



## 2021 Gymnastics 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. Member schools will not be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures.

In all tournaments conducted by the NJSIAA, each member school must compete in its own group and section classification, unless fewer than eight (8) schools qualify. In that case, the Executive Committee may combine one or more groups. When the committee eliminates sectional championships because of an insufficient number of schools qualifying, the State Group Championships will be conducted on a statewide quartile basis or State Championships may be conducted without regard to Groups or Division.

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

The National Federation Girls Gymnastics Rules along with any NJSIAA gymnastics rule modifications will govern this tournament.

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### **Gymnastics Tournament Dates**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Dates</b>	
Intent Form Period:	October 1 thru October 15, 2021	
Cutoff:	October 26, 2021	
All Entry Forms Due	October 27, 2021	
<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sectional Championship (North 1):	November 6, 2021	Ridgewood H.S.
Sectional Championship (North 2):	November 6, 2021	Saint Thomas Aquinas H.S.
Sectional Championship (Central 1):	November 6, 2021	Manalapan H.S.
Sectional Championship (Central 2):	November 6, 2021	Hillsborough H.S.
Sectional Championship (South):	November 6, 2021	Seneca H.S.
Team Championships:	November 11, 2021	Brick Memorial H.S.
Individual Championships:	November 13, 2021	Brick Memorial H.S.

## **New for This Year's State Tournament**

1. Entry procedure has changed.

## **To Qualify for The Tournament**

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis and sixty percent (60%) of the matches that take place on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
2. Matches completed after the cutoff date will not count toward qualification, even if the match was started before the cutoff date.
3. Member schools must have competed as a team, on an interscholastic basis in at least six (6) meets to be eligible for a team championship.
4. Teams must be sponsored by their Board of Education, or non-public school equivalent.
5. Any gymnast with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the tournament, will be unable to compete in the state tournament.
6. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications prior to the start of the tournament will not be permitted to participate in the state tournament. 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 can qualify in only one of two ways:**

- A. **Traditional Route:** Top six (6) Teams per Section: Having one of the six (6) highest total scores based on any three (3) meets (i.e., dual meets, tri-meets, tournaments). (Tri-meets and tournaments are considered one qualifying score for team and individual entries.)
- All qualifiers are eligible for team scoring.
  - The top 3 scores in each event count toward the team score.
  - If a team has more than 4 qualifiers on an event and wishes to add non-qualifier(s) in that event, the non-qualifier's score must count toward the team score but may not medal in that event or All- Around.
  - An All-Around qualifier must qualify in all four events.
- B. **Alternate Route:** Having at least three (3) competitors attain individual qualifying scores in all four events in at least two interscholastic meets, i.e., dual meets, tri-meets, tournaments. Competitors do not have to compete in the all-around. (Tri-meets and tournaments are considered one qualifying score for team and individual entries.). Participation in at least six (6) meets is required.
- Tournament scores submitted will be considered only when team awards are given.
  - Coaches must be present and must remain in the gym throughout the competition. Schools will be notified by phone or email if their team will be one of the teams competing for a sectional team championship.

## **Individual Entry Qualifications:**

A contestant who is a member of a high school gymnastics team or an independent gymnast, must achieve, in meets up to and including the cutoff date, the following NJSIAA optional qualifying scores in at least two (2) interscholastic meets. Appeals will not be heard. A contestant must achieve the minimum score.

VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR
8.60	7.80	8.20	8.50

## **Independent Entry Qualifications:**

An independent contestant who is enrolled in a NJSIAA member school which does not sponsor an interscholastic gymnastics program may enter provided the school:

1. Submits the one-line intent form and the on-line independent competition entry form for the Sectional Championships by the date listed. Independent qualifiers must also be entered online on the same date to corresponding sectional directors. Please email the signed official score sheets (completed in ink) to the Sectional Director.
2. Provides verification that contestant has achieved NJSIAA optional qualifying scores listed above in two (2) interscholastic meets; master score sheets must be signed by a superior judge and both coaches and attached to the entry form.
3. Due to the additional time required to judge gymnasts from schools not sponsoring a gymnastic program when attempting to qualify for NJSIAA competition, the independent/independent's school district must pay the official(s). Such participants will be expected to reimburse the official(s) a fee of \$15.00 per official for each independent. The independent must carry a verification letter from the Board of Education for the independent and the board approved coach.

4. The school represented by an independent gymnast must schedule with the host school, and then notify the other competing school(s). Scheduling must be done in advance, with permission of the home coach, so that all schools are aware that independents will be competing.
5. No more than three (3) independents may participate in any dual/tri-meet. Once qualifying scores have been achieved, Independents may only compete in one dual/tri meet a week after achieving the qualifying scores. Independents shall be allowed to compete in Invitationals, Conference, and/or County meets as well as State Sectional and Final meets.
6. Accepts the responsibility that the contestant will be accompanied at all meets by a coach or a certified faculty member approved by their Board of Education. The coach must remain with the athlete throughout each meet.

