

**2021 NJSIAA/PGA/NJSGA/MGA GIRLS INDIVIDUAL &  
TEAM GOLF TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**  
**(COACHES MUST HAVE A COPY OF THESE REGULATIONS AVAILABLE AT EACH MATCH)**

**ENTRIES CLOSE: May 6, 2021**

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*The NJSIAA reserves the right to modify these guidelines for qualification to the Sectional, Group and TOC and to limit the number of individual and team qualifiers based on any Participant number restrictions that are in effect at the time of the tournament.*

The Site Directors for the 2021 Sectional Golf Tournaments are:

North Director:	<i>Brian Quirk</i>	at	<a href="mailto:bquirk@ridgewood.k12.nj.us">bquirk@ridgewood.k12.nj.us</a>
Central Directors:	<i>John and Lydia Siipola</i>	at	<a href="mailto:iamcoachlydia@gmail.com">iamcoachlydia@gmail.com</a>
South Director:	<i>Rich Carroll</i>	at	<a href="mailto:CarrollR@middletownk12.org">CarrollR@middletownk12.org</a>

**\*Important:** The Sectional tournament is for TEAMS only. Whether or not a player is a member of a qualifying team, she, if qualified as an individual, must also submit the entry form on page 9.

All **INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORMS** should be **E-MAILED** to Director *Richard Bennett* at [rbennettgolf@gmail.com](mailto:rbennettgolf@gmail.com)

**\*Individuals not on teams advance directly to the Tournament of Champions and submit the entry form on page 9.**

**ENTRY FEES:** Should be sent to the NJSIAA office. (Please make checks payable to NJSIAA "Golf Entry"; the School name and the team/individuals the check covers **must** appear on check).

Some Tournament Directors and Tournament venues have changed. Please check the **Girl's Golf Specific Classification** at the end of this document to be sure you are in the right group/section and go to the correct golf course on tournament day.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Each golfer must be accompanied by her school head golf coach. No golfer will be allowed to compete unless her golf coach is present for the entire eighteen -hole round of golf.

The 21st Annual Girls Individual and Team Golf Tournament will be conducted with member schools participating on a state-wide basis as indicated below. The Tournament will be conducted with eighteen (18) hole Medal play.

1. Any Varsity team accumulating three 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.
2. Any player with two or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of an NJSIAA tournament, will be ineligible to compete in said tournament.
3. 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.

**SPECIFIC SPORTS REGULATIONS** (found in the *New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Handbook 2020-2021 Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations*)

## 1. RULE 9. Golf

**Section 1. Rules.** The Current United States Golf Association Rules shall govern all NJSIAA matches; except as modified by the NJSIAA tournament committee on the day of competition. All High School competition will be Medal Play. In the interest of time, continuous putting will be in force in the State Championships and at the discretion of the Director in the State Groups. The penalty for slow play will be enforced. LOST balls or out-of-bounds balls will be enforced as per USGA rules. Unfamiliarity with the rules will not be basis for appeal in case of disqualification.

For a summary of the 2021 USGA rule changes see the attached table. It is also recommended that all coaches visit the USGA site and view the video tutorial with their team.

<http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/videos/2018/09/12/2020-rules-of-golf-explained-provisional-ball-2.html>

Brief Summary by Expert golf : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chPOtFLUHC0>

The NJSIAA golf tournament committee has adopted the following tournament rules to be used in all high school competition.

**Note 1: DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** – For NJSIAA competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures **Distance ONLY**. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a device designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g. gradient, slope, slope assist, windspeed, temperature, weather, etc.) the player is in breach of USGA Rule 14-3 for which the **penalty is disqualification, REGARDLESS** of whether any such additional function is actually used or turned off.

Cell phones, ipods, and palm pilots (multifunctional devices) are NOT ALLOWED to be used as a distance measuring device for this competition. Also, distance is public knowledge, and a distance measuring device is not part of a player's equipment, therefore the device may be shared during a round.

