

2011 NJSIAA/STAR LEDGER BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

TO: ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND BASEBALL COACHES

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY, and keep them on hand for reference throughout the baseball tournament. IF AFTER READING THIS MATERIAL YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:(MR. JOE HARTMANN -856-783-7004)

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.

NEW PROCEDURE FOR ENTRY

All varsity schedules **MUST** be entered by the start of the season, and scores reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest. The Seeding Committee will use these results to seed the tournament.

This year, entry forms will not be used; the team schedule will be downloaded prior to the seeding of the tournament and **ONLY** this record will be used for seeding. Coaches are reminded to check this record throughout the season and particularly on Friday, May 13th to insure that it is accurate. If you do not know your school code, or you encounter problems, please contact support@njschoolsports.com or the NJSIAA.

The Intent Form included in this document may be faxed to NJSIAA (609) 259-3047 at any time during the season, but must be received no later than Friday, May 13, 2011. Schools submitting Intent Forms will be recorded on NJSIAA website.

SPECIFIC SPORTS REGULATIONS (found in the *New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Handbook 2010-2011 Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations*)

RULE 3. BASEBALL

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

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

Section 3. Start of Regular Schedule. 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.]

Section 5. Maximum Games. A member school may play twenty-five (25) games including regular season and tournament games, plus one additional tournament, plus the State Tournament.

ATTENTION: COACHES MUST HAVE A COPY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE AT ALL GAMES.
Copies of these regulations are available off the internet: www.njsiaa.org

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 Friday, May 13, 2011. Teams may request admission into the tournament having less than a 50% record by submitting the appropriate form. Brackets will be filled in order of winning percentage; ties will be broken using the standard procedure: head to head competition, common opponents and strength of schedule.
2. Seventy percent (70%) of games played on or before the cutoff date (May 13) 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 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.

ENTRY FEE - EIGHTY (\$80.00) DOLLARS.

INTENT FORMS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OLD ENTRY FORMS ARE NO LONGER SUBMITTED FOR ENTRY INTO THE TOURNAMENT. PLEASE READ ON PAGE ONE (1) THE NEW PROCEDURE FOR ENTRY.

REGARDLESS OF THE REASON, GAMES NOT COMPLETED BY FRIDAY, May 13TH, WILL NOT COUNT. TIE GAMES DO NOT COUNT. (FINANCIAL PENALTY FOR LATE ENTRIES.)

***SCHOOLS NOT ABLE OR WILLING TO COMPLY WITH TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS - DO NOT ENTER**

Forward all entry fees to:

Please **DO NOT** use certified mail

NJSIAA - Baseball
P.O. Box 487
Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691
Fax: (609) 259-3047

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: MR. JOE HARTMANN – 856-783-7004

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.

DATES

Tournament dates are May 20 (if prelim game is needed), to June 11, 2011. (Weather permitting)

Seeding will determine deadlines for tournament progression, and dates will be noted on the pairings form which will be forward to each school as soon as the Baseball Committee has completed the pairings. **Schools are cautioned about independently scheduling games prior to the start date of a round to circumvent the pitching limitation rule.**

If a school must play a preliminary game on May 20 because more than sixteen (16) schools qualified in a Group/Section, your Sectional Representative will call the higher seeded school on Thursday, May 19. If a preliminary game must be played by May 20, the higher seeded school will be called on Thursday, May 19 by the Sectional Representative. All others should check the NJSIAA website (www.njsiaa.org). **DO NOT CALL THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR ADVANCE INFORMATION ON PAIRINGS.**

Preliminaries: Games may be played earlier than dates indicated on pairings form, if both schools agree; however, **in cases of disagreement, the game must be played on the last date for the completion of that round as listed on the pairings copy, and non-NJSIAA tournament games scheduled for these dates must be rescheduled.** **SCHOOLS ENTERING THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE GRANTED A CHANGE OF DATE/TIME DUE TO ANY CONFLICTS WITH SCHOOL TRIPS, PROMS, BANQUETS, SAT'S, GRADUATION, AND THE LIKE.**

NON-PUBLIC ONLY

Preliminaries: 1st Round - Friday, May 27 (Rain Date - May 28)
2nd Round - Tuesday, May 31 (Rain Date - June 1)
Sect. Semis - Friday, June 3 (Rain Date - June 4)

