

2009 NJSIAA/RIEGEL BOYS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

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

To Qualify

Teams must play a minimum schedule of twelve (12) matches, and must have at least a fifty percent (50%) winning record regardless of the strength of their schedules. Seventy percent (70%) of matches must be played against in-state schools as of the cut-off date.

Schools submitting schedules with less than twelve (12) matches must add losses to reach the minimum number (12) to qualify. All out-of-state matches count on won/loss record.

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.

Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the start of the NJSIAA Tournament 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.

TEAMS

Public and Parochial teams will compete in a common bracket.

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 23. VOLLEYBALL (SPRING)

Section 1. Rules. The National Federation Volleyball Rules shall govern all NJSIAA games.

Section 2. Start of Practice. First Friday of March.

Section 3. Start of Regular Season. April 1.

Section 4. End of Season. As provided for in Rule 2, Section 10.

[All teams may participate in interscholastic contests up to the final championship in their respective sports. Exceptions: Winter Track – Feb 28 (Golf will be up to and including the Friday before the NJSIAA championships in softball and baseball.) Individual competition shall terminate with the end of said competition.]

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Entries

Records must be submitted for ALL MATCHES played up to and including Tuesday, May 12, 2009 and postmarked no later than Wednesday, May 13, 2009. As a back-up, entry forms must also be FAXED to the NJSIAA office (609) 259-3047 by Wednesday, May 13, 2009.

REGARDLESS OF REASON, MATCHES NOT COMPLETED BY TUESDAY, May 12, WILL NOT COUNT. DO NOT SEND RECORDS IN ADVANCE OF CUT OFF DATE.

Seeding Meeting - Friday, May 15, 2009 - See enclosed seeding criteria.

Entry Fee

A check for eighty dollars (\$80.00) made payable to the NJSIAA. Make certain the name of the school appears on the check. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.**

Forward all entry forms and entry fees to the NJSIAA:

NJSIAA
Attention: Boys Volleyball/Larry White
1161 Route 130 North
P.O. Box 487
Robbinsville, NJ 08691-0487
Office Phone: (609) 259-2776
Office FAX: (609) 259-3047

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NJSIAA HAS RULED THAT MEMBER SCHOOLS FAILING TO FORWARD TOURNAMENT FORMS TO THE PROPER ADDRESS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM TOURNAMENT COMPETITION IN THAT SPORT.

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 to determine that all games have been entered, and for advancing the brackets.

DATES

Tournament dates are May 19 to June 4, 2009.

Seeding will determine deadlines for tournament progression, and dates will be noted on the pairings form which will be forwarded to each school as soon as the Volleyball Committee has completed the pairings.

If a school must play a preliminary match by May 19, the Tournament Director will call the higher seeded school on Friday, May 15; others will be notified on internet website: www.njsiaa.org.

Preliminaries - Matches may be played earlier than dates indicated on pairings form if both schools agree; however, in cases of disagreement, the match must be played as follows and non-NJSIAA tournament matches scheduled for these dates must be rescheduled.

SCHOOLS ENTERING THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE GRANTED A CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO ANY CONFLICTS WITH SCHOOL TRIPS, DANCES, BANQUETS, TESTING PROGRAMS, PROMS, GRADUATION, AND THE LIKE.

Preliminary Round- by May 19
1st Round – May 19 - sectionals
2nd Round – May 21 - sectionals
3rd Round – May 27 - sectionals
Sectional Semi-Finals – May 29

**All matches shall start at 4:30 P.M.
unless otherwise agreed upon
by both schools**

*State Sectional Finals - Tuesday, June 2, 2009- 5:00 and 6:30 will be the game times
5:00 Game = South/Central bracket; 6:30 game = North I/North II bracket
Site: South Brunswick High School

*State Finals - Thursday, June 4, 2009 - 7:00 pm
Site: South Brunswick High School

*** Each team to provide one (1) ball person**

SITES

Sites for all PRELIMINARY MATCHES will be the home court of the higher seeded team as determined by the Pairings Committee. When conditions prevent a match from being played at the site of the higher seeded team, the Tournament Director may choose an alternate site in cooperation with the competing schools. In the Preliminaries, if a neutral site is preferred by the higher seeded team, that site shall be mutually agreed upon by their opponent; or, in case of disagreement, the Tournament Director shall make the final decision.