**No DRONES Are allowed at any NJSIAA Championship event.**

Clubs: The USGA has listed on their website all non-conforming driving clubs which the NJSIAA will honor in competition. Their website is [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org)

**Note 2: Maximum Score** – The NJSIAA Rules Committee recognizes that there is a wide range of skill among Teams throughout the state. **This local rule does not apply to sectional, group or T.O.C. play.**

Coaches may institute a **Maximum score** for players competing in a dual match as listed below:

1. **Prior to the start of a match** both coaches **MUST** agree to allow players to use a maximum score during the play of that round only.
2. A player's score is capped at **Double par +2 strokes per hole**. Upon reaching the capped score the player **must** pick up and notify their opponent they have reached the capped total for said hole. The player **cannot** pick up prior to reaching the capped number of strokes. If a player picks up prior to reaching the capped score and fails to correct this mistake, she is disqualified.
3. All capped scores will be noted on the score card with a double circle.
4. Individual rounds shot using the Maximum stroke rule are not eligible to be used as an individual qualifying round for sections.
5. Rounds containing capped scores can count towards a team's total to determine that day's "Match Winner".

**Note 3: Lost ball and Out of Bounds** – The committee has adopted USGA Model Local Rule E-5. **THIS WILL NOT BE USED DURING SECTIONAL OR STATE FINAL TOURNAMENTS.** Players are always allowed the option of stroke and distance for a lost ball or a ball hit out of bounds. Beginning in 2019 teams are no longer required to get a waiver for that option. This option allows the player to drop under the **PENALTY of 2 strokes** using rule E-5.

### Model Local Rule E-5

“When a player’s ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.  
For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

a. **Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball is estimated to have:

- Come to rest on the course, or
- Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.

b. **Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, “fairway” means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

**But** with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the general area, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

**But** the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.**

Video Explanation of E-5

See: <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/major-changes/golfs-new-rules-stroke-and-distance.html>

**Note 4:** Players are allowed to use NON-motorized pull carts during high school competition. Players may not share pull carts at any time. The pull cart and all parts become part of the player's equipment as stated in the Rules of Golf. Pull carts must be kept out of all penalty areas, hazards, bunkers and off all greens.

**Note 5: Advice** – This rule has not changed. NO PLAYERS or Coaches may give advice during a match or tournament. It is the duty of all golfers to protect the field.

Section 2. Start of Practice. **Thursday, April 1, 2021**

Section 3. Start of Regular Schedule. – **Friday, April 9, 2021**

Section 4. End of Season. The end of the golf season will be up to and including - **June 20, 2021**

Section 5. Transfers on or after **April 23, 2021** not eligible for post-season play. (See Article V, Section 4.K (2).c)

Section 6. Team. A team shall consist of a minimum of four (4) players and a maximum of six (6) players.

Section 7. Match. An interscholastic match shall consist of nine (9) holes; if a match is not completed, the winner will be based upon those holes completed by all players of the teams. If less than five (5) holes have been completed by the teams, the match will be replayed.

*CL 1 The girls on a boys team will use the same tee as the boys in State Sectional, and Championship Tournaments. During the regular season, girls will use the next forward tee which includes all conference, county, etc. tournaments that take place during the regular season.*

Section 8. Scoring.

Article 1....Type of play – Medal (stroke) Play

Article 2....The winner of the match will be the team with the lowest total strokes for any 4 out of 6 players. In case of a tie each team will add their 5<sup>th</sup> lowest score to the team total; if still a tie, the 6<sup>th</sup> lowest score will be added to the team total. If both teams are tied after using 6 members, the team with the low medalist is the winner. If the low medalist is a tie, then the match is a tie.

Note: All conferences **MUST** play medal play to decide their teams' adjusted score.