NOTE: A member school may enter all student-athletes who meet the qualifying criteria.

#### **Attention Athletic Directors / Coaches of Independents:**

Schools entering independents and not presently competing on an interscholastic basis are advised to carefully read the Procedures - "Coaches" Appointed to Accompany Teams or Independents to NJSIAA Championships in the NJSIAA Handbook. Tournament Directors will disqualify any contestant who is accompanied by someone in a coaching/spotting 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.

#### **Entry Procedure**

1. All varsity schedules & rosters must be entered in [njschoolsports.com](http://njschoolsports.com) by the start of the season.
2. All scores must be verified. Only National Federation optional scores will be considered.
3. All score sheets submitted to verify teams and individuals, must be signed by the Superior Judge and both team coaches. They must be scanned and emailed to the proper Sectional Director. Please circle qualifying scores. Tri-meets and tournaments count as one (1) score
4. All team scores must be reported to [www.njschoolsports.com](http://www.njschoolsports.com) as soon as possible after each contest. If you encounter problems, please contact [hssupport@njadvancemedia.com](mailto:hssupport@njadvancemedia.com).
5. All entry forms must be completed online by the entry due date above.
6. Appeals will not be heard when entry has not been received.
7. Team/Individual entries that are received late but are accepted, will be seeded in the last available position.
8. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.
9. Do not enter if your school is not able or willing to comply with tournament regulations.
10. A school that does not sponsor a gymnastics team may enter no more than two independents per season.
11. School districts with 3 or more gymnasts shall be considered a team and compete under the team regulations.
12. Member schools who sponsor gymnastics teams may not enter gymnasts as independents into a dual/tri meets.

#### **Entry Fee**

- Team entry fee is \$90
- Individual/Independent entries are \$16 per gymnast, per event. If a gymnast is entered in all 5 events (beam, bars, vault, floor and all-around) the fee will be \$80
- The entry fee covers both the sectional and championships.
- All fees are payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Gymnastics Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to: NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691
- DO NOT use certified mail

**COACHES: PLEASE MAKE NOTES OF THE FOLLOWING DEADLINES:**

<b>Deadline Date</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
On or before: Tuesday, 10/26/21	Last day to Qualify for Sectionals
On or before: Wednesday, 10/27/21	Complete the online "Intent Form" located on the NJSIAA website under the gymnastics page. <a href="https://www.njsiaa.org/form/gymnastics-intent-form">https://www.njsiaa.org/form/gymnastics-intent-form</a>
On or before: Wednesday, 10/27/21	Submit your: Individual or Independent entries ONLINE Use "INDIVIDUALS Entry Form" <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/njsiaa-gymnastics-tournament/home">https://sites.google.com/view/njsiaa-gymnastics-tournament/home</a>
On or before: Wednesday, 10/27/21	Submit your: Top 3 Meet Scores ONLINE Use "TOP 3 MEET SCORES Entry Form" <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/njsiaa-gymnastics-tournament/home">https://sites.google.com/view/njsiaa-gymnastics-tournament/home</a>
On or before: Wednesday, 10/27/21	Submit your: ENTIRE Team Roster ONLINE Use "TEAM ROSTER Entry Form" <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/njsiaa-gymnastics-tournament/home">https://sites.google.com/view/njsiaa-gymnastics-tournament/home</a>
<b>Score Sheets should be scanned and emailed to your Sectional Director</b>	

**Tournament Rules & Information**

1. National Federation Girls Gymnastics Rules and NJSIAA modifications will govern all championship meets.
2. Team score is determined by adding the top three (3) scores in each event for each school. Individual scores are determined by the average optional score in each event.
3. Substitutions, as per Rule 3, Section 2, Article 3, in the 2020-22 National Federation Girls Gymnastics Rules and Manual.
4. Appeals will not be heard; a contestant must achieve the minimum score.
5. If an ineligible gymnast causes the school's failure to qualify for the championship, or if an ineligible gymnast participates in a championship meet, said school/gymnast will be disqualified from the championships immediately and their last opponent (school/gymnast) will advance in their place; schools/gymnasts eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter Championship competition.
6. Protests based upon an official's judgement, or misinterpretation, or misapplication of the playing rules will not be honored as per NJSIAA Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1.

**Awards**

**Sectional Champions:**

- Team Trophy and a maximum of sixteen (16) certificates to the first-place team in each Section.
- Individual medals to the first five (5) places in each event in each section.
- Certificates to the 6th through 12th places in each event in each Section.

**State Group Champions:**

- Team Trophy and a maximum of sixteen (16) certificates to the first-place team.
- Individual medals to 1st through 12th places in each event.

**Officials Fees**

The NJSIAA will compensate all officials for the sectional and state championships.

