NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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2017 NJSIAA / SHOP RITE
BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

DATES – Feb. 27 - March 20

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

GENERAL INFORMATION
The 99th annual Boys Basketball Tournament and the 47th annual Girls Basketball Tournament of The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association will begin on Monday, February 27, 2017 and will continue through Monday, March 20, 2017.

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, SAT’s 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.

TO QUALIFY
Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic only basis and:
1. a 50% WINNING RECORD, in their first sixteen (16) games up to and including Saturday, February 4, 2017, will qualify automatically.
2. Teams may be seeded into the tournament having less than a .500% record as determined by the seeding committee. Teams not wishing to enter the basketball tournament must notify NJSIAA by February 7th, 2017 utilizing the ONLINE TOURNAMENT REFUSAL DESIGNATION. All teams are in the tournament if selected by the seeding committee unless a Tournament Refusal designation is received by February 7, 2017.
3. In order to qualify, all varsity game scores, rosters and complete varsity schedule must be reported to www.njschoolsports.com. Your team records will be drawn from this website after the cutoff date.
4. Seventy percent (70%) of games played before or on the cutoff date (Feb. 4th) must be against New Jersey Schools (not 70% of the 16 games used for seeding purposes).
5. 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.
6. 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.

Seeding Procedure
The Power Ranking system will be the sum total of the first sixteen (16) games played up to and including the cutoff day (February 4, 2017).

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section for the public schools and in each group and section for the non-public schools will be seeded according to the power rankings based upon the calculations of the power point system.
2. Power Point Calculation Procedure:
   1. Quality Points – Each school will receive the following “Quality Points” for a win from the first sixteen games:
      Win = 6 points, Lose = 0 points
   2. Group Points – Each school will receive “Group Points” from a team they defeated from the first sixteen games:
      Group IV (4) = 4 points
      Group III (3) = 3 points
      Group II (2) = 2 Points
      Group I (1) = 1 Point
   3. Residual Points – Each team will receive residual points from one of the categories below based on the result of the Game.
      A. Each school will receive residual points from a team they defeated. For each win your opponent has from the first sixteen games, you will receive the following (see example 1):
         Win = 3 points, Lose = 0 points
      B. Each school will receive “Residual Points” from a team they lost to. For each win your opponent has that defeated you (not including your game) from the first sixteen games, you will receive the follow (see example 2):
         Win = 1 point, Lose = 0 points

EXAMPLE 1 (WIN)
Team A defeated Team B (Group IV)
Team A record 14-2
Team B record 15-1
Team A would earn a total of 55 points for the Team B win; (6 points for the Win, 4 points for the Group, 45 residual points)

**EXAMPLE 2 (LOSE)**
Non-Public (III) Team A defeated Public Team B  
Team B record 14-2  
Team A record 15-1

Team B would earn a total or 14 points from the Team A defeat (14 residual points)

To promote fairness in competition and the health and safety of student athletes, no NJSIAA member school will be eligible to participate in any NJSIAAA 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 2016-2017 Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations*)

**RULE 4. Basketball**

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

Section 2. Start of Practice. Monday (Nov. 28, 2016) after Thanksgiving – Nov. 20-21, 2106 Tryouts do not count.

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.

**RULE 4. Section 5. Transfers on or after January 21, 2017 are not eligible for post-season play. (See Article IV, Section 4. K. (2). D. – page 58)**

Section 6. Scrimmages. Interschool 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 7. 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 8. 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 may 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 9. 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).

**CL 1** Violations of this section result in ineligible participation and forfeiture of the game.
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 according to the power points appearing at www.njschoolsports.com on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at midnight. Schedule must reflect compliance with the 70% in-state Rule, unless exempted.

c. IMPORTANT: Team records will be downloaded from njschoolsports.com the Sunday after the cutoff date of February 4, 2017. Please make sure that your record(s) are up to date at the end of February 4, 2017, 11:59:59 PM.

d. All schools are recommended to send in the entry fee $80.00 dollars once the brackets have been finalized and the seeding of the tournament is complete. It is at that point schools will know for sure that they are in the tournament.

The seeding and pairings of all teams in the tournament will be made on Thursday, February 9, 2017. 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 4, 2017. 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 www.nj.com on the evening of Feb. 9th and a link to that site will posted on www.njsiaa.org also.

