NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691

2020 NJSIAA/WILSON BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Important: Coaches must have a copy of these instructions as well as a copy of the NJSIAA Baseball Rule Modifications available at all games. Copies of these regulations are available at: www.njsiaa.org/sports/baseball

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.

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BASEBALL (Specific Sports Regulations)

Section 1 Rules: National Federation shall govern all NJSIAA games
Section 2 Start of Practice: First Practice Date from chart below
Section 3 Start of Regular Schedule: Opening Day date from chart below
Section 4 End of Season: All teams may participate in interscholastic contests up to the final championship in their respective sports. Equipment should be stored, and practice terminated for the out-of-season period upon completion of the schedule. Individual competition shall terminate with the end of said competition (Program Regulations, Section 10).
Section 5 Transfers: Any transfer on or after April 29, 2020 is not eligible for post-season play.
Section 6 Maximum Games: A member school may play twenty-five (25) games including regular season and tournament games, plus one additional tournament, plus the State Tournament.

CL: Scrimmages during the regular season count toward the allowable number of games.
Baseball classifications are sport specific and can be found on the NJSIAA website under baseball.

New for This Year's State Tournament

1. State Semifinals will be reseeded based on power points and play at neutral sites.
2. Game ending procedure has been clarified. Please see this document on our baseball web page.
3. Ties will be counted in the power point system. Please review the game ending procedure.

To Qualify

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis.
2. Sixty percent (60%) of games played on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
3. The 16 highest team power point totals from each section and each group will qualify into the tournament. We will be using only the total power points earned from the first 15 completed games by the cutoff date. Games completed after the cutoff date will not count even if they were started before the cutoff date. If there is a tie for any seed, we will use the tie breaking procedure included in these regulations.
4. All teams are in the tournament if selected by the seeding committee unless a tournament refusal designation is completed by the Tournament Refusal Date.
5. Teams not wishing to enter the tournament must notify the NJSIAA by the Tournament Refusal Date using the NJSIAA online tournament refusal process @ https://www.njsiaa.org/sites/default/files/document/Opt-Out%20%20Procedure%202019-20.pdf
6. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the tournament, will be unable to compete in the state tournament.
7. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications prior to the start of the tournament will not be permitted to participate in the state tournament. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.
Entry Procedure
1. All varsity schedules & rosters must be entered in njschoolsports by the start of the season.
2. All varsity scores must be reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest.
3. All team records will be downloaded from the njschoolsports website on the Cutoff date from the chart below at noon. The seeding committee will use this information to seed the tournament. Coaches are reminded that the records must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy by noon on the Cutoff date.
4. If you do not know your school code, or if you encounter problems, please contact hssupport@njadvancemedia.com.

Tournament Seeding
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. Ties will be recognized as part of the power point calculations.
2. Seedings will be posted as soon as the baseball seeding committee has completed the pairings. Seedings do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.
3. The power point calculations will be the sum of the first fifteen (15) games played up to and including the cutoff date. Regardless of the reason, games not completed by the Cutoff date will not count.

Entry Fee
• $80.00 Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Baseball Tournament).
• Forward all entry fees to: NJSIAA, P.O. Box 487, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691
• DO NOT use certified mail

DO NOT ENTER if your School is not able or willing to comply with tournament regulations. 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.

Sectional Assignors
The NJSIAA will assign all umpires for all rounds of the state tournament. Schools will no longer assign or have assigned umpires to their state tournament games. Athletic Directors should call sectional/regional assignors with any questions/concerns up to and including state semifinals.

NJSIAA Sectional & Regional Assignors
North 1: Jack Venezia - 973-857-2282
North 2 & Non-Public North: Vic Dudka - 732-541-2706
Central: Craig Yetman - 732-690-7532
South & Non-Public South: Paul Reagle - 856-287-2136

Umpire Fees:
Rounds 1 & 2 (2 umpires) - $85 per umpire - Host School Pays
Round 3 (3 umpires) - $85 per umpire - Host School Pays
Sectional Finals (3 umpires) $90 per umpire - Host School Pays
Public State Semis-Finals (3 umpires) $95 per umpire - Schools Pay (See Below):
• North I & Central will pay the home plate umpire (2020)
• North II & South will pay the two base umpires (2020)
State Finals (3 umpires) $95.00 per umpire - NJSIAA pays

Please Note:
• If a game is postponed after teams and umpires have arrived and before the game has started, the umpires will receive a full game fee.
• One a game begins and then is suspended; the umpires will receive a full game fee.
• Each official assigned to complete a suspended game, will receive a full game fee.
• We recommend that umpires arrive 1 hour before game time.

