

2019 NJSIAA BOYS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT **(COACHES MUST HAVE A COPY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE AT EACH GAME)**

To Qualify

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

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

Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the NJSIAA Tournament, will be unable to compete in said tournament. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the start of the NJSIAA Tournament will not be permitted to participate in same. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.

Teams

Public and Parochial teams will compete in a common bracket.

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

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.

SPECIFIC SPORTS REGULATIONS (found in the *New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Handbook 2016-2017 Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations*)

RULE 23. VOLLEYBALL (SPRING)

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

Section 2. Start of Practice. March 1, 2019 First Scrimmage Allowed – March 8, 2019 – 6 days of practice/1 day of rest

Section 3. Start of Regular Season April 1, 2019

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

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

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Entries

Records must be submitted for ALL MATCHES played up to and including Thursday, May 9, 2019 no later than 12 noon on Friday, May 10, 2019. Records must be submitted to njschoolsports.com. Any school NOT interested in participating in the State Tournament, the TOURNAMENT REFUSAL DESIGNATION PROCEDURE must be completed by Friday May 10, 2019.

REGARDLESS OF REASON, MATCHES NOT COMPLETED BY THURSDAY, May 9th, **WILL NOT** COUNT. DO NOT SEND RECORDS IN ADVANCE OF CUT OFF DATE.

Seeding Meeting - Monday, May 13, 2019 - See enclosed seeding criteria. **Attendance to seeding meeting by invitation/committee members only.**

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

Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA:

NJSIAA
Attention: Al Stumpf
1161 Route 130 North
P.O. Box 487
Robbinsville, NJ 08691-0487
Office Phone: (609) 259-2776
Fax: (609) 259-3047

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

Throughout the entire season, scores must be reported following each game, to www.njschoolsports.com. If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems, please contact support@njschoolsports.com or the NJSIAA.

DATES

Tournament dates are May 16 to June 6, 2019

Seeding will determine deadlines for tournament progression, and dates will be noted on the pairings form which will be POSTED as soon as the Volleyball Committee has completed the pairings. SEEDING IS NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL 12 NOON OF THE FOLLOWING DAY.

If a school must play a preliminary match between May 16th and May 20th the Tournament Director/designee will call the higher seeded school on Monday, May 13; others will be notified on internet website www.njsiaa.org.

Play-in: Matches must be played between Thursday, May 16 and Monday, May 20. If there is not mutual agreement, the match must be played on Saturday, May 18 and non-NJSIAA tournament matches scheduled for these dates must be rescheduled.

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

Play-in Match Round- by/on May 16 - 20

1st Round May 21

2nd Round May 23

3rd Round May 29

Sectional Finals May 31 (higher seed home venue)

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

SECTIONAL TROPHIES/CERTIFICATES WILL BE SENT TO THE #1 SEEDED TEAM IN EACH BRACKET/SECTION AND THAT TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PASSING THE TROPHY/CERTIFICATES ALONG IF THEY SHOULD BE DEFEATED PRIOR TO THE SECTIONAL FINAL.

*State Semi Finals

Tuesday, June 4, 2019- 5:00 and 6:30 will be the game times

5:00 Match North 1/South Sectional Winners- 6:30- Match Winners Central Jersey/N2 Sectional

Site: South Brunswick High School.

*State Finals

Thursday, June 6, 2019- 5:00 pm

Site: South Brunswick High School

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

SITES

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

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

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

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

OFFICIALS

Four (4) NJSIAA registered volleyball officials shall officiate each match. All officials will be assigned by the NJSIAA state assignor/staff assignors through the Arbiter. All rounds of the state tournament will be assigned by above designation. **LINE JUDGES SHALL BE PAID \$55 FOR THE FIRST FOUR (4) ROUNDS (THIS INCLUDES SECTIONAL FINALS AND ANY PLAY IN GAMES). State Semi-finals and Finals, line judges will be paid \$60.00 (NJSIAA pays the official's fees for State Semi-finals and Finals).** NJSIAA CERTIFIED OFFICIALS USED SHALL BE USED AS LINE JUDGES. FOR THE FIRST ROUND MATCHES, LINE JUDGES SHALL BE ASSIGNED BY THE HIGHER SEEDED TEAM.

When the home court of one of the schools is used, the school on whose court the match is played shall pay **ALL** officials and the visiting school shall pay their own transportation costs. All line judges must use flags for all State Tournament matches.

