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

1. All teams .500 or better and some teams below .500, may be seeded only to complete bracket, based on all matches up to and including Tuesday October 22, 2019. Schools submitting schedules with less than twelve (12) matches, must add losses to reach the minimum number (12). All out-of-state matches count on won/loss record.

2. All teams must have sixty percent (60%) of matches played before the cutoff date October 22nd must be against New Jersey schools.

3. PROCEDURE FOR ENTRY
   All varsity schedules MUST be entered by the start of the season, and score reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest.

   The team schedule will be downloaded prior to the seeding of the tournament and ONLY this record will be used for seeding. Coaches are reminded to check this record throughout the season and particularly on Tuesday, October 22nd to insure that it is accurate. If you do not know your school code, or you encounter problems, please contact support@njschoolsports.com or the NJSIAA.

   As was the case last year, any team not wishing to enter the volleyball tournament must notify NJSIAA by no later than Tuesday, October 22, 2019 by using the ONLINE TOURNAMENT REFUSAL DESIGNATION.

4. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the NJSIAA Tournaments, 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 is 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 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.

ARTICLE IX SPORTSMANSHIP d: Any person (athletic department, staff member, student athlete, or a fan or spectator associated with a member school) who engages in any verbal, written, or physical conduct related to race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or religion shall not be tolerated, could subject the violator to ejection and may result in penalties assessed against your team.


RULE 22 VOLLEYBALL (FALL)
Section 1. Rules The National Federation Volleyball Rules shall govern all NJSIAA games.

Section 2. Start of Practice

Section 3. Start of Regular Season
Section 4. End of Season (From Rule 2, Section 10) All teams may participate in interscholastic contests up to the final championship (Girls Volleyball: T of C) in their respective sport. 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.

TEAMS: Public and Non-Public teams will compete in separate brackets.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Entries
Records must be submitted to www.njschoolsports.com for matches played up to and including TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019, REGARDLESS OF REASON, MATCHES NOT COMPLETED BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, WILL NOT COUNT. DO NOT SEND RECORDS IN ADVANCE OF CUT OFF DATE.


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 entry fee & Officials Form to:
NJSIAA Girls Volleyball
1161 Route 130
North P.O. Box
487
Robbinsville, NJ 08691-0487

DATES

Tournament dates are October 30, 2019 to November 24, 2019.

Seeding will determine deadlines for tournament progression, and dates will be noted on the pairings form which will be forwarded to each school as soon as the Volleyball Committee has completed the pairings. If a school must play a preliminary match by November 2, a Seeding Committee Member will call the higher seeded school on Monday, October 28; others will be notified by internet: www.njsiaa.org or www.nj.com.

Play-in: Matches must be played between Wednesday, October 30th and Saturday, November 2nd. If there is not mutual agreement, the match must be played on Saturday, November 2nd 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 game - October 30 - November 2 (11/2 – SAT Date)

1st Round - November 4, Monday (Groups 3/4/NP) or November 5, Tuesday (Groups 1/2)

2nd Round - November 7, Thursday

3rd Round - November 9, Saturday

4th Round - November 13, Wednesday

Sectional Final (at higher seeded site)

The bracket contains an upper and lower section. The Sectional Final round will be hosted by the highest remaining school in each section of the bracket. Winners play in the State Finals. GAME ADMISSION - TBD BY HOST SITE

State Finals Saturday, Nov. 16
Time: 10:30 A.M. – Group IV
12:00P.M. – Non-Public
1:30 P.M. – Group I
3:00P.M. – Group II
4:30 P.M. – Group III

Tournament of Champions* - Out Bracket Game - Saturday November 23 - 2:00 PM
Sat. November 23 3:30 & 5:00 P.M. Semifinals
Sun. November 24 2:00 P.M. Championship Match

Site: Recreation Center, William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ

*SEEDING BY THE VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE WILL BE BASED ON THE TEAMS PERFORMANCES DURING THE ENTIRE SEASON
SITES
Sites for all MATCHES, prior to the GROUP FINAL, 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. In the Preliminaries, 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 SECTIONAL FINAL FOR EACH GROUP WILL BE PLAYED AT THE HIGHEST REMAINING SEEDED TEAMS’ SITE. The Group Finals and Tournament of Champions will be played at a predetermined designated site (Recreation Center - William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ).

The team/school that is hosting the above round matches will be responsible for paying the game officials for both matches. The lines’ judges shall be assigned for both matches and their respective pay shall be $55 per match per official. Recommended fee per official (R1 & R2) is $75, or local fee, if higher.

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.

NJSIAA/STAR LEDGER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SEEDING CRITERIA
A new procedure will be used which places a specific value on objective criteria and allows for the opinion of the committee members to be accounted for.

