



2023-24 NJSIAA Boys Ice Hockey 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

1. Public A & Public B schools have been combined to form the "Public Group" and will be divided into north and south.
2. Public C group will be divided into north and south and renamed as the "Public Co-op Group".
3. There are no changes to the Non-Public group.
4. 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.
5. Games played after the cutoff date will not count toward the PowerPoint calculation even if they were started before the cutoff date.
6. The top 20 teams from Public North and the top 20 teams from Public South will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system.
7. The top 20 teams from Public Co-Op North & the top 20 teams from Public Co-Op South will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system.
8. The top 20 teams from the Non-Public group will qualify. All 11 Gordon Division teams will automatically qualify.
9. PowerPoint calculation for ice hockey will be using the **14 best** power-pointed games from opening day to the cutoff date regardless of how many games were played.
10. Residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's **first 14** games played.
11. If there is a tie in power points, the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure will **break all ties**.
12. Teams that play less than 14 games or are under a .500 winning percentage at the cutoff will still be eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.
13. Power Points will be downloaded from the njschoolsports.com website on the date listed above at noon. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.
14. The team tournament entry form must be completed online by the entry due date above.
15. The qualifying schools in each group will be seeded by the ice hockey seeding committee.
16. The seeding committee will use the criteria they have used in the past to seed all teams in their respective brackets. The criteria that will be used are the records, out-of-state opponents, winning percentage, the strength of the schedule, the history of the program, and any other factors pertinent to the sport if needed.
17. The Ice Hockey Committee (approved by the executive committee) has added a 5-minute overtime for all regular season games tied after three (3) periods. See all the overtime procedures below:

Overtime Rule 9-11-1 - Tied Games

1. Regular Season League & Non-League Games

- In NJSIAA games in the Regular Season if the score is tied there will be a 2-minute intermission followed by a 5-minute, 4-on-4 sudden death overtime period. Goalies will switch ends to start the overtime. No timeouts will be allowed during overtime. If a team is down two players at any time during overtime the on-ice strength will be 5-3 with play going back to 4-on-4 following the first whistle after the expiration of both penalties. If there is no score during these 5-minutes the game will be declared a tie.

2. All State Tournament / League / Conference / County & Cup Tournaments

- For these tournaments that require a team to advance, the following procedure will be used. One 15-minute sudden victory overtime will be played. If the score is tied after the 15-minute overtime period, a shootout will take place after a 10-minute rest period.

3. All State Tournament / League / Conference / County & Cup FINALS

- For these tournaments that require **a team champion**, the following procedure will be used. One 15-minute sudden victory overtime period will be played. If the score is tied after the first overtime period, a 10-minute rest period will take place. Then a 7 ½ minute sudden victory overtime period will be played with each team playing 4 v 4 (plus the goaltender). If the score remains tied after the first 7 ½ minute overtime period, then a 5-minute rest period will take place. The game shall continue with subsequent 7 ½ minute sudden victory overtime periods and 5-minute rest periods until a goal is scored.

Ice Hockey Important Dates

Event	Dates	
First Practice:	November 20, 2023	
First Scrimmage:	November 28, 2023	
Opening Day:	December 7, 2023	
Entry Form Opens:	January 22, 2024	
Entry Form Closes:	February 2, 2024	
Conflict of Interest form Due:	February 2, 2024	
Cutoff:	February 11, 2024	
Seeding Meeting:	February 13, 2024	
Regular Season Competition End:	March 3, 2024	
Post Season Meeting	March 14, 2024	
Public State Tournament (Boys)	Dates	Location
Play-In Round (Play by):	February 16, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 1 (Play by):	February 20, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 2 (Play by):	February 23, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 3 (Play by):	February 27, 2024	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals (Public Group)	February 29, 2024	Mennen Arena
Sectional Finals (Co-Op Group)	February 29, 2024	Codey Arena
State Finals:	March 4, 2024	Prudential Center
Non-Public State Tournament (Boys)	Dates	Location
Play-In Round (Play by):	February 19, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 1 (Play by):	February 22, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 2 (Play by):	February 26, 2024	Higher Seed
Semifinals:	February 28, 2024	Codey Arena
State Finals:	March 4, 2024	Prudential Center
State Tournament (Girls)	Dates	Location
Round 1 (Play by):	February 22, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 2 (Play by):	February 26, 2024	Higher Seed
Semifinals:	February 28, 2024	Mennen Arena
State Finals:	March 4, 2024	Prudential Center

Ice Hockey Tournament Schedule

Non-Public Semifinals @ Codey Arena

February 28, 2024	February 28, 2024
Non-Public Game 1	Non-Public Game 2
Time 4:30	Time 7:00

The highest seeded team of the four (4) remaining teams will play in the game two (2) time slot. The next highest seeded team will play in the game one (1) time slot. The two (2) highest seeded teams will also be the home teams.

