

2021 NJSIAA BOYS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT **(COACHES MUST HAVE A COPY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE AT EACH GAME)**

The NJSIAA reserves the right to modify these guidelines for qualification to the Sectional, Group and TOC and to limit the number of team qualifiers.

To Qualify

Teams must play a minimum schedule of twelve (12) matches and must have at least a fifty percent (50%) winning record regardless of the strength of their schedules. Sixty percent (60%) of matches must be played against in-state schools as of the cut-off date.

Schools submitting schedules with less than twelve (12) matches must add losses to reach the minimum number (12) to qualify. All out-of-state matches count on won/loss record.

Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the NJSIAA Tournament, will be unable to compete in said tournament. 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.

Teams

Public and Non-Public teams will compete in a common bracket.

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.

All varsity schedules MUST be entered by the start of the season, and scores reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest.

SPECIFIC SPORTS REGULATIONS (found in the *New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Handbook 2020-21 Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations*)

RULE 23. VOLLEYBALL (SPRING)

Section 1. Rules. The National Federation Volleyball Rules shall govern all NJSIAA games.

Section 2. Start of Practice. April 1, 2021 First Scrimmage Allowed – April 8, 2021 – 6 days of practice/1 day of rest

Section 3. Start of Regular Season April 19, 2021

Section 4. End of Season.

[All teams may participate in interscholastic contests up to June 20, 2021 if they do not interfere with the State Volleyball Tournament.]

AT THIS TIME, TEAMS MAY ONLY SCHEDULE SINGLE MATCHES, MULTIPLE TEAMS EVENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED- IF THIS CHANGES THE NJSIAA WILL NOTIFY ITS MEMBER SCHOOLS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Entries

Records must be submitted for ALL MATCHES played up to and including Friday, May 14, 2021 no later than 12 noon on Saturday, May 15, 2021. Records must be submitted to njschoolsports.com. Any school NOT interested in participating in the State Tournament, the TOURNAMENT REFUSAL DESIGNATION PROCEDURE must be completed by Monday May 10, 2021.

REGARDLESS OF REASON, MATCHES NOT COMPLETED BY FRIDAY, May 14th, **WILL NOT** COUNT. DO NOT SEND RECORDS IN ADVANCE OF CUT OFF DATE.

Seeding Meeting -Tuesday, May 18, 2021 - See enclosed seeding criteria. **Attendance to seeding meeting by invitation/committee members only. Because of COVID restrictions this year the size of the committee will be reduced.**

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 all entry fees to the NJSIAA:

NJSIAA
Attention: Al Stumpf
1161 Route 130 North
Robbinsville, NJ 08691-0487
Office Phone: (609) 259-2776
Fax: (609) 259-3047

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NJSIAA HAS RULED THAT MEMBER SCHOOLS FAILING TO FORWARD TOURNAMENT FORMS TO THE PROPER ADDRESS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM TOURNAMENT COMPETITION IN THAT SPORT.

Throughout the entire season, scores must be reported following each game, to www.njschoolsports.com. If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems, please contact HSSupport@njadvancemedia.com or the NJSIAA.

DATES

Tournament dates are May 24 to June 14, 2021

Seeding will determine deadlines for tournament progression, and dates will be noted on the pairings form which will be POSTED as soon as the Volleyball Committee has completed the pairings. SEEDING IS NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL 12 NOON OF THE FOLLOWING DAY.

If a school must play a preliminary match between May 24th and May 27th the Tournament Director/designee will call the higher seeded school on Wednesday, May 19; others will be notified on internet website www.njsiaa.org.

Play-in: Matches must be played between Monday, May 24 and Thursday, May 27. If there is not mutual agreement, the match must be played on Thursday, May 27 and non-NJSIAA tournament matches scheduled for these dates must be rescheduled. |

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.

Play-in Match Round- by/on May 24 - 27

1st Round – June 2

2nd Round- June 4

3rd Round -June 7

Sectional Finals- June 9 (higher seed home venue)

All matches shall start at 4:30 P.M.

unless Gym Availability form is submitted.

SECTIONAL TROPHIES/CERTIFICATES WILL BE SENT TO THE #1 SEEDED TEAM IN EACH BRACKET/SECTION AND THAT TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PASSING THE TROPHY/CERTIFICATES ALONG IF THEY SHOULD BE DEFEATED PRIOR TO THE SECTIONAL FINAL.

