

2009 NJSIAA / SHOP RITE BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

DATES – March 2 - March 23

(COACHES MUST HAVE A COPY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE AT EACH GAME)

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 91st annual Boys Basketball Tournament and the 39th annual Girls Basketball Tournament of The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association will begin on Monday, March 2, 2009 and will continue through Monday, March 23, 2009.

Since this schedule has been noticed to the membership, the Basketball Committee must have complete freedom on the above dates from all schools entered in the tournament. There can be no exceptions made for end-of-season Conference or County playoffs or tournaments, school plays, dances, or any other school function. It is also possible that, depending on the availability of gymnasiums, and other factors, tournament games will be scheduled for afternoons.

Throughout the entire season, scores must be reported following each game, to www.njschoolsports.com. If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems, please contact support@njschoolsports.com or the NJSIAA. The Seeding Committee will use these results as well as the entry forms.

TO QUALIFY

Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis and must have:

1. at least a **50% WINNING RECORD**, regardless of the strength of their schedule in all games up to and including Saturday, February 7, 2009. Whenever ties are broken, the win or loss must be included on the entry form.
2. Seventy percent (70%) of games played before the cutoff date (Feb. 7th) must be against New Jersey Schools.
3. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the NJSIAA tournament, will **be unable to compete in said tournament.**
4. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the start of the NJSIAA will not be permitted to participate in same. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.

To promote fairness in competition and the health and safety of student athletes, no NJSIAA member school will be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the Specific Sports Regulations for the sport including, but not limited to, the start of practice, the start and ending of the sport season and the maximum contests permitted during the regular season. The application of this eligibility standard is non-appealable.

SPECIFIC SPORTS REGULATIONS (found in the *New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Handbook 2008-2009 Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations*)

RULE 4. Basketball

Section 1. Rules The National Federation edition of the Basketball Rules of the United States and Canada shall govern all NJSIAA games.

Section 2. Start of Practice. Friday after Thanksgiving.

Section 3. Start of Regular Season. Friday before the Third Saturday of December.

Section 4. End of Season. As provided for in Rule 2, Section 10, no interscholastic games may be played after the start of the State Tournament.

Section 5. Scrimmages. Interscholastic scrimmages are to be limited to three (3) per week until the Start of the Regular Schedule (Rule 2, Section 8). Thereafter, until the start of the State Tournament, schools are limited to the maximum number of games as provided for in Section 7. This does not include games or scrimmages during the State Tournament. (While a school is competing in the State Tournament, it may schedule one (1) scrimmage during any week in which it has only one (1) or two (2) games, and two (2) scrimmages during any week in which there are no games. These scrimmages will not count in the total number of allowable scrimmages.

Section 6. Games per week. Not more than a total of three (3) basketball games may be played per week beginning with the week of the Start of the Regular Schedule (Rule 2, Section 8), to the start of the State Tournament (this includes interschool scrimmages, regular games, postponed games, and tournament games), but games may not be played on three (3) consecutive days. This section does not apply to State Tournament scheduling. **Teams may play one four-game week during the regular season, but not on three consecutive days.**

Section 7. Maximum Games. A member school has the option of playing one of the following maximum-game schedules, including interschool scrimmages and postponed games from the start of the Regular Schedule to the start of the State Tournament:

- Option 1. Twenty (20) regular scheduled games, plus two (2) tournaments, plus the State Tournament; or
- Option 2. Twenty-two (22) regularly scheduled games, plus one (1) tournament, plus the State Tournament; or
- Option 3. Twenty-six (26) games, including regular season and tournament(s), plus the State Tournament.

CL 1 Teams using options (1) or (2) may exceed the 26 game total provided their regular schedule is limited to either of the options, i.e., 20 in (1) or 22 in (2). Option 3 must be used by teams not playing in any tournaments or playing in more than two tournaments. Option 3 may be used by teams who are eliminated in the end of year tournaments, i.e., County – Conference – League – and wish to schedule games to get to a twenty-six maximum total.

Section 8. Quarters Per Day, Week. A basketball player shall play no more than five (5) quarters during the same calendar day, with a maximum of fifteen (15) quarters per week. This would include freshman, sophomore, junior varsity and varsity competition. If a school selected the four game per week option in Rule 5, Section 6, no player's maximum quarters per week shall exceed twenty (20).