Factors to Be Considered
- Winning Percentage
- RPI
- Committee Seeds

Definitions of Each Factor

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Calculating RPI

1. All teams in the state who qualify for the NJSIAA State Tournament are listed by winning percentage (from highest winning percentage to lowest winning percentage)
2. Those teams are then separated into 4 categories
   a. 20 Point Teams (Teams with winning percentage in the top 20%)
   b. 14 Point Teams (Teams with winning percentage in the next 30%)
   c. 8 Point Teams (Teams with winning percentage in the next 30%)
   d. 2 Point Teams (Teams with winning percentage in the bottom 20%)
3. A team gains Quality Points for their RPI by beating teams in each of these 4 categories (wins against tournament qualifying teams). A victory over a team in the “20 Point Team” category, is worth 20 points toward your team’s RPI and so on.
4. A team can also gain quality points for their RPI if they lose to a team in 3 sets. **Teams receive half of a team’s quality point value for a 3 set loss.** (Example: Team A loses in 3 sets to Team B whose value is 20, Team A receives 10 points toward their RPI)
Seeding Procedure

1. The teams in the tournament field will be ranked 3 times in total.
   a. **Ranking 1: Winning Percentage.** Teams in each group will be ranked from highest winning percentage to lowest winning percentage. The team with the highest winning percentage in the group will be awarded 32 points. The team with the second highest winning percentage will be awarded 31 points, and so on, decreasing one point for every place lower on the ranking. If there is a tie, both teams will receive the same amount of points and the following team will receive the number of points they would have had the teams ahead of them not tied.

   **Note:** If there are more than 32 teams in the bracket, the highest ranked team would receive the number of points corresponding to the number of teams in the bracket and decrease by 1 from there.

   For Example:

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   b. **Ranking 2: RPI.** Teams will be ranked in the group from highest RPI to lowest RPI. The team with the highest RPI will be awarded 32 points. The team with the second highest RPI in the group will be awarded 31 points, and so on, decreasing one point for every place lower on the ranking. If there is a tie, both teams will receive the same amount of points and the following team will receive the number of points they would have had the teams ahead of them not tied. (See Example for Winning Percentage)

c. **Ranking 3: Committee Seeds.** The committee for each state group will sit together and vote on what they believe is the order of teams from best to worst. The consensus best team in the group will be awarded 32 points, the second-best team will be awarded 31 points, and so on, decreasing one point for every place lower on the ranking.

2. Once all of the rankings are established in the 3 categories and point values are assigned, the point value in each ranking category will be placed into the following formula for each team:

   \[(1)\times(\text{Winning Percentage Points}) + (2)\times(\text{RPI Points}) + (7)\times(\text{Committee Ranking Points}) = \text{Total Ranking Points}\]

3. The team with the highest-ranking points total will be awarded the #1 seed in the tournament. The team with the second highest Ranking Points Total will be awarded the #2 seed in the tournament and so on. If there is a tie between 2 teams, the team that was ranked higher by the committee will receive the higher seed.

OFFICIALS

All assignments will be made by the State appointed assignor(s). Two (2) NJSIAA registered volleyball officials shall officiate each match and this will be done through Arbiter. Make sure you are signed on to NJ Postseason Volleyball account. If there are any changes or updates needed, send your information to Sharon Hughes at sharonhughes13@optonline.net.

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.

It is required that NJSIAA officials be used for all matches. For the first two rounds, certified officials as line judges are recommended but not required. Home team will be responsible for hiring line judges for rounds one and two. From the third round on, the State appointed assignor(s) will hire officials including line judges. All line judges must use flags for all state tournament matches.

- **Recommended fee per official:** $75 (or Local Fee if Higher)
- **Recommended fee per Line Judge:** $55
RULES
The 2019/2020 National Federation Volleyball Rules will govern all tournament matches.

EQUIPMENT
The higher seeded team will provide a regulation MATCH ball. Wilson I-COR High Performance volleyballs will be provided for use in the State Sectional Final matches.

MATCHES
All match times, including the Sectional Finals must be designated prior to the start of the tournament using the Gym Availability Form found in the packet and on NJSIAA website under Sport – Girls Volleyball. This form is to be sent to the NJSIAA by Tuesday, October 22, 2019. If form is not received, matches shall start at 4:30 P.M. and no changes will be made once the tournament is seeded. 24 total warm-up time: 10 minutes general warm-up, 7 minutes full court (higher seed), 7 minute full court (lower seed). This warm-up procedure is recommended for use during the regular season.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION
1. TEAMS MUST PLAY ON DESIGNATED DATES AND TIMES.

2. 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.

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

4. For Group Finals and TOC matches, Coaches must report to the Tournament Director for specific instructions, i.e. locker rooms, warm-up area, etc.

5. At a pre-determined site, the higher seeded team chooses the team bench and visiting team calls the coin toss.

6. Each school must provide a site supervisor at Group Final & TOC final sites.

7. THE WINNING SCHOOL MUST NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH MATCH and report scores to www.njschoolsports.com to keep media informed and brackets updated.

   Tournament Director: Sharon Hughes
   Work: (973) 904-1388
   Email: sharonhughes13@optonline.net

AWARDS
State Champion - A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates.
Runners-up - Twenty (20) certificates

ADMISSIONS
Admission to Sectional Final (Nov. 13) Group Finals (Nov. 16) & Tournament of Champion (Nov. 23 & 24)
Adults       TBD
Students (K-12) and Senior Citizens TBD

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 STATE REPRESENTATIVES 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.

