

2011 NJSIAA /BLUE RIBBON AWARDS/ SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

ATTENTION: COACHES MUST HAVE A COPY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE AT ALL GAMES. COACHES SHOULD CALL SECTIONAL REP WITH QUESTIONS/RESULTS UP TO AND INCLUDING STATE SEMIFINAL. NAME OF SECTIONAL REP will be posted on www.njsiaa.org under Sports Information-Softball!

TO QUALIFY

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

1. **Regardless of the strength of their schedule in all games up to and including Friday, May 13, 2011 will count for seeding. Teams may request admission by submitting the Intent Form included with these regulations. 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. Schools submitting schedules with less than ten (10) games, must add losses to reach the minimum number of 10 to qualify. Regardless of the reason, games not completed by Friday, May 13th, will not count.
4. 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.**
5. 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.

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.

PROCEDURE FOR ENTRY

All schedules **MUST** be entered by the start of the season, and scores reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest.

This year, entry forms will not be used, the team record 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. The Seeding Committee will use these results to determine that all games have been entered, and for advancing the brackets. 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 the website.

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

RULE 1. SOFTBALL

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

Section 2. Start of Practice. - First Friday in March. Section 3. Start of Regular Season. April 1, 2011

Section 4. End of Season (From 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.

ENTRY FEE - Eighty dollars (\$80.00)

ENTRIES - Records must be updated for all games played up to and including Friday, May 13, 2011, and throughout the tournament.

PLEASE CHECK

*** Send preferred officials form and entry fee by Saturday May 14th to:**

**Ms. Gloria Garibaldi
244 Spar Avenue Beachwood,
New Jersey 08722**

Home Phone: (732) 240-1347

o Fax only the Intent Form by Friday, May 13th to the NJSIAA Office (609) 259-3047 No cover sheet, please!

o Call Sectional Rep with questions and to report scores after each game. The name of your Sectional Rep is listed at the bottom of the bracket on the internet.

PLEASE READ TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY BEFORE COMPLETING FORM.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH NJSIAA BY-LAWS, SCHOOLS FAILING TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS FOR ENTERING THE TOURNAMENT IN A TIMELY FASHION WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE. 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.

DATES

Tournament dates are May 24 to June 11, 2011. (earlier if additional game required)

Seeding will determine deadlines for tournament progression, and dates will be noted on the pairings form, which will be posted on www.nj.com on Thursday, May 19th (evening). **Brackets should be final on Friday, May 20th at NOON.**

Coaches must check brackets on the website to determine if a preliminary game must be played on or before, Saturday, May 21st. Please DO NOT CALL THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR PAIRINGS.

Preliminaries: Games may be played earlier than dates indicated on pairing form, if both schools agree; however in cases of disagreement, the game must be played on the stated date, 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, AND THE LIKE. Note: Memorial Day is May 30, 2011.

NON-PUBLIC ONLY - If schools cannot agree on an earlier date, the game must be played on the date listed below.

Preliminaries: 1st Round on or before Thursday, May 26 (Rain Date - May 27)
2nd Round on or before Tuesday, May 31 (Rain Date – June 1)
3rd Round on or before Friday, June 3 (Rain Date –June 4) SAT date

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

PUBLIC ONLY - If schools cannot agree on an earlier date, the game must be played on the date listed below.

Preliminaries: 1st Round on or before Tuesday, May 24 (Rain Date - May 25)
2nd Round on or before Thursday, May 26 (Rain Date - May 27)
3rd Round on or before Tuesday, May 31 (Rain Date –June 1)

Sectional Finals: Friday, June 3 (Rain Date –June 4SAT's) May be played on June 2 if both schools agree

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

STATE FINALS - PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC Saturday, June 11 (If weather causes postponement, the next playable date will be used.)

AT Toms River NORTH High School

AT Toms River EAST High School

Groups and Times
to be determined

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to be determined

SITES

Sites for all games up to and including the Public Sectional Finals will be the home field of the higher seeded school as determined by the Pairings Committee. The home team will have choice of bench area.

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. **Please notify Sectional Representative when games are cancelled and rescheduled.**

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.

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

- (1) 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.
- (2) At predetermined Public Semifinal sites, a coin toss will determine the home team; a separate coin toss will determine the bench area.

Yellow balls must be used in all tournament games

Up to but not including the State Finals, whenever a game is played at a designated and/or predetermined site for which there are grounds-keeping 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.

All games must start at 4:00 PM unless otherwise agreed upon by both schools.

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. The competing schools' representatives shall share responsibility for assuring that adequate on-site preparations have been made.

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.

