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

2020 NJSIAA BOYS & GIRLS TEAM SWIMMING TOURNAMENT

To promote fairness in competition and for the health and safety of student-athletes, no member school will be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures. In addition, schools must follow the sports-specific tournament regulations for each NJSIAA tournament they are entering.

The NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times and locations as it pertains to all NJSIAA State tournaments. The application of this eligibility standard is not appealable. Member schools not willing or able to comply with all tournament regulations should not enter the tournament.

Coaches must have a copy of these regulations as well as a copy of rule Modifications (if any) for this tournament available at all matches. Copies of these documents are also available on the NJSIAA website.

The NFHS Swimming Rules along with any NJSIAA swimming rule modifications will govern this tournament.

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New for This Year's State Tournament
- Only schools interested in entering the tournament need to submit two power point meet results.
- If you do not submit the required power point sheets, you will not be considered for the tournament.
- The “opt-out” procedure has been eliminated for swimming.

To Qualify
1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis.
2. Member schools must have participated in at least six (6) interscholastic dual meets. The NJSIAA reserves the right to waive the six (6) meet rule in the event of weather or mechanical issues.
3. Only meets completed by the Team Cutoff date will count for qualification.
4. Eligible participants must have competed in at least fifty percent (50%) of the school's total interscholastic dual meets, up to and including the cut-off date. Swimmers returning from a medical leave must have the physician's release signed by the director of athletics and filled with the NJSIAA twenty-four hours before swimming in a tournament meet.
5. Schools interested in entering the tournament must submit two (2) Power Point Swim Meets to NJSIAA by 12:00pm noon on the above listed Team Entry Deadline. Submitting the power point meets does not guarantee entry but they must be submitted to be considered.
6. Combined teams will be eligible to compete as boys’ Team only. To maintain eligibility for this tournament, declared combined teams may not have a separated into a Boys and Girls team for competition during the season. Combined teams may not separate for any meet which keeps team scores. Combined teams cannot enter both the Boys and Girls Championships. Separate teams cannot combine Boys and Girls into combined teams for the Team Championships. Boys are not permitted to compete on women’s teams; therefore, all combined teams are recognized as men’s teams. Athletic guidelines presently permit women to compete on men’s teams if the program is not offered for women.
7. 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.
8. 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 opening day.
2. All varsity team scores and individual results must be reported to www.njSchoolsports.com after each contest.
3. All Schools must submit the following from your two meets that you are power pointing:
   a) 1 Team Championship Entry Form (only 1 form needed)
   b) 2 Power Point Results Sheets (one from each meet)
   c) 2 Face Sheets (one from each meet)
   d) Coaches Meet Sheets (from both meets)
   e) Meters to Yard Conversion sheet (form both meets if needed)
4. Girls on combined teams must use the boy’s interactive form for calculation.
5. All required entry documents are to be scanned and emailed to tmaselli@njsiaa.org
6. All sheets (min. of 7 pages) must be scanned together and readable!
7. Last day for a meet to count for the state tournament is the Team Cutoff Date listed.
8. All tournament documents are due in the NJSIAA office by 12:00pm on the Team Entry Deadline.

Entry Notes
• The Executive Committee of the NJSIAA has ruled that member schools failing to comply with the tournament entry procedures will be excluded from tournament competition in that sport.
• Schools entering the tournament will not be granted a change of date due to any conflicts with school trips, dances, banquets, testing programs, proms, and the like.
• DO NOT ENTER if your School is not able or willing to comply with tournament regulations.

Entry Fee
• $80.00 Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Swimming Tournament).
• Forward all entry fees to: NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691
• Entry Fee is Due by February 28, 2020. DO NOT use certified mail.

Tournament Seeding
1. Seeding will determine deadlines for tournament progression, and dates will be posted as soon as the swimming seeding committee has completed the pairings on the Team Seeding date listed.
2. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded according to the power rankings based upon the average power point score of the two power pointed meets submitted.
3. Regardless of the reason, games played after the Team Cutoff date will not count.
4. Do not call the central office for advance information on pairings.
5. Swimming classifications are sport specific and can be found on the NJSIAA website under swimming.
6. Do not include diving scores. Diving will not be a part of the team championships.
7. The top 8 teams will qualify for the tournament in each section/group based on the power pointed average of two meets.
8. Seeds 5 will play 8 and 6 will play 7. Seeds 1 & 2 will receive a double bye, seeds 3 & 4 will receive a single bye.
9. The 3rd relay will not be considered in the seeding process.
10. Power points will carry throughout the tournament. Sectional meets will not be power pointed. Sectional Finalists will NOT be re-seeded before advancing to the State Semifinals within each division. Original power point averages will be used to seed the sectional finalists for the semifinal meets. The winners of the Semifinals will advance to the State Championship meets.
11. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify submitted times when they cannot be verified.

