

SEASON 3 NJSIAA/WILSON GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times, and locations for all NJSIAA State tournaments. Schools entering the tournament will not be granted a change of date/time due to any conflicts with school trips, proms, banquets, SAT's, graduation, and the like. Member schools not willing or able to comply with all tournament regulations should not enter the tournament.

COVID-19 Postponements - Please be advised that The NJSIAA will not make any changes, adjustments, or postponements to any round of its post-season tournament for COVID-related reasons. If a school is unable to play on the scheduled day, then the school's opponent will advance in the tournament and no exceptions will be made. In Addition, no season-ending date will be extended beyond the dates previously announced. Any school seeded in any NJSIAA tournament agrees to, and respects, these conditions.

To promote fairness in competition and for the health and safety of student-athletes, no member school will be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures. In addition, schools must follow the sports-specific tournament regulations for each NJSIAA tournament they are entering.

Coaches must have a copy of these regulations as well as a copy of rule Modifications (if any) for this tournament available at all matches. Copies of these documents are also available on the NJSIAA website.

To Qualify

Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis and must have:

1. **Qualification will be based on your teams TOP 5 POWER POINT MATCHES.**
2. The cutoff date will be April 7, 2021. All matches must be played against New Jersey teams. No competition against out of state teams is permitted for Season 3.
3. **NEW FOR 2021 – Qualification is based on a team's TOP 5 power pointed matches. All schools wishing to take part in the tournament will be entered unless the school completes the Tournament Refusal Form electronically by Monday, April 5, 2021.**
4. **PROCEDURE FOR ENTRY**
All varsity schedules **MUST** be entered by the start of the season, and score reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest.

The team schedule will be downloaded prior to the seeding of the tournament and **ONLY** this record will be used for seeding. Coaches are reminded to check this record throughout the season and particularly on Tuesday, April 6th to ensure that it is accurate. If you do not know your school code, or you encounter problems, please contact support@njschoolsports.com or the NJSIAA.

As was the case last year, any team not wishing to enter the volleyball tournament must notify NJSIAA by no later than Monday, April 5, 2021 by using the **ONLINE TOURNAMENT REFUSAL DESIGNATION**.

5. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the NJSIAA Tournaments, will be unable to compete in said tournament.
6. 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.

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.

ARTICLE IX SPORTSMANSHIP d: Any person (athletic department, staff member, student athlete, or a fan or spectator associated with a member school) who engages in any verbal, written, or physical conduct related to race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or religion shall not be tolerated, could subject the violator to ejection and may result in penalties assessed against your team.

2020 NJSIAA/STAR LEDGER Girls Volleyball Tournament Regulations

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

RULE 22 VOLLEYBALL (FALL)

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

Section 2. Start of Practice - **Monday March 1, 2021**

Section 3. Start of Regular Season – **Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

Section 4. End of Season (From Rule 2, Section 10) All teams may participate in interscholastic contests up to April 24, 2021 in their respective sport.

The above sections have been modified to fit the Season 3 guidelines for this season only.

TEAMS: Public and Non-Public teams will compete in separate brackets.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Entries

Records must be submitted to www.njschoolsports.com for matches played up to and including Wednesday April 7, 2021, REGARDLESS OF REASON, MATCHES NOT COMPLETED BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 2021, WILL NOT COUNT. DO NOT SEND RECORDS IN ADVANCE OF CUT OFF DATE.

Seeding will be announced on April 8, 2021

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 entry fee & Officials Form to: **NJSIAA Girls Volleyball**
1161 Route 130 North
Robbinsville, NJ 08691

DATES

Tournament dates are April 12, 2021 through April 20, 2021.

Seeding will determine deadlines for tournament progression, and dates will be noted on the pairings form which will be forwarded to each school as soon as the seeding is completed. **THERE WILL BE NO APPEALS TO THE SEEDING OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

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.

****ALL PLAY IN GAMES IF NEEDED MUST BE PLAYED BETWEEN APRIL 9 and APRIL 11, 2021****

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- 1st Round - Monday, April 12 (Groups 3&4), Tuesday, April 13 (Groups 1&2)
- 2nd Round - Wednesday, April 14 (Groups 3&4), Thursday, April 15 (Groups 1&2)
- 3rd Round - Friday, April 16 (Groups 3&4), Saturday, April 17 (Groups 1&2)
- 4th Round - Monday, April 19 (Groups 3&4), Tuesday, April 20 (Groups 1&2) Sectional Final (at higher seed)

NON – PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- 1ST Round - Monday, April 12 (NP B), Tuesday, April 13, (NP A)
- 2nd Round - Wednesday, April 14 (NP B), Thursday, April 15 (NP A)
- 3rd Round - Friday, April 16 (NP B), Saturday, April 17 (NP A)
- 4th Round - Monday, April 19 (NP B), Tuesday, April 20 (NP A) Sectional Final (at higher seed)

SITES

Sites for all MATCHES, will be the home court of the higher seeded team.

