2020 NJSIAA/PGA/NJSGA/MGA GIRLS INDIVIDUAL &
TEAM GOLF TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS
(COACHES MUST HAVE A COPY OF THESE REGULATIONS AVAILABLE AT EACH MATCH)

ENTRIES CLOSE: May 2, 2020

NJSIAA GOLF RULES INTERPRETER: Steve Skinner (609)970-3036  Skinnerst@gmail.com

The Site Directors for the 2020 Sectional Golf Tournaments are:

North Director:  Brian Quirk at bquirk@ridgewood.k12.nj.us
Central Directors:  John and Lydia Siipola at iamcoachlydia@gmail.com
South Director:  Rich Carroll at CarrollR@middletownk12.org

*Important: The Sectional tournament is for TEAMS only. Whether or not a player is a member of a qualifying team, she, if qualified as an individual, must also submit the entry form on page 9.

All INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORMS should be E-MAILED to Director Richard Bennett at rbennett35@optonline.net
*Individuals not on teams advance directly to the Tournament of Champions and submit the entry form on page 9.

ENTRY FEES: Should be sent to the NJSIAA office. (Please make checks payable to NJSIAA “Golf Entry”; the School name and the team/individuals the check covers must appear on check).

Some Tournament Directors and Tournament venues have changed. Please check the Girl’s Golf Specific Classification (pages 10, 11 and 12) to be sure you are in the right group/section and go to the correct golf course on tournament day.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Each golfer must be accompanied by her school head golf coach. No golfer will be allowed to compete unless her golf coach is present for the entire eighteen hole round of golf.

The 20th Annual Girls Individual and Team Golf Tournament will be conducted with member schools participating on a state-wide basis as indicated below. The Tournament will be conducted with eighteen (18) hole Medal play.

1. Any Varsity team accumulating three 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.

2. Any player with two or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of an NJSIAA tournament, will be ineligible to compete in said tournament.

3. 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.


1. RULE 9. Golf

Section 1. Rules. The Current United States Golf Association Rules shall govern all NJSIAA matches; except as modified by the NJSIAA tournament committee on the day of competition. All High School competition will be Medal Play. In the
For a summary of the 2020 USGA rule changes see the attached table. It is also recommended that all coaches visit the USGA site and view the video tutorial with their team.


Brief Summary by Expert golf: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chPOnfLUHCO

The NJSIAA golf tournament committee has adopted the following tournament rules to be used in all high school competition.

Note 1: DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES – For NJSIAA competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures Distance ONLY. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a device designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g. gradient, slope, slope assist, windspeed, temperature, weather, etc.) the player is in breach of USGA Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, REGARDLESS of whether any such additional function is actually used or turned off.

Cell phones, ipods, and palm pilots (multifunctional devices) are NOT ALLOWED to be used as a distance measuring device for this competition. Also, distance is public knowledge, and a distance measuring device is not part of a player’s equipment, therefore the device may be shared during a round.

No DRONES Are allowed at any NJSIAA Championship event.

Clubs: The USGA has listed on their website all non-conforming driving clubs which the NJSIAA will honor in competition. Their website is www.usga.org

Note 2: Maximum Score – The NJSIAA Rules Committee recognizes that there is a wide range of skill among Teams throughout the state. This local rule does not apply to sectional, group or T.O.C. play.

Coaches may institute a Maximum score for players competing in a dual match as listed below:

1. Prior to the start of a match both coaches MUST agree to allow players to use a maximum score during the play of that round only.
2. A player’s score is capped at Double par +2 strokes per hole. Upon reaching the capped score the player must pick up and notify their opponent they have reached the capped total for said hole. The player cannot pick up prior to reaching the capped number of strokes. If a player picks up prior to reaching the capped score and fails to correct this mistake, she is disqualified.
3. All capped scores will be noted on the score card with a double circle.
4. Individual rounds shot using the Maximum stoke rule are not eligible to be used as an individual qualifying round for sections.
5. Rounds containing capped scores can count towards a team’s total to determine that day’s “Match Winner”.

