



## 2021 NJSIAA Boys & Girls Basketball 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 Basketball Rules along with any NJSIAA Basketball rule modifications will govern this tournament.

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

1. All teams in all sections & groups will qualify by the PowerPoint system only.
2. Teams do not need to be .500 at the cutoff anymore.
3. PowerPoint calculation will be using the BEST 13 PowerPointed games regardless of how many you play up to and including the cutoff.
4. Residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's FIRST 13 games played.
5. The higher-seeded teams will get the officials for the first three rounds.
6. The NJSIAA will assign the officials from the sectional finals to the end of the tournament.
7. The higher-seeded teams will host and set the game times up to and including the Sectional Finals.
8. Online "Intent to enter" form & "Online Officials Conflict of Interest" form.

<b>Basketball Tournament Dates</b>
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<b>Event</b>	<b>Boys Dates</b>	<b>Girls Dates</b>
Tryout Period:	November 22 - 24, 2021	November 22 - 24, 2021
First Practice:	November 29, 2021	November 29, 2021
First Scrimmage:	December 6, 2021	December 6, 2021
Opening Day:	December 17, 2021	December 17, 2021
Transfer Date:	December 17, 2021	December 17, 2021
Intent Form Period:	February 1 - 10, 2022	February 1 - 10, 2022
Cutoff:	February 12, 2022	February 12, 2022
Entry Info Due (by 12:00pm):	February 13, 2022	February 13, 2022
Seeding Meeting:	February 16, 2022	February 16, 2022
Regular Season Competition Ends:	February 27, 2022	February 27, 2022
Post-Season Meeting:	March 5, 2022	March 5, 2022
<b>Public Tournament</b>	<b>Boys Dates</b>	<b>Girls Dates</b>
Round 1 (Groups 2 & 4) at Higher Seed	February 28, 2022	February 28, 2022
Round 1 (Groups 1 & 3) at Higher Seed	March 1, 2022	March 1, 2022
Round 2 (Groups 2 & 4) at Higher Seed	March 2, 2022	March 2, 2022
Round 2 (Groups 1 & 3) at Higher Seed	March 3, 2022	March 3, 2022
Round 3 (Groups 2 & 4) at Higher Seed	March 4, 2022	March 4, 2022
Round 3 (Groups 1 & 3) at Higher Seed	March 5, 2022	March 5, 2022
Sectional Finals (Groups 2 & 4) at Higher Seed	March 7, 2022	March 8, 2022
Sectional Finals (Groups 1 & 3) at Higher Seed	March 8, 2022	March 7, 2022
State Semifinals (Groups 2 & 4)	March 9, 2022	March 10, 2022
State Semifinals (Groups 1 & 3)	March 10, 2022	March 9, 2022
State Finals (All Groups)	March 13, 2022	March 13, 2022
<b>Non-Public Tournament</b>	<b>Boys Dates</b>	<b>Girls Dates</b>
Round 1 (Groups A & B) at Higher Seed	March 2, 2022	March 2, 2022
Round 2 (Groups A & B) at Higher Seed	March 4, 2022	March 4, 2022
Round 3 (Groups A & B) at Higher Seed	March 7, 2022	March 7, 2022
Sectional Finals	March 9, 2022	March 9, 2022
State Finals	March 12, 2022	March 12, 2022
<b>Tournament of Champions</b>	<b>Boys Dates</b>	<b>Girls Dates</b>
Quarterfinals	March 15, 2022	March 16, 2022
Semifinals	March 17, 2022	March 18, 2022
Finals	March 20, 2022	March 20, 2022
<b>Unified Tournament</b>	<b>Boys Dates</b>	<b>Girls Dates</b>
Divisional Championships	TBD	TBD
Group Championships	TBD	TBD
State Championships	March 20, 2022	March 20, 2022

### **To qualify for the 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 PowerPoint totals from each section and each group will qualify into the tournament.
4. PowerPoint calculation for basketball will be using the **BEST 13** 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 13** 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 13 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 PowerPoint 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](http://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](http://www.njschoolsports.com) as soon as possible after each contest. If you encounter problems, please contact [hssupport@njadvancemedia.com](mailto:hssupport@njadvancemedia.com).
3. PowerPoints will be downloaded from the [njschoolsports.com](http://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.
4. The intent to enter form must be completed online during the intent form period listed above.
5. Non-member/out-of-state competition forms must be submitted by the date specified. Non-member out-of-state opponent records must be entered at [www.njschoolsports.com](http://www.njschoolsports.com) by the coach/school prior to the cutoff.
6. The Officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed online by the date listed above.