**A. Team Sectional Date: May 10 and May 11, 2021 Check regulations for your location and time**

**Teams:**

**All coaches must report their team scores to Shawn Bennett at the following site: [sirbennett68@gmail.com](mailto:sirbennett68@gmail.com)**  
**This site will calculate the team's AVERAGE ADJUSTED SCORE for each match. These scores will be used to determine the 12 teams that will qualify for each of the Sectional Tournament Meets.**

Please see the instruction letter at the end of the regulations for more information.

**The 12 teams with the best adjusted team scoring average in each of the three sections – North, Central and South, will qualify for that Sectional Championship Tournament. Schools must play in at least 6 matches prior to the cut-off date. When more than 6 matches have been played then, the NJSIAA Girls Golf Committee will use the teams 6 best adjusted team scores prior to the cut-off date to determine which teams advance to the sectionals.**

**A TEAM WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE TOURNAMENT UNLESS IT HAS PLAYED A MINIMUM OF SIX (6) MATCHES BY THE CUT-OFF DATE.** The top 3 teams in each of the 3 sectionals will advance to the state

championship. Thus, there will be 9 teams in the state tournament along with a number of individual players. Regardless of reason, matches not completed by May 6, 2021 will not count.

Reminder: A team must play sixty percent (60%) of its matches against in-state teams by May 6, 2021.

Attention: The NJSIAA only recognizes nine (9) holes as an interscholastic match. ***However, if playing in a match that consists of 18 holes, holes 1-9 and holes 10-18 must be entered as two separate scores.***

**NOTE:** In a tri-, quad-, or multiple meet, only holes one (1) through nine (9) will count (one (1) time on the same day) for individual qualification purposes.

Sectional Play: A team will consist of five (5) players with its four (4) best scores counting toward the Championship.

**2021 Team and Individual State Championships: May 18, 2021 – Time to be announced  
North Jersey Country Club, Wayne, New Jersey**

The top three teams in each section will qualify for the Team State Championship. Individuals who have qualified will advance automatically.

B. Tournament of Champions Play: A team will consist of five (5) players with its four (4) best scores counting toward the Championship.

Individuals There is no “sectional qualifying” for individuals for the State Championship. All qualified individuals compete in the State Championship.  
By using the course slope and course rating to achieve an adjusted score for each match played, the top fifty (50) rated girls who have played at least 6 matches will qualify as individuals. If a competitor plays more than 10 matches, her best 10 scores will be used.  
***All scores for individuals must be turned in to the “state 2021 google document” within 24 hours of the match being played.***  
A regulation course is defined as a course that has no more than 3 par 3’s per nine holes and is USGA rated. Only those matches played up to and including May 6, 2021, can be counted and must be attested to by the Course Professional, Athletic Director, or the school’s coach.

ENTRY FEE

**\$20.00** per individual entry                      **\$150.00** per team                      **\$50 Late Fee\***

\*All entries must be e-mailed no later than Thursday, May 6, 2021. Entries received after May 6, 2021 will be assessed a \$50 late fee to enter the tournament.

**DO NOT MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO NJSIAA.**

**Mail entry fees to the NJSIAA.** SCHOOL’S NAME MUST APPEAR ON CHECK AS WELL AS “GOLF ENTRY” (so we know which sport to apply it to.)

**INDIVIDUAL COMPETITORS NOT ON TEAMS**

Schools entering individuals and not presently competing on an interscholastic basis are advised to read carefully the Procedures - “Coaches” Appointed to Accompany Teams or Individuals to NJSIAA Championships in the NJSIAA Handbook. Tournament Directors will disqualify any contestant who is accompanied by someone in a coaching capacity who is not properly certified and appointed by the Board of Education. A properly appointed coach will thereafter be subject to the Rules and Regulations, Rule 2, Section 11 - Out-of-Season Practice. If a substitute coach is used, written authority from the school’s Principal must be presented which documents the substitute’s competency.

