



2023-24 NJSIAA Boys & Girls Team Swimming Tournament

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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. The Non-Public A & B classifications will be combined to form a non-public north & non-public south.
2. The non-publics will have sectional championships.
3. We will continue to use the top 3 PowerPointed meets for PowerPoint calculations.
4. The qualifying and improving of seed times will now include the state final times on 2/5/24.
5. Only the swimmers that qualify for the finals at the MOC prelims will come back the next day.
6. There will only be ONE heat for each event at the individual MOC finals.
7. The MOC finals will swim boys and girls together.

Swimming Tournament Dates

Event	Date	
First Practice:	November 20, 2023	
First Scrimmage:	November 28, 2023	
Opening Day:	December 7, 2023	
Entry Form Opens:	January 15, 2024	
Team Entries Close:	January 24, 2024	
Conflict of Interest Due	January 24, 2024	
Team Cutoff:	January 29, 2024	
Team Seeding:	January 31, 2024	
Hy-Tek Individual Entries Open:	February 1, 2024	
Individual Cutoff:	February 14, 2024	
Hy-Tek Individual Entries Close:	February 15, 2024	
Deadline for wildcard entries:	February 22, 2024	
Deadline to update seed times:	February 26, 2024	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	March 3, 2024	
Post-Season Meeting:	TBA	
Public Team Tournament (Boys & Girls)	Date	Location
Round 1 by:	by February 5, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 2 by:	by February 8, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 3 by:	by February 12, 2024	Higher Seed
Public Sectional Finals:		
Boys N1 - Groups B, A, C:	February 14, 2024	PCTI
Boys N2 - Groups B, A, C:	February 14, 2024	Raritan Bay YMCA
Boys Central - Groups B, A, C:	February 14, 2024	TCNJ
Boys South - Groups B, A, C:	February 14, 2024	GCIT
Girls N1 - Groups B, A, C:	February 15, 2024	PCTI
Girls N2 - Groups B, A, C:	February 15, 2024	Raritan Bay YMCA
Girls Central - Groups B, A, C:	February 15, 2024	TCNJ
Girls South - Groups B, A, C:	February 15, 2024	GCIT
Public Semi-Finals:		
Boys Public Group B:	February 20, 2024	PCTI
Boys Public Group A:	February 20, 2024	Raritan Bay YMCA
Boys Public Group C:	February 20, 2024	GCIT
Girls Public Group B:	February 21, 2024	PCTI
Girls Public Group A:	February 21, 2024	Raritan Bay YMCA
Girls Public Group C:	February 21, 2024	GCIT
Public State Finals:		
Boys:	February 25, 2024	Rutgers
Girls:	February 25, 2024	Rutgers
Non-Public Team Tournament (Boys & Girls)	Date	Location
Round 1 by:	by February 5, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 2 by:	by February 8, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 3 by:	by February 12, 2024	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals (Boys & Girls):	February 19, 2024	Neptune
State Finals (Boys):	February 25, 2024	Rutgers
State Finals (Girls):	February 25, 2024	Rutgers
Individual Swimming Championships	Date	Location
Preliminaries (Boys/Girls):	March 2, 2024	GCIT
Finals (Boys & Girls):	March 3, 2024	GCIT

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 swimming power point system will be used to qualify all teams for the tournament.
3. The 8 highest power point totals from each section and each group will qualify for the tournament.
4. PowerPoint calculation for swimming will be using the **top 3** PowerPointed contests regardless of how many you play up to and including the cutoff.
5. If there is a tie in PowerPoints, the current NJSIAA swimming tie-breaking procedure will break all ties.
6. Games played after the cutoff date will not count toward tournament qualification.
7. Eligible swimmers must have competed in at least fifty percent (50%) of the school's total interscholastic dual contests, up to and including the cut-off date. Swimmers returning from medical leave or ineligible swimmers becoming eligible must compete in 50% of the remaining contests. If there is an odd number remaining, then the swimmer must compete in the greater number.
8. Co-ed teams will only be eligible to compete in the tournament as boys' teams.
9. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, before 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 before 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 before 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. Rosters must be checked and updated by the start of the tournament. We cannot guarantee any roster changes made after the start of the tournament will make it into the tournament program.
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. The coaches of both teams shall report the results to www.njschoolsports.com following the contest. Failure to do so may result in penalties imposed by the NJSIAA. First-time warning, second-time \$150 fine, third-time elimination from the tournament.
4. PowerPoints 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.
5. Girls on co-ed teams will be PowerPointed using the boy's PowerPoint calculations.
6. The team entry form must be completed online during the period listed above.
7. The Officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed by the date listed above.