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 hosting team/school will be responsible for paying the game officials for matches. If lines' judges are available, their respective pay shall be \$55 per match per official. **Recommended fee per official (R1 & R2) is \$75, or local fee, if higher.**

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. ***If a match is postponed it MUST be played the next day.*** The competing school's representatives shall share responsibility for assuring that adequate on-site preparations have been made.

NJSIAA/STAR LEDGER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SEEDING CRITERIA

******Based on the limited number of games this season- residual points will only be earned for your opponents' first 8 games.******

1. SEEDING PROCEDURE

a. Power Point System –All teams wishing to enter the tournament will qualify, teams must have the following:

i. Have a minimum of 5 power point matches played.

b. Power Ranking Procedure

i. All teams wishing to enter the tournament in each group in each section for the Public Schools and Non- Public Schools will be seeded according to the power rankings based on the calculations of the Power Point System.

ii. Tie-Breaker Procedure (in the following order):

- 1. Head-to-head**
- 2. Record against Common Opponents**
- 3. Winning Percentage**
- 4. Coin Toss**

c. Power Point Calculation Procedure:

i. Quality Points - Each school will receive the following "Quality Points" for the 5 Highest Power Point games up to the cut- off date:

- 1. Win = 6 points**
- 2. Loss = 0 points**

ii. Group Points - Each school will receive "Group Points" from a team they defeated or tied from the 5 highest power pointed games:

- 1. Group IV = 4 points**
- 2. Group III = 3 points**
- 3. Group II = 2 points**
- 4. Group I = 1 point**

5. Non-Public Schools = what its group equivalency is to the public schools based on its student population. For example, if the group equivalency based on student population is Group II the Group Points = 2.

6. Note: Once the “Volleyball Group Classification” is determined, there will be no adjustments to this classification when playing teams (public or non-public) from other sections

iii. Residual Points - Each team will receive residual points from one of the categories below based on the result of the game.

1. Each school will receive “Residual Points” for each team they defeat. When a school beats an opponent, for each of the school’s opponent in its top 5 Power Point games up until the cut-off date has, the school will receive the following, based on the opponent’s record:

a. Win = 3 points

b. Loss = 0 points

2. Each school will receive “Residual Points” for each team it loses to. When a school loses to an opponent, for each of the school’s opponents in its top 5 Power Point games up until the cut-off date, the school will receive the following:

a. 2-0 Set loss = 1 point

b. 2-1 Set loss = 1.5 points (quality loss)

OFFICIALS

All assignments will be made by the State appointed assignor(s). Two (2) NJSIAA registered volleyball officials shall officiate each match and this will be done through ZebraWeb. Make sure you are signed on to NJ Postseason Volleyball account. If there are any changes or updates needed, send your information to Sharon Hughes at sharonhughes13@optonline.net.

Please be aware that due of COVID concerns, there may be a shortage of officials and the NJSIAA may not be able to assign LINE JUDGES to all matches.

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.

It is required that NJSIAA officials be used for all matches. For the first two rounds, certified officials as line judges are recommended but not required. Home team will be responsible for hiring line judges for rounds one and two. From the third round on, the State appointed assignor(s) will hire officials including line judges. All line judges must use flags for all state tournament matches.

Recommended fee per official: \$75 (or Local Fee if Higher)

Recommended fee per Line Judge: \$55

RULES

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

EQUIPMENT

The higher seeded team will provide a regulation MATCH ball.

MATCHES

All match times, including the Sectional Finals must be designated prior to the start of the tournament using the Gym Availability Form found in the packet and on NJSIAA website under Sport – Girls Volleyball. This form is to be sent to the Tournament Director by Thursday, April 1, 2021. If form is not received, matches shall start at 4:30 P.M. and no changes will be made once the tournament is seeded. 24 total warm-up time: 10 minutes general warm-up, 7 minutes full court (higher seed), 7 minutes full court (lower seed). This warm-up procedure is recommended for use during the regular season.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. TEAMS MUST PLAY ON DESIGNATED DATES AND TIMES. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. 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 **unless the withdrawal is COVID related. If a team withdraws BEFORE the match is played the opponent will advance to the next round. If a team wins the match and withdraws from the tournament prior to the next match, their opponent will receive a bye for that round and advance to the next round.**
3. Any school not willing or not able to comply with the tournament regulations should not enter the tournament.
4. For all matches, Coaches must report to the Site Director for specific instructions, *i.e.* locker rooms, warm-up area, etc. It is recommended that the visiting school contact the host site prior to arriving for the match for specific instructions.
5. All NJSIAA/NFHS COVID recommendations must be followed. They are available on the NJSIAA Website.
6. Each school must provide a site supervisor at all matches.
7. **THE WINNING SCHOOL MUST NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH MATCH** and report scores to www.njschoolsports.com to keep media informed and brackets updated.