COACHES: Please call local newspapers and enter schedules, rosters, team information and report your daily scores on www.njschoolsports.com

If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems, please contact support@njschoolsports.com or the NJSIAA.

PLEASE CHECK THE ACCURACY OF YOUR TEAM RECORDS, ROSTERS AND TEAM INFO BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT CUTOFF.
NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOGGING INTO NJSCHOOLSPORTS AND ENTERING ROSTERS AND TEAM INFO

ROSTERS WILL BE USED IN THE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

NEW PROCEDURE IN PLACE OF ENTRY FORM
This year we will not use entry forms. All schedules & varsity scores must be reported to www.njschoolsports.com after each contest. The Team Record will be downloaded prior to the seeding of the tournament, and ONLY this record will be used for seeding. Please check the record on October 22, 2019, to ensure that your record is accurate. If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems entering scores, please contact support@njschoolsports.com or the NJSIAA.
FOR ANY TEAM NOT WISHING TO ENTER THE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT MUST NOTIFY NJSIAA BY NO LATER THAN 10/22/19 BY USING THE ONLINE TOURNAMENT REFUSAL DESIGNATION!!!!!!
www.njsiaa.org

DO NOT ENTER TOURNAMENT UNLESS WILLING AND ABLE TO COMPLY WITH TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS.
2019 NJSIAA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
Gym Availability Form
DATES FOR HOME MATCHES

THIS FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL SCHOOLS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2019 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT & SHARE ALL INFORMATION WITH YOUR ADMINISTRATION/BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THIS FORM.

School________________________________ City_____________________________ Group_________

PLEASE NOTE: Matches must be played on dates specified and times you have indicated. Check your school calendar for plays, concerts, adult education, trips, etc. before indicating times.

Date(s) specified and indicated time(s) in each round commits your gymnasium to be used in the event your school is higher seeded. Please be aware November 7 is during the Teachers Convention!!!!

Only indicate substitute site if your home site is not used for regularly scheduled match or is inadequate for larger tournament crowds or not available on dates listed below. PLEASE CLEAR AVAILABILITY OF SUBSTITUTE SITE BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS FORM, OTHERWISE THE FORM WILL BE RETURNED.

CONFIRMED SUBSTITUTE SITE______________ Please check box if you pay officials by Arbiter Pay____

Schools unable to provide their site or a substitute site on that date will be required to play at the opponent’s site.

Dates are firm. Times indicated below will not be changed after the seeding takes place. Dates and times will be used to schedule the tournament and officials. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT!

YOUR SCHOOL WILL BE USED ONLY IF YOU ARE THE HIGHER-SEEDED TEAM.

MATCH TIME: Please indicate time for each date below; match time may be between 4:00 and 7 PM

FIRST ROUND  Monday, November 4, 2019 (Groups 3, 4 & NP) _____________
or Tuesday, November 5, 2019 (Groups 1 & 2) _____________

SECOND ROUND Thursday, November 7, 2019 ____________ (Teachers Convention)

THIRD ROUND Saturday, November 9, 2019 ____________ (PSAT Date)

SECTIONAL FINAL  Wednesday, November 13, 2019 ____________

Times may not be changed after seeding is completed!

Suggested Time is a 4:15 PM start. Schools may modify the starting date by mutual agreement, if the time cannot be mutually agreed to The NJSIAA Director will set the time.

_______________________________________________ (___)______________ (___)_____________
Athletic Director’s Signature         School Phone                Cell Phone
_______________________________________________ (___)______________ (___)_____________
Principal’s Signature                      School Phone                Cell Phone

Email form by October 22, 2019 to Sharon Hughes at sharonhughes13@optonline.net
PLEASE DUPLICATE FORM FOR YOUR FILES
TO: ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND GIRLS 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 matches in the 2019 Girls Volleyball Tournament.

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

PLEASE PRINT ________________________________________ HIGH SCHOOL

CITY____________________________ SECTION _____ GROUP____

PLEASE PRINT ONLY (as listed in the 2019-2020 NJSIAA Officials Directory)

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List below the names of the officials whom you **DO NOT** wish to have assigned to your tournament matches. *(as listed in the 2019-2020 NJSIAA Officials Directory)*

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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 2019-2020 NJSIAA Officials Directory)*

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Our school is primarily serviced by volleyball officials from the__________________________ Chapter.

_________________________________________ (_____)____________ (_____)____________

PRINT - COACH  HOME PHONE  SCHOOL PHONE

STAMPED SIGNATURES NOT ACCEPTABLE

_________________________________________ (_____)____________ (_____)____________

(SIGNED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR)  HOME PHONE  SCHOOL PHONE

APPROVED ____________________________

(SIGNED - PRINCIPAL)

RETURN TO: Al Stumpf – NJSIAA Assistant Director astumpf@njsiaa.org

Do NOT fax this page! DUE Tuesday, OCTOBER 22, 2019