



## 2023-24 NJSIAA BOYS GOLF 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**

- **All coaches and golfers must be registered for their school via the NJSIAA Golf app**
- **Coaches will manage their roster throughout the season.**
- **All events must be created and configured on <https://iwanamaker.com>**

- **All events must be scored live on the NJSIAA Golf app. Event managers can override scores during or after the event.**
- **All scores must be validated by golfers and coaches during or at the conclusion of the event.**
- There will be no more paper entries.
- All entries, both team and individual must be submitted to the i-Wanamaker Ranking system within 24 hours after a match is played
- Individual Qualifiers will advance directly to the State Group Tournament (TOC), they will no longer compete at the Sectional Tournaments.
- Sectional Team Qualifiers will be determined using the i-Wanamaker Ranking System. The low 8 teams for each section (ie. Group 2 - South/ Central, top 8 south group 2 along with top 8 central group 2) will be invited to compete at their designated sectional site. We will no longer be using win/loss as the determining factor.
- Cell phones will be allowed to be used by players for Scoring (i-Wanamaker) and/or distance measuring device only.
- Coaches are required to have backup batteries for their players' cell phones.
- One board certified coach may be an Advice Giver for their team during competition. See 2024 rule modifications for limitations.

### **Boys Golf Important Dates**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	
First Practice:	March 14, 2024	
First Scrimmage:	No restrictions	
Opening Day:	March 21, 2024	
Post-Season Transfer Date:	March 21, 2024	
Tournament Entry Forms Open:	April 26, 2024	
Cutoff:	May 1, 2024	
Entry Form Closes (by 12:00 pm):	May 2, 2024	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	June 9, 2024	
Post-Season Committee Meeting:	TBA	
<b><u>Sectional Championships</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
North I - ( iWR -1-8) & North II ( iWR 1-8) for, Group 1 No Individuals	May 6, 2024	Newton Country Club
North I ( iWR -1-8) & North II( iWR -1-8), Group 2 No Individuals	May 6, 2024	Berkshire Valley Golf Course
Central ( iWR -1-8) & South ( iWR -1-8), Group 4 No Individuals	May 6, 2024	Charleston Springs- North Course
Central ( iWR -1-8) & South (iWR-1-8), Group 1 No Individuals	May 7, 2024	Cream Ridge Golf Club
Central (iWR 1-8) & South(iWR 1-8), Group 3 No Individuals	May 6, 2024	River Winds Golf Club
Non-Public North ( A -iWR 1-8),( B-iWR 1-8) No Individuals	May 7, 2024	Francis Byrne Golf Course
Non-Public South (A -iWR 1-8),( B-iWR 1-8) No Individuals	May 6, 2024	Mountain View
North I ( iWR -1-8) & North II( iWR -1-8), Group 4 No Individuals	May 7, 2024	High Bridge Hills
North I ( iWR -1-8) & North II,( iWR -1-8) Group 3 No Individuals	May 7, 2024	Preakness Valley
Central ( iWR -1-8) & South( iWR -1-8), Group 2 No Individuals	May 6, 2024	Twisted Dune Golf Club
<b><u>State Championships (Team &amp; Ind.)</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
State Championships (Team & Ind.)	May 13, 2024	Raritan Valley Country Club

### **To Qualify**

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis.
2. Sixty percent (60%) of games played on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
3. Both Teams and Individuals must have an I-Wanamaker Ranking consisting of the 6 best rounds played from opening day to the cutoff date. A round is designated as a single 9 hole match; 18 hole tournaments count as two separate 9 hole rounds. Tri, or quad matches will only count as a single 9 hole round for the I-wanamaker ranking.
4. Teams must have played a minimum of six (6) separate 9 hole matches played from opening day to the cutoff date. 18 hole tournaments count as two separate 9 hole rounds. Tri, or quad matches will only count as a single 9 hole round in the I-wanamaker ranking. (See Table above for number of schools qualifying for each section based on their sections iWR ranking.
5. Individual Qualifiers will advance directly to the state TOC. All sectional Individual champions will advance along with the next highest ranking individuals based on their iWR up to the cut off, adding up to a total of the top 24 players.
6. A member school that does not sponsor a golf team may enter. All coaches must sign up to I-wanamaker and submit scores to I-wanamaker. In addition, All scorecards must be verified and signed by the course's golf pro. Score cards must contain the Attesting pro's Name and Phone number and submitted electronically to the TOC tournament Director
7. Rounds/Matches completed after the cutoff date will not count even if they were started before the cutoff date.
8. 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.
9. 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. **Players must enter scores using the NJSIAA Golf app on cell phones.**
2. **All coaches and golfers must be registered for their school via the NJSIAA Golf app**
3. **Coaches will manage their roster throughout the season.**
4. **All events must be created and configured on <https://iwanamaker.com>**
5. **All events must be scored live on the NJSIAA Golf app. Event managers can override scores during or after the event.**
6. **All scores must be validated by golfers and coaches during or at the conclusion of the event.**
7. **All players must electronically sign their score card upon conclusion of their round.**
8. If a team has entered and qualified for the tournament, you do not have to fill out an individual entry form.
9. Do not enter if your school is not able or willing to comply with tournament regulations.
10. The Executive Committee of the NJSIAA has ruled that member schools failing to comply with all entry requirements may be excluded from the tournament.