Please remember it is the responsibility of both the schools and umpires to communicate with each other.
## Important Dates - Baseball 2020

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## Preliminary Games & Sectional Finals

1. All state tournament rounds will be played on or by the dates designated.
2. Games may be played earlier than dates indicated (excluding round 1), if both schools agree. If schools cannot agree, the game must be played on the play by date. Regular season/tournament games scheduled for these dates must be rescheduled.
3. After a second consecutive postponement of a game, NJSIAA director of baseball may designate an alternate site as the home field for the higher-seeded team which may include the opponent’s field of the lower seeded team.
4. All games will start at 4:00pm unless schools mutually agree on a different starting time. Any start time other than 4:00pm is contingent on the availability of tournament rated officials.
5. Schools are cautioned about independently scheduling games prior to the start date of a round to circumvent the pitching limitation rule.
6. The winning school must notify njschoolsports immediately after each game, which must include the pitch count information.
7. Schools entering the tournament will not be granted a change of date/time due to any conflicts with school trips, proms, banquets, SAT’s, graduation, and the like.

## Public State Semifinals

1. The four sectional champions from each group will be reseeded based on the power points achieved from the first 15 completed games at the cutoff date.
2. All games will be played at neutral sites. The schedule cannot be finalized until we know who is in the game because of travel concerns. Once the sites have been confirmed, the schedule will be published on the NJSIAA website.
3. All games will be played on the State Semifinals Date.
4. All games will begin at 4:00pm, unless noted otherwise.
5. The official pitch counter will conduct the coin toss. The team that has traveled the farthest will call the coin toss. The winner of the coin toss will designate the home and visiting team and the loser of the coin toss will choose the dugout/bench area.
State Group Finals
All Group final games will be played @ Veterans Park, Hamilton Township
- Non-Public Group Finals: 4:00pm-NP-B & 7:00pm-NP-A.
- Public Group Finals: 10:00am-Group 4, 1:00pm-Group 1, 4:00pm-Group 2, 7:00pm-Group 3.
All times are subject to change as deemed necessary by the NJSIAA.

Umpires
1. The NJSIAA will assign all umpires for all rounds of the state tournament. Schools will no longer assign or have assigned umpires to their state tournament games.
2. The NJSIAA Sectional/Regional State Assignors will be assigning every round of the state baseball tournament. In rounds 1 and 2 of the tournament, when two (2) schools compete that use the same umpires’ association, assignors may use the same chapter to work those game(s). When two (2) schools do not use the same chapter, neutral umpires will be assigned.
3. From Round 3 to the Finals, neutral/mixed crews (umpires from more than one chapter) will be assigned. Two (2) NJSIAA registered baseball umpires will officiate Rounds 1 & 2 of the tournament. Three (3) NJSIAA registered baseball umpires will officiate Round 3, Sectional Finals, Public State Semifinals and State Group Finals.
4. Sectional/Regional assignors have been provided with schools “Do not want list of umpires” if those lists were sent to NJSIAA by the date so designated.
5. Up to and including the Sectional Finals when the home field of one of the schools is used, the school on whose field the game is played shall pay the umpires to offset the visiting school's transportation costs. At the Public State Semifinals, each school shall share the cost of three (3) umpires. The NJSIAA will pay all umpires and field maintenance for the State Finals.

Baseball Suspended Game Rule for State Tournament Games
All NJSIAA post season tournament baseball games must be played to the full seven innings (turns at bat) unless extra innings are necessary because of a tie score, or unless shortened because the home team needs none of its half of the seventh inning or only a fraction of it. The exception to this is the 10-run rule that the state association has adopted.
A baseball game that is suspended at any time during the game shall be picked up at the point of interruption and then completed as the above paragraph states.