## TEE-OFF TIMES, PAIRINGS

All information relative to tee-off times and pairings will be e- mailed to participating schools on or before the Wednesday before the State Championships. Schools should not contact the State Director unless they have not received this information by the afternoon of Friday before the State Championships.

## ADVANCEMENT/TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE/AWARDS

### TEAMS

If two (2) or more teams are tied for the Sectional Championships or Runners-up, a sudden death tie-breaker play-off will take place to determine the Sectional Champion or qualifier. In a playoff, the low four (4) players in the completed round must be used. Ties for four (4) on the team shall be decided at the discretion of the coach. If a tie is not broken on the first hole, the tied teams remaining will move on to the second hole, and so on until the Team Champion, Runner-up or qualifiers are determined.

Any member of the team may compete on the day of the State Group or T of C (Substitute rule).

## INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM CHAMPIONS

1. Individual – “Sudden Death” playoff for all ties for 1<sup>st</sup> place. No playoffs for any other position. ALL OTHER TIES will be determined by a match of cards according to appendix I (Stroke Play, Section C in the USGA rules of golf). The best score for the last nine (9) holes, (holes 10 through 18) will determine the winner. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six (6) holes (13-18), last three (3) holes (16-18) and finally the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. If still tied, go to the same format using holes 1-9.
2. Team – “Sudden Death” for 1<sup>st</sup> place. All ties, exclusive of 1<sup>st</sup> place, will be determined by a match of cards using the 1<sup>st</sup> hole on the course on an aggregate basis

**In the event an individual qualifies as part of a team, and also as an individual, the individual playoff will be decided first, and then the team playoffs will start.**

**Throughout the entire season, scores must be reported following each match, to [www.njschoolsports.com](http://www.njschoolsports.com). If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems, please contact [HSSupport@njadvancemedia.com](mailto:HSSupport@njadvancemedia.com) .**

***You must also report your team score for each match within 24 hours to Shawn Bennett at [sirbennett68@gmail.com](mailto:sirbennett68@gmail.com). Failure to complete this step will result in your team not being considered for entry into the Sectional Tournaments.***

***Individual scores will be automatically extracted from the team scores.***

## COACH’S INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE STATE GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. No caddies or electric carts are to be used by players. Supervising coaches will be provided with electric carts at Sectionals and state Finals when available.
2. Locker rooms will not be available; golfers must come dressed to play.
3. No individual will be allowed to compete unless her coach or certified faculty member is present for the entire eighteen- hole round of golf. Coaches must check in at least one-half (½) hour prior to the school’s tee-off time.
4. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players in the Clubhouse and on the course. ***As guests of the course it is imperative that all divots be replaced and all footprints in the traps be smoothed.***
5. Student-athletes who presently are caddies are eligible; provided they are not employed or have not previously been employed as assistant pros.
6. COACHES ARE INSTRUCTED NOT TO BRING STUDENTS TO THE TOURNAMENT WHO ARE NOT PARTICIPATING.

7. CONTESTANTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SMOKE. PENALTY - AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION
8. The Director will oversee the tournament.
9. COACHES ARE NOT TO PLAY AND SHOULD NOT BRING YOUR CLUBS. Coaches must serve in some capacity as assigned by the Tournament Director. Coaches are to act as markers, not marshals. Coaches are not to make rulings; all rulings are to be made by the Pro first or contact Steve Skinner, Rules Interpreter.
10. A SHOT-GUN START MAY BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE STATE DIRECTOR.
11. Dress Code - No jeans, tank tops, or similar wear permitted. Girls may wear regular golf attire. This will be noted on the Director's pairings for the State Groups and State Championships. Shorts are permitted based on local course regulations. Collared shirts must be worn.

Any member of the school's team, regardless of participation in sectional play, may play in the State Group Tournament of Champions event.

#### DISQUALIFICATION

Participation by an ineligible player in any match during the regular season results in forfeiture of said match. If such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the tournament or if an ineligible player participates in a tournament match, said school and/or player will be disqualified from the tournament immediately and ???their last opponent will advance in their place; schools and/or players eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition.