### **Entry Fee**

- Team Entry: \$150.00, Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Golf Tournament).
- Individual Entry: \$20.00 per individual, Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Golf Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691
- **DO NOT** use certified mail

### **Tournament Seeding**

1. For the State Sectional Championships, the Sectional Director will designate the foursomes based on the entries.
2. For the State Group Championships, the Tournament Director will designate the foursomes based on the sectional results.
3. Individual Qualifiers for the TOC will be designated by the Tournament Director.

### **Tournament Advancement**

1. The top two (2) teams from each site with the lowest total scores will advance to the state group championships.

2. The Sectional individual champion will advance to the TOC.
4. If two (2) or more teams are tied for the Sectional Championships or Runners-up. The first tie breaker will be the score of the team's fifth player. If the score is still tied a sudden death tie-breaker play-off will take place to determine the Sectional Champion or qualifier.
  - a. In a play-off, the low four (4) players in the completed round must be used.
  - b. Ties for four (4) on the team shall be decided at the discretion of the coach.
  - c. If a tie is not broken on the first playoff hole, the tied teams remaining will move on to the second playoff hole, and so on until the Team Champion, Runner-up or qualifiers are determined.
5. If there is a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place between two (2) players for the individual tournament, we will use a sudden-death one-hole play-off to determine the Sectional Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
  - a. If the tie is not broken on the first playoff hole, the two (2) players will move on to the second hole, and so on until the tie is broken.
6. If there is a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place between three (3) or more players for the individual tournament, we will use a sudden-death one-hole play-off to determine the Sectional Champion.
  - a. If the tie is not broken on the first playoff hole, the remaining players will move on to the second hole, and so on until the tie is broken.
  - b. Once the sectional champion is determined, the remaining places will be determined by a "Match of Cards" beginning with hole #1. If still tied then back nine total, then front nine total.

### **Tournament Rules & Information**

1. All current USGA golf rules along with any NJSIAA golf rule modifications, will govern all tournament games.
2. For the state sectional championships, a team will consist of five (5) players with its four (4) best scores counting towards the team score.
3. For the state group championships, a team will consist of four (4) players with all four (4) scores counting towards the team score. Any member of the team may compete on the day of the State Group or T of C (Substitute rule).
4. The Tournament will be conducted with eighteen (18) hole stroke play. A school may only bring 4 players to the TOC, regardless if both the team qualifies and one of the players wins the Sectionals or has an individual in the top 24.
5. Each team and or individual must be accompanied by his/her school's head golf coach. No individual will be allowed to compete unless his/her golf coach is present for the entire eighteen-hole round of golf.
6. All coaches/certified faculty members must be properly certified and appointed by the Board of Education/Heads of Schools. Tournament Directors will disqualify any contestant who is accompanied by someone in a coaching/supervisory capacity who is not appointed by the school district.
7. Any member school withdrawing from competition after having officially entered the tournament may be barred from participating in the NJSIAA tournament the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present.
8. Participation by an ineligible player in any game during the regular season results in forfeiture of said game. If such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the tournament or if an ineligible player participates in a tournament game, said SCHOOL will be disqualified from the tournament immediately and their last opponent will advance in their place. Schools eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition.
9. For the sectional championships, the Sectional directors will designate tee-off times and inform qualifiers, accordingly, including the dress code for their course.
10. For the state championships, the tournament director will designate tee-off times and inform qualifiers, accordingly, including the dress code for their course.
11. For the State Championships, the Tournament Director will designate foursomes and tee-off times and distribute same at a coaches' meeting to be held one-half (½) hour before the start of the State Championship.
12. Failure to be present at the time the event is called due to transportation problems, misunderstanding of instructions, tournament regulations, other similar excuses, injury or illness will result in disqualification.
13. No spectators are allowed on the course at any time during the match. Any spectator found on the course will cause the player and/or team to be disqualified from the tournament.