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- a. Schools will not be permitted to enter the tournament even though the team(s) qualify, if the Security/Crowd Control Responsibility of Competing Schools Form is not signed and filed in the Central Office by the date indicated on the form.
- b. Schools are eligible to participate in the tournament if they have achieved at least a fifty percent (50%) winning record, regardless of the strength of schedule, in all games played up to and including Saturday, February 7, 2009. Schedule must reflect compliance with the 70% in-state Rule.
- c. **IMPORTANT: In order to allow more games to be played before the cut-off, the seeding committee will use only faxed copies of entry forms. Schools must fax entry forms to the Central Office (609) 259-3047 by the close of school on Monday, February 9, 2009.** The fax machine will be on throughout the weekend. **The Seeding Committee will use only faxed copies to seed the Tournament.**
- d. All eligible schools must also mail entry forms to the Central Office, postmarked no later than February 4, 2008. An entry fee of eighty dollars (\$80.00) must accompany the entry form, and all checks should be made payable to the NJSIAA. Make certain the name of the school appears on the check. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH! A self-addressed stamped envelope must be enclosed if a voucher is used.**

The seeding and pairings of all teams in the tournament will be made on Thursday, February 12, 2009. Accordingly, when making the pairings in each group and section, the records of all eligible schools entered in the tournament, including all "Holiday Tournament" games, will be considered as of Saturday, February 7, 2009. The above date becomes mandatory because of the number of schools entered in the tournament and related workload such as selection and confirmation of sites, individual game operation details, selection of officials and notification to each school entered. Schools should **not** call the Central Office for pairings. **Brackets will be posted on our web page: www.njsiaa.org on the evening of February 12th.**

BOYS AND GIRLS NON-PUBLIC TOURNAMENT DATES

Preliminary games will be held on the following dates:

Group A: March 3, 5 and 7
Group B: March 4, 6 and 9

Sectional Finals will be held on the following dates:

March 10, 11 or 12

The Non-Public State Final Championship contests will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2009, at The Ritacco Center, Toms River High School North.

BOYS AND GIRLS PUBLIC TOURNAMENT DATES

Preliminary games will be held on the following dates:

Groups II and IV: March 2, 4 and 6

Groups I and III: March 3, 5 and 7

Sectional Finals will be held on the following dates:

Girls Groups I and III – March 9; Girls Groups II and IV – March 10

Boys Groups II and IV – March 9; Boys Groups I and III – March 10

State Semifinals will be played on the following dates:

Girls Groups II and IV - Boys Groups I and III – March 12

Boys Groups II and IV; Girls Groups I and III – March 11

The Public Girls State Group Finals will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2009, at The Ritacco Center, Toms River High School North. The Boys State Group Finals will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2009 at Rutgers University.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS DATES – Ritacco Center, Toms River High School North

Girls: Quarterfinal games will be played March 16 or 17, 2009 6:00 & 8:00 PM

Boys: Quarterfinal games will be played March 17 or 18, 2009 6:00 & 8:00 PM

Girls: Semifinal games will be played March 13 or 14, 2008 6:00 & 8:00 PM

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS DATES - Louis Brown Athletic Center, Rutgers University

Boys: Semifinal games will be played March 20 or 21, 2009 6:00 & 8:00 PM or 2:00 & 4:00 PM

NOTE: RESERVED SEATING AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY FOR THE BOYS GROUP FINALS AND SEMIFINALS WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN DATE IS KNOWN.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS FINALS FOR BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS WILL BE PLAYED AT THE IZOD CENTER, NEW JERSEY SPORTS AND EXPOSITION AUTHORITY on Monday, March 23, 2009.

DATES AND SITES

Each member school has submitted the times on the designated dates when their gymnasium will be used for a tournament game and this commitment on the part of the school will be considered binding by the NJSIAA. The Sectional Representative will schedule all games up to but not including the Sectional Finals. Schools must be prepared in the event both the boys' and girls' teams are entered in the tournament to play their games at different sites on the same designated date because of their respective placement in seeding up to, but not including, Sectional Finals and Semifinal games.