NOTE: FAILURE TO BE PRESENT AT THE TIME THE EVENT IS CALLED DUE TO TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM, MISUNDERSTANDING OF INSTRUCTIONS, TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS, OTHER SIMILAR EXCUSES, INJURY OR ILLNESS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

#### AWARDS

- A. Sectional Championships (North Section, Central Section and South Section)
  - Team A team trophy and five (5) gold medals to the championship team in each section. Five (5) silver medals to the second place team in each section, and five (5) bronze medals to the third place team in each section.
- B. Tournament of Champions
  - Team A team trophy and five (5) gold medals.
  - Individual A trophy to the low medalist in the Championship. A silver medal to the second low medalist in the Championship. Bronze medals for third (3rd) through fifth (5th) places in the Championship.

#### POSTPONEMENTS

ONLY IN THE EVENT OF VERY SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS will the Championship be postponed or shortened at the recommendation of the Course Pro/Manager and the NJSIAA Championship Director

<p><b><u>NORTH SECTIONAL (See page 11)</u></b> - May 10, 2021 rain date May 11, 2021  <b><u>SITE</u></b> - <i>Great Gorge Golf Course</i>  414 County Rd. 517  Vernon Township, NJ 07462  (973) 864-6700</p> <p><b>Tournament Director: Brian Quirk at <a href="mailto:bquirk@ridgewood.k12.nj.us">bquirk@ridgewood.k12.nj.us</a></b>  Cell Phone: (201)739-7959</p> <p>Practice rounds - TBD</p>	<p><b>TEE TIME</b>  <b>Shot Gun</b>  <b>11:00 am</b></p>
<p><b><u>CENTRAL SECTIONAL (See page 12)</u></b> - May 10, 2021  <b><u>SITE</u></b> - <i>Stanton Ridge Golf &amp; Country Club</i>  25 Club House Drive  Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889  (908)534-1234</p> <p><b>Tournament Directors: John and Lydia Siipola at <a href="mailto:iamcoachlydia@gmail.com">iamcoachlydia@gmail.com</a></b>  Cell: (908)797-2664</p> <p>Practice rounds- <b>TBD</b> Players or coach can call the Pro shop (908)534-1234 to arrange practice rounds. Parents may not play.</p>	<p><b>TEE TIME</b>  <b>Shot Gun</b>  <b>8:00 am</b></p>
<p><b><u>SOUTH SECTIONAL (See page 13)</u></b> - May 11, 2021  <b><u>SITE</u></b> - <i>McCullough's Emerald Golf Links</i>  3016 Ocean Heights Avenue  Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234  (609)926-3900</p> <p><b>Tournament Director: Rich Carroll at <a href="mailto:CarrollR@middletownk12.org">CarrollR@middletownk12.org</a></b>  Cell: (609)209-5027  Work: (732)671-3850 ext. 1070</p> <p>Call course to set up practice round.</p>	<p><b>TEE TIME</b>  <b>Shot Gun</b>  <b>9:00 am</b></p>
<p><b><u>STATE CHAMPIONSHIP</u></b> - Tuesday, May 18, 2021  <b><u>SITE</u></b> - <i>North Jersey Country Club</i>  594 Hamburg Turnpike  Wayne, NJ 07470  (973)942-2590</p> <p><b><u>E-MAIL entries to:</u></b>  <b>Tournament Director: Richard Bennett at <a href="mailto:rbennett35@optonline.net">rbennett35@optonline.net</a></b>  Home: (201)447-2993  Cell: (201)661-0354</p>	<p><b>TEE TIME</b>  <b>Shot Gun</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b></p>



# 2021 GIRLS INDIVIDUAL GOLF ENTRY FORM

(E-MAIL THIS FORM TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR *DICK BENNETT* -[rbennettgolf@gmail.com](mailto:rbennettgolf@gmail.com))