### **Tournament Weather Interruption**

If an 18-hole shotgun start cannot finish, use the following to settle the tournament Results. This is to be used if everyone in the tournament has completed a minimum of 10 holes and an alternative day to complete the tournament is not available.

1. Team Champion - A sum of the aggregate total "over par" (note bogey's = +1, birdies = -1, etc.) for the fewest total number of holes completed by all players in the tournament field.
  - a. Total holes used to calculate the "over par" will be the fewest number of holes completed by any player in the tournament field.
2. Team Tie Breaker - match of Cards. This is the aggregate team total over-par beginning with each team member's starting hole. If tied after the starting hole, move to the next hole, and so on until a champion is determined. The team with the lowest total over-par is the winner.
  - b. If still a tie: Beginning with each player's starting hole, sum the over par total adding one hole's aggregate total over par to the next hole's aggregate total until a champion is determined. (ie. 1st compare starting hole, if tied add players 2nd hole total over-par to first holes over par, continue adding one aggregate over-par hole at a time until a champion is determined)
3. Individual Champion - Sum of the aggregate total "over par" (note bogey's = +1, birdies = -1, etc.) only for the fewest total number of holes by all Players in the field. (use on holes both players played).
  - a. Total holes used to calculate the "over par" will be the fewest holes completed by a player in the tournament field. The individual champion will be the individual having the lowest over/under par total.
4. Individual Tie Breaker
  - a. Sum the over-par total for the same holes played by all tied players. The Player that has the lowest over-par total for those holes played by both will be declared the champion.
  - b. If still tied beginning with the lowest handicap hole for tied players. Match the over-par score one hole at a time until a winner is determined. The player having the lowest score relative to par is the winner.

### **Girls Competing on Boys Teams**

1. Girls may compete in the sectional tournament as members of a boys' team.
2. Their scores will count toward the team total and will advance with the team to the group championships if their team has qualified.
3. Girls may also qualify individually for the group championships if their team did not place in the top two (2) at the sectional meet and they are crowned as the Individual Champion.
4. Girls playing with a boys' team are eligible for group and TOC team honors.
5. Girls playing in the boys' individual tournament are eligible for Group honors.
6. Girls playing in the boys' individual tournament are not eligible for individual TOC honors.
7. Girls will be permitted to play in both the boys' team tournament and the girls' individual tournament.
8. Girls Playing in any boys tournament will play from the same tee the boys are playing from.

### **Awards**

#### State Sectional Champions:

- Team Trophy and ten (10) certificates for the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in each group in each section.
- Medals to the top six (6) places in each group in each section.

#### State Group Championships:

- Team Trophy and ten (10) certificates for the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in each group.
- Medals to the top five (6) places in each group
- Individual Trophy to the 1<sup>st</sup> place overall low finisher
- Medals to the remaining seven (7) low places.

