



2021 NJSIAA Boys & Girls Soccer 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 NFHS Soccer Rules along with any NJSIAA tennis rule modifications will govern this tournament.

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Soccer Tournament Dates

Event	Dates		
Intent Form Period:	October 1 thru October 15, 2021		
Cutoff:	October 23, 2021		
Entries Close (by noon):	October 24, 2021		
Officials Conflict of Interest Form:	October 24, 2021		
Tournament Seeding:	October 26, 2021		
Public & Non-Public Tournament	Dates (Boys)	Dates (Girls)	Location
Round 1 - All Groups:	November 1, 2021	November 2, 2021	Higher Seed
Round 2 - All Groups:	November 4, 2021	November 5, 2021	Higher Seed
Round 3 - All Groups:	November 8, 2021	November 9, 2021	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	November 11, 2021	November 12, 2021	Higher Seed
State Finals (Non-Public):	November 14, 2021	November 14, 2021	Kean University
State Semifinals (Public):	November 16, 2021	November 17, 2021	Predetermined
State Finals (Public):	November 20, 2021	November 21, 2021	Kean University

New for This Year's State Tournament

1. The higher seeded teams will get the officials for the first three rounds.
2. The higher seeded teams will host the games up to and including the Sectional Finals.
3. The state semi-finals will be played at the schools in the tournament on a predetermined rotation.
4. The NJSIAA will assign the officials from the sectional finals to the end of the tournament.
5. Power Point calculation will be using the top 10 power pointed games regardless of how many you play up to and including the cutoff. Residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's first 12 games played.
6. Online "Intent to enter" form & "Officials Conflict of Interest" form.

To Qualify for the Team Tournament

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis and sixty percent (60%) of the games played on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
2. The NJSIAA power point system will be used to qualify all teams for the tournament.
3. The 16 highest power point totals from each section and each group will qualify into the tournament.
4. Power Point calculation for soccer will be using the **top 10** power pointed games regardless of how many you play up to and including the cutoff.
5. Residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's **first 12** games played.
6. If there is a tie in power points, the current NJSIAA tie breaking procedure will break all ties.
7. Teams that play less than 10 games will still be eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.
8. Games played after the cutoff date will not count toward the power point calculation.
9. Any player 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.
10. 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.

Entry Procedure

1. All varsity schedules & rosters must be entered in njschoolsports.com by the start of the season.
2. All varsity scores must be reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest. If you encounter problems, please contact hssupport@njadvancemedia.com.
3. When a team wins or loses in overtime, the win or loss must be reported to njschoolsports.com. In League, Conference or County Tournament games that require a team to advance, it shall be recorded as a tied game if the score remains tied after the completion of the overtime periods.
4. Power Points will be downloaded from the njschoolsports.com website on the date listed above at noon. The seeding committee will use this information to seed the tournament. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.
5. The intent to enter form must be completed online during the intent form period listed above.
6. The Officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed by the date listed above.

Tournament Seeding

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded using the NJSIAA power point system. If there is a tie in power points for seeding, we will use the current NJSIAA tie breaking procedure.
2. Teams will be seeded based on their power point totals.
3. **The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding meeting, however seedings and brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.**

Entry Fee

- \$90.00 per team, Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Soccer Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to: NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691
- DO NOT use certified mail

Tournament Rules & Information

1. Game times for the first three (3) rounds and the sectional finals will be designated by the higher seeded team. The recommended start times are:
 - a. No lights: 3:00pm up to the eastern standard time change, then it is 2:00pm.
 - b. With lights: 4:00pm.
 - c. Non School Days: Times to be established by the home team
2. All game times are pending official's availability. Athletic Directors must communicate consistently through the first four (4) rounds of the tournament regarding start times.
3. The NJSIAA and the tournament director will determine the start times for the first four (4) rounds if there is any disagreement with start times between schools.
4. Game times for the state finals will be established by the NJSIAA and the Tournament Director. Any adjustment to the established times must be approved by the Tournament Director.
5. Since some schools must use a field with lights for other sports, time adjustment will be at the discretion of the home team pending official's availability.
6. All games will be played on the date designated for that round with the following day as the rain date. If rain delays the completion of that round, teams must adhere to the deadline of the succeeding round, even though games may be played on consecutive days.
7. When conditions prevent a game from being played at the site of the higher seeded team in a reasonable amount of time, the tournament director may choose an alternate site, which may include the lower seeded teams' field.
8. Schools will be asked to provide their own athletic trainers throughout the tournament.
9. Each school must provide three (3) top-grade NFHS approved, playable soccer balls for all games and the officials will decide which are to be used.
10. The Wilson Soccer Ball is the official soccer ball of the NJSIAA tournament. Only the Wilson soccer ball provided may be used during the State Finals. The NJSIAA will provide 6 Wilson soccer balls to be used in State Finals.
11. The winning school must notify njschoolsports.com immediately after each game, and the competing schools must notify the local newspapers to keep media informed as to the tournament progression.
12. In accordance with NJSIAA policy, banners (homemade) will NOT be permitted to be hung at game sites, including the State Final sites. Please notify fans that hand-held signs and noisemakers will not be permitted.
13. As per National Federation rules, no electrical or electrical communication devices are permitted.
14. Participating schools must assign adequate supervision for all games, home and away.
15. Each school must provide two (2) ball-persons for all games.
16. The higher seeded team (Home Team) will wear dark jerseys for all games up to and including the sectional finals.
17. State tournament games suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, should be played to completion from the point of interruption. All cautions issued in the terminated game will be in effect for rescheduled terminated game. If the losing team at the point of interruption does not want to return to complete the game, the game will be considered complete.