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

Recommended fee per official is \$75. Official's fees for semifinals is \$75. Finals is \$85.00. Line judge's fees for first four rounds and play-in games are detailed above. Line Judges and libero tracker in semifinals and final round will be paid sixty dollars (\$60.00) each.

RULES

The 2018/2019 National Federation Volleyball Rules will govern all tournament matches.

EQUIPMENT

The higher seeded team will provide regulation game ball(s). In the State Semi and Final matches, the NJSIAA will provide Wilson I-COR, HIGH PERFORMANCE, TRI-COLOR BALLS.

MATCHES

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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

TEAMS MUST PLAY ON; in cases of disagreement, the decision of the Tournament Director is final. Failure to complete tournament round by the deadline date will result in disqualification

Any school entering the tournament and then withdrawing will be subject to penalties as enforced by the NJSIAA and barred from participation for one (1) additional year.

Any school not willing or not able to comply with the tournament regulations should not enter the tournament.

Coaches must report to the Site Director or Tournament Director for specific instructions, i. e. locker rooms, warm-up area, etc. Teams must provide their own warm-up volleyballs.

Warm-ups for the entire state tournament will be **10-7-7**. The home team will hit first. (Consistent with GVB). This warm-up procedure is recommended for use during the regular season.

Since South Brunswick is a neutral site and all teams are seeded the same respectively in their section, two (2) coin flips shall occur. The first coin toss should occur when officials enter the gymnasium. The R1 shall determine which team is represented as the heads side for the coin toss and which team is represented as the tails side of the coin, this representation shall exist for both coin flips: A) The winner of the first coin flip will determine which bench (home or away) shall be taken. B) The second coin flip will determine who serves/receives per NFHS Rules, Rule 1, Section 6, Article 3.

Only players who are on the submitted roster will be allowed in with the team(s).

THE WINNING SCHOOL MUST NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH MATCH

and the competing schools must notify local newspapers to keep media informed as to the tournament progression.

AWARDS

Sectional Champions (4): A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates

State Champion: A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates

State runner-up: Twenty (20) certificates

Champions and Runner-ups are to remain on the court for post-game awards.

ADMISSIONS

State Semi and Finals

Adults

\$TBD

Students & Seniors

\$TBD

Electronic programs on line at www.njsiaa.org

ALL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE GATE. SCHOOLS MUST INFORM THEIR STUDENTS AND LOCAL NEWS MEDIA OF THE ADMISSION POLICY. ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF COMPETING SCHOOLS AND SEEDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE ADMITTED BY IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES TO THE GATE PERSONS.

PLEASE NOTE

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

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

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

TO: ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND VARSITY VOLLEYBALL COACHES

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association is seeking input from you and your varsity Volleyball coach. Please list the names of the top ten (10) active high school volleyball officials from your area who in your judgment are qualified to officiate tournament matches in the 2019 Boys Volleyball Tournament. PLEASE PRINT.

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

HIGH SCHOOL _____

CITY _____ SECTION _____ GROUP _____

PLEASE PRINT ONLY (As listed in the 2018/2019 NJSIAA Officials Directory)

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

List below the names of the officials whom you **DO NOT** wish to have assigned to your tournament matches. (As listed in the 2018/2019 NJSIAA Officials Directory). MORE THAN 4 WILL VOID YOUR LIST.

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

List any officials who are affiliated with your school. Affiliation is defined as follows: Employed in the district, close relative employed in the system; child attending junior or secondary school in the district; former student or coach; graduate of school within the last ten (10) years. (As listed in the 2018/2019 NJSIAA Officials Directory)

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

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

If "officials' page" is not received prior to seeding meeting (May 10, 2019), there is no guarantee that your DO NOT want list will be honored.

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

STAMPED SIGNATURES NOT ACCEPTABLE

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

APPROVED _____
(SIGNED - PRINCIPAL)

STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SEEDING CRITERIA

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

Rating Percentage Index (see explanation)

Head-to-Head Results

Common Opponent Results

Win-Loss Record

Division Record

League/Conference Record

Strength of Schedule

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

Power Rating Points

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

1. Each team qualifying for the State Tournament is sorted by Winning Percentage, from highest to lowest. The top 20% of this list is assigned a Power rating of 20. The remainder of teams is assigned values as follows:

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

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

Please consult BVB Classification pages that are posted on website. Any additions/subtractions needed to be sent to NJSIAA Boys' Volleyball director ASAP.