Note 3: Lost ball and Out of Bounds – The committee has adopted USGA Model Local Rule E-5. THIS WILL NOT BE USED DURING SECTIONAL OR STATE FINAL TOURNAMENTS. Players are always allowed the option of stroke and distance for a lost ball or a ball hit out of bounds. Beginning in 2019 teams are no longer required to get a waiver for that option. This option allows the player to drop under the PENALTY of 2 strokes using rule E-5.

Model Local Rule E-5

“When a player’s ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):
Two Estimated Reference Points:

a. **Ball Reference Point**: The point where the original ball is estimated to have:
   - Come to rest on the *course*, or
   - Last crossed the edge of the *course* boundary to go *out of bounds*.

b. **Fairway Reference Point**: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the *hole* than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, “fairway” means any area of grass in the *general area* that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be *lost* on the *course* or last crossed the edge of the *course* boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

**Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points**: Anywhere between:

- A line from the *hole* through the ball reference point (and within two *club-lengths* to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the *hole* through the fairway reference point (and within two *club-lengths* to the fairway side of that line).

**But** with these limits:

**Limits on Location of Relief Area**:

- Must be in the *general area*, and
- Must not be nearer the *hole* than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball *in play* under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was *lost* or *out of bounds* is no longer *in play* and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the *course* before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

**But** the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is *known or virtually certain* to have come to rest in a *penalty area*, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of *stroke and distance* (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule**: *General Penalty* Under Rule 14.7a.”

**Video Explanation of E-5**

Note 4: Players are allowed to use NON-motorized pull carts during high school competition. Players may not share pull carts at any time. The pull cart and all parts become part of the player’s equipment as stated in the Rules of Golf. Pull carts must be kept out of all penalty areas, hazards, bunkers and off of all greens.

Note 5: Advice – This rule has not changed. Since all players in the field are eligible to qualify as individuals, it is their duty to protect the field. NO PLAYERS or Coaches may give advice during a match or tournament.

Section 2. Start of Practice. First Friday of March - March 6, 2020

Section 3. Start of Regular Schedule. – Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Section 4. End of Season. The end of the golf season will be up to and including the Friday before the final NJSIAA championships in softball and baseball - June 7, 2020

Section 5. Transfers on or after May 1, 2020 not eligible for post-season play. (See Article V, Section 4.K (2).c)

Section 6. Team. A team shall consist of a minimum of four (4) players and a maximum of six (6) players.

Section 7. Match. An interscholastic match shall consist of nine (9) holes; if a match is not completed, the winner will be based upon those holes completed by all players of the teams. If less than five (5) holes have been completed by the teams, the match will be replayed.

CL 1 The girls on a boys team will use the same tee as the boys in State, Sectional, and Championship Tournaments. During the regular season, girls will use the next forward tee which includes all conference, county, etc. tournaments that take place during the regular season.

Section 8. Scoring.

Article 1….Type of play – Medal (stroke) Play

Article 2….The winner of the match will be the team with the lowest total strokes for any 4 out of 6 players. In case of a tie each team will add their 5th lowest score to the team total; if still a tie, the 6th lowest score will be added to the team total. If both teams are tied after using 6 members, the team with the low medalist is the winner. If the low medalist is a tie, then the match is a tie.

Note: All conferences MUST play medal play to decide their teams’ wins and losses.

A. Team Sectional Date: May 11 and May 12, 2020 Check regulations (page 8) for your location and time

Teams:
The 12 teams with the best adjusted team scoring average in each of the three sections – North, Central and South, will qualify for that Sectional Championship Tournament. Schools must play in at least 6 matches prior to the cut-off date. The NJSIAA Girls Golf Committee will use the best average adjusted 4 team scores prior to the cut-off date to determine which teams advance to the sectionals.