Girls Semifinals @ Mennen Arena

February 28, 2024	February 28, 2024
Girls Game 1	Girls Game 2
Time 4:30	Time 7:00

The highest seeded team of the four (4) remaining teams will play in the game two (2) time slot. The next highest seeded team will play in the game one (1) time slot. The two (2) highest seeded teams will also be the home teams.

Public Co-Op Sectional Championships @ Codey Arena

February 29, 2024	February 29, 2024
Co-Op Public North	Co-Op Public South
Time 4:30	Time 7:00

The higher seeded teams in each section will be the home team.

Public Sectional Championships @ Mennen Arena

February 29, 2024	February 29, 2024
Public North	Public South
Time 4:30	Time 7:00

The higher seeded teams in each section will be the home team.

State Finals @ Prudential Center

March 4, 2024	
1:00pm	Non-Publics
3:15pm	Public Co-Ops
5:30pm	Girls
7:45pm	Publics

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. For public schools: 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 20 teams from Public North and the top 20 teams from Public South will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system.
5. The top 20 teams from Public Co-Op North & the top 20 teams from Public Co-Op South will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system.
6. The top 20 teams from the Non-Public group will qualify. All 11 Gordon Division teams will automatically qualify.
7. PowerPoint calculation for ice hockey will be using the **14 best** power-pointed games from opening day to the cutoff date regardless of how many games were played.
8. Residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's **first 14** games played.
9. Teams that play less than 14 games or are under a .500 winning percentage at the cutoff will still be eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.
10. During the regular season games tied at the end of regulation will play one five (5) minute overtime period. If the score remains tied, the game will be declared a tie, and the teams will split the power points. If a team scores during the overtime period, the scoring team will be declared the winner and will receive all the PowerPoints.
11. In League, Conference, County or Cup tournament games that require a team to advance, and the game remains tied after the first overtime period, shall be considered as a tie game for PowerPoint purposes and the teams will split the PowerPoints regardless of the final outcome.
12. If there is a tie in power points, the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure will break all ties.

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. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.
4. The team tournament entry form must be completed online by the entry due date above.

Tournament Seeding

1. The qualifying schools in each group will be seeded by the ice hockey seeding committee.
2. The tournament will be divided into five (5) divisions, Public North, Public South, Public Co-Op North, Public Co-Op South, and Non-Public.
3. The seeding committee will use the criteria they have used in the past to seed all teams in their respective brackets. The criteria that will be used are the records, out-of-state opponents, winning percentage, the strength of the schedule, the history of the program, and any other factors pertinent to the sport if needed.
4. **The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding contesting, however, seedings and brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.**

Entry Fee

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

Awards

- A team trophy and 25 team certificates will be awarded to the Sectional Champions in each of the (four) 4 sections (Public North, Public South, Public Co-Op North, Public Co-Op South).
- A team trophy and 25 team certificates will be awarded to the State Champion in each of the four (4) sections (Public, Public Co-Op, Non-Public & Girls).

Tournament Rules & Information

1. The NFHS Ice Hockey Rules along with any NJSIAA Ice Hockey rule modifications will govern this tournament.
2. Teams may schedule tournament games any time before the "Play By" date.
3. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their bench.
4. A student to be eligible for the state tournament must have played in at least 50% of the school's games scheduled up to and including the cutoff date while they are properly enrolled and eligible. If there is an odd number remaining, then the player must compete in the greater number.
5. Schools receiving a bye may not force their opponent to play on consecutive days.
6. The NJSIAA must be notified by the home school immediately should any problems arise in setting a date or time.
7. Sites for all rounds up to but not including the sectional finals and semifinals will be at the higher-seeded school's facility. Should the higher-seeded team be unable to secure ice time at their home facility, the visiting team will become the home team and assume all corresponding responsibilities.
8. Location and times for all games starting with the sectional finals and state semifinals will be arranged by the NJSIAA.

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.

Officials Assignments

Play-in Round

- High-seeded schools will get the officials.
- Higher-seeded schools will pay both officials at the area agreed-upon rate.
- Two (2) officials will be assigned to each game by the local assignor.

Rounds 1, 2, & 3

- High-seeded schools will get the officials.
- Higher-seeded schools will pay both officials at the area agreed-upon rate.
- Two (2) officials will be assigned to each game by the local assignor.

State Sectional & Semifinals

- NJSIAA will assign and pay for the 3 officials.
- 1 Referee
- 2 Linesman

State Finals

- NJSIAA will assign and pay for the 3 officials.
- 1 Referee
- 2 Linesman