School \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ (See pages 11-14)

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021

**TEE TIME:** 1:00 p.m.

**SITE:** North Jersey Country Club, 594 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ 07470 (973)942-2590

Qualification for Girls Individuals:

A school may enter players who have competed in a minimum of **SIX MATCHES** on or before May 6, 2021, and who are ranked in the top 50 in the state, as determined by the statewide ranking system. Scores not registered in the system by May 6, 2021 will not be counted and no excuses will be considered. Failure to submit ***EACH*** score of an individual, **as it is earned**, throughout the entire season, will result in ineligibility of that individual. (Validity of scores will be verified by opposing coaches throughout the season).

**\*Important: The Sectional tournament is for TEAMS only. Whether or not a player is a member of a qualifying team, she, if qualified as an individual, must also submit this entry form.**

**Player** (Please type or print legibly including final adjusted score)

\_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_)

**NOTE:** If more than one girl qualifies, duplicate this page for the additional golfer(s).

We, the undersigned, declare and affirm that the information submitted is correct. Our school will comply with all tournament regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINCIPAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
COACH

Athletic Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** May 6, 2021

**E-MAIL to Tournament Director, Dick Bennett at:**  
[rbennettgolf@gmail.com](mailto:rbennettgolf@gmail.com)

ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND COACH AND E-MAILED TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, **DICK BENNETT**. All entries must be submitted by **May 6, 2021**. Entries received **after May 6, 2021** will be assessed a \$50 late fee.

**If you do not receive confirmation by e-mail within 24 hours, call Dick Bennett at 201-447-2993**

**ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 PER PLAYER** MUST BE SENT TO THE NJSIAA OFFICE. (Please make checks payable to NJSIAA. "Golf Entry" and the School name must appear on check).

## 2021 GIRLS SECTIONAL TEAM GOLF ENTRY FORM

(See pages 11-13 for your section and E-MAIL/SCAN to appropriate Director)

North – Brian Quirk, Director  
bquirk@ridgewood.k12.nj.us  
Tournament Date: May 10, 2021  
Great Gorge Golf Club

South – Rich Carroll, Director  
CarrollR@middletownk12.org  
Tournament Date: May 11, 2021  
McCullough's Emerald Golf Links

Central – John and Lydia Siipola- Directors  
[iamcoachlydia@gmail.com](mailto:iamcoachlydia@gmail.com)  
Tournament Date – May10, 2021  
Stanton Ridge Golf and Country Club

School \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

The Sectional Team tournament is for teams only. (Individuals go directly to the Individual Tournament – entry form on page 9). **A school's interscholastic girls' team must play a minimum of 6 matches played up to and including May 6, 2021. \*\* New for 2021 the 12 teams with the BEST ADJUSTED TEAM SCORE in each of the Sections will qualify for the 2021 Sectional Championship Tournament.** A team will consist of 5 players with the scores of the best 4 counting towards the championship.

TEAM ENTRY FEE: \$150.00 All entries must be e-mailed to the correct Sectional Director by May 6, 2021. Entries received after May 6, 2021 will be assessed a \$50 late fee.  
Please Type or Print Legibly

Please place each teams' individual players adjusted average in parentheses. (All matches up to and including May 6, 2021)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
2. \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
3. \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
4. \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
5. \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Team Ranking within the Section- ( )

We, the undersigned, declare and affirm that the information submitted is correct. Our school will comply with all tournament regulations. All Entry Forms must be signed by the Principal, Athletic Director and Coach and returned to the appropriate North, Central or South Tournament Director. Please make checks made payable to NJSIAA with school name appearing on check.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINCIPAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
COACH