NEW FOR 2020
All coaches must report their team scores to Shawn Bennett at the following site: sirbennett68@gmail.com

This site will calculate the team’s AVERAGE ADJUSTED SCORE for each match. These scores will be used to determine the 12 teams that will qualify for each of the Sectional Meets.

Please see the instruction letter at the end of the regulations for more information.

A TEAM WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS IT HAS PLAYED A MINIMUM OF SIX (6) MATCHES BY THE CUT-OFF DATE. The top 3 teams in each of the 3 sectionals advances to the state championship. Thus, there will be 9 teams in the state tournament along with a number of individual players. Regardless of reason, matches not completed by May 3, 2020 will not count.
Reminder: A team must play sixty percent (60%) of its matches against in-state teams by May 1, 2020.

Attention: The NJSIAA only recognizes nine (9) holes as an interscholastic match. Therefore, if more than nine (9) holes are played, only holes one (1) through nine (9) will count for qualification.

NOTE: In a tri-, quad-, or multiple meet, only holes one (1) through nine (9) will count (one (1) time on the same day) for individual qualification purposes.

Sectional Play: A team will consist of five (5) players with its four (4) best scores counting toward the Championship.

2020 Team and Individual State Championships: May 19, 2020 – Time to be announced
North Jersey Country Club, Wayne, New Jersey

The top three teams in each section will qualify for the Team State Championship. Individuals who have qualified will advance automatically.

B. Tournament of Champions Play: A team will consist of five (5) players with its four (4) best scores counting toward the Championship.

Individuals There is no “sectional qualifying” for individuals for the State Championship. All qualified individuals compete in the State Championship.
By using the course slope and course rating to achieve an adjusted score for each match played, the top fifty (50) rated girls who have played at least 6 matches will qualify as individuals. If a competitor plays more than 10 matches, her best 10 scores will be used.

All scores for individuals must be turned in to the “state 2020 google document” within 24 hours of the match being played.
A regulation course is defined as a course that has no more than 3 par 3’s per nine holes and is USGA rated. Only those matches played up to and including May 1, 2020, can be counted and must be attested to by the Course Professional, Athletic Director, or the school’s coach.

ENTRY FEE

$20.00 per individual entry $85.00 per team $50 Late Fee*

*All entries must be e-mailed no later than Monday, May 4, 2020. Entries received after May 4, 2020 will be assessed a $50 late fee to enter the tournament.

DO NOT MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO NJSIAA. Mail entry fees to the NJSIAA. SCHOOL’S NAME MUST APPEAR ON CHECK AS WELL AS “GOLF ENTRY” (so we know which sport to apply it to.)

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITORS NOT ON TEAMS
Schools entering individuals and not presently competing on an interscholastic basis are advised to read carefully the Procedures - “Coaches” Appointed to Accompany Teams or Individuals to NJSIAA Championships in the NJSIAA Handbook. Tournament Directors will disqualify any contestant who is accompanied by someone in a coaching capacity who is not properly certified and appointed by the Board of Education. A properly appointed coach will thereafter be subject to the Rules and Regulations, Rule 2, Section 11 - Out-of-Season Practice. If a substitute coach is used, written authority from the school’s Principal must be presented which documents the substitute’s competency.

TEE-OFF TIMES, PAIRINGS
All information relative to tee-off times and pairings will be mailed to participating schools on or before the Wednesday before the State Championships. Schools should not contact the State Director unless they have not received this information by the afternoon of Friday before the State Championships.
ADVANCEMENT/TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE/AWARDS

TEAMS
If two (2) or more teams are tied for the Sectional Championships or Runners-up, a sudden death tie-breaker play-off will take place to determine the Sectional Champion or qualifier. In a playoff, the low four (4) players in the completed round must be used. Ties for four (4) on the team shall be decided at the discretion of the coach. If a tie is not broken on the first hole, the tied teams remaining will move on to the second hole, and so on until the Team Champion, Runner-up or qualifiers are determined.