*State Semi Finals

Friday, June 11, 2021- 5:00 and 6:30 will be the game times if played at one site.

5:00 Match North 1/North 2 Sectional Winners- 6:30- Match Winners Central Jersey/South

Semi Final Site: TBA

If the Semi Finals are at more than one site the home team will set the game time.

*State Finals

Monday, June 14, 2021- 5:00 pm

Site: TBA

IF A PRE- DETERMINED TOURNAMENT SEMI FINAL AND FINAL SITE CANNOT BE SECURED BY THE NJSIAA THE SEMI FINAL ROUND FOR THE NORTH / NORTH 2 GAME WILL BE AT THE NORTH 1 SITE AND THE CENTRAL/SOUTH SEMI FINAL ROUND WILL BE AT THE CENTRAL SITE.

FOR THE FINAL ROUND THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL DETERMINE THE HOST SITE BY A COIN FLIP WHICH WILL BE CALLED BY THE CENTRAL/SOUTH GAME WINNER.

*** Each team to provide one (1) ball person**

SITES

Sites for all matches from Play-in match (if necessary) to Sectional Finals will be the home court of the higher seeded team as determined by the Seeding 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. 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 State Semi Finals and State Finals will be played at a predetermined designated site.

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.

OFFICIALS

Four (4) NJSIAA registered volleyball officials (**if available**) shall officiate each match. All officials will be assigned by the NJSIAA state assignor/staff assignors through the Arbiter. All rounds of the state tournament will be assigned by above designation. **LINE JUDGES SHALL BE PAID \$55 FOR THE FIRST FOUR (4) ROUNDS (THIS INCLUDES SECTIONAL FINALS AND ANY PLAY IN GAMES). State Semi-finals and Finals, line judges will be paid \$60.00 (NJSIAA pays the official's fees for State Semi-finals and Finals).** NJSIAA CERTIFIED OFFICIALS USED SHALL BE USED AS LINE JUDGES. FOR THE FIRST ROUND MATCHES, LINE JUDGES SHALL BE ASSIGNED BY THE HIGHER SEEDED TEAM.

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. All line judges must use flags for all State Tournament matches.

If a neutral site is used other than for the State Semi or Final match, each school shall pay one (1) R official and one (1) line judge official.

Recommended fee per official is \$75 or local fee, if higher. Official's fees for semifinals is \$75. Finals is \$85.00. Line judge's fees for first four rounds and play-in games are detailed above. Line Judges and libero tracker in semifinals and final round will be paid sixty dollars (\$60.00) each.

RULES

The 2020/2021 National Federation Volleyball Rules will govern all tournament matches.

EQUIPMENT

The higher seeded team will provide regulation game ball(s). In the State Semi and Final matches are played at a neutral site, the NJSIAA will provide Wilson K1 GOLD – RED, WHITE and BLUE BALLS. Model # WTH1895A1

MATCHES

All matches shall start at 4:30 P.M. unless Gym Availability Form has been submitted.

All matches in the tournament will be two (2) out of three (3) matches and will be determined by score as per Rule 1, Section 7, Art. 1. Note.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TEAMS MUST PLAY ON THE DATE LISTED IN THE REGULATIONS; in cases of disagreement, the decision of the Tournament Director is final. Failure to complete tournament round by the deadline date will result in disqualification

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.

Any school not willing or not able to comply with the tournament regulations should not enter the tournament.

Coaches must report to the Site Director or Tournament Director for specific instructions, i. e. locker rooms, warm-up area, etc. Teams must provide their own warm-up volleyballs.

Warm-ups for the entire state tournament will be **10-7-7**. The home team will hit first. (Consistent with GVB). This warm-up procedure is recommended for use during the regular season.

If a neutral site is used and all teams are seeded the same respectively in their section, two (2) coin flips shall occur. The first coin toss should occur when officials enter the gymnasium. The R1 shall determine which team is represented as the heads side for the coin toss and which team is represented as the tails side of the coin, this representation shall exist for both coin flips: A) The winner of the first coin flip will determine which bench (home or away) shall be taken. B) The second coin flip will determine who serves/receives per NFHS Rules, Rule 1, Section 6, Article 3.

