will be subject to penalties as enforced by the NJSIAA.
19. Any school not willing or not able to comply with the tournament regulations should not enter the tournament.

State Tournament assignor:

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Officials Assignments

The higher seeded school is responsible for contacting their local assignor to obtain officials for tournament rounds one (1), two (2), and three (3). The NJSIAA will assign the officials from the sectional finals to the end of the tournament.

Rounds 1 & 2

- The higher seeded school will assign and pay all officials for these rounds.
- 2 officials at the area agreed upon rate.
- Certified official line judges are recommended but not required for these rounds.

Round 3

- The higher seeded school will assign and pay all officials for this round.
- 2 officials at the area agreed upon rate.
- 2 line judges

Sectional Finals

- The NJSIAA will assign and pay all officials for this round.
- 2 officials
- 2 line judges

State Semis-Finals

- The NJSIAA will assign and pay all officials for this round.
- 2 officials
- 2 line judges

State Finals

- The NJSIAA will assign and pay all officials for this round.
- 2 officials
- 2 line judges

Host School Assignment of Officials Procedure

1. All schools hosting games that require them to assign the officials must do so by using their local assignor.
2. The local assignor must be contacted ASAP as to the time and location of the game.
3. Schools are to treat these rounds like a regular-season game regarding the assignment of officials.
4. School/Coaches will not be permitted to request specific officials.
5. Any preferred or not preferred lists used during the regular season will not be used during the state tournament.
6. Only the conflict-of-interest form will be used to assign all tournament games. Assignors will be notified of this procedure.
7. Host schools must notify their assignors within a timely fashion prior to any change of game time and or site location.
8. If your local assignor will not be assigning the tournament games, please contact the regional or state assignor ASAP.

Awards**Sectional Champions:**

A team trophy and twenty-five (15) certificates to each Sectional Championship in each Group.

State Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (15) certificates to the State Champion in each Group.