

2018 NJSIAA/STAR LEDGER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

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

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, according to Power Point Ranking, **may be seeded** based on all matches up to and including Tuesday October 16, 2018. 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 seventy percent (70%) of matches played before the cutoff date October 16th 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 16th 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 16, 2018 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 Tournament, 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 if 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 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.

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.

SPECIFIC SPORTS REGULATIONS (found in the *New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Handbook 2018-2019 Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations*)

RULE 22 VOLLEYBALL (FALL)

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

Section 2. Start of Practice **August 13, 2018**

Section 3. Start of Regular Season **September 4, 2018**

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.]

Section 5 Transfers. Any transfer on or after half of the season (start 9/4/18= October 1, 2018) not eligible for post-season play (see Article V, Section 4. K. (2).c)

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 16, 2018, REGARDLESS OF REASON, MATCHES NOT COMPLETED BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, WILL NOT COUNT. DO NOT SEND RECORDS IN ADVANCE OF CUT OFF DATE.

Seeding Meeting – Wednesday, October 24, 2018.

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 25, 2018 to November 18, 2018.

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 before October 29, a Seeding Committee Member will call the higher seeded school on Wednesday, October 24; others will be notified by internet: www.njsiaa.org or www.nj.com.

Preliminaries - Matches may be played earlier than dates indicated on pairings form if both schools agree; however, in cases of disagreement, the match must be played as follows 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.

<u>Play - in game</u>	-	By Oct 25-29	
<u>1st Round</u>	-	October 29 or 30	
<u>2nd Round</u>	-	November 1, Thursday	
<u>3rd Round</u>	-	November 3, Saturday	
<u>4th Round</u>	-	November 7, 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

**Time: 10:30 A.M. – Non Public
12:00P.M. – Group I
1:30 P.M. – Group II
3:00P.M. – Group III
4:30 P.M. – Group IV**

Saturday, November 10

Tournament of Champions* - Out Bracket Game - Saturday November 17 - 2:00 PM**

Sat. November 17 3:30 & 5:00 P.M. Semifinals

Sun. November 18 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

Seeding for the Girls State Volleyball Tournament will be based on evaluating each team by **all the following criteria:**

- Rating Percentage Index (see explanation)
- Head-to-Head Results
- Common Opponent Results
- Win-Loss Record
- Division and/or League Record
- Strength of Schedule
- Committee Vote
- If tied committee vote, then flip coin

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 are 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.

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

Recommended fee per Line Judge: \$55

RULES

The 2018/2019 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 16, 2018. 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. 7) Group Finals (Nov. 10) & Tournament of Champion (Nov. 17 & 18)

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.

Please call local newspapers and enter schedules and scores on www.njschoolsports.com

Coaches: Please enter your rosters, schedules and team info, and report your daily results to: 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 16, 2018, to insure 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 10/16/18 BY USING THE ONLINE TOURNAMENT REFUSAL DESIGNATION!!!!!!

www.njsiaa.org

DO NOT ENTER TOURNAMENT UNLESS WILLING AND ABLE TO COMPLY WITH TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS.

2018 NJSIAA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Gym Availability Form

DATES FOR HOME MATCHES

THIS FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL SCHOOLS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2017 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 10 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 _____

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 on weekdays. ***Suggested Time for SAT date is a 3PM start. Schools may modify the starting time on 11/3 by mutual agreement, if the time cannot be mutually agreed to The NJSIAA Director will set the time.

FIRST ROUND Monday, October 29 _____ or Tuesday, October 30, 2018 _____

SECOND ROUND Thursday, November 1, 2018 _____

THIRD ROUND Saturday, November 3, 2017 _____ (SAT Testing Date)***

SECTIONAL FINAL Wednesday, November 7, 2018 _____

Times may not be changed after seeding is completed!

_____ () _____ () _____

Athletic Director's Signature School Phone Cell Phone

_____ () _____ () _____

Principal's Signature School Phone Cell Phone

Email form by October 16, 2018 to Sharon Hughes at sharonhughes13@optonline.net

PLEASE DUPLICATE FORM FOR YOUR FILES

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
1161 Route 130, P.O. Box 487 Robbinsville, N.J. 08691

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 2018 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 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**)

(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. _____	_____	2. _____	_____

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: AI Stumpf – NJSIAA Assistant Director

astumpf@njsiaa.org

Do NOT fax this page! DUE Tuesday, OCTOBER 16, 2018