The following procedure will be used for the scheduling of all tournament games:

- a. In all games scheduled prior to the Sectional Finals, the home gymnasium of the higher-seeded school will normally be the site of the tournament contest. However, the NJSIAA reserves the right to change the site when the home facility is deemed inappropriate for the anticipated crowd. An application by a member school for acceptance into the State Basketball Tournament shall include a commitment for the use of that school's gymnasium (if deemed suitable by the NJSIAA Executive Director for tournament games) on the dates indicated on the NJSIAA "Gym Availability Form/Dates for Home Games" Form. (Submitted by January 9, 2009)
- b. In those instances where a gymnasium is considered to be unsuitable for a tournament game, the higher-seeded school must have secured a substitute site so noted on the "Gym Availability Form/Dates for Home Games" Form, or, if for any reason approval is not granted to use the substitute site requested, the game shall then be played at the home gymnasium of the opposing school.
- c. Predetermined designated sites as determined by the Executive Director will be used for all games beginning with the Sectional Final contests and the decision in the selection of these sites shall not be subject to appeal. Previous play by either team does not eliminate a given site. In the event a site cannot be found, the Sectional Final will be played at the home site of the higher seeded team.

BASKETBALL SEEDING PROCEDURE FOR STATE SEMIFINAL GAMES

The following criteria will be used to determine the home site for State Semifinal games when a neutral, pre-determined site is not available.

1. The team with the higher seed in the sectional tournament will be designated as the home team.
2. The following tie-breaking procedures will be used when schools have the same seed in the Sectional Tournament:
 - a. Winning percentage
 - b. Record vs each other
 - c. Record vs common opponent(s)
 - d. Strength of schedule based on wins only:
 - 4 pts - Group IV
 - 3 pts - Group III
 - 2 pts - Group II
 - 1 pts - Group I

NOTE: Non-Public, Independent, Private and Out-of-State School must be classified according to their pupil population in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades and placed in the Group consistent with the Public School Classification in their respective Section. It is the responsibility of the entering schools to determine classification of their opponents; all blanks or improper designations in Group column will be declared Group I. When these opponents fall between the ranges for the Groups, they will be placed in that Group which reflects the lesser disparity from the highest to the lowest pupil population.

e. Toss a coin

f. If a team entry is not appropriately faxed and mailed, that team will be seeded according to their record, however they will forfeit the ability to host a game even if they are the higher seeded team.

POSTPONEMENTS

Up to and including the Sectional Semifinals, the host school will handle all details for postponement; however, all schools must assist in keeping the media informed. The Central Office will handle all details relative to postponements for the Sectional Finals, State Semifinals, State Final games and the Tournament of Champions (all sessions). **If a postponement becomes necessary, schools must be prepared to play games on consecutive days.**

PRACTICE SESSIONS

The NJSIAA prohibits schools competing in the tournament at a predetermined designated site, from any practice session(s) at said gymnasium after official notification of the game has been sent to those competing schools, or a notice of the game appears in any newspaper. **SCHOOLS THAT DO NOT ABIDE WITH THIS REGULATION MAY BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE TOURNAMENT.**

RULES

The 2008/09 National Federation Basketball Rules will govern all tournament games.

OFFICIALS

The following will be the procedure for the assignment of officials to the 2009 Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament games:

- a. All schools will be given an opportunity to submit to the NJSIAA Central Office a limited list of officials whom they would prefer **NOT** to have assigned to their games. Those schools who did not submit a Preferred Officials Form by September 15th, will not be permitted to list non-preferred officials.
- b. All assignments will be handled by the NJSIAA Sectional Assignors up to and including the Sectional Semifinal games. Phone calls indicating official's assignments will be made.
- c. The Executive Director or his designee will assign officials to the Sectional Finals, State Semifinals, State Finals, and the Tournament of Champions games. The Executive Director desires to satisfy all schools in the selection of officials, but where there is a difference of opinion between the Executive Director and a member school, the Executive Director reserves the right to name the officials. All officials for State Semifinal, State Final, and the Tournament of Champions games will normally be selected from areas other than those in which the competing schools are located, *i.e.*, Union County resident official would not officiate a game involving a Union County school (except as required under Title VI of the NJ Administrative Code).

COACHES BENCH CONDUCT

Any overt act by a coach, player, or squad member during the tournament will be met by the Executive Committee with prompt and severe disciplinary action. All officials assigned to tournament games, as well as the respective game site managers, have been directed to immediately notify this office of such violation.

"By state association adoption, the head coach may be off the bench in front of his or her seat within the confines of the designated coaches' box to give instructions to his or her players and/or substitutes.