Sites will not be declared unsuitable merely because court conditions are less than perfect unless Leagues or Conferences or home management have ruled such sites unsuitable for regular season play.

The State Sectional Finals and State Finals will be played at a predetermined designated site.

Up to, but not including, the State semifinals, whenever a match is played at a neutral site for which there are custodial or rental charges, the schools shall share the cost of same.

Responsibility for postponing a match shall rest with the person in charge of the playing site, and it shall be his/her responsibility to notify both schools and the Tournament Director at least three (3) hours prior to match time. The competing school's representatives shall share responsibility for assuring that adequate on-site preparations have been made.

OFFICIALS

Two (2) NJSIAA registered volleyball officials shall officiate each match. Each school shall assign ONE (1) official for each round up to quarterfinals. It is recommended that line judges be certified for the sectional semi-finals. The official assigned by the home team will be the referee and the visiting team official will be designated as the umpire.

When the home court of one of the schools is used, the school on whose court the match is played shall pay **all** officials and the visiting school shall pay their own transportation costs.

Schools must not assign the same official to more than one (1) match. Schools hiring an official should check with the competing school to verify the official is not on the school's "unacceptable list." Officials affiliated with your school may not be used.

The Tournament Director shall assign two (2) officials for the State Sectional and Final matches, along with two (2) certified officials as Line Judges, **and one alternate official as the official libero tracker for semis and final matches.**

If a neutral site is used other than for the State Sectional or Final match, each school shall pay one (1) official.

Recommended fee per official: The fee paid by the home school during the regular season. Line Judges and official libero tracker in semifinals and final round will be paid forty-five dollars (\$50.00) each.

RULES

The 2008/2009 National Federation Volleyball Rules will govern all tournament matches. Bring your own volleyballs.

EQUIPMENT

The higher seeded team will provide regulation game ball(s). In the State Sectional and Final match, the NJSIAA will provide Wilson Reaction balls.

MATCHES

All matches shall start at 4:30 P.M. unless otherwise agreed upon by both schools.

All matches in the tournament will be two (2) out of three (3) matches and will be determined by score as per Rule 1, Section 7, Art. 1. Note 1.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **TEAMS MUST PLAY ON OR BEFORE DESIGNATED DATES;** in cases of disagreement, the decision of the Tournament Director is final. Failure to complete tournament round by the deadline date will result in disqualification
2. Any school entering the tournament and then withdrawing will be subject to penalties as enforced by the NJSIAA and barred from participation for one (1) additional year.
3. Any school not willing or not able to comply with the tournament regulations should not enter the tournament.
4. Coaches must report to the Site Director or Tournament Director for specific instructions, *i. e.* locker rooms, warm-up area, etc. Teams must provide their own warm-up volleyballs.
5. Warm-ups for the entire state tournament will be 10-5-5-2.
6. At a neutral site, the higher seeded team calls the coin toss. **If both teams are seeded the same respectively in their section for the finals, the committee will determine who calls the toss.**
7. Only players who are on the submitted roster will be allowed in with the team(s).
8. **THE WINNING SCHOOL MUST NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH MATCH** and the competing schools must notify local newspapers to keep media informed as to the tournament progression.

DISQUALIFICATION

Participation by an ineligible player in any match during the regular season results in forfeiture of same match. 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 match, said school will be disqualified from the tournament immediately and its last opponent will advance in its place; schools eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition.

PROTESTS

Protests based upon an official's judgment, or misinterpretation, or misapplication of the playing rules will not be honored as per NJSIAA Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Players and coaches involved with alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances before, during or after the match, at the match 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.