Team Tournament Brackets will be posted by nj.com but are not official until NOON the day AFTER Team Seeding.
**Tournament Information**

1. All meet scoring will be according to the current National Federation Swimming Rules, as amended by the NJSIAA.
2. State team swim meets may be scheduled on any date but must be completed by the show date listed in these regulations.
3. Those schools having only one head coach, and both boys and a girls’ team in the tournament, are responsible to notify all possible opponents as soon as the brackets are posted, that adjustments in the schedule may be necessary.
4. Approval must be granted by the NJSIAA Assistant Director and Team Swim Tournament Director for any change in date.
5. It is expected that all schools will work together to accommodate teams with only one coach, but if agreement cannot be reached, the boys meet may be scheduled before or on the stated date, and the girls may be scheduled on the specific date or the show date.
6. Each team will provide a minimum of three timers with stop watches at all meets and a Team Scorer at the Table!
7. The lower seeded team will have the choice of odd or even numbered lanes.
8. Entry Cards are required for each meet – First and Last Names!
9. Any postponements, please contact Robert Horvath, Tournament Director (856-667-8992) who has authority to set rescheduled meets if schools cannot agree.
10. If a meter pool will be used, advance notification to the opponent is mandatory!
11. Timers must be assigned to all lanes and all timers must have pencils, clipboard and paper.
12. All entry cards for all state meets become official once they are handed to the meet referee or their designee.
13. Coaches will be able to check in 30min before warm-up time. Coaches will need to be checked in no later than 15min before start of meet. No athlete will be permitted in the water until a coach, or school approved personnel are on site.
14. There will be no limit to the wrist bands for the coaches as long as they are approved by the school and listed on the entry form. They must be coaches that have coached all year, you cannot add coaches for the state tournament unless approved by the meet director or the NJSIAA.
15. All coaches must check in with proper ID to receive their wrist band. Coaches will no longer be permitted to pick up other coaches’ wristbands.

The coaches of both teams shall report the results & first place times of the meet to www.njschoolsports.com following the meet. Failure to do so may result in penalties imposed by the NJSIAA. First time warning, second time $150 fine, third time elimination from the tournament.

Schools entering the tournament will not be granted a change of date or time due to any conflicts with school trips, proms, banquets, Sat’s, graduation, and the like.

**Tournament Costs for Schools & Officials**

**Public rounds 1, 2 & 3 & Non-Public rounds 1 & 2**

1. Meets will be conducted at the site of the school with the higher NISCA power points. The higher seeded school will be considered the home team regardless of the facility the meet is taking place at.
2. The time of the meet will be at the discretion of the host school.
3. Three (3) officials must be assigned to each meet by the higher seeded team at a fee of $80.00 per official.
4. The higher seeded team will arrange for officials from their local assignor.
5. Participating teams will split the cost of the officials. Home team will pay the officials and the visiting team will pay the home school $120 (1 ½ officials fee). Please note if you have both boys and girls in the tournament, the fees are doubled.
6. The host school will assume the cost of pool rental and site maintenance.
7. All sites must meet National Federation specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, and starting platforms.
8. Electronic timing is highly recommended.
9. Meets can be held as combined dual meets if the schools involved are all in agreement.
10. Each team will provide scorers and backup timers.
Public Sectional Finals & State Semifinals
Non-Public State Semifinals

1. Four (4) officials will be assigned by the NJSIAA State Assignor.
2. Each participating school must send a check to the NJSIAA in the amount of $240.00 for each round the team advances. This amount will cover the fees of the Officials, Site Director, Announcer, Scorer and Electronic Timing Operator.
3. Host Site Director will provide an official scorer, announcer, and electronic timing operator.
4. All neutral sites will meet NFHS specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms and electronic timing.