HANDSHAKE (FOR ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES)

1. At the discretion of the site director, the sportsmanship handshake between coaches and team members may take place before the start of the game, **OR** at the conclusion of the game. When trophy presentations take place, they will be preceded by the handshake.
2. When awards are presented, **all team members and coaches** will remain on the court, in the bench area, until the award presentations have concluded.
3. Following the awards ceremony, teams will return to their respective locker rooms immediately

UNIFORMS

In order to avoid confusion, each participating school should have two (2) sets of jerseys. One (1) set should be white, and the other a darker color. Both sets should be taken to each game.

The higher-seeded school will be the home team for all games up to and including Sectional Semifinals. At predetermined sites teams should decide in advance the colors of the jerseys to be worn. The Directors of Athletics must assume this responsibility and communicate with each other. If agreement cannot be reached by the Athletic Directors, the Site Manager will determine the colors of the jerseys to be worn and each team will bring two (2) sets of jerseys (home, white and away, dark) to the game site. The site manager's decision will be final.

TEE SHIRTS WORN DURING WARM-UP, MUST BE SCHOOL ISSUE. HEADBANDS, IF WORN, MUST BE WHITE OR SOLID COLOR SIMILAR TO THE UNIFORM TORSO.

TYPE OF BALL

The molded type of leather or composition covered basketball tanned in approved orange shade or natural tan shall be used for all tournament games and will be provided by the Site Manager. Wilson "Wave" Ball will be used in the Boys and Girls Tournament, commencing with the Group Finals.

OPERATING EXPENSES

In all games played prior to the Sectional final contests, the HIGHER-SEEDED SCHOOL SHALL, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING THE GAME SITE FACILITY, UNDERWRITE THE COST OF ANY RENTAL FEE AND CUSTODIAL SERVICES NORMALLY PROVIDED FOR THEIR HOME GAMES. OFFICIALS WILL BE ASSIGNED FOR ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES. The first round games (March 2 & 3) will be the responsibility of the higher seeded team. Officials will be assigned, however the home school will provide tickets, gate personnel, police services, security, etc. The home team will keep all profits after expenses have been paid. Additional instructions will be sent to the host school athletic director.

For subsequent games, all officials, ticket sellers, gate personnel, announcers, site managers, police services, and the like will be underwritten by the NJSIAA and shall be properly listed on a Game Operations Report Form. School security is the responsibility of both competing schools as per regulation for entering the tournament. **Site Managers will be instructed not to pay for school employees acting as security for their students**, as listed on the Security/Crowd Control Responsibility of Competing Schools form.

ELIGIBILITY

No school will be allowed to compete in the Tournament unless a roster of eligible players has been submitted to the Executive Director, listing NO MORE THAN SIXTEEN (16) MEMBERS OF THE SQUAD. Rosters are submitted using the form on the NJSIAA website.

Please check the eligibility of all the members of your basketball squad carefully, as to age, scholastic, and other requirements. Teams and individuals must be eligible under all rules of the NJSIAA. Please consult the HANDBOOK in this matter of eligibility.

The Executive Committee reserves the right to reject the entry of any player or team that may be considered ineligible.

IMPORTANT - **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MEMBERS OF YOUR SQUAD BE EXAMINED BY A PHYSICIAN BEFORE THE FIRST TOURNAMENT GAME.**

DISQUALIFICATION

Participation by an ineligible player in any game during the regular season results in forfeiture of same 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.

Teams not eligible at the cut-off will not be permitted to enter the tournament if a school is disqualified after the seeding becomes official at noon on the day following the seeding. Adjustments to brackets will not be made; A bye will be inserted in the vacant position.

PROTESTS

PROTESTS BASED UPON AN OFFICIAL'S JUDGEMENT, OR MISINTERPRETATION OR MISAPPLICATION OF THE PLAYING RULES WILL NOT BE HONORED AS PER NJSIAA BYLAWS, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1.

ATHLETIC EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Each school participating in the tournament will provide for the care and treatment of their athletes within the school's policy as in effect during the regular season. When games are scheduled at predetermined sites, schools should not assume that the home school trainer will be available, and should therefore, prepare for the care of their athletes. NJSIAA may assign athletic trainers for state final events to assist with emergency situations.