UMPIRES

1. TWO (2) NJSIAA certified, registered **SOFTBALL** umpires shall officiate each game. Each school shall assign ONE (1) umpire for each Preliminary game. A school may not assign the same umpire to more than one (1) tournament game. Schools and/or assignors hiring officials must check with the competing school to verify that the official is not on their non-preferred list.
2. **Unless mutually agreed upon by the umpires, a coin toss will determine the plate umpire and the base umpire.**
3. When the home field of one of the schools is used, the school on whose field the game is played shall pay the umpires and the visiting school shall pay their own transportation costs.
4. **The Sectional Representatives shall assign three (3) umpires for the Sectional Finals and State Semifinals. The Tournament Director will assign three (3) umpires to the State Final games.**
5. At all predetermined designated sites (Non-public Sectionals & Public Semifinals) each school shall pay one (1) umpire and one half (1/2) of the fee for one additional umpire. The NJSIAA will pay all umpires for the State Final.

UMPIRES (continued)

6. Official Fees: Fees are per umpire – no difference between base and plate.

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

Note: If a game is postponed after teams and officials have arrived, but before the game has started, officials must be paid the full fee.

RULES

The 2011 National Federation Softball Rules and NJSIAA modifications will govern all tournament games.

DISQUALIFICATION

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: New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations)

EQUIPMENT

1. When the home field of one of the teams is used, the school on whose field the game is played shall supply at least four (4) top-grade leather softballs bearing the NFHS stamp, the COR and compression. **Yellow balls must be used throughout the tournament.**
2. For Public Sectional Finals, the higher seeded (home team) shall supply at least four (4) top-grade leather softballs. Yellow balls must be used throughout the tournament.
3. Softballs for the Parochial Sectional Finals, Public State Semifinals and all Final games will be provided by the NJSIAA. (Wilson ball, A9011, optic yellow)

GAMES

1. All games shall start at 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise agreed upon by both schools. When weather may become a problem, games may be started earlier if officials are present and both schools agree. If the game is scheduled before 4:00 PM, the Sectional Rep must be notified.
2. Public Sectional Final sites shall be the site of the higher seeded team. At Non-Public, predetermined Sectional Final sites, the higher seeded team will be the home team; coin toss will determine the bench. At predetermined Public Semifinal sites, a coin toss will decide the home team; a separate coin toss will decide bench area.
3. If rain delays the completion of a round, teams must adhere to the deadline of the succeeding round.
4. Games should not be postponed unless absolutely necessary. If a game is postponed, it must be reported immediately to the Sectional Representative.
5. Infield practice will be limited to ten (10) minutes per team. **NO TEAM WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE THE INFIELD FACILITY FOR BATTING PRACTICE FOR ANY TOURNAMENT GAME.**
6. No hitting will be permitted in live ball area. On fields where there are no outfield fences, hitting will be permitted beyond 200 feet. Each team shall have equal opportunity.

SOFTBALL SUSPENDED GAME RULE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT GAMES

All NJSIAA post season tournament softball 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 softball 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 softball 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.

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. Any school entering the tournament and then withdrawing will be subject to the penalties as enforced by the NJSIAA and barred from participation for one additional year. IF ANY CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSE POSTPONEMENT, GAME MUST BE PLAYED ON SUCCESSIVE DAYS, SUNDAYS EXCLUDED. However, by mutual agreement of the schools, games may be played on Sundays. Schools not willing or able to play in Finals on designated dates and rain dates should not enter the tournament.
2. A game postponed due to weather, must be scheduled for the following day. If the game cannot be played at the higher seeded school on the rain date, that school has the option of finding another site, or playing the game at the opponent's field if it is playable.
3. 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 seeding, and for advancing the brackets.
4. **THE WINNING SCHOOL'S COACH MUST NOTIFY HIS/HER SECTIONAL REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH GAME, The name and phone number of the Sectional Rep is printed at the bottom of the bracket page, on the web site.**
5. **No substances (shaving cream/ice/water/etc.) permitted on the field,** especially during post-game celebrations.

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE - for use in all State Tournament Games

At the top of the 10th inning, during each half inning used to enforce the tie-breaker, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat ninth in that respective inning being placed at second base. (e.g., If the number five batter is to lead off, the number four batter in the batting order would be placed on second base. A substitute may be inserted for the runner.)

GUIDELINES FOR THUNDER/LIGHTENING SAFETY

Termination, or temporary suspension, must always take place when an electrical storm is imminent. The decision to terminate or suspend a game when an electrical storm is imminent, may be made by either the host school management, or the official.

If lightening is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators should evacuate to available safe structures or shelters.

Once lightening has been recognized, it is recommended to wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightening is Witnessed or thunder is heard before restarting the game. Any subsequent lightening or thunder after the beginning of The 30 minute count should reset the clock and another count should begin. When one contest on a site is suspended due to lightening or thunder, all contests on that site will be suspended.

The complete policy concerning thunder and lightening safety can be found in the Handbook for Officials and the Handbook for Coaches.

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.

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.

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 an 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/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 2010/2011 seasons, TEAM IP is the designated vendor.

Solicitations, sale of publications/products or similar activities are NOT permitted without prior authorization from the 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 and any audio-visual reproductions. Any sale or distribution of clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission from the NJSIAA.