## State Sectional Championships

<b>North I &amp; II, Group 4</b>	<b>North I &amp; II, Group 3</b>
Date: May 7, 2024	Date: May 7, 2024 - (Rain Date: TBD)
Course: High Bridge Hills (908) 638-5055 203 Cregar Road, High Bridge, NJ 08829	Course: Preakness Valley (973) 881-4921 209 Totowa Road, Wayne, NJ 07470
Tee Time: 9:00 am (Shotgun Start)	Tee Time: 8:30am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Ed O'Melia	Meet Director: Paul Barnes
Phone: (908) 229-2980	Phone: (201) 741-3065
E-mail: <a href="mailto:eomelia@brrsd.k12.nj.us">eomelia@brrsd.k12.nj.us</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:pmbarnes260@gmail.com">pmbarnes260@gmail.com</a>
Course Notes:	Course Notes:
<b>North I &amp; II, Group 2</b>	<b>North I &amp; II, Group 1</b>
Date: May 6, 2024 - (Rain Date: TBD)	Date: May 6, 2024 (Rain Date: TBD)
Course: Berkshire Valley Golf Course (973) 208-0018 28 Cozy Lake Rd, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438	Course: Newton Country Club (973) 383-2290 25 Club Road, Newton, NJ 07860
Tee Time: 8:00 am (Shotgun Start)	Tee Time: 9:00am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Bill Foley	Meet Director: Tom Imparato
Phone: (973) 903-0448	Phone: (201) 663-2269
E-mail: <a href="mailto:wfoley@vtsd.com">wfoley@vtsd.com</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:Husky77imp@gmail.com">Husky77imp@gmail.com</a>
Course Notes: Practice rounds will be available	Course Notes: Driving range will open at 7:30 am.- Coaches Meeting at 9:15 am
<b>Central &amp; South, Group 4</b>	<b>Central &amp; South, Group 3</b>
Date: May 6, 2024 (Rain Date: May 7)	Date: May 6, 2024 (Rain Date: TBD)
Course: Charleston Springs North Course (732) 409-7227 100 Woodsville Rd, Millstone, NJ 08510	Course: River Winds Golf Club (856) 848-5700 270 Eagle Point Road West, Deptford, NJ 08086
Tee Time: 10:00am (Shotgun Start)	Tee Time: 9:00am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Mr. Tim Hogan	Meet Director: Dan Lafferty
Phone: (732) 779-1816	Phone: (609) 405-1152
E-mail: <a href="mailto:thogan@frhsd.com">thogan@frhsd.com</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:laffertyda@clearviewregional.edu">laffertyda@clearviewregional.edu</a>
Course Notes: Practice rounds will be available by calling the golf course.	Course Notes: Practice Rounds- Please call the Pro Shop for available tee times for practice rounds. Practice tee times must be made in advance.

<b>Central &amp; South, Group 2</b>	<b>Central &amp; South, Group 1</b>
Date: May 6, 2024 (Rain Date-TBD)	Date: May 7, 2024
Course: Twisted Dune Golf Club (609) 653-8019 2101 Ocean Heights Ave., Egg Harbor, NJ 08234	Course: Cream Ridge Golf Club (609) 208-0050 181 County Rd 539, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514
Tee Time: <b>12:00 – TEE TIMES BEGIN-</b>	<b>Tee Time: TEE TIMES BETWEEN 8:00 am and 1 pm</b>
Meet Director: Matt Stefanski	Meet Director: Jesse Spencer
Phone: (732) 232-0036	Phone: (908) 391-0477
E-mail: <a href="mailto:mstefanski@wall.k12.nj.us">mstefanski@wall.k12.nj.us</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:Jesse.spencer@hcrhs.org">Jesse.spencer@hcrhs.org</a>
Course Notes:	Course Notes: Pro Shop- 609 208 0050
<b>North Non-Public</b>	<b>South Non-Public</b>
Date: May 7, 2024 (Rain Date: TBD)	Date: May 6, 2024 (Rain Date: May 8)
Course: Francis Byrne Golf Course (973) 736 2306 1100 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, NJ 07052	Course: Mountain View (609) 882-4093 890 Bear Tavern Rd, Ewing, NJ 08628
Tee Time: 8:30am (Shotgun Start)	Tee Time: 9:00am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Brendan McGovern	Meet Director: John Knodel
Phone: (201) 602 2139	Phone: (732) 832-6125
E-mail: <a href="mailto:bmcgovern@bergencatholic.org">bmcgovern@bergencatholic.org</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:jjk222@verizon.net">jjk222@verizon.net</a>
Course Notes:	Course Notes: Coaches meeting at 8:15 am. For practice rounds contact <a href="mailto:jkostin@mercercounty.org">jkostin@mercercounty.org</a>

<b>State Group Championships &amp; Tournament of Champions</b>
Date: May 13, 2024 (Rain Date: TBD)
Course: Raritan Valley Country Club, 747 Rt. 28, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Pro Shop (908) 722 2000
Tee Time: 11:00am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Stephen Skinner
Phone: (609) 970-3036
E-mail: <a href="mailto:skinnerst@gmail.com">skinnerst@gmail.com</a>
Course Notes: There is no driving range.