Tournament Director: Sharon Hughes
Cell: (201) 755-5617
Email: sharonhughes13@optonline.net

AWARDS Sectional Championship Trophy.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF COMPETING SCHOOLS AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ADMITTED BY IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES TO THE GATE PERSONS.

COACHES: Please call local newspapers and enter schedules, rosters, team information and report your daily scores on www.njschoolsports.com

If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems, please contact HSSupport@njadvancemedia.com or the NJSIAA.

PLEASE CHECK THE ACCURACY OF YOUR TEAM RECORDS, ROSTERS AND TEAM INFO BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT CUTOFF.

NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOGGING INTO NJSCHOOLSPORTS AND ENTERING ROSTERS AND TEAM INFO

ROSTERS WILL BE USED IN THE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

NEW PROCEDURE IN PLACE OF ENTRY FORM

This year we will not use entry forms. All schedules & varsity scores must be reported to www.njschoolsports.com after each contest. The Team Record will be downloaded prior to the seeding of the tournament, and ONLY this record will be used for seeding. Please check the record on April 7, 2021, to ensure that your record is accurate. If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems entering scores, please contact HSSupport@njadvancemedia.com or the NJSIAA.

ANY TEAM NOT WISHING TO ENTER THE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT MUST NOTIFY NJSIAA BY NO LATER THAN 05/5/2021 BY USING THE ONLINE TOURNAMENT REFUSAL DESIGNATION!!!!!!

www.njsiaa.org

DO NOT ENTER TOURNAMENT UNLESS WILLING AND ABLE TO COMPLY WITH TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS.

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Gym Availability Form

DATES FOR HOME MATCHES

THIS FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL SCHOOLS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEASON 3 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT & SHARE ALL INFORMATION WITH YOUR ADMINISTRATION/BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THIS FORM.

School _____ City _____ Group _____ Section _____

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

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 _____ Please check box if you pay officials by Zebra Pay _____

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.

MATCH TIME: Please indicate time for each date below; match time may be between 4:00 and 7 PM

FIRST ROUND Monday, April 12 (**PUBLIC** -Groups 3 &4, and NP B) _____

Tuesday, April 13 (**PUBLIC** -Groups 1&2 and NP A) _____

SECOND ROUND Wednesday, April 14 (Groups 3&4 and NP B) _____

Thursday, April 15 (Groups 1&2 and NP A) _____

THIRD ROUND Friday, April 16 (Groups 3&4 and NP B) _____

Saturday, April 17 (Groups 1&2 and NP A) _____

SECTIONAL FINAL Monday, April 19 (groups 3&4 and NP B) _____ (Higher Seed)

Tuesday, April 20 (Groups 1&2 and NP A) _____ (Higher Seed)

Times may not be changed after seeding is completed!

Suggested Time is a 4:30 PM start. Schools may modify the starting date by mutual agreement, if the time cannot be mutually agreed to The NJSIAA Director will set the time.

Athletic Director's Signature School Phone Cell Phone

Principal's Signature School Phone Cell Phone

Email form by April 1, 2021 to Sharon Hughes at sharonhughes13@optonline.net

PLEASE DUPLICATE FORM FOR YOUR FILES

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
1161 Route 130 Robbinsville, N.J. 08691

TO: ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL COACHES

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association is seeking input from you and your varsity Volleyball coach. Please list the names of the top ten (10) active high school volleyball officials from your area who in your judgment are qualified to officiate matches in the Season 3 Girls Volleyball Tournament.

SUBMISSION OF THESE NAMES DOES NOT MEAN THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED TO YOUR MATCHES.

PLEASE PRINT _____ HIGH SCHOOL

CITY _____ SECTION _____ GROUP _____

PLEASE PRINT ONLY (as listed in the 2020-2021 NJSIAA Officials Directory)

(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Last Name)	(First Name)
1. _____	_____	6. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	7. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	8. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	9. _____	_____
5. _____	_____	10. _____	_____

List below the names of the officials whom you **DO NOT** wish to have assigned to your tournament matches. **(as listed in the 2020-2021 NJSIAA Officials Directory)**

(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Last Name)	(First Name)
1. _____	_____	2. _____	_____

List any officials who are affiliated with your school. Affiliation is defined as follows: Employed in the district, close relative employed in the system; child attending junior or secondary school in the district; former student or coach; graduate of school within the last ten (10) years. **(as listed in the 2020-2021 NJSIAA Officials Directory)**

(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Last Name)	(First Name)
1. _____	_____	3. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	4. _____	_____

Our school is primarily serviced by volleyball officials from the _____ Chapter.

(PRINT - COACH) (_____) HOME PHONE (_____) SCHOOL PHONE

STAMPED SIGNATURES NOT ACCEPTABLE

(SIGNED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR) (_____) HOME PHONE (_____) SCHOOL PHONE

APPROVED _____
(SIGNED - PRINCIPAL)

RETURN TO: Sharon Hughes sharonhughes13@optonline.net

E-Mail ONLY - DUE April 1, 2021

