2020 NJSIAA/STAR LEDGER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times and locations for all NJSIAA State tournaments.

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

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

1. Played a minimum of 12 games. Qualification will be based on your teams TOP 10 POWER POINT GAMES.

2. All teams must have sixty percent (60%) of matches played before the cutoff date October 20th must be against New Jersey schools.

3. NEW FOR 2020 – Teams with .500 records at the cut off no longer automatically qualify, teams with sub .500 records can qualify based on the power points they acquire – Qualification is based on a team’s TOP 10 power pointed games. In the Public School Brackets the 12 teams with the highest power points will qualify, in the Non Public Bracket the 16 teams with the highest power points will qualify.

4. 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 20th 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 20, 2020 by using the ONLINE TOURNAMENT REFUSAL DESIGNATION.

5. 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.

6. 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 2020-2021 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

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 20, 2020, REGARDLESS OF REASON, MATCHES NOT COMPLETED BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, WILL NOT COUNT. DO NOT SEND RECORDS IN ADVANCE OF CUT OFF DATE.

Seeding Meeting – Friday, October 23, 2020.

Entry Fee
A check for ninety dollars ($90.00) 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 29, 2020 to November 22, 2020.

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 seeding. Seeds will be final at noon on October 24, 2020.

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.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1st Round - October 29, Thursday (Groups 1&2) or October 30, Friday (Groups 3&4)
2nd Round - November 2, Monday (Groups 1&2), November 4, Wednesday (Groups 3&4)
3rd Round - November 5, Thursday (Groups 1&2), November 6, Friday (Groups 3&4)
4th Round - November 10, Tuesday – N1, N2, C and South- Sectional Final (at higher seeded site) GAME ADMISSION determined by the home site

NON–PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1ST Round - November 2, Monday (NP A) November 4, Wednesday (NP B)
2nd Round - November 5, Thursday (NP A) November 6, Friday (NP B)
3rd Round - November 10, Tuesday, (NP A), (NP B) Semifinals

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 to be determined by home site.
**State Public Semi Finals**

November 12, Thursday  Public School winners of the November 10th games – reseeded based on Power Points at the Cut Off Date – at higher seed. For example – PP 1 v. PP 4 and PP 2 v. PP 3

**State Public and Non Public Finals**

November 14 – Saturday- Public Winners of November 12 games and winners of November 10 Non Public Games play

6 Matches SITE AND TIMES – TBD

**TOC**

November 19 – Thursday- Out Brackets – 2 Matches – SITE AND TIME TBD

November 21 – Saturday- 1 seed vs winner of 4/5 game and 2 seed vs winner of the 3/6 game- Along With the Legends of Volleyball Program. SITE AND TIMES - TBD

November 22 – Sunday – TOC Championship Game – SITE AND TIME - TBD

**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 - TBD

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

1. SEEDING PROCEDURE

a. Power Point System – To qualify for the Tournament, teams must have the following:
   i. Played a minimum of 12 matches.
   ii. Sixty percent (60%) of your games must be played against in-state schools at time of cut-off.
   iii. Teams with .500 records at the cut-off date no longer automatically qualify—Qualification is based on Power Points as noted below.

b. Power Ranking Procedure
   i. The qualifying schools in each group in each section for the Public Schools, and in each group for the Non-Public Schools will be seeded according to the power rankings based on the calculations of the Power Point System.
   ii. The twelve (12) highest Power Point ranked schools will participate in the playoffs in each Public Group in each Section. In the Non Public Group the sixteen (16) highest Power Point ranked schools will participate in the playoffs for each section.
   iii. Tie-Breaker Procedure (in the following order):
      1. Head-to-head
      2. Record against Common Opponents
      3. Winning Percentage
      4. Coin Toss

c. Power Point Calculation Procedure:
   i. Quality Points - Each school will receive the following “Quality Points” for the 10 Highest Power Point games up to the cut-off date:
      1. Win = 6 points
      2. Loss = 0 points
   ii. Group Points - Each school will receive “Group Points” from a team they defeated or tied from the 10 highest power pointed games:
      1. Group IV = 4 points
      2. Group III = 3 points
      3. Group II = 2 points
      4. Group I = 1 point
      5. Non-Public Schools = what its group equivalency is to the public schools based on its student population. For example if the group equivalency based on student population is Group II the Group Points = 2.
      6. Note: Once the “Volleyball Group Classification” is determined, there will be no adjustments to this classification when playing teams (public or non-public) from other sections. When playing teams from out of state, the group size will be determined based on the enrollment range of the winning team’s section.
iii. Residual Points - Each team will receive residual points from one of the categories below based on the result of the game.

1. Each school will receive “Residual Points” for each team they defeat. When a school beats an opponent, for each of the school’s opponent in its top 10 Power Point games up until the cut-off date has, the school will receive the following, based on the opponent’s record:
   a. Win = 3 points
   b. Loss = 0 points

2. Each school will receive “Residual Points” for each team it loses to. When a school loses to an opponent, for each of the school’s opponents in its top 10 Power Point games up until the cut-off date, the school will receive the following:
   a. 2-0 Set loss = 1 point
   b. 2-1 Set loss = 1.5 points (quality loss)

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 ZebraWeb. Make sure you are signed on to NJSIAA North Jersey Volleyball, 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 2020/2021 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 20, 2020. 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.

ADMISSIONS
Admission to Sectional Final (Nov. 12) Group Finals (Nov. 14) & Tournament of Champion (Nov. 21 & 22)

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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.

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 20, 2020, 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 10/20/2020 BY USING THE ONLINE TOURNAMENT REFUSAL DESIGNATION!!!!!!!

www.njsiaa.org

DO NOT ENTER TOURNAMENT UNLESS WILLING AND ABLE TO COMPLY WITH TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS.
2020 NJSIAA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT GYM AVAILABILITY FORM - PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DATES FOR HOME MATCHES

THIS FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL SCHOOLS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 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 5 & 6 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 Zebra 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    Thursday, October 29 (PUBLIC -Groups 1&2) _____________
                Friday, October 30 (PUBLIC -Groups 3&4) _____________

SECOND ROUND  Monday, November 2 (Groups 1&2) _____________
                Wednesday, November 4 (Groups 3&4) _____________

THIRD ROUND   Thursday, November 5 (Groups 1&2) _____________ (Teachers Convention)
                Friday, November 6 (Groups 3&4) _____________ (Teachers Convention)

SECTIONAL FINAL Tuesday, November 10 (N1, NII, C and S) _____________ (Higher Seed)

STATE SEMI FINALS Thursday, November 12 Winners of November 10 games – RESEEDED AT HIGHER SEED

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.

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Athletic Director’s Signature  School Phone  Cell Phone

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Principal’s Signature  School Phone  Cell Phone

Email form by October 20, 2020 to Sharon Hughes at sharonhughes13@optonline.net.

PLEASE DUPLICATE FORM FOR YOUR FILES.
2020 NJSIAA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT GYM AVAILABILITY FORM – NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATES FOR HOME MATCHES

THIS FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL SCHOOLS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 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.

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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 2 (NP A) ____________
  Wednesday, November 4 (NP B) ____________

SECOND ROUND
  Thursday, November 5 (NP A) ____________
  Friday, November 6 (NP B) ____________

ROUND 3 SEMI FINALS  Tuesday, November 10 (NP A and NP B) ________________

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

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Principal’s Signature School Phone Cell Phone

Email form by October 20, 2020 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 2020 Girls Volleyball Tournament.

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

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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 2020-2021 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 20, 2020