



## **NJSIAA 2020-21 Boys & Girls Basketball Season Modifications/ Regulations**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the following modifications will be applied to the 2020 NJSIAA Boys and Girls Basketball season. The NJSIAA is working with our member schools to offer our student athletes a worthwhile winter sports experience in 2020.

The NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates for the 2020 basketball season. Due to the current Covid 19 Pandemic the NJSIAA will not be sponsoring a NJSIAA Postseason Championship Tournament.

\*\*\*Leagues, Conferences and Counties may host Championship Tournaments if the teams DO NOT exceed the 15 -game maximum. \*\*\*

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### **General Information**

*Regular Season Dates:*

**First Practice –Monday, January 11, 2021 – PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO TRYOUT PERIOD PRIOR TO THIS DATE.**

**Scrimmage-** Schools will have the opportunity to participate in one pre-season scrimmage with a neighboring school. The scrimmage may occur any time within seven days of the regular season start date for that sport, Tuesday, January 26, 2021. **First Scrimmage date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021.**

**First Game – Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

**End of Regular Season – Saturday, March 6, 2021**

**Maximum Number of Games – 15 games including at County, Conference or League Championship games. Teams may only compete in one (1) contest per day.**

Number of Games per week – 3 games per week, CANNOT PLAY 3 GAMES IN A ROW – CANNOT EXCEED 15 game limit.

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:**

There will be no NJSIAA sponsored post-season. Post-season play may be hosted locally by participating leagues and conferences at their discretion.

**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.

***Officials – Use of Locker Rooms***

- a. The use of locker rooms by officials will be determined by the home school’s Board of Education policy.
- b. Officials should arrive at the game site dressed in their officials uniform and be ready to officiate the game.

- c. Schools should provide an area for the officials to stay during halftime of the game and should also provide a secure place for the officials to store their personal items during the game.
- d. A rest room area should be available for the officials.
- e. It is recommended that the officials contact the school prior to arriving for the game for any other questions they may have in regard to locker rooms.

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

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***Any student-athlete that is subject to a transfer sit-period will be eligible for participation on Monday, February 8, 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 if possible that the team benches be on the court opposite of the spectator seating area.*
- 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- Winter –Boys and Girls basketball.