

2021-22 NJSIAA FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

(District /Team/Individual)

Fencers must be officially entered in the District Championships (present and available to compete) in order to participate in subsequent championships (Team or Individual). Fencers unable to compete in a District Championship due to extraordinary circumstances may petition the NJSIAA to participate in further state Championship events (Team or Individual). Petitions will be denied to fencers who opt to participate in national, regional, or non-NJSIAA competition in conflict with NJSIAA championships. Schools entering the tournaments will not be granted a change of date due to any conflicts with trips, dances, banquets, testing programs, proms, and the like.

All teams must submit their full team roster to <http://bit.ly/SantCetr> no later than December 23, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. Any subsequent additions to a school's roster can be made at check-in for their assigned District Championship. Starting line-ups for each gender and for each weapon will be declared at time of check-in to District Championships.

QUALIFICATION

Team qualifiers to the NJSIAA "Sweet 16" Team Tournament will be the top three (3) overall team gender finishers from each of the 6 District Qualifying Tournaments.

Individual qualifiers to the NJSIAA State Tournament will be the top three (3) fencers on A strip, top two (2) fencers on B strip, and top one (1) fencer on C strip in each weapon and each gender from each of the 6 District Qualifying Tournaments, and up to 4 independents who qualify via qualifying competition to be held at District 3-4 Championships.

2021-2022 NJSIAA DISTRICT ALIGNMENT

District 1

Academy of the Holy Angels (G)
Butler High School
Don Bosco Prep (B)
Indian Hills High School
Kinnelon High School
Lakeland Regional High School
Northern Highlands High School
Pompton Lakes High School
Ramapo High School
West Milford High School

District 2

Bergen Technical High School
Fair Lawn High School
Morris Catholic High School
Morris Hills High School
Morris Knolls High School
Passaic County Technical Institute
Teaneck High School
Wayne Hills High School
Wayne Valley High School

District 3

Columbia High School
Hackettstown High School
Livingston High School
Montclair High School
Newark Academy
Passaic Valley High School
Randolph High School
West Orange High School
West Essex High School

District 4

Chatham High School
Kent Place (G)
Millburn High School
Montclair Kimberley Academy
Morristown High School
North Hunterdon High School
Oak Knoll (G)
Oratory Prep (B)
Dr. Ronald McNair Academy
St. Peters Prep (B)
West Morris Central High School
West Morris Mendham High School

District 5

Bayonne High School
Bernards High School
Christian Brothers Academy (B)
Gill St Bernards
Governor Livingston High School
Ridge High School
The Pingry School
Voorhees High School
Watchung Hills High School
Ranney School – Added 12/13/2021

District 6

Holmdel High School
Montgomery High School
Moorestown Friends
Somerville High School
Hunterdon Central High School
Princeton High School
St. Augustine (B)
West Windsor-Plainsboro High School-North
West Windsor-Plainsboro High School-South
Princeton Day School -- Added 12/2/2021

2021-22 NJSIAA DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Any school sponsoring an interscholastic team will be permitted to enter District Championships, provided the provisions of Rule 2, Section 18 of the NJSIAA Constitution and Bylaws are met. There shall be no appeal or waiver for advancement from one level of the tournament to the next regardless of reason (e.g. from Districts to State Championships). All entrants must compete to advance. No date changes due to any school conflicts with trips, dances, banquets, testing programs, proms, and the like, will be allowed

All fencers must be officially entered on the roster at check-in for the District Championships in order to compete in subsequent championships, a fencer is not officially entered in a District Championship unless the fencer is present and able to compete in the aforementioned Championship. Fencers, who were not able to compete in Districts due to extraordinary circumstances may petition the NJSIAA to compete in subsequent championships. Petitions will be denied for fencers who choose to participate in national, regional, or non-NJSIAA competitions in conflict with any NJSIAA championship.

All schools must bring the required complete set of electrical scoring equipment (per Competition Rules: pg. 6 rule #D). *Any school failing to provide functioning scoring equipment may be disqualified at the Tournament Director's discretion if the missing equipment causes a delay in the conduct of the tournament.*

Score sheets are official once signed by a responsible party and white copy submitted to the Bout Committee No score changes will be made after the submission to BC; yellow copy kept by the winning squad, pink copy to losing squad.