Public State Finals
Non-Public State Finals

1. Four (4) officials will be assigned by the NJSIAA State Assignor.
2. No Fee will be charged to schools participating in the State Finals at The College of New Jersey.

Tie-breaking procedure
NISCA Power Points will determine the winner, not including 3rd relay, if the score ends up as a tie. The interactive power point system should be used if the internet is available. When the NISCA Power Points are tied, the tie will be broken in the following order:

1. Fewer number of sixth (6th) places
2. Power points of A and B relays
3. Greater number of first (1st) places
4. Greater number of second (2nd) places
5. Greater number of third (3rd) places
6. Greater number of fourth (4th) places
7. Greater number of fifth (5th) places
8. Coin toss

A co-championship will be declared if teams are at the conclusion of the final meet.

Records
State Individual records can be set with proper verification by Meet Referee, Head Judge, and Head Timer.

Disqualification
Participation by any ineligible swimmer in any meet during the regular season results in forfeiture of all points achieved by the ineligible swimmer and final results are adjusted accordingly. If such forfeit(s) would have caused the school’s failure to qualify for the swimming team championships, the schools will be disqualified from the championships immediately and the school’s last opponent will advance in their place, if applicable and feasible; schools eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition. If any ineligible swimmer participates in a championship meet, said swimmer will be disqualified from the championship immediately and final results adjusted accordingly.

Liability
The NJSIAA, the schools or organizations providing Sites and Site Director will in no way be liable for any injury, damage, or theft sustained in any manner in connection with the conduct of these championships.

Meet Restrictions
1. With the exception of the official NJSIAA banners, no signs, banners, or posters will be permitted to be hung in any manner in pool areas during the course of the NJSIAA championships.
2. Game Site Managers will be instructed to rigidly enforce these regulations.
3. Mechanical noisemakers, and balloons are not permitted in the pool area as well.
4. No face paint is permitted on the pool deck.
5. Because of the indoor conditions, bands will not be admitted in the site.
6. Please inform swimmers that no food is allowed in the immediate pool area. You will be held responsible for their conduct. Please ask to everyone to help keep the pool area, locker room area, and campus clean.

PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR STUDENT BODY AND FANS OF THESE REGULATIONS.
Awards
A trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates will be awarded to Sectional Champions and State Champions in each Division.

Admission
Admission to the State Group Finals at The College of New Jersey will be: TBD

Co-ed Team Clarification
1. A Co-ed Team may swim against another Co-ed Team, a Boys’ Team only or a Boys’ Team with Girl’s from that same schools Girls’ Team. A Co-ed Team MAY NOT swim against a Girls’ Team. A Co-ed Team may power point the meet. The Boy’s Team (with all Boy’s or Girl’s too) may power point the meet BUT all the girls’ points will be ZERO – No points for the girl’s swimming with the boy’s team.
2. Schools with a Boys’ Team and Girls’ Team competes in a meet against a Co-ed team, the meet counts as one meet for all swimmers. By rule 3 meets/week with this meet counting as 1 meet.
3. Times may be used as qualifying times for all swimmers. The meet counts towards 50% attendance in meets for team and individual states.
4. School A Boys’ Team swims against a Co-ed team school C and school A Girls’ Team has a meet against an all girl’s school, school B, the girls may swim in either meet versus school A or school B, but NOT in both!
5. Remember a Co-ed Team is considered a Boys’ Team for all intent purposes.

Swimsuit Transgender Clarification:
- Pursuant to NJ law and NJSIAA policy is that the student decides what swimsuit is appropriate. We permit the student to make the decision.
- NFHS Swim Rules-boys swim, we permit the Transgender Male to wear a men’s suit, a women’s suit, or a men’s suit with covering (sports bra etc.)
- Full body suits are not permitted.
- Long or short sleeve “rash guard” shirt is permitted.
- Transgender Female may wear either.

Swimsuit Religious Clarification:
Swimmers are permitted to wear “Under Armour/Rash Guard” type apparel under their school uniform because of religious reason, as long as the apparel is not designed to enhance the performance of the swimmer. Full body suits are not permitted.