Entry Fee

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

Tournament Seeding

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded using the NJSIAA swimming power point system.
2. PowerPoint calculation for swimming will be using the **top 3** PowerPointed contests regardless of how many you play up to and including the cutoff. The top 3 PowerPointed meet totals will be averaged by dividing the total by 3. If there is a tie in PowerPoint for seeding, we will use the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure.
3. Seeds 5 will play 8 and 6 will play 7. Seeds 1 & 2 will receive a double bye, and seeds 3 & 4 will receive a single bye.
4. A team's PowerPoint total will be carried throughout the tournament. Sectional contests will **not** be PowerPointed. Sectional Finalists will **NOT** be re-seeded before advancing to the State Semifinals within each division. Original PowerPoints will be used to seed the sectional finalists for the semifinal contests. The winners of the Semifinals will advance to the State Championship contests.
5. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify submitted times when they cannot be verified.
6. **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.**

Tournament Rules & Information

1. The NFHS Swimming Rules along with any NJSIAA swimming rule modifications will govern this tournament.
2. All contest scoring will be according to the current NFHS Swimming Rules, as amended by the NJSIAA.
3. State team swim contests may be scheduled on any date but must be completed by the next round date.
4. It is expected that all schools will work together to accommodate teams with only one coach, but if an agreement cannot be reached, the school with only one coach will have to arrange for coverage.
5. Each team will provide three (3) timers with stopwatches at all contests and a team scorer at the Table.
6. The lower-seeded team will have the choice of odd or even-numbered lanes.
7. Entry Cards are required for each contest (First & Last Name)
8. All entry cards for all state contests become official once they are handed to the contest referee or their designee.
9. A competitor shall be permitted to enter a maximum of four (4) events, no more than two (2) of which may be individual events.
10. Any postponements, please contact the tournament staff listed on page one. The NJSIAA will set the date for a postponement if the two schools cannot agree on a date.
11. If a meter pool will be used, advance notification to the opponent is mandatory.
12. Timers must be assigned to all lanes and all timers must have pencils, clipboards, and paper.
13. No face paint is permitted on the pool deck.
14. Because of the indoor conditions, bands will not be admitted to the site.
15. Please inform swimmers that no food is allowed in the immediate pool area. You will be held responsible for their conduct. Please ask everyone to help keep the pool area, locker room area, and campus clean.

Meet Procedures:

1. The power-pointing procedure must be followed for all meets. There is no difference between power-pointed meets and non-power-pointed meets anymore. Whatever your lineup is for that particular meet is your lineup. Coaches are free to communicate with each other regarding notification that they are going to PowerPoint a meet.
2. The meet sheets can be done in pencil or pen.
3. The first and last names of all contestants must appear on all forms. The leadoff swimmer on relays must be circled.
4. Entry cards are required during the state tournament for each event (First & Last Name).
5. Entry cards become official once they are handed to the official or their designee.
6. Any changes to meet sheets must be initialized by a meet official.
7. At the conclusion of the meet, both coaches must agree on the final score before the official signs the meet sheet.
8. All meet sheets must be signed by an official at the conclusion of the meet.
9. Any unsigned meet sheet is invalid.
10. All meet sheets must be available for the NJSIAA to review in case of discrepancies.
11. Coaches are free to use any type of meet sheet, there is no standard NJSIAA sheet.
12. Each coach is to input all their school's meet information, including all three times for each event into njschoolsports.com.
13. The home team will input the team score.
14. Coaches are urged to check for accuracy throughout the season.
15. All schools must provide backup timers for each lane.

Disqualifications

1. Participation by any ineligible swimmer in any contest during the regular season results in the forfeiture of all points achieved by the ineligible swimmer, and final results will be adjusted accordingly.
2. If a school is seeded in the tournament and such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the team tournament, the school will be disqualified from the tournament and the tournament will be re-seeded.
3. Participation by any ineligible swimmer in the tournament will result in forfeiture of all points achieved by the ineligible swimmer and final results will be adjusted accordingly. If the recalculation of the results determined that the team with the ineligible swimmer would not have won the contest, then the opponent will advance.

Tie-breaking procedure for all tournament contests

When a meet ends in a tie the meet shall be power pointed using the NISCA 2023 power point tables to determine the winner (including exhibition swimmers if any). If the meet remains tied after the power point procedure, the tie will be broken in the following order:

1. Fewer number of sixth (6th) places
2. PowerPoints of A, B & C relays
3. Greater number of first (1st) places
4. Greater number of second (2nd) places
5. Greater number of third (3rd) places
6. Greater number of fourth (4th) places
7. Greater number of fifth (5th) places

After the tie is broken, using the above procedures, add one team point to the winning team's score – and please use the "Add Notes" field in njschoolsports.com to explain which criteria was used to break the tie.

Exhibition Swimmers

An exhibition Swimmer (NFHS Rule 1 - Section 2):

1. Must be designated by the coach to the officials as an exhibition swimmer/s before each event.
2. Is a non-scoring contestant in all regular season events.
3. May use the performance for individual qualifying times.
4. Must adhere to all rules regarding event form, starting, judging, timing, and conduct.
5. Events do count toward the number of events a competitor may enter.
6. Are permitted in all state tournament team events.
7. Performance will be used when a tie meet goes to power-pointing to break the tie.

