



2021-22 NJSIAA Boys & Girls Team Swimming 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. In addition, all schools competing in this tournament must adhere to the NJSIAA state tournament COVID-19 policy which can be found on our website under current resources or by following this link: <https://www.njsiaa.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-11/njsiaa-state-tournament-policy.pdf>

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 Swimming Rules along with any NJSIAA swimming rule modifications will govern this tournament.

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New for This Year's State Tournament

1. All teams must submit their results to njschoolsports.com after the conclusion of each contest.
2. All contests will be PowerPointed throughout the season by NJ.com using the same swimming power point system that has always been used.
3. The team's top two (2) highest power point contests will count for the tournament qualification and seeding.
4. Only the schools that complete an entry form will be considered for the tournament.
5. Virtual contests will be permitted one more year, however, they cannot be power pointed, and they will count toward your total number of allowable contests.
6. The NJSIAA has removed the minimum requirement of contests to enter.
7. Pending approval, the process of doubling the enrollment for Co-ed teams will not continue. Co-ed teams will be grouped based on the boy's enrollment. Final Classifications will reflect this change.

Swimming Team Tournament Dates

Event	Date	
Team Cutoff:	January 31, 2022	
Team Entry Form Due (by 12:00pm):	February 1, 2022	
Officials Conflict of Interest form Due:	February 1, 2022	
Team Seeding:	February 3, 2022	
Public Team Tournament (Boys & Girls)	Date	Location
Round 1 - Groups A, B, C:	by February 8, 2022	Higher Seed
Round 2 - Groups A, B, C:	by February 11, 2022	Higher Seed
Round 3 - Groups A, B, C:	February 14, 2022	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:		
Girls South - Groups C, B, A:	February 16, 2022	GCIT
Boys NI - Groups C, B, A:	February 17, 2022	PCTI
Boys NII - Groups C, B, A:	February 17, 2022	Raritan Bay YMCA
Boys Central - Groups C, B, A:	February 17, 2022	Neptune Aquatics Center
Boys South - Groups C, B, A:	February 17, 2022	GCIT
Girls NI - Groups C, B, A:	February 18, 2022	PCTI
Girls NII - Groups C, B, A:	February 18, 2022	Raritan Bay YMCA
Girls Central - Groups C, B, A:	February 18, 2022	Neptune Aquatics Center
State Semi-Finals:		
Boys Public Group C:	February 22, 2022	PCTI
Boys Public Group B:	February 22, 2022	Raritan Bay YMCA
Boys Public Group A:	February 22, 2022	GCIT
Girls Public Group C:	February 23, 2022	PCTI
Girls Public Group B:	February 23, 2022	Raritan Bay YMCA
Girls Public Group A:	February 23, 2022	GCIT
State Finals:		
Boys:	February 26, 2022	GCIT
Girls:	February 27, 2022	GCIT
Non-Public Team Tournament (Boys & Girls)	Date	Location
Round 1 - Groups A & B:	by February 11, 2022	Higher Seed
Round 2 - Groups A & B:	by February 15, 2022	Higher Seed
State Semi-Finals – Group B:	February 21, 2022	Raritan Bay
State Semi-Finals – Group A:	February 21, 2022	Neptune
Group Finals (Boys):	February 26, 2022	GCIT
Group Finals (Girls):	February 27, 2022	GCIT

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 swimming power point system will be used to qualify all teams for the tournament.
3. The 8 highest power point totals from each section and each group will qualify into the tournament.
4. PowerPoint calculation for swimming will be using the **top 2** PowerPointed contests regardless of how many you play up to and including the cutoff.
5. If there is a tie in PowerPoints, the current NJSIAA swimming tie-breaking procedure will break all ties.
6. Games played after the cutoff date will not count toward tournament qualification.
7. Eligible participants must have competed in at least fifty percent (50%) of the school's total interscholastic dual contests, up to and including the cut-off date. Swimmers returning from medical leave or ineligible

swimmers becoming eligible must compete in 50% of the remaining contests. If there is an odd number remaining, then the swimmer must compete in the greater number.

8. Co-ed teams will only be eligible to compete in the tournament as a boys' team.
9. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, before 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 before 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 before 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. Rosters must be checked and updated if necessary, by the start of the tournament. We cannot guarantee any roster changes made after the start of the tournament will make it into the tournament program.
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. The coaches of both teams shall report the results to www.njschoolsports.com following the contest. Failure to do so may result in penalties imposed by the NJSIAA. First time warning, second time \$150 fine, third time elimination from the tournament.
4. PowerPoints 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. Girls on co-ed teams will be PowerPointed using the boy's PowerPoint calculations.
6. The intent to enter form must be completed online during the intent form period listed above.
7. The Officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed by the date listed above.

