



## **2023-24 NJSIAA BOYS 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.

### **New for This Year's State Tournament**

1. The higher seeded teams will get the officials for the first three rounds by contacting their local assignor.
2. The higher seeded teams will host the matches up to and including the Sectional Finals.
3. Based on the new classifications, there is no longer a need for semifinals.
4. The NJSIAA will assign the officials from the sectional finals to the end of the tournament.
5. Online entry form & "Officials Conflict of Interest" form.
6. PowerPoint calculation will be using the top 16 power-pointed matches regardless of how many you play up to and including the cutoff. Residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's first 16 matches played.
7. Team winning percentage will no longer be used to qualify for the tournament.
8. In the Public-School brackets, the 16 teams with the highest power points will qualify, in the Non-Public bracket, the 16 teams with the highest power points will qualify.

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**Boys Volleyball Tournament Dates**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	
First Practice:	March 14, 2024	
First Scrimmage	March 21, 2024	
Opening Day:	April 1, 2024	
Entry Form Opens:	May 1, 2024	
Entry Form Close:	May 12, 2024	
Conflict of Interest Form:	May 12, 2024	
Cutoff:	May 18, 2024	
PowerPoints Close:	May 19, 2024	
Seeding:	May 20, 2024	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	June 9, 2024	
Post-Season Committee Meeting:	TBA	
<b><u>State Tournament</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Round 1:	May 23, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 2:	May 29, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 3:	May 31, 2024	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	June 3, 2024	Higher Seed
State Finals (Groups 1 & 3):	June 5, 2024	South Brunswick H.S.
State Finals (Groups 2 & 4):	June 6, 2024	South Brunswick H.S.

**State Championship Schedule**

Group 1	June 5, 2024	Time TBA	South Brunswick H.S.
Group 3	June 5, 2024	Time TBA	South Brunswick H.S.
Group 2	June 6, 2024	Time TBA	South Brunswick H.S.
Group 4	June 6, 2024	Time TBA	South Brunswick H.S.

### **To Qualify for the 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. The entry form must be completed online during the time period listed above.
2. The Officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed by the date listed above.
3. All varsity schedules & rosters must be entered in njschoolsports.com by the start of the season. Rosters must be checked and updated, if necessary, 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.
4. All varsity scores must be reported to [www.njschoolsports.com](http://www.njschoolsports.com) as soon as possible after each contest. If you encounter problems, please contact [hssupport@njadvancemedia.com](mailto:hssupport@njadvancemedia.com).
5. 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.

### **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 Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Boys Volleyball Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691

### **Tournament Rules & Information**

1. All current NFHS boys volleyball rules along with any NJSIAA boys volleyball rule modifications, will govern all tournament games.
2. Game times for all games up to and including the sectional finals, will be designated by the higher seeded team. The recommended start time for school days is 4:30pm. For non-school days, times will be established by the home team.
3. All game times are pending the official's availability. Athletic Directors must communicate consistently through all rounds of the tournament regarding start times.

4. The NJSIAA may determine the start times if there is any disagreement with start times between schools.
5. Game times for the state semifinals and finals will be established by the NJSIAA.
6. Round 1 is a "play-on" date, all other rounds are play-by dates (except the finals).
7. If any circumstance causes postponement, the game must be played on the next day. If the next day is a Sunday, the game may be played if both schools are permitted to play on Sundays, otherwise, the game must be played on Monday. Non-NJSIAA tournament games must be moved.
8. Responsibility for postponing a game shall rest with the host school. It is recommended that the host school should notify their opponent before the departure of the visiting school's buses at the latest.
9. The NJSIAA and State Assignors must be notified of any postponement in a timely fashion.
10. After a second consecutive postponement of a game, the NJSIAA director of volleyball may designate an alternate site which may include the opponent's facility.
11. The winning school must notify njschoolsports.com immediately after each game, which must include the pitch count information.
12. Sites will not be declared unsuitable unless Leagues or Conferences have ruled such sites unsuitable for League or Conference play.
13. The host school must provide an adequate amount of crowd control/security as needed based on the host school's facility. The visiting school must provide at least one (1) staff member, not associated with the coaching staff, to be present at each tournament game to assist on-site management in maintaining control of visiting spectators.
14. Any member school withdrawing from competition after having officially entered the tournament may be barred from participating in the tournament the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present.
15. 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.
16. Schools will be asked to provide their own athletic trainers throughout the tournament.
17. The higher seeded team will provide a regulation MATCH ball. Wilson I-COR High-Performance volleyballs will be provided for use in the State Finals
18. The higher seeded team will provide regulation game ball(s). For the State Semifinals and Finals, the NJSIAA will provide Wilson K1 GOLD (red, white & blue) Model # WTH1895A1 balls.
19. Warm-up time will be 21 total minutes: 7 minutes general warm-up, 7 minutes full court (higher seed), and 7 minutes full court (lower seed).
20. All matches in the tournament will be two (2) out of three (3) sets and will be determined by rally scoring.
21. Each team must provide one (1) ball runner for each round.
22. The higher seeded team chooses the team bench and visiting team calls the coin toss.
23. Only players who are on the submitted roster will be allowed in with the team(s).
24. Only uniformed players and/or team personnel are allowed on the playing court during the team warmups.

#### **Host School Assignment of Officials Procedure**

1. Schools hosting the first three (3) rounds of the tournament are responsible for getting the officials 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 for the first three (3) rounds must notify their assignors within a timely fashion prior to any change of game time and or site location.
8. If a game is postponed after teams and umpires have arrived and before the game has started, the umpires will receive a full game fee. Once a game begins and then is suspended, the umpires will receive a full game fee. Each umpire assigned to complete a suspended game will receive a full game fee.
9. If your local assignor will not be assigning the tournament games, please contact the regional or state assignor ASAP.

## **Officials Assignments**

### **Rounds 1, 2 & 3**

- Two (2) officials assigned by the host school's local assignor.
- Host school pays both officials at the area agreed-upon rate.
- Two (2) certified official line judges are recommended but not required for these rounds.

### **Sectional 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, and 1 Libero Tracker

## **Awards**

### **Sectional Champions:**

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to each Sectional Champion.

### **State Champions:**

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to each State Champion.