Co-ed Team Clarification

1. All schools must declare their intention to swim as a co-ed team by opening day.
2. All Co-ed teams will be grouped based on the boy's enrollment.
3. Co-ed teams may not separate for any contest which keeps team scores.
4. All Co-ed teams may only swim against:
 - a. Other co-ed teams
 - b. A boys-only team,
 - c. A boys-only team with girls from that same school's girls-only team.
 - In this scenario, the girls will be exhibition swimmers and will not be permitted to place in the meet and their times will not be PowerPointed. Schools must not enter the girls time in njschoolsports.com. The girl's times will be accepted for any individual qualification standards.
 - In a tri-meet involving school A (boys) vs. school B (co-ed) and school A (girls) vs. school C (girls), the girls from school A may swim in either contest but NOT in both. If some girls from school A decide to swim with school A (boys), they are swimming as independents. Please note the scenario above.
 - Times may be used as qualifying times for all swimmers and the contest will count towards 50% attendance in contests for the team and individual states.
 - Schools with a boys team and a girls team compete in a contest against a co-ed team, the contest counts as one contest for all swimmers.
5. A co-ed team may not swim against a girls' team.
6. Girls on co-ed teams will be PowerPointed using the boys PowerPoint calculations. A Co-ed team is considered a boys team for all intents and purposes.
7. Co-ed teams will only be eligible to compete as a boys team in the state tournament. Co-ed teams cannot enter both the boys and girls team tournament.
8. To maintain eligibility for this tournament, declared co-ed teams may not separate into girls and boys teams after opening day.
9. Separate boys and girls teams cannot combine into one team for the state tournament.
10. If the school offers a separate boys and girls swim team, all boys and girls must compete with their gender. Girls are permitted to compete on boys' teams if the school does not offer a separate girls team. Boys are not permitted to compete on a girls team If the school only offers a girls team unless the school declares they are a co-ed team.

State Tournament assignor:

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Tournament Costs & Officials Assignments

Public & Non-public rounds 1, 2 & 3

1. Contests will be conducted at the site of the school with the higher PowerPoints. The higher-seeded school will be considered the home team regardless of the facility the contest is taking place in.
2. The time of the contest will be at the discretion of the host school/facility.
3. The higher-seeded team will arrange for two (2) officials from their local assignor, paid at the area agreed-upon rate. Three (3) officials may be used if requested by the home school.
4. The home school will pay all assigned officials.
5. The host school will assume the cost of pool rental and site maintenance.
6. All sites must meet National Federation specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, and starting platforms.
7. Electronic timing is highly recommended.
8. Contests can be held as combined dual contests if the schools involved are all in agreement, however, the official's fees are still doubled.
9. Each team will provide scorers and backup timers.

Public & Non-public Sectional Finals

1. **Each school that makes it to the sectional finals will be assessed a \$240 fee. This fee is used to offset the facility cost for the entire tournament. There will be no other fees assessed after the sectional finals.**
2. Contests will be conducted at a predetermined site paid for by the NJSIAA.
3. Four (4) officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA.
4. The host facility will provide an official scorer, announcer, electronic timing operator, and two (2) ticket scanners to be paid for by the NJSIAA.
5. All sites must meet NFHS specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms, and electronic timing.

Public State Semifinals

1. Contests will be conducted at a predetermined site paid for by the NJSIAA.
2. Four (4) officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA.
3. The host facility will provide an official scorer, announcer, electronic timing operator, and two (2) ticket scanners to be paid for by the NJSIAA.
4. All sites must meet NFHS specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms, and electronic timing.

Public & Non-Public State Finals

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2. Four (4) officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA.
3. The host facility will provide an official scorer, announcer, electronic timing operator, and two (2) ticket scanners to be paid for by the NJSIAA.
4. All sites must meet NFHS specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms, and electronic timing.

NFHS Swimsuit Rules

This tournament will be conducted under NFHS rules and therefore will follow all NFHS swimsuit rules.

Swimsuit Transgender Clarification:

- Pursuant to NJ law and NJSIAA policy is that the student decides what swimsuit is appropriate. We permit the student to make the decision.
- NFHS Swim Rules-boys swim, we permit the Transgender Male to wear a men's suit, a women's suit, or a men's suit with covering (sports bra, etc.)
- Full bodysuits are not permitted.
- Long or short sleeve "rash guard" shirt is permitted.
- Transgender females may wear either.

Swimsuit Religious Clarification:

Swimmers are permitted to wear "compression shirts/Rash Guard" type apparel **under** their school uniform because of religious reasons, as long as the apparel is not designed to enhance the performance of the swimmer. Full body suits are not permitted.

Awards

Sectional Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to each Sectional Championship in each Group.

State Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to the State Champion in each Group. In the event of a tie, we will award both teams a trophy.