



NJSIAA COVID-19 2020-2021 Wrestling Season Modifications

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the following modifications will be applied to the 2020-2021 NJSIAA Wrestling Season. The NJSIAA is working with our member schools to offer our student athletes a worthwhile winter sports experience in 2020-2021.

The NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates for the 2020-2021 wrestling season. Due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic the NJSIAA Postseason Championship Tournament Season is subject to determination at a later date.

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

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General Information

Regular Season Dates:

First Practice –Monday, March 1, 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, March 16, 2021.

First Scrimmage date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The NJSIAA encourages intra-squad scrimmages and the use of officials to provide additional preparation for the season.

First Match: March 16, 2021 End of Season: Saturday, April 24, 2021

Maximum Number of Team Matches: Competition will be limited to three matches per week. The total maximum matches will be 15 matches including County, Conference or League Championship matches. Teams may only compete in one (1) match per day.

All Match Results must be entered into trackwrestling within 48 hours of the match time, we highly recommend the results be entered immediately following the match. Results will be sent to njschoolsports.com. Please be sure to enter rosters and check schedules for accuracy at njschoolsports.com. For general inquiries or support contact hssupport@njadvancmedica.com or call 732-902-4545.

NJSIAA Post-Season: TBD start date: no sooner than April 9, 2021 (Boys Individual); no sooner than April 1, 2021 (Girls Individual).

Multi-Team/Invitational Events:

Currently, all competition will be limited to two teams only, but this is subject to change. NJSIAA will continue to consult with the NJ DOH to determine if multi-team events will be permissible. It is likely that final decisions on expanding the scope of participants and/or teams will not be made until closer to the start of the season.

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.

Student Transfers:

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.

Credit Eligibility:

To be eligible for athletic competition during the second semester (Feb. 1 to June 30), a pupil must have passed the equivalent of 12 ½ % of the credits (15) required by New Jersey for graduation (120) at the close of the preceding semester (Jan. 31). Full-year courses shall be equated as one half of the total credits to be gained for the full year to determine credits passed during the immediately preceding semester.

Essential Documents on the NJSIAA Website:

- Sports Wrestling Tab: all relevant documents should be reviewed.
*****2020-21 COVID-19 WRESTLING GUIDELINES & CONSIDERATIONS**
- Current Resources Tab: all relevant documents should be reviewed.

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.”

Capacity/Spectator Attendance: Please refer to the Winter Sports Spectator Guidelines as they are updated by Governor's office. Executive Order #196 as of 2/1/2021.

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 match suspension)