Any member of the team may compete on the day of the State Group or T of C (Substitute rule).

INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM CHAMPIONS

1. **Individual** – “Sudden Death” playoff for all ties for 1st place. No playoffs for any other position. ALL OTHER TIES will be determined by a match of cards according to appendix I (Stroke Play, Section C in the USGA rules of golf). The best score for the last nine (9) holes, (holes 10 through 18) will determine the winner. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six (6) holes (13-18), last three (3) holes (16-18) and finally the 18th hole. If still tied, go to the same format using holes 1-9.

2. **Team** – “Sudden Death” for 1st place. All ties, exclusive of 1st place, will be determined by a match of cards using the 1st hole on the course on an aggregate basis

In the event an individual qualifies as part of a team, and also as an individual, the individual playoff will be decided first, and then the team playoffs will start. Throughout the entire season, scores must be reported following each match, to www.njschoolsports.com. If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems, please contact support@njschoolsports.com.

NEW THIS YEAR – You must also report your team score for each match to Shawn Bennett at sirbennett68@gmail.com. Failure to complete this step will result in your team not being considered for entry into the Sectional Tournaments.

COACH’S INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE STATE GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. No caddies or electric carts are to be used by players. Supervising coaches will be provide with electric carts at Sectionals and state Finals when available.

2. Locker rooms will not be available; golfers must come dressed to play.

3. No individual will be allowed to compete unless her coach or certified faculty member is present for the entire eighteen hole round of golf. Coaches must check in at least one-half (½) hour prior to the school’s tee-off time.

4. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players in the Clubhouse and on the course. As guests of the course it is imperative that all divots be replaced and all footprints in the traps be smoothed.

5. Student-athletes who presently are caddies are eligible; provided they are not employed or have not previously been employed as assistant pros.

6. COACHES ARE INSTRUCTED NOT TO BRING STUDENTS TO THE TOURNAMENT WHO ARE NOT PARTICIPATING. Spectators ARE PERMITTED in designated areas.

7. CONTESTANTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SMOKE. PENALTY - AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION

8. The Director will be in charge of the tournament.

9. COACHES ARE NOT TO PLAY AND SHOULD NOT BRING YOUR CLUBS. Coaches must serve in some capacity as assigned by the Tournament Director. Coaches are to act as markers, not marshals. Coaches are not to make rulings; all rulings are to be made by the Pro first or contact Steve Skinner, Rules Interpreter.
10. A SHOT-GUN START MAY BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE STATE DIRECTOR.

11. **Dress Code** - No jeans, tank tops, or similar wear permitted. Girls may wear regular golf attire. This will be noted on the Director’s pairings for the State Groups and State Championships. Shorts are permitted based on local course regulations. Collared shirts must be worn.

Any member of the school’s team, regardless of participation in sectional play, may play in the State Group Tournament of Champions event.

**DISQUALIFICATION**
Participation by an ineligible player in any match during the regular season results in forfeiture of said match. If such forfeit(s) would have caused the school’s failure to qualify for the tournament or if an ineligible player participates in a tournament match, said school and/or player will be disqualified from the tournament immediately and their last opponent will advance in their place; schools and/or players eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition.

**NOTE:** FAILURE TO BE PRESENT AT THE TIME THE EVENT IS CALLED DUE TO TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM, MISUNDERSTANDING OF INSTRUCTIONS, TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS, OTHER SIMILAR EXCUSES, INJURY OR ILLNESS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

**AWARDS**

A. **Sectional Championships (North Section, Central Section and South Section)**

   **Team** A team trophy and five (5) gold medals to the championship team in each section. Five (5) silver medals to the second place team in each section, and five (5) bronze medals to the third place team in each section.

