



## **NJSIAA 2021 Girls Volleyball Season 3 Modifications**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the following modifications will be applied to the 2021 NJSIAA Girls Volleyball season. The NJSIAA is working with our member schools to offer our student athletes a worthwhile Season 3 sports experience in 2021.

The NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates for the 2021 Volleyball Season 3. The NJSIAA will sponsor a modified Sectional Post Season Tournament.

\*\*\*Leagues, Conferences and Counties may host Championship Tournaments within the 15 game regular season as long as the teams DO NOT exceed the 15 -game maximum. \*\*\*

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## **General Information**

### **Virtual Contact Period:**

The NJSIAA Sports Advisory Task Force is pleased to provide the following virtual contact period for Girls Volleyball. This task force recognizes the importance of socially and emotionally engaging student-athletes with their coaches and teammates, while also helping them to prepare physically and mentally for their upcoming season. However, it is important for all coaches to remember that participation in any sport that is in season must take priority over virtual workouts or virtual meetings for any out of season sport.

The virtual contact period for Girls Volleyball begins February 1, 2021 and ends with the beginning of Season 3 practices on March 1, 2021. Please note that coaches may not be physically present with the athletes during the virtual contact period.

Please be reminded that virtual practices do not count towards the six days of practice and one day of rest requirement.

## ***Regular Season Dates:***

**First Practice –Monday, March 1, 2021**

**Scrimmage-** Schools will have the opportunity to participate in one pre-season scrimmage with a neighboring school. **First Scrimmage date: Monday, March 8, 2021. School must have 6 practice days and 1 day of rest prior to the scrimmage.**

**First Match – Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

**End of Regular Season Matches\*\* – Wednesday, April 10, 2021**

**Maximum Number of Games – 15 matches including County, Conference or League Championship games. Teams may compete in a maximum of 2 DOUBLEHEADERS per week.**

**A DOUBLEHEADER IS DEFINED AS A MATCH BETWEEN THE SAME 2 SCHOOLS AT THE SAME SITE. This doubleheader will count as 2 matches towards the 15-match maximum for the regular season. Doubleheader matches are encouraged to be played.**

**Number of Games per week – SEE SCHEDULE BELOW: \*\* DOUBLEHEADER MATCHES WILL BE CONSIDERED AS 2 MATCHES, SCHOOLS CANNOT SCHEDULE MATCHES 3 DAYS IN A ROW – SCHOOLS CANNOT EXCEED 15 Match limit.**

<b>WEEK OF MARCH 16 – MARCH 20</b>	<b>3 MATCHES MAXIMUM ALLOWED</b>
<b>WEEK OF MARCH 21- MARCH 27</b>	<b>4 MATCHES MAXIMUM ALLOWED</b>
<b>WEEK OF MARCH 28- APRIL 3</b>	<b>4 MATCHES MAXIMUM ALLOWED</b>
<b>WEEK OF APRIL 4 -APRIL 10</b>	<b>4 MATCHES MAXIMUM ALLOWED</b>

**\*\* Please note that teams that do not reach the maximum match limit of 15 matches for the regular season dues to Covid related shutdowns have the option of scheduling make-ups during the State Tournament and up to April 24, 2021 if they desire to do so. This can be done as long as officials are available and the match does not interfere with the State Tournament.**

**ALL GAME RESULTS MUST BE REPORTED TO [www.njschoolsports.com](http://www.njschoolsports.com) . They should be reported by the morning after the game at the latest. If you have difficulties reporting your scores please contact via email [HSSUPPORT@njadvancemedia.com](mailto:HSSUPPORT@njadvancemedia.com)**

## **NJSIAA Post-Season:**

**The NJSIAA sponsored will sponsor a post-season tournament. The Tournament dates are April 12 to April 20, 2021.**

Entry Fee - \$90 per team. Please make checks payable to NJSIAA and mark as Girls Volleyball Entry on the check.

Tournament Refusal Date – Monday, April 5, 2021- schools not completing the Tournament Refusal Form electronically by April 5, 2021 will automatically be seeded into the tournament.

Cut -off date: Games played up to and including Wednesday, April 7, 2021 will be used for seeding purposes.

SEEDING – A teams top 5 Power pointed games will be used for seeding purposes. Seeds will be announced on April 8, 2021 – there will be no appeals to the seeding since it will be based on Power Points.

The new tournament set up that was approved to be used for the Fall 2020 season will be used for Season 3 in a modified form. Please refer to the NJSIAA Girls Volleyball website for further information about the modified tournament set up. This information will be posted on the NJSIAA Girls Volleyball website by February 1, 2021

### **Multi-Team/Invitational Events:**

Multi-team/invitational events are prohibited.

### **Out of State Opponents and Competitions**

On November 10, 2020, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 194 which prohibits member schools from hosting interstate competition in all indoor sports. Therefore, no member school may host an out-of-state opponent or host an event out of state. Moreover, NJSIAA is prohibiting member schools from traveling out of state to compete.

### ***Medical advisory task force recommendation:***

*“Every effort should be made to minimize crossover between levels – Varsity, JV and Freshman. Crossover can lead to a greater number of student-athletes being sidelined due to exposure to a student who tests positive for COVID-19.”*

### ***Coaches and athletes confronting officials:***

- a. Regular season penalties will be utilized. No Tolerance.
- b. If the coach or athlete persists with their behavior a DQ will be given and the DQ procedure will be used. (2 game suspension)
- c. Any player or coach who receives 2 DQ's during the season will have the 2-game sit penalty doubled to a 4 -game sit penalty as per NJSIAA regulations.

- d. Any varsity team receiving 3 DQ's during the season will be removed from the tournament.

### ***Student Transfers:***

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***Any student-athlete that is subject to a transfer sit-period will be eligible for participation on Monday, March 29, 2021. As a reminder, those student-athletes that transferred between March 16, 2020 and November 1, 2020 are not subject to the transfer sit-period. If a student-athlete transfers after November 1, 2020, the student-athlete shall be ineligible to participate for a period of 30 calendar days, or one half of the maximum number of games being played, whichever is less.***

### **Capacity/Spectator Attendance**

**Please refer to the Winter Sports Spectator Guidelines as they are updated by Governor's office.**

### **Bench Protocols**

- a. Home site is responsible for setting up the sideline areas to ensure that social distancing and CDC protocols are enforced.
- b. It is recommended but not mandated that schools limit the number of players on the bench to only the necessary personnel needed for the game.
- c. Players and coaches must wear face coverings while on the bench and must practice social distancing in the bench area.
- d. *It is recommended that the teams DO NOT change benches after each set.*
- e. Home site should set up the scorer's table following correct social distancing protocols.

### **Police Coverage**

- a. Home school is responsible for police coverage if needed.

### **Common Safety Factors**

- a. NJSIAA COVID-19 and NFHS Modifications will be used.
- b. Sport specific considerations/guidelines will be placed on the NJSIAA website – [www.njsiaa.org](http://www.njsiaa.org) – click on Sports –Girls Volleyball.