Entry Fee

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

Tournament Seeding

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded using the NJSIAA swimming power point system.
2. PowerPoint calculation for swimming will be using the total of the **top 2** PowerPointed contests regardless of how many you play up to and including the cutoff. If there is a tie in PowerPoints for seeding, we will use the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure.
3. Seeds 5 will play 8 and 6 will play 7. Seeds 1 & 2 will receive a double-bye, seeds 3 & 4 will receive a single bye.
4. PowerPoints will carry throughout the tournament. Sectional contests will **not** be PowerPointed. Sectional Finalists will **NOT** be re-seeded before advancing to the State Semifinals within each division. Original PowerPoints will be used to seed the sectional finalists for the semifinal contests. The winners of the Semifinals will advance to the State Championship contests.
5. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify submitted times when they cannot be verified.
6. **The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding contesting, however, seedings and brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.**

Tournament Rules & Information

1. All contest scoring will be according to the current NFHS Swimming Rules, as amended by the NJSIAA.
2. State team swim contests may be scheduled on any date but must be completed by the next round date.
3. It is expected that all schools will work together to accommodate teams with only one coach, but if agreement cannot be reached, the school with only one coach will have to make adjustments.
4. Each team will provide three (3) timers with stopwatches at all contests and a team Scorer at the Table.
5. The lower seeded team will have the choice of odd or even-numbered lanes.
6. Entry Cards are required for each contest (First & Last Name)
7. All entry cards for all state contests become official once they are handed to the contest referee or their designee.

8. A competitor shall be permitted to enter a maximum of four (4) events, no more than two (2) of which may be individual events.
9. Any postponements, please contact the tournament staff listed on page one. The NJSIAA will set the date for a postponement if the two schools cannot agree on a date.
10. If a meter pool will be used, advance notification to the opponent is mandatory.
11. Timers must be assigned to all lanes and all timers must have pencils, clipboards, and paper.

Disqualification

1. Participation by any ineligible swimmer in any contest during the regular season results in forfeiture of all points achieved by the ineligible swimmer and final results will be adjusted accordingly.
2. If a school is seeded in the tournament and such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the team tournament, the schools will be disqualified from the tournament and the tournament will be re-seeded.
3. Participation by any ineligible swimmer in the tournament will result in forfeiture of all points achieved by the ineligible swimmer and final results will be adjusted accordingly. If the recalculation of the results determined that the team with the ineligible swimmer would not have won the contest, then the opponent will advance.

Contest Restrictions

1. With the exception of the official NJSIAA banners, no signs, banners, or posters will be permitted to be hung in any manner in pool areas during the course of the NJSIAA championships.
2. Game Site Managers will be instructed to rigidly enforce these regulations.
3. Mechanical noisemakers, and balloons are not permitted in the pool area as well.
4. No face paint is permitted on the pool deck.
5. Because of the indoor conditions, bands will not be admitted into the site.
6. Please inform swimmers that no food is allowed in the immediate pool area. You will be held responsible for their conduct. Please ask everyone to help keep the pool area, locker room area, and campus clean.

PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR STUDENT BODY AND FANS OF THESE REGULATIONS.

Tie-breaking procedure for all tournament contests

NISCA PowerPoints will determine the winner, not including 3rd relay, if the score ends up as a tie. The interactive PowerPoint system should be used if the internet is available. When the NISCA PowerPoints are tied, the tie will be broken in the following order:

1. Fewer number of sixth (6th) places
2. PowerPoints of A and B relays
3. Greater number of first (1st) places
4. Greater number of second (2nd) places
5. Greater number of third (3rd) places
6. Greater number of fourth (4th) places
7. Greater number of fifth (5th) places
8. Coin toss
9. A co-championship will be declared if teams are tied after the final contest.