Power Point Tie Breaking Procedure

1. Head-to-Head Competition (any games up to and including the cutoff date)
2. Common Opponent(s) (any games up to and including the cutoff date)
 - a. CL: Team A is 3-0 vs. team C and team B is 2-0 vs. team C, go to #3
 - b. CL: Team A is 3-1 vs. team C and team B is 2-0 vs. team C, tie is broken
3. Winning % (any games up to and including the cutoff date)
4. Total number of residual points earned from the first 12 games.
5. Coin Toss

Awards

Sectional Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to each Sectional Championship in each Group.

State Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to the State Champion in each Group.

Assignors

The higher seeded school is responsible for contacting their local assignor to obtain officials for tournament rounds one (1), two (2), and three (3).

The NJSIAA will assign the officials from the sectional finals to the end of the tournament

Officials Fees

Rounds 1 & 2

- 2 officials assigned by local assignor.
- Higher seeded school pays both officials at the area agreed upon rate.

Round 3

- 3 officials assigned by local assignor.
- Higher seeded school pays all 3 officials at the area agreed upon rate.

Sectional Finals

- NJSIAA will assign and pay for the 3 officials.
- 1 referee @ \$95
- 2 linesman @ \$85 each.

State Semis-Finals

- 4 officials assigned by the NJSIAA (1 @ \$95, 3 @ \$85)
- 1 timer assigned by the NJSIAA (\$60 per game)
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Overtime Procedure

Any tournament game that ends in a tie, the overtime procedure will be as follows:

1. There shall be up to two (2) ten (10) -minute "sudden victory" overtime periods.
 - Coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2(E).
 - Teams shall change ends if a second overtime period is required.
 - There shall be a two (2)-minute interval between periods.
2. If the score remains tied:
 - The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken.
 - Each coach will select five (5) players, on or off the field (except those who have been disqualified), to take the kicks.
 - A coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2(E). The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.
 - Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.
 - The defending team may change the goalkeeper prior to each kick.
 - Following five (5) kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall advance. The kicks shall end at the point where the advancing team has been determined.
3. If the score remains tied after each team has taken five (5) kicks:
 - Each coach will select any five (5) players, whether or not a player participated in the initial five (5) kicks, to take another set of five (5) kicks in the same team order in a sudden victory situation, wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken.
4. If the score remains tied after the second set of five kicks, the process will continue to repeat until a winner is determined.

Tournament Schedule

Public State Semifinals

Boys State Semifinals	Girls State Semifinals
November 16, 2021	November 17, 2021
North I vs. North II - Central vs. South	North I vs. North II - Central vs. South
Host Teams: North I & Central*	Host Teams: North II & South*

***The host school will also wear the dark (home) uniforms.**

Game times for the state semifinals will be: 2:00pm (no lights), 4:00pm (with lights). Games may be played at an alternate time if both schools agree. If schools cannot agree, the above times will be used.

Non-Public State Finals

Boys Non-Public Finals	Girls Non-Public Finals
Sunday, November 14, 2021	Sunday, November 14, 2021
Kean University	Kean University
Game Times: 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30*	Game Times: 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30*
Non-Public A @ TBA	Non-Public A @ TBA
Non-Public B @ TBA	Non-Public B @ TBA
White Jerseys: North A & B	White Jerseys: North A & B
Dark Jerseys: South A & B	Dark Jerseys: South A & B

*Game times will be determined after we know which schools are in the tournament. We will accommodate schools that have both boys' and girls' teams in the state finals.

Public State Finals

Boys State Finals	Girls State Finals
Saturday, November 20, 2021	Sunday, November 21, 2021
Kean University	Kean University
Group 2 @ 10:00 AM	Group 2 @ 10:00 AM
Group 3 @ 12:30 PM	Group 3 @ 12:30 PM
Group 4 @ 3:00 PM	Group 4 @ 3:00 PM
Group 1 @ 5:30 PM	Group 1 @ 5:30 PM
White Jerseys: North I & II	White Jerseys: North I & II
Dark Jerseys: Central & South	Dark Jerseys: Central & South

Bench personnel for the State Finals will be limited to: Team players in uniform, four (4) coaches, three (3) manager/statisticians/scorekeeper, two (2) ball runners, and one (1) Athletic Trainer.

No practice sessions will be permitted at Kean University; however, there are no restrictions on schools practicing at other artificial turf sites if they are able to secure the facility. Both turf shoes and regular soccer

shoes may be worn on the turf field.