Athletic Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **NORTH SECTIONAL**

Academy of the Holy Angels  
Belleville High School  
Belvidere High School  
Bergen County Technical High School  
Butler High School  
Cresskill High School  
Dwight Morrow High School  
Eastern Christian High School  
Eastside High School  
Fair Lawn High School  
Glen Rock High School  
Hackensack High School  
Hackettstown High School  
Hawthorne High School  
High Point Regional High School  
Immaculate Heart Academy  
Indian Hills High School  
James Caldwell High School  
Jefferson Township High School  
John F. Kennedy High School  
Kittatinny Regional High School  
Lakeland Regional High School  
Leonia High School  
Mahwah High School  
Midland Park High School  
Montclair High School  
Montville Township High School  
Morris Catholic High School  
Morris County School of Technology  
Mount Saint Dominic Academy  
New Milford High School  
Newton High School  
North Warren Regional High School  
Northern Highlands Regional High School  
Northern Valley Regional at Demarest  
Northern Valley Regional at Old Tappan  
Nutley High School  
Paramus High School  
Park Ridge co-op w/Emerson  
Parsippany High School  
Parsippany Hills High School  
Pascack Valley High School  
Passaic County Technical Institute  
Pequannock Township High School  
Pope John XXIII High School  
Ramapo High School  
Ramsey High School  
Randolph High School  
Ridgefield Memorial High School  
Ridgewood High School

River Dell Regional High School  
Sparta High School  
Tenafly High School  
Vernon Township High School  
Waldwick High School  
Wallkill Valley Regional High School  
Wayne Valley High School  
West Essex High School  
West Milford Township High School  
West Orange High School  
Westwood Regional Jr-Sr High School

## **CENTRAL SECTIONAL**

Abraham Clark High School  
Academy of St. Elizabeth  
Bernards High School  
Bloomfield High School  
Bridgewater-Raritan High School  
Chatham High School  
Cristo Rey Newark  
David Brearley High School  
East Brunswick High School  
Edison High School  
Elizabeth High School  
Gill St. Bernard's School  
Glen Ridge High School  
Hanover Park co-op w/Whippany Park  
Henry Snyder High School  
Hillsborough High School  
Holmdel High School  
Hopewell Valley Central High School  
Hunterdon Central Regional High School  
Irvington High School  
John P. Stevens High School  
Jonathan Dayton High School  
Kent Place School  
Lincoln High School  
Livingston High School  
Madison High School  
Mater Dei High Prep  
Metuchen High School  
Middletown High School South  
Millburn High School  
Montgomery High School  
Morristown High School  
Morristown-Beard School  
Mother Seton Regional High School  
Mount Saint Mary Academy  
New Brunswick High School  
New Providence High School  
North Arlington High School  
North Brunswick Township High School  
North Hunterdon High School  
Oak Knoll School  
Old Bridge High School  
Phillipsburg High School  
Pingry School  
Piscataway High School  
Plainfield High School  
Red Bank Catholic High School  
Ridge High School  
Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School  
Saint John Vianney High School

Saint Thomas Aquinas High School  
Sayreville War Memorial High School  
South Brunswick High School  
Summit High School  
Trinity Hall  
Union Catholic Regional High School  
Villa Walsh Academy  
Voorhees High School  
Wardlaw-Hartridge School  
Watchung Hills Reg High School  
West Morris Central High School  
Westfield High School  
Woodbridge High School

## **SOUTH SECTIONAL**

Atlantic City High School  
Atlantic County Institute of Technology  
Audubon High School  
Barnegat High School  
Bordentown Regional High School  
Brick Township High School  
Bridgeton High School  
Burlington Township High School  
Cape May County Technical High School  
Central Regional High School  
Cherokee High School  
Cherry Hill High School East  
Cherry Hill High School West  
Clearview Regional High School  
Colts Neck High School  
Cumberland Regional High School  
Eastern High School  
Ewing High School  
Freehold Boro High School  
Gloucester Catholic High School  
Gloucester County Institute of Technology  
Hamilton High School West  
Hammonton High School  
Hightstown High School  
Kingsway Regional High School  
Lacey Township High School  
Lenape High School  
Long Branch High School  
Lower Cape May Regional High School  
Mainland Regional High School  
Marlboro High School  
Millville Senior High School  
Monroe Township High School  
Moorestown Friends School  
Moorestown High School  
Neptune High School  
New Egypt High School  
Northern Burlington Regional High School  
Notre Dame High School  
Ocean City High School  
Overbrook High School  
Paul VI High School  
Pennsauken High School  
Pennsville Memorial High School  
Rancocas Valley Regional High School  
Ranney School  
Saint Rose High School  
Seneca High School  
Shawnee High School  
Southern Regional High School