## Tournament Schedule

### **Sectional Championships - November 6, 2021**

<b>North I: Ridgewood</b>	<b>North II: Saint Thomas Aquinas</b>
Meet Director: Trisha Piotrowski	Meet Director: Amanda Miller
Phone: (201) 321-2913	Phone: (732) 549-1108 x 606
E-mail: <a href="mailto:TrishaP219@aol.com">TrishaP219@aol.com</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:acmiller@stahs.net">acmiller@stahs.net</a>
E-mail score sheets to: Trisha Piotrowski <a href="mailto:TrishaP219@aol.com">TrishaP219@aol.com</a>	E-mail score sheets to: Amanda Miller <a href="mailto:acmiller@stahs.net">acmiller@stahs.net</a>
<b>Teams: Schools from Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Sussex, Essex, and Morris counties.</b>	<b>Teams: Schools from Union and Warren counties, with the addition of Watchung Hills, Ridge, Old Bridge, St. Thomas Aquinas, and J.P. Stevens.</b>
<b>Central I: Manalapan</b>	<b>Central II: Hillsborough</b>
Meet Director: Dorine Shapiro	Meet Director: Mindy Verderami
Phone: (732) 239-2735	Phone: (908) 963-8049
E-mail: <a href="mailto:dorinenj@aol.com">dorinenj@aol.com</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:mindy.verderami@sbschools.org">mindy.verderami@sbschools.org</a>
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<b>Teams: Schools from Monmouth County</b>	<b>Teams: Schools from Somerset, Middlesex, and Hunterdon counties</b>
<b>South: Seneca H.S.</b>	<b>Time Schedule</b> (All sections - subject to change)
Meet Director: Amanda Kurtz	9:00am Registration/Stretching/Bar Settings
Phone: (609) 781-0974	9:30am Coaches Meeting
E-mail: <a href="mailto:akurtz@lrhsd.org">akurtz@lrhsd.org</a>	9:45am March-in
Email score sheets to: Amanda Kurtz <a href="mailto:akurtz@lrhsd.org">akurtz@lrhsd.org</a>	10:00am Competition (Warm-up/Compete format)
<b>Teams: Schools from Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Ocean, and Salem counties.</b>	<b>Independents Who Qualify Will Be Assigned to a section by the NJSIAA.</b>

### Warm-up Procedures for Sections and States

The squad will warm-up prior to the start of competition for that rotation (warm-up/compete)

#### **Vault:**

Block squad by height for warm-up  
Three touches of the vault (run-by does not count)

#### **Bars:**

Block warm-up by bar setting  
Warm-up time: two minutes per gymnast (not counting the time to set the bars) may be blocked

#### **Beam:**

Warm-up time: two minutes per gymnast (may be blocked)

#### **Floor:**

Warm-up time: two minutes per gymnast (may be blocked)

## ***Team State Championships – November 11, 2021***

<b>Site: Brick Memorial H.S.</b>	<b>Time Schedule</b> (subject to change)
Meet Director: Dorine Shapiro	3:30pm Registration/Stretching/Bar Settings
Phone: (732) 239-2735	4:15pm Coaches Meeting
E-mail: <a href="mailto:dorinenj@aol.com">dorinenj@aol.com</a>	4:30pm March-in
	Warm-up/Compete format will begin after March-in

To compete in the team state championship, a competitor must have been officially entered in the sectional meet.

The top team in each section and the remaining five (5) teams with the highest team scores from all sectional results will advance to the State Championships. Team ties for the lowest qualifying position will advance to the State Championships.

The qualifying teams will be notified by the meet director. Coaches are not to call the meet director in advance of notification. Calls from parents will not be accepted.

A team will consist of four (4) gymnasts on each event. Three (3) scores count towards team score. Substitutions may be made prior to the start of each event.

The State Meet will be seeded:

Teams #2 & #1 - Bye  
Teams #4 & #3 - Vault  
Teams #6 & #5 - Bars  
Teams #8 & #7 - Beam  
Teams #10 & #9 - Floor

The lower seeded team will compete 1st on all events. For touch warm-ups on V, UB, & FX: When reporting to the event, the lower seeded team will touch, then compete. The higher seeded team will then follow them by touching and competing after. For BB, follow bump in procedure.

## ***Individual State Championships – November 13, 2021***

<b>Site: Brick Memorial H.S.</b>	<b>Time Schedule</b> (subject to change)
Meet Director: Dorine Shapiro	8:30am Registration/Stretching/Bar Settings
Phone: (732) 239-2735	9:00am Coaches Meeting
E-mail: <a href="mailto:dorinenj@aol.com">dorinenj@aol.com</a>	9:15am March-in
	Warm-up/Compete format will begin after March-in

To compete in the individual state championships, a competitor must have competed in the sectional meet in that event. Contestants in the first five (5) places in each event and the all-around in each Section will advance to Individual Championships. Any individual scoring 36.00 or above in All-Around at the Sectional competition, will advance as well. Ties shall stand, as per NFHS rules.