ATHLETIC EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

1. Each school participating in the championship will provide for the care and treatment of their athletes within the school's policy as in effect during the regular season. The athletic emergency procedure of the host school will be in effect during the championship which will include the establishment of a line of communication for emergent situations.
2. Some sources of assistance that may be utilized when physicians are not available are certified athletic trainers, emergency medical technicians usually on emergency vehicles, ambulance vehicle with trained personnel, rescue vehicle with trained first-aid personnel and, in some areas, National Guard or Army Reserve Medical personnel assigned to ambulance duty. Schools may also have other school personnel qualified in first-aid, who may be available for duty during activities.
 - a. Recommended procedures that may be followed in successful emergency care are:
 1. Immediate, on the spot first-aid by and individual with adequate training.
 2. Communication System. An available, non-pay telephone with an outside line to contact a physician or ambulance service. Arrangements should be made in advance to insure availability
 3. Emergency care facility. Arrangements should be made, in advance, with staff personnel of local hospital or clinic to notify, in case of emergency, that emergency service is necessary.
 4. Notification. The facility to which the injured player is being transported should be immediately informed of the injured player's status. Necessary personnel and equipment should be available in the facility or physicians, on call, could be notified of the emergency.
 5. Transportation. Ambulance, emergency vehicle, first-aid vehicle or rescue vehicle, with appropriate equipment and personnel may be parked at the field or game site. If this procedure is not feasible, prior arrangements should be made to have equipment on call when an emergency develops. Again, an available, non-pay telephone with an outside line should be immediately available.
 6. Communities without physicians, medical clinics, or hospital service should complete arrangements with medical personnel and hospital facilities in the nearest community where such services are available.
 - b. The plan of action specified above should be carefully covered, in advance, with responsibilities of all concerned – trainer, coach, vehicle personnel, school administrators, local police, deputies, or constables – defined. When an emergency does occur, everyone involved can function as an informed, effective team.
 - c. Local plans of action to meet emergency situations will vary depending on availability of medical personnel and facilities, the location of the playing field or site and communications. In all cases, the emergency situation plan is best developed through cooperative action of local school personnel, participating professional medical staff and allied groups.

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 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.

SALES/SOLICITATIONS

Only NJSIAA promotional items will be sold at NJSIAA sponsored events. For the 2008/2009 seasons, 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 Tournament/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 permission of the NJSIAA.

BROADCASTING 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).

TRANSPORTATION/SUPERVISION

- 1. Schools will pay all transportation expenses for all matches.
- 2. PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING ALL MATCHES. IF IT IS FELT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE POLICE PROTECTION, OFFICERS SHALL BE SECURED FROM THE AREA IN WHICH THE MATCH IS PLAYED, AND THE COST SHALL BE SHARED BY THE SCHOOLS.
- 3. The NJSIAA will provide security for the State Finals.
- 4. **Each school must provide at least one (1) administrator/designee at all NJSIAA designated neutral sites.**

AWARDS

- Sectional Champions - A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates
- State Champion - A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates
- State runner-up - Twenty (20) certificates

ADMISSIONS

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Students (K-12) & Seniors</u>
1. State Sectional and Finals: (with souvenir program)	\$7.00	\$4.00

ALL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE GATE. SCHOOLS MUST INFORM THEIR STUDENTS AND LOCAL NEWS MEDIA OF THE ADMISSION POLICY.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF COMPETING SCHOOLS AND SEEDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE ADMITTED BY IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES TO THE GATE PERSONS.

PLEASE NOTE:

CHECK INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND RETURN ENTRY FORM TO THE PROPER ADDRESS LISTED. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NJSIAA HAS RULED THAT MEMBER SCHOOLS FAILING TO FORWARD FORMS TO THE PROPER ADDRESS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM TOURNAMENT COMPETITION IN THAT SPORT.

SCHOOLS MUST ENCLOSE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED POSTCARD TO ENABLE THE MEET DIRECTOR TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF YOUR ENTRY.