ATTENTION: Principals, Athletic Directors, All Coaches and Officials

RE: Recommended Precautions Against The Transmission of Blood-Borne Pathogens

All member schools must provide all coaches with the contents of the NJSIAA Infectious Disease Policy.

The Infectious Disease Policy provides that:

If an individual gets someone else's blood on his/her skin, protective gloves should be worn to wipe the blood off with a disposable towel using soap and water.

Note: If any blood gets on an opponent's uniform during competition or a teammate's uniform during practice, it is not necessary to clean the uniform at that point unless the opponent or teammate has an open cut or unskinned area, or the blood is on a part of the uniform which might come in contact with mucous membranes. If the student-athlete does have an open cut or unskinned area or believes the blood might come in contact with mucous membranes, then the uniform should be wiped with soap and water.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Players and coaches involved with alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances before, during or after the game, at the game site or on school property, including chartered busses, shall be suspended from NJSIAA tournament play for one year and be denied any championship rights.

This action was taken in support of the fact that such actions concerning alcoholic beverages and illegal substances are in violation of New Jersey State statutes and will be strictly enforced.

SALES/SOLICITATIONS

Only NJSIAA promotional items will be sold at NJSIAA sponsored events. For the 2008/09 season, First Division is the designated vendor.

Solicitations, sale of publications/products, or similar activities are NOT permitted without prior authorization from NJSIAA.

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for all levels of State Tournaments/Championships. The NJSIAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these Tournaments/Championships and the sale or distribution of any items or any audio-visual reproductions. Any sale or distribution of clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without prior authorization from NJSIAA.

CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS

The Executive Committee reserves the right at any time to withdraw the right to compete in the preliminaries, or finals, if an individual or team is guilty of misconduct or unsporting conduct while the guest of the NJSIAA.

Schools **will not be permitted** to enter the tournament, even though the teams qualify if the SECURITY/CROWD CONTROL RESPONSIBILITY OF COMPETING SCHOOLS FORM IS NOT SIGNED AND FILED IN THE CENTRAL OFFICE BY THE DATE INDICATED ON THE FORM.

All schools entered in the annual basketball tournament will be completely responsible for the conduct of their coaching staffs, players, cheerleaders (maximum of eighteen {18} plus one {1} mascot), students, and spectators. Member schools cannot expect the NJSIAA to assume responsibility for such conduct at tournament games. The administration of each school must abide by this requirement. A form to list sixteen (16) players, four (4) managers, three (3) coaches, one (1) athletic director, one (1) cheerleader advisor, one (1) trainer-doctor, and Security Personnel will be mailed to you at a later date. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE NAMES. This list is to be presented to the Site Manager, or ticket taker. He/She will check in the players, etc., and will return the list to you, if you win. Please use the list for all games in which you are playing. Please cooperate in this method of admission for your team. THERE WILL BE NO CONTESTANT TICKETS.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Spectators will NOT be permitted to have radios and tape recorders at NJSIAA tournament games. Violators will be denied admission or requested to leave the game site. Cheerleading Advisor must notify home site if tape recorder will be used during halftime. Space will be provided for only **one** official team video recorder. Hand-held video cameras will be permitted in the stands. MICROPHONES AND/OR RECORDING DEVICES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN LOCKER-ROOMS OR HUDDLES.

BANDS/MECHANICAL NOISEMAKERS

Because of crowded conditions, and the continuous noise during a basketball game, bands will only be admitted at the discretion of the site manager at Group Final and Tournament of Champions games. All mechanical noise-making devices shall be excluded from the gymnasiums. PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR STUDENT BODY OF THIS REGULATION.

FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES

The New Jersey statutes clearly state that it is unlawful for any person to possess or use firecrackers, or similar type of explosives. Accordingly, firecrackers are not permitted in or around any gymnasium or arena, and anyone found selling, possessing, or using fireworks of any nature will be arrested and duly prosecuted.

SIGNS, BANNERS, BALLOONS AND POSTERS

Under no conditions will signs, banners, balloons, or posters be permitted to be hung in any manner in gymnasiums or arenas during the course of the basketball tournament. Hand-held signs and thunder sticks interfere with others viewing the game, and are therefore prohibited. Game Site Managers will be instructed to rigidly enforce this regulation.