BOYS AND GIRLS NON-PUBLIC TOURNAMENT DATES

Preliminary round games will be held on the following dates:
Group A: Feb. 28, March 2 and March 4 - Boys and Girls
Group B: March 1, March 3 and March 6- Boys and Girls

Sectional Finals will be held on the following dates:
March 7, 8 or 9 (Depending on Site Availability)

The Non-Public State Final Championships contests will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at The Pine Belt Arena, Toms River High School North. (Subject to change) SATURDAY MARCH 11, 2017 IS A SAT DATE.

BOYS AND GIRLS PUBLIC TOURNAMENT DATES

Preliminary round games will be held on the following dates:
Groups I and III: February 28, March 2 and March 4 (Saturday) - Boys and Girls
Groups II and VI: February 27, March 1 and March 3 - Boys and Girls

Sectional Finals (higher seed host) will be held on the following dates:
Girls Groups II and IV – March 6: Girls Groups I and III – March 7
Boys Groups II and IV – March 7: Boys Groups I and III – March 6

State Semifinals (played at pre-determined sites) will be played on the following dates:
Girls Groups II and IV - Boys Groups I and III – March 8
Boys Groups II and IV - Girls Groups I and III – March 9

The Public Girls State Group Finals will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at The Pine Belt Arena, Toms River High School North. The Boys State Group Finals will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at Rutgers University.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS DATES – Pine Belt Arena, Toms River High School North

Girls: Quarterfinal games will be played March 14, 2017 5:30 & 7:30 PM
Boys: Quarterfinal games will be played March 15, 2017 5:30 & 7:30 PM
Girls: Semifinal games will be played March 16, 2017 5:30 & 7:30 PM
Boys: Semifinal games will be played March 17, 2017 5:30 & 7:30 PM

NOTE: LAST YEAR NJSIAA WAS NOT ALLOWED TO SELL RESERVED SEATS. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE SAME POLICY WILL BE IN EFFECT THIS YEAR.
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 Regional Assignor will schedule all games up to and including the Sectional Semi-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, the Semifinal games.

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

a. In all games scheduled including 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 13, 2017)

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 Semi 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 Semi Final will be played at the home site of the higher seeded team.

BASKETBALL SEEDING PROCEDURE FOR STATE SEMIFINAL GAMES
The following system is what has been used and approved by the Basketball Rules Committee

1. The determination of home team/white jersey is on a rotating, yearly basis due to the fact that cross Sectional Seeding using power points is not truly comparable. Semifinal Games are played at neutral sites (public school brackets). For 2016-17, North 1 and Central teams will be home teams and wear white jerseys.

2. Non-Public sectional Finals, the higher seeded team will be home team/white jerseys.

3. For the State Public Group Finals, North 1 or North 2 teams will be home team/white jerseys.

4. Non-Public Group Finals, North A or North B teams will be home team/white jerseys.

POSTPONEMENTS
Up to and including the Sectional Finals, 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 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 2016/17 NFHS Basketball Rules will govern all tournament games. (State Association adoptions withstanding).

OFFICIALS
The following will be the procedure for the assignment of officials to the 2017 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.

b. All assignments will be handled by the NJSIAA Regional Assignors up to and including the Sectional Semifinal games. All assignments will be made through the Arbiter, (3 officials for all rounds of play).

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). Officials for the preliminary rounds will try to be assigned from neutral chapters.
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. The coaches box is a NFHS rule.

HANDSHAKE: (FOR ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES) – RECOMMENDED PRIOR TO THE GAME

1. NJSIAA HAS DETERMINED THAT THE SPORTSMANSHIP HANDSHAKE UNDER STRICT SCRUTINY (ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION) MAY TAKE PLACE AFTER THE GAME.

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. Failure to comply will result in severe discipline.

The higher-seeded schools will be the home team for all games up to and including Sectional Finals. At predetermined sites (Public State Semifinals and Public and Non-Public Group Finals) where there is no higher seed team due to the mixing of brackets, NJSIAA tournament directors will determine the home teams and those teams will wear the white home uniforms. For the T of C games, uniform colors will be determined by the seeding committee’s selections.