ENTRY FEE	\$150.00 per team, OR \$50.00 per 3-person squad for each gender
DEADLINE	Entry forms for teams and independents must be postmarked no later than January 14, 2022 <i>The NJSIAA will impose a late fee if an entry form is received after the published due date or is sent to the wrong address.</i>

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS DATES AND LOCATIONS

Postponement dates will be posted on the NJSIAA website

District 1 Morning, close of check-in 8:00 Jan 23, 2022	PCTI 45 Reinhardt Road Wayne, NJ 07470	Meet Director: George Janto 973-289-1753 AD: Nic Nese 973-389-4106
District 2 Afternoon, close of check-in 1:00 Jan 23, 2022	PCTI 45 Reinhardt Road Wayne, NJ 07470	Meet Director: George Janto 973-289-1753 AD: Nic Nese 973-389-4106
District 3 Morning, close of check-in 8:00 Jan 30, 2022	North Hunterdon HS Route #31 South Annandale, NJ 08801	Meet Director: George Janto 973-289-1753 AD: Alexa Freguletti 908-713-4199
District 4 Afternoon, close of check-in 1:00 Jan 30, 2022	North Hunterdon HS Route #31 South Annandale, NJ 08801	Meet Director: George Janto 973-289-1753 AD: Alexa Freguletti 908-713-4199
Independent Individual Qualifier Jan 30, 2022 Girls: 9:30 am, Boys 12:30 pm	North Hunterdon HS Route #31 South Annandale, NJ 08801	Meet Director: George Janto 973-289-1753 AD: Alexa Freguletti 908-713-4199
District 5 Morning, close of check-in 8:00 Feb 6, 2022	Montgomery HS 1016 Route 601 Skillman, NJ 08558	Meet Director: George Janto 973-289-1753 AD: Kris Grundy 609-466-7602
District 6 Afternoon, close of check-in 1:00 Feb 6, 2022	Montgomery HS 1016 Route 601 Skillman, NJ 08558	Meet Director: George Janto 973-289-1753 AD: Kris Grundy 609-466-7602

CHECK-IN

Morning Team Check-In Closes at 8:00 AM.; Afternoon Team Check-In Closes at 1:00 PM.

A school arriving after the close of check-in will be disqualified from the competition. Possible entry is at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Fencing will begin within thirty (30) minutes of the close of check-in.

All team rosters must be verified and starting line-ups submitted to the Bout Committee no later than close of check-in. *All fencers participating must be on the Team Roster. Any bout fenced with an ineligible fencer (fencer not on the Team Roster as submitted to the Bout Committee at check-in) will be voided, and any victory awarded to the opponent.*

Girls Independent Qualifier (at North Hunterdon) Check-in closes at 9:30 a.m.

Boys Independent Qualifier (at North Hunterdon) Check-in closes at 12:30 p.m.

DISTRICT COMPETITION RULES/FORMAT

All districts will use the same computer scoring program: Latest version of Fencing Time (includes New Jersey High School Fencing).

There will be one (1) 5-touch round-robin pool fenced for each weapon and each gender. School order will be announced before the competition begins.

The final standings of each weapon squad competition will be determined by the total squad (A + B + C) wins. Squad ties will be broken on the basis of indicators following USA Fencing Rules:

- i. Total touches scored minus touches received
- ii. Greatest number of touches scored
- iii. In the case of a complete tie, placement will be determined by winner of the head-to-head in the pool bout.

Sweet "16" qualifying schools are determined by the total wins of the respective school's three-weapon squads. Ties will be broken as above.

Fencing Order. Fencers are required to fence in their pools in their designated position (e.g. "A" strip, "B" strip, or "C" strip). No credit will be given for bouts fenced in the wrong lineup position. Fencing in the wrong position will result in a 0-0 defeat for the offending fencer. Any subsequent squad violations will result in that squad's elimination from the tournament, and the loss of any win-loss records for both the squad and its individual members. The bout order will be fenced C-C, B-B, A-A.