NO CUTTING DOWN NETS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS ADOPTED A REGULATION WHICH PROHIBITS THE AWARDING OF BASKETBALL NETS TO EITHER OF THE TWO TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN A REGULAR SEASON OR TOURNAMENT CONTEST. **NETS MAY NOT BE CUT DOWN.**

STUDENT AND ADULT TICKETS

Student tickets for all Preliminary and Sectional Final round games will normally be sold at the site of each game, unless otherwise directed by the Executive Director. When the game is played in the home gymnasium of one of the competing schools, upon request, the site manager must make available to the visiting school the allotment of tickets requested, not to exceed forty (40) percent of the seating capacity of said gymnasium. If this procedure is followed, the visiting school must return all the unsold tickets and the cash or check for the tickets sold to the site manager by such time as stipulated by him/her prior to the game to assure the facility will not be oversold and that monies will be available to pay the employees involved in the operation.

Student tickets for the State Semifinals, State Finals, and the Tournament of Champions (quarterfinals and semifinals) will not be sold at the game site, but only in advance at the competing schools. The Central Office will arrange for dissemination of student tickets for the competing schools for State Semifinals, State Finals, and the Tournament of Champions (quarterfinals, semifinals), if requested.

Student tickets (grades 7-12) for the games noted above will only be sold in advance at the competing schools with the prior approval of the Executive Director. Normally, adult tickets will only be sold at the game site, but adult tickets, except senior citizens, for any games may be sold in advance at the competing schools if approved by the Executive Director.

The price for tournament tickets will be as follows:

<u>Preliminary Games</u>		
General Admission	-	\$6.00 at the site of the game
Students (K-12) and Senior Citizens	-	\$3.00 at the site of the game
<u>Sectional Final Games</u>		
General Admission	-	\$6.00 at the site of the game
Students (K-12) and Senior Citizens	-	\$3.00 at the site of the game
<u>State Semifinal Games</u>		
General Admission	-	\$6.00 at the site of the game
Students (K-12) & Senior Citizens	-	\$3.00 at the site of the game
<u>State Group Final Games</u>		
General Admission	-	\$7.00 at the site of the game
Students (K-12) & Senior Citizens	-	\$4.00 at the site of the game
Reserved Seats (Rutgers University only)	-	\$13.00 pre-sale or at the site

*Ticket prices at alternate sites may vary from those listed above

Tournament of Champions

<u>Quarterfinal and Semifinal Games</u>		
General Admission	-	\$7.00 at the site of the game
Students (K-12) & Senior Citizens	-	\$4.00 at the site of the game
Reserved Seats (Rutgers University Only)	-	\$13.00 at the site of the game

State Finals at Continental Airlines Arena
Prices to be announced

NOTE: Reserved seats, for Louis Brown Athletic Center, Rutgers University will be available. Sales will be announced on the NJSIAA website: www.njsiaa.org

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENTS

The NJSIAA in every possible way protects and provides for the safety of spectators and players, including ample police protection. We assume no further responsibility.

SPECIAL NOTE

The NJSIAA will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles, either of spectators, players, or game personnel.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SECTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES will try to keep all teams informed of the time and place of their games, but cannot assume the entire responsibility for this. THE HEAD COACH OR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE WINNING TEAM MUST INFORM THE SECTIONAL REPRESENTATIVE THE MORNING AFTER THE GAME (MONDAY FOR WEEKEND GAMES) AND MUST MAKE CERTAIN HE/SHE HAS THE CORRECT INFORMATION REGARDING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT GAME.

AWARDS

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| <u>Sectional Champions</u> - | A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates will be given to the champion in each Group in each Section. |
| <u>State Champions</u> - | A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates will be given to the champion in each Group.
Twenty (20) Runner-up certificates will be given to each Group.
Most Valuable Player trophy to each team. |
| <u>Tournament of Champions</u> - | Team trophy, Most Valuable Player trophy, commemorative award and certificates to all participating teams. |

TEAMS ENTERING THE TOURNAMENT CERTIFY THAT THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE 2009 NJSIAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HAVE BEEN READ. AGREEMENT AND WILLINGNESS TO ABIDE BY THEM IS ASSUMED.