Sectional Finals: Tuesday, June 7 (Rain Date - June 8)

PUBLIC ONLY

Preliminaries: 1st Round - Monday, May 23 (Rain Date - May 24)
2nd Round - Friday, May 27 (Rain Date - May 28)
3rd Round - Tuesday, May 31 (Rain Date - June 1)

Sectional Finals: Friday, June 3 (Rain Date - June 4)

State Semifinals: Tuesday, June 7 (Rain Date - June 8)

STATE FINALS - PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC - Saturday, June 11 (Rain date: TBA)

SITES/TIMES - STATE FINALS

@ Toms River South	@ Toms River East	@ Toms River North
11:00 am - Groups to be 2:00 pm - announced	11:00 am - Groups to 2:00 pm - be announced	11:00 am - Groups to be 2:00 pm - announced

SITES

Sites for all games up to and including the Public Sectional Finals will be at the home field of the higher seeded school as determined by the Pairings Committee. The Non-public Sectional Finals will be held at pre-determined sites.

When conditions prevent a game from being played at the site of the higher seeded team, the higher seeded team should designate an alternate site upon approval of the Sectional Representative. Notify Sectional Representatives about cancellations.

Sites will not be declared unsuitable merely because recommended minimum fence distances are not available or field conditions are less than perfect unless Leagues or Conferences have ruled such sites unsuitable for League or Conference play. Fields should be lined in accordance with National Federation Rules.

SITES (continued)

State Public Semifinals will be played at predetermined designated sites. The State Championship Finals will be played at Toms River High School North, Toms River High School South, and Toms River High School East, Toms River, New Jersey.

Up to but not including the State Finals, whenever a game is played at a designated and/or predetermined site for which there are groundskeeping or rental charges, the schools shall share the cost of same although every attempt will be made to secure a site for which there will be no rental or minimal rental charges.

SECURITY

Each 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 spectators. The site Supervisor should be identified prior to each game.

POSTPONEMENT

Responsibility for postponing a game 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 representative at least three (3) hours prior to game time, **whenever possible**. The competing schools' representatives shall share responsibility for assuring that adequate on-site preparations have been made. After the second consecutive postponement of a preliminary game, the Sectional Representative may designate an alternate site as a Home Field of the higher-seeded team. **If schools can not agree on a starting time, the game will start at 4:00 pm.**

UMPIRES

Two (2) NJSIAA registered baseball umpires will officiate all games; however, the Sectional Representative OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE shall assign three (3) umpires for the Public Sectional Finals. In all games prior to Public and Non-public Sectional Finals the Sectional Representative may assign the umpires or direct each school to assign or have assigned one (1) umpire.

When the Sectional Representative assigns umpires they must assign umpires which service these competing schools during the regular season, providing both schools are serviced by the same Chapter. **When three umpires are to be assigned and the schools are not serviced by the same Chapter, umpires from an alternate Chapter must be used.** The NJSIAA Baseball Assignor will assign three (3) umpires to the Public State Semifinals, Non-Public Sectional Finals, and the State Finals.

An umpire may be hired for only one (1) preliminary game involving the same school; however, a previously used umpire may be assigned to the Sectional Finals or the State Semi or Final Games.

The person responsible for assignment should be informed as to preferred and unacceptable umpires of each of the competing schools. **This includes the exchange of this information between schools when each school is directed to assign one umpire.**

Unless mutually agreed upon by the umpires, a coin toss will determine the plate umpire and the base umpire. SCHOOLS ASSIGNING UMPIRES WILL NOT DETERMINE WHICH POSITION UMPIRES WILL OFFICIATE.

Up to and including the **Public Sectional Finals when the home field of one of the schools is used, the school on whose field the game is played shall pay the umpires to offset the visiting school's transportation costs."**

At all predetermined, designated sites, including the Non-Public Sectional Finals and Public State Semifinals, each school shall share the cost of three (3) umpires. The NJSIAA will pay all umpires and field maintenance for the State Finals.