Sterling High School  
Toms River High School East  
Toms River High School North  
Toms River High School South  
Vineland High School  
Wall Township High School  
West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North  
West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South  
Williamstown High School  
Woodstown High School



# **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 1, 2021  
FROM: NJSIAA  
TO: NEW JERSEY HIGH SCHOOL Girls GOLF COACHES  
RE: Qualifying System for Individuals Girls State Tournament

The 2017 girls golf season was the first year in which we used adjusted scores as the basis of determining the top 50 individual girls in the state who would then qualify for the State Championship. By all accounts it was well received. We have recognized that the problem with the previous system of posting 5 rounds of 7 over par or better, does not account for either the varying difficulty of courses, nor provide a way to adjust scores for those girls who are competing on co-ed teams and are therefore playing from a different set of tees than those used in girls team matches.

The system of course and slope ratings, which the USGA adopted as a way for amateur handicaps to comparably travel from course-to-course, provides the solution we require to properly adjust scores posted on different courses and from different tee boxes.

Using the course and slope ratings on which matches are played throughout the state, all of which are already entered in our data bank, the top fifty rated girls, statewide, who have played at least 6 matches, will qualify as individuals. For those individual golfers who play more than 10 matches, only the top 10 scores will used to determine the 50 individuals for the TOC. Last year we had a problem of coaches not reporting the scores in a timely manner. This played havoc with players who are the bubble as the season nears the cutoff point. **It will be each coach's responsibility to post All their scores within 24 hours of the match.**

Well prior to the golf season, we encourage all coaches to become familiar with this reporting and statewide ranking system. You can do so by simply emailing Shawn Bennett at [sirbennett68@gmail.com](mailto:sirbennett68@gmail.com).

Shawn has prepared an easy to follow tutorial that provides a very thorough step-by-step score posting process. By investing just a few minutes playing with the program, you will get a feel for the full advantages of this system and why we have adopted it as the fairest way to qualify individuals for the girls' state tournament.

Please find below a brief summary of the benefits of this adjusted score reporting and ranking system:

- fair consideration of scores posted from different courses and tees of varying difficulty
- reporting of all scores for the complete season
- ease of score reporting from any online device
- convenient access to online results
- ability of coaches to view and verify posted scores for all players in league
- ability of players to view rankings throughout the season

Dick Bennett  
Tournament Director, Girl's State Championship

\*\*\*\* Addendum for GIRLS GOLF ONLY\*\*\*\*

Beginning with the 2021 season we will be applying the same formula to adjusted team scores based on course rating and course slope as we currently apply to individual qualifying scores.

All schools that have a varsity girl participating will be entering their information on the same Google Sheet. Each school will have their own team page. If you are a Co-Ed team, your page will not add up a team score, it will just have spots for 4 individuals. If you are a varsity girls' team, you will have spaces for 12 varsity players. You will not have to add up your scores to produce a team score; it will be done automatically- you just have to enter the scores for each player on that date. We will have two different sheets that will produce information. One is the State Rankings. This will rank all of the girls, varsity team players and co-ed players. The other sheet will be Team Rankings, ranking the varsity teams. If you are a co-ed school, you will not have any information on the Team Rankings page.

Coaches are still also required to enter the results of each match on NJ.com as they have done in the past.