**Rosters must be submitted via
the “interactive form” on the
NJSIAA website
(www.njsiaa.org)**

BROADCAST REGULATIONS

- A. The NJSIAA has granted to *The Star-Ledger* and NJ.com the exclusive rights to create, distribute and license programming in connection with NJSIAA tournaments (and NJSIAA sporting events, to the extent the NJSIAA controls or otherwise has authority to grant such rights with regard to NJSIAA sporting events) in all media currently existing or yet to be developed. This includes, without limitation, network and cable television broadcast, pay-per-view television, radio, webcasting, podcasting, distribution over wireless telephone networks, optical media including DVD, and print publications. The foregoing shall not be interpreted to restrict NJSIAA member schools from producing print publications (i.e. programs, or similar) for distribution on school property during the regular season NJSIAA sports events, or to restrict the NJSIAA from producing print publications (i.e. programs, or similar) for distribution during post-season NJSIAA tournaments.**

- B. Any third party seeking to create, distribute or otherwise exploit programming in connection with the NJSIAA sporting events in any media will be directed to The Star-Ledger and NJ.com, as applicable, by the NJSIAA or the applicable member school. The Star-Ledger and NJ.com shall have the right to enter into license arrangements with such third parties.**

- C. The Star-Ledger and NJ.com may create NJSIAA programming for distribution over media outlets owned or controlled by Advance Publications.**

- D. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, including but not limited to Sections A and B above, NJSIAA member schools may broadcast regular season (but not playoff, post-season tournament, or championship) athletic contests involving such schools' own teams or athletes, without charging any fee to any viewer or other third party, on such schools' own commercial-free television networks, their own commercial-free websites, or on commercial-free public access television channels (provided that any agreement between an NJSIAA member school and a commercial-free public access television channel does not permit sublicense or other use of the telecast).**

If your school did not submit a Preferred Officials Form by the extended date of September 15, 2008, names listed as Non-Preferred will be disregarded.

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
1161 Route 130, P.O. Box 487 Robbinsville, N.J. 08691

TO: ATHLETIC DIRECTORS SECTION _____ BOYS _____
FROM: Carol W. Parsons, Associate Director GROUP _____ or GIRLS _____
DATE: January 2009 SCHOOL _____
CITY _____

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association is desirous of engaging the services of the best qualified male and female **basketball** officials for assignment to the 2009 State Basketball Tournament games.

Each member school has previously submitted (at the completion of last year's tournament) to the NJSIAA Central Office the names of qualified officials in their area to be considered for tournament assignments. These officials will not necessarily be assigned your contest.

There may be official's names submitted for consideration whom you DO NOT wish to have assigned to your games; therefore, we request that you list below no more than three (3) officials you DO NOT wish assigned.

NOTE: LISTING MORE THAN THREE (3) OFFICIALS WILL VOID THE ENTIRE LIST AND THE LIST WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOLS. RETURNED LIST CANNOT BE RESUBMITTED.

PLEASE PRINT ONLY

	(<u>LAST NAME</u>)	(<u>FIRST NAME</u>)	(*CHAPTER AFFILIATION)
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

*As listed in the 2008/09 NJSIAA OFFICIALS DIRECTORY.

List officials affiliated with your school district. Affiliation is defined as follows: Employed in the district; close relative employed in the system; child attending junior or secondary school in the district; former student or coach; graduate of the school within the last ten years. **If officials are listed who are NOT affiliated with your district, your entire list will be disregarded.**

1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

STAMPED SIGNATURES NOT ACCEPTABLE

(ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE) (HEAD COACH'S SIGNATURE)

(PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE)

ONE FORM FOR THE BOYS TOURNAMENT AND ONE FORM FOR THE GIRLS TOURNAMENT MUST BE RETURNED, TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, February 9, 2009. **FORM MAY BE SENT EARLIER.**

Larry White, Assistant Director
NJSIAA
P.O. BOX 487,
ROBBINSVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08691

PLEASE DUPLICATE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR FILES. BE CERTAIN TO RETURN ONE (1) FORM FOR BOYS AND ONE (1) FORM FOR GIRLS TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE.

FORM MAY BE FAXED TO (609) 259-3047

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
2009 NJSIAA BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

_____ HIGH SCHOOL _____ CITY

SECTION _____ GROUP _____ submits the following record of its basketball team for consideration to enter the 2009 State Basketball Tournament.

LIST ALL GAMES UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY, February 7, 2009, AS WELL AS ALL HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT GAMES. *ENTRY MUST BE FAXED TO CENTRAL OFFICE BY THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL ON MONDAY, February 9, 2009. **SEEDING WILL USE ONLY FAXED COPY.** ENTRY MUST ALSO BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, February 9, 2009 AND MUST BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE.