THE 2016/17 NFHS PLAYING RULES AS IT HAS APPLIED THIS SEASON FOR SLEEVES/TIGHTS, HEADBANDS AND WRISTBANDS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED DURING THE TOURNAMENT.

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 up 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 AND ANY GATE PROFIT IS THE HOME SCHOOL’S. OFFICIALS WILL BE ASSIGNED FOR ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES BY NJSSIAA REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT ASSIGNORS. THE HIGHER SEED TEAM SHALL BEAR THE BURDEN OF PAYING ALL EXPENSES FOR THOSE WORKERS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE HOME MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING POLICE SECURITY AND GAME OFFICIALS. BEGINNING WITH THE SECTIONAL FINAL ROUND AND EVERY SUCCESSIVE ROUND THEREAFTER, NJSIAA WILL PAY FOR THE GAME OFFICIALS THROUGH REFPAY AND ALL OTHER WORKERS LISTED ON THE EXPENSES SHEET. THE GATE IS TURNED INTO NJSIAA FOR SECTIONAL FINALS AND ALL OTHER ROUNDS.
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.

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/prefabricated 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 (see bold print above), State Finals, and the Tournament of Champions (quarterfinals and semifinals) may 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 DOE sets ticket prices for those state tournament games that are played at non-high school venues and/or high school venues for State Group Final Games, T of C Quarter and Semifinal, and T of C Final games.

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

NOTE: **NJSIAA OFFICE WILL NOT SELL TICKETS FOR ANY GAMES.**
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

Sectional Champions - A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates will be given to the champion in each Group in each Section.

State Group Champions - 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.

Tournament of Champions - Team trophy and certificates to all participating teams.

TEAMS ENTERING THE TOURNAMENT CERTIFY THAT THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE 2016 NJSIAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HAVE BEEN READ. AGREEMENT AND WILLINGNESS TO ABIDE BY THEM IS ASSUMED.

Please Note: 2016-17 General Tournament Regulations apply:

www.njsiaa.org (Important Documents)

PLEASE ENTER YOUR ROSTERS, SCHEDULES AND TEAM INFO BY THE START OF THE SEASON TO:

WWW.NJSCHOOLSPORTS.COM IF YOU ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS, PLEASE CONTACT SUPPORT@NJSCHOOLSPORTS.COM OR THE NJSIAA RESULTS OF GAMES NEED TO BE REPORTED TO www.njschoolsports.com immediately after each event!

ONLINE TOURNAMENT REFUSAL DESIGNATION (SEE PAGE 1 OF THESE REGULATIONS

RECORDS WILL BE PULLED SUNDAY, FEB. 5, 2017
TO: ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

FROM: L. White & K. Cole, Assistant Directors

DATE: January 2017

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 2017 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**

1. __________________________   _____________________________  ________________________
2. __________________________   _____________________________  ________________________
3. __________________________   _____________________________  ________________________

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 6, 2017. FORM MAY BE SENT EARLIER.

Boys-Larry White, Assistant Director
Girls-Kim DeGraw-Cole, 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
SAME PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING TOURNAMENT

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.

PLEASE REFER TO THE FIRST PAGES OF THESE REGULATIONS TO SEE HOW A SCHOOL ENTERS THE STATE BASKETBALL POST SEASON TOURNAMENT.

PLEASE ADHERE TO THE REGULATIONS AND PLEASE DO SO BY THE STATED DATES AND TIMES.


SAME PROCEDURE FOR SEEDING THE TOURNAMENT

PLEASE SEE SEEDING PROCEDURE ON PAGES 1 AND 2 OF THESE REGULATIONS.

All Teams seeded in the Tournament must update their team ROSTERS at www.njschoolsports.com by February 27th.

Required Forms & Checks:

1. Security/Crowd Control Compliance Form due 1/13/17
2. Gym Availability Form (one for Boys, one for Girls) due 1/13/17
3. Officials Form (one for Boys, one for Girls) due 2/6/17
4. Results of contests entered at www.njschoolsports.com and reflect accurate power points deadline February 4th midnight.
5. Enter at www.njschoolsports.com:
   - Rosters including player’s names, jersey #’s, position, graduation year
   - Non-Member/Out of State Opponents Records (New for 2017)