In a NJSIAA State Tournament game suspended by darkness, weather or other cause resumed the next day, the pitcher of record may continue to pitch to the extent of his eligibility provided he has pitched less than 50 pitches.
1. If the pitcher has thrown 50 or less pitches before the game was suspended, that pitcher’s count shall carry over to the next day and pitcher may pitch until the maximum of 110 pitches in a game is reached.
2. If the pitcher has thrown more than 50 pitches before the game was suspended, that pitcher shall be required to meet the rest period as per pitch count limits above.

Baseballs
- Only baseballs meeting NFHS & NOCSAE specifications may be used in the tournament.
- Up to and including the sectional finals, the home team will provide the game balls.
- At the Public Semifinals, both schools will provide the game baseballs. If the balls are different brands, we will switch out the balls each half inning. Each school must provide enough balls for the entire game.
- At the State Finals, all game balls will be provided by the NJSIAA.
- The Wilson A1010 baseballs will be the official ball for the State Finals.
General Tournament Information (Times/Dates/Sites/Postponements)

1. All games will start at 4:00pm up to and including the sectional finals. Schools may mutually agree on a different starting time. If schools cannot agree, then the game will start at 4:00pm. Game times for the semi-finals will be 4:00pm, unless the neutral site requires another start time. Schools hosting games must notify respective sectional/regional assignors 48 hours prior to any change of game time/site so that umpires can be notified.

2. At all neutral site games (Public State Semifinals and State Finals), the winner of the coin toss shall have the choice of being the home or visiting team and the loser of the coin toss will pick their dugout/bench area. At the public semifinals, the coin toss will be conducted by the official pitch counter and at the state finals, it will be conducted by the tournament director.

3. Teams must play their games by the date designated. If there is a play by date and schools cannot agree on an earlier date, then the game will be played on the play by date.

4. If any circumstance causes postponement, game must be played on successive days. Non NJSIAA tournament games must be moved.

5. Sites for all games up to and including the sectional finals will be at the home field of the higher seeded school.

6. When conditions prevent a game from being played at the site of the higher seeded team after two attempts for games up to and including the sectional finals, the higher seeded team should designate an alternate site upon approval by NJSIAA. If an alternate site cannot be secured, the NJSIAA may move the game to the lower seeded team. If the lower seeded teams’ site is not playable, both teams must continue to obtain a neutral site.

7. The State Public Semifinals will be held at neutral sites.

8. If state semifinal games are postponement (including the rain date), every attempt will be made to secure an alternate site. If this cannot be achieved, the NJSIAA may designate that the games move to the higher seed.

9. The NJSIAA and Sectional Assignors must be notified of any cancelations in a timely fashion.

10. Sites will not be declared unsuitable merely because recommended minimum fence distances are not available, or field conditions are less than perfect unless Leagues or Conferences have ruled such sites unsuitable for League or Conference play. Fields should be lined in accordance with National Federation Rules.

11. Responsibility for postponing a game shall rest with the person in charge of the playing site, and it shall be his/her responsibility to notify both schools at least three (3) hours prior to game time, whenever possible.

12. If rain delays the completion of a round, teams must adhere to the deadline of the succeeding round. Weather conditions are the only acceptable reason for changing the start time on game day! All changes must be made by 10:30am. If the Athletic Directors from both schools agree that due to the anticipated weather conditions a time change is warranted, the home school must contact the umpires assigned to determine if they are available. The umpires assigned to the game will stay with the game, if possible. In addition to contacting the assigned umpires, the home school must contact the Sectional/Regional NJSIAA assignor of the potential change. If replacement umpire(s) are needed, the above assignor will make every effort to accommodate the request. It is the responsibility of the home school to keep all parties informed, preferably by email. The NJSIAA director of that sport should be informed as well.

13. Dugout Procedure - A maximum of twenty-five (25) uniform players, four (4) uniformed coaches, three (3) not-in-uniform support personnel, and a trainer will be permitted and confined to the Dugout.

   a. The host school will line out a bench area where there are no dugouts. A recommended bench area, if space allows, should be sixty (60) feet from the foul line. It should be a rectangular box no longer than forty (40) feet and no wider than six (6) feet. Where space may be a restriction, a bench area must be provided similar to the above measurements

   b. After twenty-five (25) uniform players, to be identified and designated on the line-up card, are presented to the umpire at the beginning of the game, no additions to the card will be permitted.