ENTRY FEE: \$80.00 payable to NJSIAA; forward to Central Office with Entry Form.

FORFEITS: Schools may not mutually agree to forfeit; only Leagues or Conferences or the NJSIAA may award forfeits. When submitting records for tournament qualifications, schools listing forfeit wins/losses must attach an explanation for same as per the NJSIAA Handbook.

CONSULT THE CLASSIFICATION MEMORANDUM 2008/09 BEFORE CHECKING PROPER BLANK.

*Group Column must indicate IV, III, II, I; Non-Public, Private, or Out-of-State schools must be shown as one of these four (4) classifications according to their enrollments. Those incorrect or left blank will be counted as Group I. All-Boy or All-Girl schools' enrollments must be doubled.

Date of Game – BOYS – BOYS	(PLEASE PRINT/TYPE) OPPONENT	*GROUP	SCORE		BOYS SEASON RECORD
			WE	THEY	
1.					-
2.					-
3.					-
4.					-
5.					-
6.					-
7.					-
8.					-
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14.					-
15.					-
16.					-
17.					-
18.					-
19.					-
20.					-

RECAPITULATION: WON _____ LOST _____

We have read the regulations governing the 2009 NJSIAA Basketball Tournament and agree to abide by them. The above is our complete season's record through February 7, 2009. The above information reflects compliance with the 70% in-state Rule.

STAMPED SIGNATURES NOT ACCEPTABLE

 (HEAD COACH'S SIGNATURE) () SCHOOL PHONE () HOME PHONE

 (ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE) () SCHOOL PHONE () HOME PHONE

 (PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE)

DO NOT SUBMIT AN ENTRY FORM UNLESS YOUR BASKETBALL TEAM HAS AT LEAST 50% WINNING RECORD BY February 7, 2009. ALL ENTRIES ARE CHECKED FOR ACCURACY. COMPLETE CAREFULLY AND **DO NOT SEND** UNTIL ALL GAMES SCHEDULED ARE PLAYED BY CUT-OFF DATE

IMPORTANT: THIS FORM MUST BE FAXED TO THE NJSIAA CENTRAL OFFICE BY MONDAY, February 9, 2009, (609) 259-3047. PLEASE FAX ONLY ENTRY FORM. MAIL ALL OTHER FORMS AND ENTRY FEE.

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
2009 NJSIAA GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

_____ HIGH SCHOOL _____ CITY

SECTION _____ GROUP _____ submits the following record of its basketball team for consideration to enter the 2009 State Basketball Tournament.

LIST ALL GAMES UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY, February 7, 2009, AS WELL AS ALL HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT GAMES. *ENTRY MUST BE FAXED TO CENTRAL OFFICE BY THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL ON MONDAY, February 9, 2009. **SEEDING WILL USE ONLY FAXED COPY.** ENTRY MUST ALSO BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, February 9, 2009 AND MUST BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE.

ENTRY FEE: \$80.00 payable to NJSIAA; forward to Central Office with Entry Form.

FORFEITS: Schools may not mutually agree to forfeit; only Leagues or Conferences or the NJSIAA may award forfeits. When submitting records for tournament qualifications, schools listing forfeit wins/losses must attach an explanation for same as per the NJSIAA Handbook.

CONSULT THE CLASSIFICATION MEMORANDUM 2007/08 BEFORE CHECKING PROPER BLANK. *Group Column must indicate IV, III, II, I; Non-Public, Private, or Out-of-State schools must be shown as one of these four (4) classifications according to their enrollments. Those incorrect or left blank will be counted as Group I. All-Boy or All-Girl schools' enrollments must be doubled.

Date of Game GIRLS - GIRLS	(PLEASE PRINT/TYPE) OPPONENT	*GROUP	SCORE		GIRLS SEASON RECORD
			WE	THEY	
1.					-
2.					-
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RECAPITULATION: WON _____ LOST _____

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STAMPED SIGNATURES NOT ACCEPTABLE

 (HEAD COACH'S SIGNATURE) (_____) SCHOOL PHONE (_____) HOME PHONE

 (ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE) (_____) SCHOOL PHONE (_____) HOME PHONE

 (PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE)

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