B. **Tournament of Champions**

   **Team** A team trophy and five (5) gold medals.

   **Individual** A trophy to the low medalist in the Championship. A silver medal to the second low medalist in the Championship. Bronze medals for third (3rd) through fifth (5th) places in the Championship.

**POSTPONEMENTS**
ONLY IN THE EVENT OF VERY SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS will the Championship be postponed or shortened at the recommendation of the Course Pro/Manager and the NJSIAA Championship Director.
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<td>NORTH SECTIONAL (See page 10)</td>
<td>Tuesday, May 12, 2020</td>
<td>Flanders Valley Golf Course</td>
<td>81 Pleasant Hill Road, Flanders, NJ 07836</td>
<td>(973)584-5382</td>
<td>Brian Quirk</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bquirk@ridgewood.k12.nj.us">bquirk@ridgewood.k12.nj.us</a></td>
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<td>CENTRAL SECTIONAL (See page 11)</td>
<td>Tuesday, May 12, 2020</td>
<td>Stanton Ridge Golf &amp; Country Club</td>
<td>25 Club House Drive, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889</td>
<td>(908)534-1234</td>
<td>John and Lydia Siipola</td>
<td><a href="mailto:iamcoachlydia@gmail.com">iamcoachlydia@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>Practice rounds will be allowed for players only at a cost of $25 per player after 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 10, 2020. Players or coach can call the Pro shop (908)534-1234 to arrange practice rounds. Parents may not play.</td>
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<td>SOUTH SECTIONAL (See page 12)</td>
<td>Monday, May 11, 2020</td>
<td>McCullough's Emerald Golf Links</td>
<td>3016 Ocean Heights Avenue, Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234</td>
<td>(609)926-3900</td>
<td>Rich Carroll</td>
<td><a href="mailto:CarrollR@middletownk12.org">CarrollR@middletownk12.org</a></td>
<td>Call course to set up practice round.</td>
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<td>STATE CHAMPIONSHIP</td>
<td>Tuesday, May 19, 2020</td>
<td>North Jersey Country Club</td>
<td>594 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ 07470</td>
<td>(973)942-2590</td>
<td>Richard Bennett</td>
<td><a href="mailto:rbennett35@optonline.net">rbennett35@optonline.net</a></td>
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E-MAIL entries to: Richard Bennett at rbennett35@optonline.net
Home: (201)447-2993
Cell: (201)661-0354
2020 GIRLS INDIVIDUAL GOLF ENTRY FORM

(E-MAIL THIS FORM TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR DICK BENNETT - rbennett35@optonline.net)

School _____________________________ Phone Number __________________ Section ______________________ (See page 11)

DATE: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 

SITE: North Jersey Country Club, 594 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ 07470 (973)942-2590

Qualification for Girls Individuals:
A school may enter players who have competed in a minimum of six matches on or before May 1, 2020, and who are ranked in the top 50 in the state, as determined by the statewide ranking system. Scores not registered in the system by May 2, 2020 will not be counted and no excuses will be considered. Failure to submit EACH score of an individual, as it is earned, throughout the entire season, will result in ineligibility of that individual. (Validity of scores will be verified by opposing coaches throughout the season).

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Player (Please type or print legibly including final adjusted score)

________________________________ __________________ (_______)

NOTE: If more than one girl qualifies, duplicate this page for the additional golfer(s).

We, the undersigned, declare and affirm that the information submitted is correct. Our school will comply with all tournament regulations.

______________________________             _______________________________             ______________________________
PRINCIPAL                                      ATHLETIC DIRECTOR                             COACH

Athletic Director’s Name: ______________________ Phone: _______________ Cell Phone: _________________

FAX: __________________________________ E-mail Address: ______________________________

Coach’s Name: __________________________ Phone: _______________ Cell Phone: ________________________

FAX: __________________________________ E-mail Address: ______________________________

ENTRY DEADLINE: May 4, 2020              E-MAIL to Tournament Director, Dick Bennett at:
rbennett35@optonline.net

ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND COACH AND E-MAILED/SCANNED TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, DICK BENNETT. All entries must be submitted by May 4, 2020. Entries received after May 4, 2020 will be assessed a $50 late fee.