Recommended fee per umpire:

Preliminaries	Area agreed fees	State Semifinals (3)	\$80.00
Sectional Finals	Area agreed fees	State Finals (3)	\$85.00

*Or area agreed fees

RULES

The 2011 National Federation Baseball Rules and NJSIAA modifications, including **pitching limitations**, and courtesy runner will govern all tournament games.

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.

WITHDRAWAL

Any member school and/or student-athlete withdrawing from competition after having officially entered an NJSIAA tournament in any sport will be disqualified from all remaining NJSIAA tournament competition in that sport in that season and barred from participating in NJSIAA tournament competition in that sport during the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present. (Rule 2, Section 17, NJSIAA Handbook)

BASEBALLS

Only baseballs meeting National Federation specifications may be used in the tournament. The Wilson A1010 baseballs will be the official ball for the State Finals.

Up to and including the Public Sectional Finals and prior to the Non-Public Sectional Finals, when the game is played at the home field of one of the teams, the school on whose field the game is played shall provide the baseballs. At all predetermined designated sites, the home team as determined under Game Procedure #2, will provide the baseballs. The visiting team, however, will provide the home team with the same number of baseballs. All baseballs for the State Finals will be provided by the NJSIAA.

GAME Procedure

1. All games previous to the State Finals shall start at 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise agreed upon. State Finals will start at times designated by NJSIAA.
2. At predetermined Non-Public Sectional Final Sites, the higher seeded team will be considered the home team. A coin toss will determine the bench area.
3. At predetermined, designated sites (Public State Semifinals and State Finals), the winner of one (1) coin toss shall have the choice of home or visiting team and the dugout/bench area.
4. **Suspended game rule for all NJSIAA State Tournament Games will be in affect. Please consult the 2011 NJSIAA/STAR LEDGER BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS PAGE OF THIS REGULATION.**
5. If rain delays the completion of a round, teams must adhere to the deadline of the succeeding round.
6. Dugout Procedure - A maximum of twenty (20) uniform players, four (4) uniformed coaches, three (3) not-in-uniform support personnel, and a trainer will be permitted and confined to the Dugout.
 - a. The host school will line out a bench area where there are no dugouts. A recommended bench area, if space allows, should be sixty (60) feet from the foul line. It should be a rectangular box no longer than forty (40) feet and no wider than six (6) feet.



Where space may be a restriction, a bench area must be provided similar to the above diagram

- b. After twenty (20) uniform players, to be identified and designated on the line-up card, are presented to the umpire at the beginning of the game, no additions to the card will be permitted. This line-up form is attached and is to be used at all games.
7. The person in charge of the playing sites will determine its use up until forty (40) minutes before playing time. playing on Sunday has to be agreed upon by both schools. Playing the Finals on Sunday will be at the discretion of the NJSIAA.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Teams must play their games by the date designated as the final date for the completion of a round or on the date designated by the Sectional Representative or the Tournament Director. "IF ANY CIRCUMSTANCE CAUSES POSTPONEMENT, GAME MUST BE PLAYED ON SUCCESSIVE DAYS. If State Semifinal games are threatened by postponement, every attempt should be made to secure an alternate site on the same day." Up to State Finals,

2. THE WINNING SCHOOL'S COACH MUST NOTIFY HIS/HER SECTIONAL REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH GAME, AND THE COMPETING SCHOOLS MUST NOTIFY LOCAL NEWSPAPERS TO KEEP MEDIA INFORMED AS TO THE TOURNAMENT PROGRESSION.

PROTESTS

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

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 plan 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.

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).