BE SURE THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETE

2009 NJSIAA/PSEG BOYS STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

_____ High School submits the following record of its boy's volleyball team for consideration to enter the 2009 NJSIAA State Volleyball Tournament.
 League/Conference _____

RECORD OF ALL MATCHES PLAYED UP TO AND INCLUDING TUESDAY, May 12 MUST BE LISTED. ONLY MATCHES IN WHICH THE REGULATION 2 OUT OF 3 MATCHES DETERMINES THE WINNER SHALL BE INCLUDED FOR TEAM RECORD.

(70% of all matches must be played against in-state teams.) DO NOT SEND RECORDS IN ADVANCE.

ENTRY FEE: \$80.00 Enclosed. Make checks payable to NJSIAA and forward with entry form to the Tournament Director.

(Please Print or Type OPPONENT)	GROUP	DATE	MATCH SCORE		CHECK	
			WE	THEY	WON	LOST
(Sample) Lawrence High School	III	5/10	3	1	x	
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STAMPED SIGNATURES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

RECAPITULATION: WON ___ LOST ___

LEAGUE/CONFERENCE: WON ___ LOST ___

PRINCIPAL _____

Athletic Director _____

 (COACH-PLEASE PRINT) () SCHOOL PHONE () HOME PHONE

MUST BE MAILED AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN May 13, 2009.

RETURN TO: NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, P.O. Box 487, Robbinsville, NJ 08691-0487
Also FAX to NJSIAA office by Wednesday, May 13, 2009. (609) 259-3047.

DO NOT ENTER TOURNAMENT UNLESS WILLING AND ABLE TO COMPLY WITH TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS.

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

TO: **ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND VARSITY VOLLEYBALL COACHES**

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association is seeking input from you and your varsity Volleyball coach. Please list the names of the top ten (10) active high school volleyball officials from your area who in your judgment are qualified to officiate tournament matches in the 2009 Boys Volleyball Tournament.

SUBMISSION OF THESE NAMES DOES NOT MEAN THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED TO YOUR MATCHES.

PLEASE PRINT _____ HIGH SCHOOL
CITY _____ SECTION _____ GROUP _____

PLEASE PRINT ONLY (As listed in the 2008/2009 NJSIAA Officials Directory)

(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Last Name)	(First Name)
1. _____	_____	6. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	7. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	8. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	9. _____	_____
5. _____	_____	10. _____	_____

List below the names of the officials whom you **DO NOT** wish to have assigned to your tournament matches. (As listed in the 2008/2009 NJSIAA Officials Directory)

(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Last Name)	(First Name)
1. _____	_____	3. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	4. _____	_____

List any officials who are affiliated with your school. 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 school within the last ten (10) years. (As listed in the 2008/2009 NJSIAA Officials Directory)

(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Last Name)	(First Name)
1. _____	_____	3. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	4. _____	_____

Our school is primarily serviced by volleyball officials from the _____ Chapter.

(PRINT - COACH) () HOME PHONE () SCHOOL PHONE

STAMPED SIGNATURES NOT ACCEPTABLE

(SIGNED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR) () HOME PHONE () SCHOOL PHONE

APPROVED _____
(SIGNED - PRINCIPAL)

ROSTER MUST BE
SUBMITTED BY THE
DATE OF THE FIRST
TOURNAMENT GAME
USING THE
INTERACTIVE ROSTER
FORM ON THE NJSIAA
WEB SITE

www.njsiaa.org

STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SEEDING CRITERIA

Seeding for the Boys State Volleyball Tournament will be based on evaluating each team by **all the following criteria and a total committee vote:**

Rating Percentage Index (see explanation)

Head-to-Head Results

Common Opponent Results

Win-Loss Record

Division Record

League/Conference Record

Strength of Schedule

Rating Percentage Index (RPI) assigns each team a value based on their strength of schedule. RPI is calculated by totaling the Power Rating Points for each win on a team's record form, and dividing by the total number of wins.

Power Rating Points

Each win on a team's record form is assigned a Power Rating value using the following formula:

1. Each team qualifying for the State Tournament is sorted by Winning Percentage, from highest

Top 20%	20 pts.
Next 30%	14 pts.
Next 30%	8 pts.
Next 20%	2 pts.

2. Any out-of-state school on a team's record form will not be included in the RPI.