If you do not receive confirmation by e-mail within 24 hours, call Dick Bennett at 201-447-2993

ENTRY FEE: $20.00 PER PLAYER MUST BE SENT TO THE NJSIAA OFFICE. (Please make checks payable to NJSIAA. “Golf Entry” and the School name must appear on check).
NORTH SECTIONAL
Academy of the Holy Angels
Belleville High School
Belvidere High School
Bergen County Technical High School
Butler High School
Cresskill High School
Dwight Morrow High School
Eastern Christian High School
Eastside High School
Fair Lawn High School
Glen Rock High School
Hackensack High School
Hackettstown High School
Hawthorne High School
High Point Regional High School
Immaculate Heart Academy
Indian Hills High School
James Caldwell High School
Jefferson Township High School
John F. Kennedy High School
Kittatinny Regional High School
Lakeland Regional High School
Leonia High School
Mahwah High School
Midland Park High School
Montclair High School
Montville Township High School
Morris Catholic High School
Morris County School of Technology
Mount Saint Dominic Academy
New Milford High School
Newton High School
North Warren Regional High School
Northern Highlands Regional High School
Northern Valley Regional at Demarest
Northern Valley Regional at Old Tappan
Nutley High School
Paramus High School
Park Ridge co-op w/Emerson
Parsippany High School
Parsippany Hills High School
Pascack Valley High School
Passaic County Technical Institute
Pequannock Township High School
Pope John XXIII High School
Ramapo High School
Ramsey High School
Randolph High School
Ridgefield Memorial High School
Ridgewood High School
River Dell Regional High School
Sparta High School
Tinafly High School
Vernon Township High School
Waldwick High School
Wallkill Valley Regional High School
Wayne Valley High School
West Essex High School
West Milford Township High School
West Orange High School
Westwood Regional Jr-Sr High School
CENTRAL SECTIONAL
Abraham Clark High School
Academy of St. Elizabeth
Bernards High School
Bishop Ahr High School
Bloomfield High School
Bridgewater-Raritan High School
Chatham High School
Cristo Rey Newark
David Brearley High School
East Brunswick High School
Edison High School
Elizabeth High School
Gill St. Bernard's School
Glen Ridge High School
Hanover Park co-op w/Whippany Park
Henry Snyder High School
Hillsborough High School
Holmdel High School
Hopewell Valley Central High School
Hunterdon Central Regional High School
Irvington High School
Jonah P. Stevens High School
Jonathan Dayton High School
Kent Place School
Lincoln High School
Livingston High School
Madison High School
Metuchen High School
Middletown High School South
Millburn High School
Montgomery High School
Morristown High School
Morristown-Beard School
Mother Seton Regional High School
Mount Saint Mary Academy
New Brunswick High School
New Providence High School
North Arlington High School
North Brunswick Township High School
North Hunterdon High School
Oak Knoll School
Old Bridge High School
Phillipsburg High School
Pingry School
Piscataway High School
Plainfield High School
Red Bank Catholic High School
Ridge High School
Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School
Saint John Vianney High School
Sayreville War Memorial High School
South Brunswick High School
Summit High School
Trinity Hall
Union Catholic Regional High School
Villa Walsh Academy
Wardlaw-Hartridge School
Watchung Hills Reg High School
West Morris Central High School
Westfield High School
Woodbridge High School
SOUTH SECTIONAL
Atlantic City High School
Atlantic County Institute of Technology
Audubon High School
Barnegat High School
Bordentown Regional High School
Brick Township High School
Bridgeton High School
Burlington Township High School
Cape May County Technical High School
Central Regional High School
Cherokee High School
Cherry Hill High School East
Cherry Hill High School West
Clearview Regional High School
Colts Neck High School
Cumberland Regional High School
Eastern High School
Ewing High School
Freehold Boro High School
Gloucester Catholic High School
Gloucester County Institute of Technology
Hamilton High School West
Hammonton High School
Hightstown High School
Kingsway Regional High School
Lacey Township High School
Lenape High School
Long Branch High School
Lower Cape May Regional High School
Mainland Regional High School
Marlboro High School
Millville Senior High School
Monroe Township High School
Moorestown Friends School
Moorestown High School
Neptune High School
New Egypt High School
Northern Burlington Regional High School
Notre Dame High School
Ocean City High School
Overbrook High School
Paul VI High School
Pennsauken High School
Pennsville Memorial High School
Rancocas Valley Regional High School
Ranney School
Saint Rose High School
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Southern Regional High School
Sterling High School
Toms River High School East
Toms River High School North
Toms River High School South
Vineland High School
Wall Township High School
West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North
West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South
Williamstown High School
Woodstown High School
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 1, 2020
FROM: NJSIAA
TO: NEW JERSEY HIGH SCHOOL Girls GOLF COACHES
RE: Qualifying System for Individuals Girls State Tournament