2011 NJSIAA/STAR LEDGER BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TIME SCHEDULE FOR STATE FINAL GAMES

1. Team must arrive one (1) hour before scheduled game time. Umpires must arrive one hour prior to game time.
2. THERE WILL BE NO BATTING PRACTICE (INCLUDING "PEPPER" OR ANY FORM OF PRACTICE USING BATS) ALLOWED FOR EITHER TEAM AT THE SITE; ALL TEAM WARM-UPS PRIOR TO INFIELD PRACTICE MUST BE OFF THE INFIELD AND CLEAR OF FIELD MARKINGS.
3. The winner of one (1) coin toss will designate the home and visiting team and choose the dugout/bench area.
4. Infield practice will be scheduled as follows:
 - (a) Home Team, infield, forty (40) minutes before game time.
 - (b) Visiting Team, thirty (30) minutes before game time.
 - (c) Each team to have a maximum of ten (10) minutes for practice.
 - (d) Twenty (20) minutes will be allowed for getting the field ready for the game and for umpires' instructions.
5. The NJSIAA will supply baseballs and umpires for the State Finals.
6. The official scorer shall be designated by the Umpire-in-Chief (Rule 9-2-2).
7. Teams must arrive in uniform. Dressing facilities **ARE NOT** available at the site. A maximum of twenty (20) uniformed players, four (4) uniformed coaches, three (3) not-in uniform support personnel, and a trainer will be permitted and confined to the dugout. Tournament dugout procedures will be enforced.
8. Each coach must provide the Tournament Director with **ten (10) copies** of his/her roster and statistics prior to the game for the P.A. announcer.

BASEBALL SUSPENDED GAME RULE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT GAMES

All NJSIAA post season tournament baseball games must be played to the full seven innings (turns at bat) unless extra innings are necessary because of a tie score, or unless shortened because the home team needs none of its half of the seventh inning or only a fraction of it. The exception to this is the 10-run rule that the state association has adopted.

A baseball game that has not reached the point of regulation game that is called (ended) by the umpire(s) due to weather or darkness shall be replayed from the beginning of the game.

A baseball game that has reached the point of regulation game, five full innings having been played, or if the home team has scored and equal or greater number of runs in four of four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns at bat, or if play has gone beyond five full innings, and then the game is called (ended) by the umpire(s) due to weather or darkness, the game will be considered a suspended game and the game will be resumed at the point of interruption. The pitching limitation rules stay intact.

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

Information RE: Umpires

Please assist the Sectional Representative and the State Assignor to select umpires for the 2011 Baseball Tournament by submitting below a list of umpires according to a priority ranking. Please indicate the umpire's or group of umpires' chapter. These lists will be used to select umpires for your games through the Sectional Finals and for the State Semifinals and Final Games.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

HIGH SCHOOL _____

CITY _____ SECTION _____ GROUP _____

PLEASE TYPE or PRINT (FIRST AND LAST NAMES)

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ | 15. _____ |

LIST ANY (A) UNACCEPTABLE UMPIRES WHO ARE FORMER STUDENTS, OR WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN, IN ANY WAY AFFILIATED WITH YOUR SCHOOL OR WHO ARE COACHES IN YOUR CONFERENCE, and (B) just unacceptable. LIST ANY

A. UNACCEPTABLE DUE TO SCHOOL AFFILIATION

B. UNACCEPTABLE (NOT PREFERRED)

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| 1. _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 5. _____ |

The Umpires Association of New Jersey Chapter that services our school is: _____

Their assignor is: _____

(Signature of HEAD COACH) () HOME PHONE () SCHOOL PHONE

RETURN FORM TO:

NJSIAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
P.O. BOX 487
ROBBINSVILLE, NEW JERSEY
FAX (609) 259-3047

2011 NJSIAA BASEBALL INTENT FORM

_____ School

Baseball Tournament

Public: North I ___ Group: I ___ Non-Public: North ___ Group A ___
North II ___ II ___ South ___ Group B ___
Central ___ III ___
South ___ IV ___

(Consult the Classification Memorandum for 2010/2011 before checking the proper blank)

Signatures certify that seventy percent (70%) of the games played before the cutoff day (May 13, 2011) were with New Jersey schools.

_____ We intend to enter the tournament if our team record on the cutoff date is .500 or better **and** would like to be considered for entry into the tournament if our team record at the cutoff date is under .500.

OR

_____ We only intend to enter the tournament if our team record on the cutoff date is .500 or better.

Stamped signatures will not be accepted.

_____ (Principal's Signature) _____ (Athletic Director's Signature)

_____ (Coach – Please PRINT) () _____ () _____ () _____
School Phone Home Phone Cell Phone

FAX TO THE NJSIAA OFFICE by May 13, 2011 (Fax: 609.259.3047)
NO COVER SHEET, please!

(THIS FORM MAY BE FAXED EARLIER THAN THE CUTOFF DATE AND WILL BE RECORDED ON THE NJSIAA WEBSITE WHEN RECEIVED). Please allow 24 hours for entry to appear on website.