Only players who are on the submitted roster will be allowed in with the team(s).

ONLY UNIFORMED PLAYERS AND/OR TEAM PERSONNEL ARE ALLOWED ON THE PLAYING COURT DURING THE TEAM WARMUPS.

For the 2021 Tournament – Spectators

If spectators are allowed the number allowed will be determined based on the State of New Jersey’s Regulations for Indoor Gyms and Spectators in effect at the time and the host sites local regulations.

ALL spectators will not be permitted to sit or stand in front of the first row of the bleachers while the games are being played. *ALL SPECTATORS MUST BE SEATED IN ROW 2 OF THE BLEACHERS.*****

THE WINNING SCHOOL MUST NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH MATCH and the competing schools must notify local newspapers to keep media informed as to the tournament progression.

AWARDS

Sectional Champions (4): A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates

State Champion: A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates

Champions and Runner-ups are to remain on the court for post-game awards.

ADMISSIONS

Adults

Students & Seniors

State Semi and Finals

\$TBD

\$TBD

Will be determined based on the State of New Jersey’s Regulations for Indoor Gym and Spectators in effect at the time and the host sites local regulations.

Electronic programs online at www.njsiaa.org

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 SEEDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE ADMITTED BY IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES TO THE GATE PERSONS.

PLEASE NOTE

CHECK INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND RETURN ENTRY FORM TO THE PROPER ADDRESS LISTED. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NJSIAA HAS RULED THAT MEMBER SCHOOLS FAILING TO FORWARD FORMS TO THE PROPER ADDRESS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM TOURNAMENT COMPETITION IN THAT SPORT.

SCHOOLS MUST ENCLOSE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED POSTCARD TO ENABLE THE MEET DIRECTOR TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF YOUR ENTRY.

STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SEEDING CRITERIA

Seeding for the Boys State Volleyball Tournament will be based on evaluating each team by **all the following criteria and a total committee vote:**

Rating Percentage Index (see explanation)

Head-to-Head Results

Common Opponent Results

Win-Loss Record

Division Record

League/Conference Record

Strength of Schedule

Rating Percentage Index (RPI) assigns each team a value based on their strength of schedule. RPI is calculated by totaling the Power Rating Points for each win on a team's record form and dividing by the total number of wins.

Power Rating Points

Each win on a team's record form is assigned a Power Rating value using the following formula:

1. Each team qualifying for the State Tournament is sorted by Winning Percentage, from highest to lowest. The top 20% of this list is assigned a Power rating of 20. The remainder of teams is assigned values as follows:

Top 20%	20 pts.
Next 30%	14 pts.
Next 30%	8 pts.
Next 20%	2 pts.

2. Any out-of-state school on a team's record form will not be included in the RPI.

Please consult BVB Classification pages that are posted on website. Any additions/subtractions needed to be sent to NJSIAA Boys' Volleyball director ASAP.

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Gym Availability Form

DATES FOR HOME MATCHES

THIS FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL SCHOOLS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2021 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT & SHARE ALL INFORMATION WITH YOUR ADMINISTRATION/BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THIS FORM.

School _____ City _____ Group _____

If you use ZEBRAPAY check here _____

PLEASE NOTE: Matches must be played on dates specified and times you have indicated. Check your school calendar for plays, concerts, adult education, trips, proms, graduations, 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 team.

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 _____

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. IF NO FORM IS SUBMITTED, 4:30 PM.

MATCH TIME

Please indicate time for each date below; match time may be between 4:30 and 7 PM UNLESS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY BOTH SCHOOLS. IF BOTH SCHOOLS CANNOT MUTUALLY AGREE ON A GAME TIME – 4:30 WILL BE THE DEFAULT TIME.

PLAY-IN ROUND May 24 25 26 27 (circle one) _____

FIRST ROUND Wednesday, June 2 _____

SECOND ROUND Friday, June 4 _____

THIRD ROUND Monday, June 7 _____

SECTIONAL FINAL Wednesday, June 9 _____

Times may not be changed after seeding is completed!

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Athletic Director's Signature School Phone Cell Phone

_____ () _____ () _____

Principal's Signature School Phone Cell Phone

Email form by May 7, 2021 to Sharon Hughes at sharonhughes13@optonline.net

PLEASE DUPLICATE FORM FOR YOUR FILES