The 2017 girls golf season was the first year in which we used adjusted scores as the basis of determining the top 50 individual girls in the state who would then qualify for the State Championship. By all accounts it was well received. We have recognized that the problem with the previous system of posting 5 rounds of 7 over par or better, does not account for either the varying difficulty of courses, nor provide a way to adjust scores for those girls who are competing on co-ed teams and are therefore playing from a different set of tees than those used in girls team matches.

The system of course and slope ratings, which the USGA adopted as a way for amateur handicaps to comparably travel from course-to-course, provides the solution we require to properly adjust scores posted on different courses and from different tee boxes.

Using the course and slope ratings on which matches are played throughout the state, all of which are already entered in our data bank, the top fifty rated girls, statewide, who have played at least 6 matches, will qualify as individuals. For those individual golfers who play more than 10 matches, only the top 10 scores will used to determine the 50 individuals for the TOC. Last year we had a problem of coaches not reporting the scores in a timely manner. This played havoc with players who are the bubble as the season nears the cutoff point. **It will be each coach’s responsibility to post All their scores within 24 hours of the match.**

Well prior to the golf season, we encourage all coaches to become familiar with this reporting and statewide ranking system. You can do so by simply emailing Shawn Bennett at sirbennett68@gmail.com. Shawn has prepared an easy to follow tutorial that provides a very thorough step-by-step score posting process. By investing just a few minutes playing with the program, you will get a feel for the full advantages of this system and why we have adopted it as the fairest way to qualify individuals for the girls’ state tournament.

Please find below a brief summary of the benefits of this adjusted score reporting and ranking system:

- fair consideration of scores posted from different courses and tees of varying difficulty
- reporting of all scores for the complete season
- ease of score reporting from any online device
- convenient access to online results
- ability of coaches to view and verify posted scores for all players in league
- ability of players to view rankings throughout the season

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**** Addendum for GIRLS GOLF ONLY****

Beginning with the 2020 season we will be applying the same formula to adjusted team scores based on course rating and course slope as we currently apply to individual qualifying scores.

All schools that have a varsity girl participating will be entering their information on the same Google Sheet. Each school will have their own team page. If you are a Co-Ed team, your page will not add up a team score, it will just have spots for 4 individuals. If you are a varsity girls’ team, you will have spaces for 12 varsity players. You will not have to add up your scores to produce a team score; it will be done automatically- you just have to enter the scores for each player on that date. We will have two different sheets that will produce information. One is the State Rankings. This will rank all of the girls, varsity team players and co-ed players. The other sheet will be Team Rankings, ranking the varsity teams. If you are a co-ed school, you will not have any information on the Team Rankings page.

Coaches are still also required to enter the results of each match on NJ.com as they have done in the past.