

STATE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

MORRIS KNOLLS February 13, 2022

Athletes can only qualify by fencing for their high school at the assigned NJSIAA District and by finishing in one of the following places per weapon/per gender:

- 1.) The top 3 A strip (determined by: **A.** most victories, **B.** % of victories and if necessary, **C.** indicators, **D.** touches scored and **E.** touches received.)
- 2) The top 2 B strip and,
- 3) the top C strip from each of the 6 districts.

If Fencer is not present and ready to fence at the assigned district, they cannot compete at the Individual Tournament. However, they can submit a hardship petition to the NJSIAA. The form is on the NJSIAA website.)

It is no longer necessary for fencers to fence in all of their team's matches to qualify for the State Individual Tournament, but all of the selectees must qualify according to the three conditions listed above.

The 36 district qualifiers per weapon/per gender and a maximum of 4 independent qualifiers per weapon/per gender (qualifying path listed below) constitute the total entrants in each event (weapon/gender.)

THE PATH TO THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Check in closes for women's epee, women's foil, women's saber and men's saber at 8:30am, Check in closes for men's foil at 10am and for men's epee at 11am. Fencing begins within 1/2hour after close of check in.

The tournament consists of a three-stage elimination per weapon/per gender:

- 1.) 6 initial pools of 6's or 7's
- 2.) The top 24 fencers advance and fence in 4 pools of 6
- 3.) The top 8 competitors advance to a double stripped, single pool
- 4.) The top finisher in each weapon/gender championship pool is crowned the New Jersey High School Champion.

Medals are given to the top 3 finishers.

INDEPENDENT QUALIFYING PATH

- 1.) Enter the qualifier on January 30, 2022 at North Hunterdon High School (entries MUST be submitted on or before January 14, 2022):
Events with 7 or more entries qualify 4 fencers, events with 5 or 6 entries qualify 3 fencers, events with 3-4 entries qualify 2 fencers and events with 1 or 2 qualify one or both fencers