### **Tournament Seeding**

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded using the NJSIAA PowerPoint system.
2. If there is a tie in the PowerPoints for seeding, we will use the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure below:
  - a. Head-to-Head Competition (any games up to and including the cutoff date)
  - b. Common Opponent(s) (any games up to and including the cutoff date)
    - CL: Team A is 3-0 vs. team C and team B is 2-0 vs. team C, go to letter c
    - CL: Team A is 1-1 vs. team C and team B is 2-0 vs. team C, tie is broken
  - c. Winning % (any games up to and including the cutoff date)
  - d. Total number of residual points earned from the first 13 games.
  - e. Coin Toss

### **Entry Fee**

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

### **Tournament Rules & Information**

1. The higher seeded school will host all rounds up to and including the sectional finals. However, the NJSIAA reserves the right to change the site when the home facility is deemed inappropriate for the anticipated crowd.
2. In the event that a gymnasium is considered to be unsuitable for a tournament game, the higher-seeded school must secure a substitute site. If for any reason the higher seeded school cannot secure a suitable site, the game shall then be played at the home gymnasium of the opposing school.

3. Game times for the first three (3) rounds and the sectional finals will be designated by the higher seeded school. All game times are pending officials' availability. Athletic Directors must communicate consistently through the first three rounds of the tournament regarding start times. The NJSIAA and the tournament director will determine the start times for the first three rounds and the sectional finals 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. All games will be played on the date designated for that round with the following day as a weather day even though games may be played on consecutive days.
6. Schools will be asked to provide their own athletic trainers throughout the tournament.
7. Basket Balls – the host schools will provide NFHS approved basketball balls. The ball must be of a molded type of leather or composition-covered basketball. The approved color shall be an orange shade or natural tan. The Wilson Evolution “EVO NXT” Ball will be used in the Boys and Girls Tournament, starting with the Group Finals.
8. Uniforms – The home team will wear white uniforms for all rounds up to and including the sectional finals. Please see the separate “Tournament Schedule” document on the basketball website for the rest of the tournament.
9. 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's progression.
10. In accordance with NJSIAA policy, banners 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.
11. As per National Federation rules, no electrical or electrical communication devices are permitted.
12. Participating schools must assign adequate supervision for all games, home and away.
13. Postponements - Up to and including the Sectional Finals, the host school will handle all details for the postponement; however, all schools must assist in keeping the media informed. The Central Office will handle all details relative to postponements for the State Semifinals, State Final games, and the Tournament of Champions (all sessions). If a postponement becomes necessary, schools must be prepared to play games on consecutive days.
14. The NJSIAA prohibits schools competing in the tournament at a predetermined designated site, from any practice session(s) at said gymnasium after official notification of the game has been sent to those competing schools, or a notice of the game appears in any newspaper. Schools that do not abide by this regulation may be withdrawn from the tournament.
15. The NJSIAA prohibits the awarding of basketball nets to either of the two teams participating in a tournament contest. Nets may not be cut down.

**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. The state tournament assignors for these rounds are listed below.

<b>North I, North II &amp; NP North</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>South &amp; NP South</b>
Jack Baum	Middlesex & Mercer County – contact Jack Baum	Jeff Cohen
908-578-6577	Burlington County & Shore Conference – contact Jeff Cohen	856-296-0634
Jackpack2@yahoo.com		Jeffz44@comcast.net

## **Officials Fees**

### Rounds 1, 2 & 3

- 3 officials assigned by the local assignor.
- If the local assignor does not assign, you must use the NJSIAA assignors.
- Higher seeded school pays all officials at the area agreed-upon rate.
- Payments will come from the host school, not the NJSIAA

### Sectional Finals

- NJSIAA will assign and pay for the 3 officials.
- The 3 officials will be paid \$85.00 each
- All officials for this round will be paid via ZebraPay.

### State Public Semis-Finals

- NJSIAA will assign and pay for the 3 officials.
- The 3 officials will be paid \$90.00 each
- All officials for this round will be paid via ZebraPay.

### State Group Finals

- NJSIAA will assign and pay for the 3 officials.
- The 3 officials will be paid \$95.00 each
- All officials for this round will be paid via ZebraPay.

### Tournament of Champions

- NJSIAA will assign and pay for all officials.
- Quarterfinals - 3 officials & 1 alternate per game will be paid \$95.00 each
- Semifinals - 3 officials & 1 alternate per game will be paid \$95.00 each
- Finals - 3 officials per game will be paid \$130.00 each. The alternate official will cover both final games for \$130.00 total
- Unified Finals (1 Game) - 3 officials will be paid \$130.00 each
- All officials for this round will be paid via ZebraPay.

## **Awards**

### **Sectional Champions:**

A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates to each Sectional Championship in each section & group.

### **State Group Champions:**

A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates to the State Champion in each group.

### **TOC Champions:**

A team trophy.

### **Unified Champions:**

A team trophy.