14. The person in charge of the playing sites will determine its use up until forty (40) minutes before Game time. Playing on Sunday must be agreed upon by both schools.

15. The NJSIAA will provide for the official adult pitch counter for all predetermined site contests.
Withdrawal from Tournament
Any member school and/or student-athlete withdrawing from competition after having officially entered an NJSIAA tournament in any sport will be disqualified from all remaining NJSIAA tournament competition in that sport in that season and barred from participating in NJSIAA tournament competition in that sport during the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present. (Rule 2, Section 17, NJSIAA Handbook)

Rules
The National Federation Baseball Rules and NJSIAA modifications, including pitching limitations, and courtesy runner will govern all tournament games. Participation by an ineligible player in any game during the regular season results in forfeiture of said game. If such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the tournament or if an ineligible player participates in a tournament game, said SCHOOL will be disqualified from the tournament immediately and their last opponent will advance in their place. Schools eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition.

Security
Each school must provide at least one (1) staff member, not associated with the coaching staff, to be present at each tournament game to assist on-site management in maintaining control of spectators. The site supervisor should be identified prior to each game.

Awards
**Sectional Champion:** A team trophy and certificates to each sectional champion in each group.

**State Group Champion:** A team trophy and certificates to the state champion in each group.

Admission
Admission to the state finals will be:
- Adults: $5.00
- Students (k-12): $3.00
- Senior Citizens: $3.00

All tickets will be sold at the gate. Schools must inform their students and local news media of the admission policy. Administrative and supervisory personnel of competing schools and sectional representatives will be admitted by identifying themselves to the gate personnel.
Baseball Power Point Calculation Procedure:

Power points will be earned from the first 15 completed games played between opening day and the cutoff date. If you have not played 15 games by the cutoff, your point total will only reflect the games played between opening day and the cutoff date. A game that is rained out before the cutoff, then completed after the cutoff will not count in the 15-game total.

1. **Quality Points** - Each school will receive the following quality points for a win or tie from the first 15 games:
   - Win = 6 points
   - Tie = 3 point
   - Lose = 0 points

2. **Group Points** - Each school will receive the following group points from a team they defeated or tied from the first 15 games:
   - Group IV = 4 points
   - Group III = 3 points
   - Group II = 2 points
   - Group I = 1 points

3. **Residual Points** – Each school will receive residual points from one of the three categories below based on the result of the game.

   A. Each school will receive the following residual points from a team they defeated. For each win or tie your opponent has from the first 15 games, you will receive the following:
      - Win = 3 points
      - Tie = 1.5 points
      - Lose = 0 points

   B. Each school will receive the following residual points from a team they tied. For each win or tie your opponent has from the first 15 games, you will receive the following:
      - Win = 1.5 points
      - Tie = .75 points (See note below)
      - Lose = 0 points

   Note: No points will be rewarded when calculating residual points when your game is the opponent’s only tie, since you already have been awarded points for that tie.

   C. Each school will receive the following residual points from a team they lost to. For each win your opponent has that defeated you (not including your game) from the first 15 games, you will receive the following:
      - Win = 1 points
      - Tie = 0 point
      - Lose = 0 points
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HIGH SCHOOL _____________________________________________________________

CITY ________________________ SECTION _______ GROUP _______

The umpire’s chapter that services your school: _____________________________________________

LIST ANY UNACCEPTABLE UMPIRES WHO ARE FORMER STUDENTS, OR WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN, IN ANY WAY AFFILIATED WITH YOUR SCHOOL OR WHO ARE COACHES IN YOUR CONFERENCE.

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

LIST ANY UNACCEPTABLE UMPIRES WHO YOU WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT.

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

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(Signature of Head Coach)                                                                   (Cell Phone)

This form must be emailed to Tony Maselli at tmaselli@njsiaa.org or fax to (609) 259-3047 by May 11, 2020.