TRANSPORTATION/SUPERVISION

1. Schools will pay all transportation expenses for all games.
2. PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS **MUST** ASSIGN AN ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING ALL GAMES. IF IT IS FELT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE POLICE PROTECTION, OFFICERS SHALL BE SECURED FROM THE AREA IN WHICH THE GAME IS PLAYED, AND THE COST SHALL BE SHARED BY THE SCHOOLS.
3. In addition to school personnel, the NJSIAA will provide policing for the STATE FINALS.

AWARDS

Sectional Champion - A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates to each Sectional Champion in each Group.

State Group Champion - A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates to the State Champion in each Group.

Twenty (20) certificates to the runner-up in each Group.

ADMISSION

Admission to State Finals will be:	Adults	Ticket prices to be determined
	Students and Senior Citizens	

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 SECTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ADMITTED BY IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES TO THE GATE PERSONNEL

STATE TOURNAMENT FINAL GAMES:

1. Teams must arrive at site one (1) hour before scheduled game time. Umpires must arrive one hour before game time.
2. The Tournament Director or Site Manager will conduct one coin toss to determine the home and visiting team, and a second coin toss to decide bench area.
3. Infield practice will be limited to ten (10) minutes per team as follows:
 - a. Home Team - Infield practice thirty (30) minutes before game time.
 - b. Visiting Team - Infield practice twenty (20) minutes before game time.
 - c. Ten (10) minutes will be allowed for field preparation, and umpires' instructions.
 - d. Teams are not permitted to use the infield facility for batting practice.
4. Tickets will be sold at the gate and all schools are responsible for informing students and local news media of the admission policy.

Administrators and supervisory personnel of competing schools will be admitted by identifying themselves at the gate.
5. Teams must arrive in uniform. Dressing facilities are not available at the site.
6. **Coaches must provide the Tournament Director and/or Site Manager with a roster and statistics upon arrival at the field. This information will be used by the announcer.**

PRELIMINARY, SECTIONAL FINAL AND SEMIFINAL GAMES:

1. Teams must arrive at site (1) hour before scheduled game time. Umpires must arrive thirty (30) minutes before game time.
2. Preliminary games and Public Sectional Finals: the higher seeded team is the home team and will have choice of bench. Parochial Sectional Finals: higher seeded team is the home team; coin toss will determine bench. Public Semifinals: a coin toss will determine the home team; a separate toss will decide bench area.
3. Infield practice will be limited to ten (10) minutes per team as follows:
 - a. Home Team - Infield practice thirty (30) minutes before game time.
 - b. Visiting Team - Infield practice twenty (20) minutes before game time.
 - c. Ten (10) minutes will be allowed for field preparation, and umpires' instructions.
 - d. Teams are not permitted to use the infield facility for batting practice.
4. Teams must arrive in uniform. Dressing facilities are not available at the site.

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).

**ROSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DATE OF THE
FIRST TOURNAMENT GAME USING THE ROSTER SITE
VIA**

www.njschoolsports.com

These Rosters are used in the Programs-please submit! Enter at the start of the season and update periodically by May 13th!

Thanks!

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

Softball Preferred Officials Form

The Sectional Representative/Tournament Director is desirous of engaging the services of the most qualified softball officials for assignments to its 2011 Softball Tournament games. Please carefully review the section titled "OFFICIALS" in the 2011 NJSIAA Softball Tournament Regulations before completing this form.

Accordingly, the Sectional Representative/Tournament Director is seeking input from each member school's varsity softball coach as to his/her recommendation relative to the softball officials from his/her area. Please, therefore, list below the names of qualified officials in your area to be considered for tournament assignments. These officials will not necessarily be assigned your games.

PLEASE PRINT/TYPE

HIGH SCHOOL _____

CITY _____ SECTION _____ GROUP _____

PLEASE PRINT/TYPE

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

PLEASE 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. Listing officials who are not affiliated with you school, will cause entire form to be discarded.

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

There may be official's names submitted for consideration whom you prefer not to have assigned to your games; therefore, we request that you list below no more than two (2) officials you DO NOT wish assigned.

NOTE: LISTING MORE THAN TWO (2) OFFICIALS WILL VOID THE ENTIRE LIST AND THE LIST WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOLS. RETURNED LIST CANNOT BE RESUBMITTED.

(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Chapter)	(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Chapter)
1. _____			2. _____		

Our school is primarily serviced by softball umpires from the _____ Chapter.
(Must be completed to validate form)

(PRINT - COACH) HOME PHONE SCHOOL PHONE CELL PHONE

STAMPED SIGNATURES NOT ACCEPTABLE.

(SIGNED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR) HOME PHONE SCHOOL PHONE CELL PHONE

APPROVED _____
(SIGNED - PRINCIPAL)

RETURN THIS FORM BY MAY 13, 2011 TO: Ms. Gloria Garibaldi
244 Spar Avenue
Beachwood, NJ 08722

Please list any fields you feel are unsuitable for State Tournament play.

2011 NJSIAA SOFTBALL INTENT FORM

_____ School

Softball 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 only 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.