NFHS Swimsuit Rules
ART. 4… Suits worn by swimmers (excluding divers) shall be limited to the following requirements:

a. Only one suit shall be permitted in competition. (A swimmer with special needs may request for customization to the state association through his/her school.)

b. The suit shall be:
   1. constructed of a woven/knit textile material;
   2. permeable (100 percent to air and water), except for one post-construction, impermeable school name and/or logo which shall not exceed 9 square inches;
   3. made so as not to aid in buoyancy and shall not be altered to aid in buoyancy;
   4. made with no zippers or other fastening system other than a waist tie for a brief or jammer and elastic material within the casing/ribbing in the terminal ends (straps, leg openings and waist openings); and

c. Suits with a FINA marking, if otherwise legal, shall be legal for NFHS competition.

PENALTIES: When an official discovers a competitor wearing illegal attire as described in Articles 3 and 4, the official shall:

1. when observed prior to the start of the heat/dive, notify the coach or the competitor to make the attire legal before becoming eligible to compete. If the competitor cannot comply without delaying the start of the heat/dive, the competitor is disqualified from the event/dive and shall not be eligible for further competition until in legal attire;
2. when observed after the heat/dive officially begins, disqualify the competitor at the completion of the heat/dive; nullify the competitor’s performance time and he/she shall not be eligible for further competition until in legal attire.

ART. 5…Competitors shall not wear or use any device or foreign substance to aid their speed, buoyancy or body compression. The following may be used within the stated conditions:
a. A foreign substance may be applied if not considered excessive by the referee (if excessive, the referee shall require the competitor to remove it).
b. Adhesives are not allowed for swimmers or divers.
c. Divers may wear tape or wraps for support.

Tape may be used by a swimmer to treat a documented medical condition. The referee must be presented signed documentation from an appropriate healthcare professional before permitting the athlete to compete.

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**Swimming (Specific Sports Regulations)**

Section 1 Rules National Federation Swimming Rules shall govern all NJSIAA meets.

Section 2 Start of Practice Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 6.

Section 3 Start of Regular Schedule Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 8.

Section 4 End of Season Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 10.

Section 5 Transfers Any transfer on or after January 3, 2020, are not eligible for post-season play.

Section 6 Meets Per Week Not more than a total of three (3) swimming meets may be held per week beginning with the week of the Start of the Regular Schedule (Program Regulations, Section 8) to the start of the State Tournament (this includes interschool scrimmages, regular meets, postponed meets, and invitational meets), but meets may not be conducted on three (3) consecutive days. This section does not apply to State Tournament scheduling.

Section 7 Maximum Meets A member school may compete in twenty-three (23) meets (including scrimmages as provided for in Program Regulations, Section 7 Practices/Scrimmages/Games/Meet), and the State Tournament. All championship meets count toward the total of twenty-four. You may play one four-game week.

**CL 1:** Schools with a declared separate boys team and girls team may not swim as a combined team unless swimming against a declared combined team. Declared combined teams may not swim as a separate boys team or a separate girls team in interscholastic meets.

**CL 2:** Diving will not be included as an event during the regular season, the NJSIAA Power Points championship or in the NISCA Power Points for qualification for the team championship competition. Conferences may include Diving in conference meets. Schools may include Diving in non-conference meets by written agreement of the competing schools.

**CL 3:** Scrimmages during the regular season count toward the allowable number of games.

Section 8 Championship Eligibility A student competing on an interscholastic swimming team must swim as a member of his/her high school team in at least 50% of the school’s total meets (while he/she attends said school) to be eligible for the NJSIAA Championship Meet.

**CL 1:** This means a student must swim in at least 50% of the school’s meets up to and including cut-off date while he/she was properly enrolled and eligible at said school according to NJSIAA regulations.

**CL 2:** Late entries will not be accepted as outlined in Program Regulations, Section 13.

**CL 3:** Once schools declare their swim teams as either separate boys, separate girls or combined/co-ed, those declared teams will remain as such during the state tournament classification process. As in regular season competition, combined/co-ed teams will be grouped with boys teams and not grouped with girls teams to determine classification group size. Boys teams and combined/co-ed teams will be classified together in their A, B, and C groups, according to the Northing System. Girls teams will be classified separately (without including combined/co-ed teams) in their A, B, and C Groups according to the Northing System.

Section 9 Officials A minimum of three (3) NJSIAA registered officials is required for all championship swimming meets. Four (4) officials will be assigned to the sectional state semifinals and finals. A minimum of two (2) NJSIAA registered officials shall be used for all other varsity meets.
# IMPORTANT DATES

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