Co-ed Team Clarification

1. Pending approval, the process of doubling the enrollment for Co-ed teams will not continue. Co-ed teams will be grouped based on the boy's enrollment.
2. A Co-ed team may swim against another Co-ed team, or a boys' only team, or a boys' team with girls from that same schools' girls' team. A Co-ed team may not swim against a Girls' Team. A Co-ed team may PowerPoint any one of these three scenarios. The boy's team may PowerPoint the contest, but all the girls' points will be ZERO – No points for the girl's swimming with the boy's team.
3. Schools with a Boys' Team and a Girls' Team compete in a contest against a Co-ed team, the contest counts as one contest for all swimmers. By rule 3 contests/week with this contest counting as 1 contest.
4. Times may be used as qualifying times for all swimmers and the contest will count towards 50% attendance in contests for the team and individual states.

5. School A Boys' Team swims against a Co-ed team school C and school A Girls' Team has a contest against an all-girls school, school B, the girls may swim in either contest versus school A or school B, but NOT in both!
6. Remember a Co-ed team is considered a boys' team for all intent purposes.
7. Girls on co-ed teams will be PowerPointed using the boy's PowerPoint calculations.
8. Co-ed teams will be eligible to compete as a boys' team only.
9. To maintain eligibility for this tournament, declared co-ed teams may not have separated into a Boys and Girls team for competition during the season.
10. Co-ed teams may not separate for any contest which keeps team scores.
11. Co-ed teams cannot enter both the Boys and Girls Championships.
12. Separate teams cannot combine Boys and Girls into combined teams for the Team Championships.
13. Boys are not permitted to compete on women's teams; therefore, all combined teams are recognized as men's teams.
14. Athletic guidelines presently permit girls to compete on boys' teams if the program is not offered for girls.

Tournament Costs for Schools & Officials

Public rounds 1, 2 & 3 and Non-Public rounds 1 & 2

1. Contests will be conducted at the site of the school with the higher PowerPoints. The higher seeded school will be considered the home team regardless of the facility the contest is taking place at.
2. The time of the contest will be at the discretion of the host school.
3. The higher seeded team will arrange for two (2) officials from their local assignor paid at the area agreed-upon rate.
4. Participating teams will split the cost of the officials. Each school will pay one official. Please note if you have both boys and girls in the tournament, the fees are doubled.
5. The host school will assume the cost of pool rental and site maintenance.
6. All sites must contest National Federation specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, and starting platforms.
7. Electronic timing is highly recommended.
8. Contests can be held as combined dual contests if the schools involved are all in agreement, however, the official's fees are still doubled.
9. Each team will provide scorers and backup timers.

Public Sectional Finals & Public State Semifinals

1. Contests will be conducted at a predetermined site
2. Four (4) officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA @ \$85 each
3. To offset the NJSIAA's cost to hold this event at these facilities, each participating school will be assessed a \$240 fee for each level (Public Sectional Finals & Public State Semifinals).
4. This fee is used to pay for the facility, site director, announcer, scorer, electronic timing operator, etc.
5. The host facility will provide an official scorer, announcer, and electronic timing operator.
6. All sites will contest NFHS specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms, and electronic timing.

Non-Public State Semifinals

1. Contests will be conducted at a predetermined site
2. Four (4) officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA @ \$85 each
3. To offset the NJSIAA's cost to hold this event at these facilities, each participating school will be assessed a \$240 fee.
4. This fee is used to pay for the facility, site director, announcer, scorer, electronic timing operator, etc.
5. The host facility will provide an official scorer, announcer, and electronic timing operator.
6. All sites will contest NFHS specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms, and electronic timing.

Public & Non-Public State Finals

1. Contests will be conducted at a predetermined site
2. Four (4) officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA @ \$85 each
3. The host facility will provide an official scorer, announcer, and electronic timing operator.
4. All sites will meet NFHS specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms, and electronic timing.

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.

NFHS Swimsuit Rules

This tournament will be conducted under NFHS rules and therefore will follow all NFHS swimsuit rules.

Swimsuit Transgender Clarification:

- Pursuant to NJ law and NJSIAA policy is that the student decides what swimsuit is appropriate. We permit the student to make the decision.
- NFHS Swim Rules-boys swim, we permit the Transgender Male to wear a men's suit, a women's suit, or a men's suit with covering (sports bra, etc.)
- Full bodysuits are not permitted.
- Long or short sleeve "rash guard" shirt is permitted.
- Transgender females may wear either.

Swimsuit Religious Clarification:

Swimmers are permitted to wear "compression shirts/Rash Guard" type apparel **under** their school uniform because of religious reasons, as long as the apparel is not designed to enhance the performance of the swimmer. Full body suits are not permitted.