Timeouts, Bout Stoppage. Non-injury timeouts are not permitted during the five-touch bouts. For any injury or cramp or other acute medical incident that occurs during a bout and which is properly attested to by the designated sports medicine professional on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the bout lasting no longer than 5 minutes. This break shall begin immediately when the designated sports medicine professional renders his opinion and be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the designated sports medicine professional considers, before or at the end of the 5-minute break, that the fencer is incapable of continuing the bout, the fencer must withdraw and/or be replaced, if possible, by an available and eligible substitute (See: **Injury Withdrawal** below)

Injury Withdrawal and Replacement. In the case of a bona fide injury, a substitution must be made immediately, and the injured fencer shall not be eligible to return for the remainder of the competition (however note that each dual/or squad meet is considered a separate competition). If the bout has already commenced, the substitute will assume the score and the bout will be fenced to completion. The result will be credited to the substitute, and not the original fencer. If the team is unable to provide a substitute, the bout is over. If the opponent is ahead at that time, the final score will be what it was at the time of the withdrawal and shall count towards each athlete's individual record. In all other cases, the score of the bout shall be V0/D0, and any such forfeit victories shall not count towards either athlete's individual record but the victory will be credited to the Team with the active and available participant. Any bout unable to be fenced because neither team has an available athlete shall not count towards either team's record.

Substitutions. Any number of substitutes may be used. Substitutions are permitted at all positions (A, B, C). Substitutes must report directly to the referee on the strip. The substitute shall remain in the reported position unless a subsequent change is made. No fencer, starter or substitute, can change positions (i.e. A, B, C) once they have competed on that level, but they may re-enter the competition on the same level multiple times.

Participants on Venue Floor. Due to the mandated social distancing requirement, only the three active fencers and one substitute fencer/scorekeeper per squad per gender will be allowed on the venue floor. The substitute fencer can be replaced by a non-participant manager or score keeper, however no school shall have more than 4 students per weapon, per gender, 1 coach per weapon and a head coach on the venue floor during the competition (28 people) All other students, coaches and spectators must remain off the floor. This rule will be strictly enforced. Violators are subject to Black Cards and ejection from the Venue.

COACHES

Only one (1) Board-approved coach for each squad will be credentialed. Tournament Directors will disqualify any school that is accompanied by someone in a coaching capacity who is not properly certified in accordance with NJSIAA regulations and appointed by their respective Board of Education. A properly appointed coach will thereafter be subject to the Rules and Regulation -- Rule 2, Section 11 – Out-of-Season Practice. If a substitute coach is used, written authority from the school's Principal must be presented.

POST-DISTRICT RESULTS REPORTING

Results will be posted at njifa.com

Full Results - Create a PDF for each gender containing:

1. 3-weapon results (OVERALL RESULTS button)
 2. Final tabular results for each team weapon (FINAL RESULTS tab)
 3. Full team pool (ROUND #1 tab)
 4. Final tabular results for each individual weapon (FINAL RESULTS tab)
- Send these PDF(s) to njifasecretary@gmail.com, astumpf@njsiaa.org

All-State Points

In each event, click the INDIVIDUAL RESULTS button
Export to a CSV
Send these CSVs to njifasecretary@gmail.com

DISTRICT AWARDS

Team Awards:

Overall First Place – a trophy and 12 gold medals for the overall gender specific team champion.
No additional trophies or medals are awarded.

Postponement date and final tournament format will be posted on the NJSIAA Website.

ADMISSION FEE

Spectator admission fee of \$5 adults and \$3 students/senior citizens will be charged.
Possible NJSIAA mandates may limit and/or exclude spectators from athletic events during the 2021-2022 season

2021-22 NJSIAA/BOLLINGER INDIVIDUAL

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Individual qualifiers to the NJSIAA Individual State Tournament will be the top three (3) fencers on A strip, top two (2) fencers on B strip, and top one (1) fencer on C strip in each weapon and each gender from each of the 6 District Qualifying Tournaments, and up to 4 independents who qualify.

All fencers competing in the Individual Championships must have been officially entered in the District Championships. Under extraordinary circumstances a fencer who was not able to compete in their District Championship may petition NJSIAA to compete in the State Individual Championships.

Any fencer failing to appear for the Individual Championships after having qualified at the District championships will be subject to any penalties available to the NJSIAA, including, but not limited to, no participation in the following year Fencing Championships unless extraordinary circumstances caused such unforeseen withdrawal and the fencer is granted a waiver by the NJSIAA.

LOCATION	ENTRY FEE	ENTRY DEADLINE
Morris Knolls HS 50 Knoll Drive Rockaway, NJ 07866	\$ 16.00 per qualifying fencer	Entry forms must be postmarked no later than January 14, 2022. <i>The NJSIAA will impose a late fee if an entry form is received after the published due date or is sent to the wrong address.</i>

Postponement dates will be posted on the NJSIAA website

CHECK-IN

Sunday, February 13, 2022; 8 a.m. – Women’s Epee, Women’s Foil and Women’s Sabre
 9 a.m. – Men’s Epee,
 10 a.m.- Men’s Foil
 11:30 a.m.- Men’s Sabre

A fencer arriving after the close of check-in can be disqualified from the competition, at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Fencing will begin within thirty (30) minutes of the close of check-in.

All fencers competing in the Individual State Championships must have been available to fence and listed on the team District roster and must be present in the venue dressed and prepared to fence, the only exception is a fencer granted a “certified absent petition,” approved by NJSIAA.

Any bout fenced with an ineligible fencer (any fencer not on the official team roster, signed and submitted to the Bout Committee before the close of check in) will be voided, and any victory awarded to the opponent.

COACHES

Only Board-approved coaches will be credentialed. Tournament Directors will disqualify any school that is accompanied by someone in a coaching capacity who is not properly certified in accordance with NJSIAA regulations and appointed by their respective Board of Education. A properly appointed coach will thereafter be subject to the Rules and Regulation --

Rule 2, Section 11 – Out-of-Season Practice. If a substitute coach is used, written authority from the school’s Principal must be presented.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

First place medal
Second Place medal
Third Place medal

POST-INDIVIDUALS RESULTS REPORTING

Results will be posted at njifa.com

Create a PDF for each gender containing final tabular results for each individual weapon (FINAL RESULTS tab)
Send these PDF(s) to njifasecretary@gmail.com

ADMISSION FEE

Spectator admission fee of \$5 adults and \$3 students/senior citizens will be charged.
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2021-22 NJSIAA/BOLLINGER "SWEET 16" STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The top three (3) overall team finishers from each of the six (6) District Qualifying Tournaments (18 Teams per gender) qualify for the "Sweet 16" State Team Championship.

All Fencers must have been officially entered into their respective District Championships to compete in a Team Championship match, unless a petition for entry has been approved by NJSIAA prior to the start of the Team Championships.

The six (6) District champions will be seeded 1-6 according to their finish at the Cetrulo/Santelli Tournament. All other teams will be seeded according to their finish in the Cetrulo/Santelli Tournament. Teams seeded 15-18 must compete in a play-in to fill the 15 and 16 slots.

There will be third place medals awarded to both losing semi-final teams. No fence off for third place will take place.

The host school is responsible for paying the NJSIAA assigned referee up to, but not including, the final match; the NJSIAA is responsible for paying the referees for the Final matches.

All tournament matches are fought using the rules as stated in **Dual Meet Regulations (pg 8-9)**.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

The play-in round and the first three rounds will be fenced at the higher seeded school as determined by the Seeding Committee.

GIRLS: Play In – Feb 8 Round 1 – Feb 9 Round 2 – Feb 15 Round 3 – Feb 21

BOYS: Play In – Feb 8 Round 1 – Feb 10 Round 2 – Feb 16 Round 3 – Feb 21

GIRLS AND BOYS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wednesday, Feb 23, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

Morris Hills High School

520 West Main Street

Rockaway, NJ 07866-3799

ENTRY FEE	ENTRY DEADLINE
\$90 per qualifying team	Entry forms for teams must be postmarked no later than February 7, 2022 <i>The NJSIAA will impose a late fee if an entry form is received after the published due date or is sent to the wrong address.</i>

AWARDS

First Place – a team trophy and fifteen (15) gold medals for each gender State Championship team

ADMISSION FEE

Spectator admission fee of \$5 adults and \$3 students/senior citizens will be charged. Possible NJSIAA mandates may limit and/or exclude spectators from athletic events during the 2021-2022 season