



2022 NJSIAA/WILSON BASEBALL 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.

All current NFHS baseball rules along with any NJSIAA baseball rule modifications, including pitching limitations, will govern all tournament games.

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New for This Year's State Tournament

1. All public-school semifinal games will be played at high schools based on a pre-determined rotation. This year is North II & South Schools.
2. Game ending procedure has been clarified. Please see this document on our baseball web page.
3. Games that end in a tie will be counted in the PowerPoint system.
4. Revised tie-breaking procedure
5. The PowerPoint system was changed to the highest 15 games from the coved shortened 10 games of last year.

Baseball Important Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>	
First Practice (Pitchers & Catchers):	March 8, 2022	
First Practice:	March 11, 2022	
First Scrimmage	March 18, 2022	
Opening Day:	April 1, 2022	
Transfer Date:	April 1, 2022	
Intent Form Period	May 1 - 10, 2022	
Cutoff:	May 21, 2022	
Conflict of Interest Form:	May 22, 2022	
Entries Close by (12:00 pm):	May 22, 2022	
Seeding:	May 25, 2022	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	June 18, 2022	
Post-Season Committee Meeting:	June 22, 2022	
<u>Public Tournament</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Round 1 on:	June 1, 2022	Higher Seed
Round 2 by:	June 4, 2022	Higher Seed
Round 3 by:	June 7, 2022	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	June 10, 2022	Higher Seed
State Semifinals:	June 13, 2022	North II & South
State Finals:	June 18, 2022	Veterans Park, Hamilton
<u>Non-Public Tournament</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Round 1 on:	May 31, 2022	Higher Seed
Round 2 by:	June 3, 2022	Higher Seed
Round 3 by:	June 7, 2022	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	June 10, 2022	Higher Seed
State Finals:	June 15, 2022	Veterans Park, Hamilton

To Qualify

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis.
2. Sixty percent (60%) of games played on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
3. The NJSIAA power point system will be used for all qualifying and seeding purposes.
4. The PowerPoint procedure for baseball will be using the top 15 highest PowerPoint totals from opening day to the cutoff date regardless of how many games were played.
5. The residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's first 15 games played.
6. Teams that play less than 15 games at the cutoff will still be eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.
7. Games completed after the cutoff date will not count even if they were started before the cutoff date.
8. The 16 highest team PowerPoint totals from each section and each group will qualify into the tournament.
9. If there is a tie for qualification, we will use the current tie-breaking procedure.
10. 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.
11. 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. 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. 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.
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 by the coach/school prior to the cutoff.
6. The Officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed online by the date listed above.
7. Do not enter if your school is not able or willing to comply with tournament regulations. The Executive Committee of the NJSIAA has ruled that member schools failing to comply with all entry requirements may be excluded from the tournament.

Tournament Seeding

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded using the PowerPoint system.
2. If there are ties for seeding, we will use the current tie-breaking procedure.
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 Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Baseball Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691
- DO NOT use certified mail

Tournament Rules & Information

1. Game times for the first three (3) rounds, the public & non-public sectional finals, and the public semifinals will be designated by the higher seeded team. The recommended start time for school days is 4:00pm. For non-school days, times will be established by the home team.
2. All game times are pending the official's availability. Athletic Directors must communicate consistently through all rounds of the tournament regarding start times.
3. The NJSIAA may determine the start times for the first four (4) rounds and the public semifinals if there is any disagreement with start times between schools.
4. Game times for all state group championship games will be established by the NJSIAA.
5. Round one (1) game is a "play on" date. You may not play the game before that date. Round two (2) and three (3) games may be played earlier than the dates indicated if both schools agree. If schools cannot agree, the game must be played on the play by date. Regular season/tournament games scheduled for these dates must be rescheduled.
6. The public & non-public sectional finals, and the public semifinals are "play on" dates. Host schools must get approval from the NJSIAA to play these games on a different day.
7. If any circumstance causes postponement, the game must be played on the next day. If the next day is a Sunday, the game may be played if both schools are permitted to play on Sundays, otherwise, the game must be played on Monday. Non-NJSIAA tournament games must be moved.
8. Responsibility for postponing a game shall rest with the host school. It is recommended that the host school should notify their opponent before the departure of the visiting school's busses at the latest.
9. The NJSIAA and Sectional Assignors must be notified of any postponement in a timely fashion.
10. After a second consecutive postponement of a game because of field conditions, the NJSIAA director of baseball may designate an alternate site as the home field for the higher-seeded team which may include the opponent's field of the lower-seeded team.
11. Participating schools must assign adequate supervision for all games, home and away.
12. A maximum of twenty-five (25) uniform players, four (4) uniformed coaches, three (3) support personnel, and a trainer will be permitted in the Dugout. Dugouts may be extended away from home plate if needed.

13. After twenty-five (25) uniform players, to be identified and designated on the line-up card, are presented to the umpire at the beginning of the game, no additions to the card will be permitted.
14. The winning school must notify njschoolsports.com immediately after each game, which must include the pitch count information.
15. Sites will not be declared unsuitable merely because recommended minimum fence distances are not available, or field conditions are less than perfect unless Leagues or Conferences have ruled such sites unsuitable for League or Conference play. Fields should be lined in accordance with National Federation Rules.
16. The host school must provide an adequate amount of crowd control/security as needed based on the host school's facility. The visiting school must provide at least one (1) staff member, not associated with the coaching staff, to be present at each tournament game to assist on-site management in maintaining control of visiting spectators.
17. Any member school withdrawing from competition after having officially entered the tournament may be barred from participating in NJSIAA tournament the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present.
18. Participation by an ineligible player in any game during the regular season results in forfeiture of said game. If such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the tournament or if an ineligible player participates in a tournament game, said SCHOOL will be disqualified from the tournament immediately and their last opponent will advance in their place. Schools eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition.
19. Only baseballs meeting NFHS & NOCSAE specifications may be used in the tournament. The home team will provide the game balls. At the State Finals, all game balls will be provided by the NJSIAA. The Wilson A1010 baseballs will be the official ball for the State Finals.

Host School Assignment of Officials Procedure

1. Schools hosting the first three (3) rounds of the tournament are responsible for getting the officials using their local assignor.
2. The local assignor must be contacted ASAP as to the time and location of the game.
3. Schools are to treat these rounds like a regular-season game regarding the assignment of officials.
4. School/Coaches will not be permitted to request specific officials.
5. Any preferred or not preferred lists used during the regular season will not be used during the state tournament.
6. Only the conflict of interest form will be used to assign all tournament games. Assignors will be notified of this procedure.
7. Host schools for the first three (3) rounds must notify their assignors within a timely fashion prior to any change of game time and or site location.
8. If your local assignor will not be assigning the tournament games, please contact the regional or state assignor ASAP.

NJSIAA Regional Assignors

- North I: Jack Venezia - 973-857-2282
- North II & Non-Public North: Vic Dudka - 732-541-2706
- Central: Craig Yetman - 732-690-7532
- South & Non-Public South: Paul Reagle - 856-287-2136

Assigning & Umpire Fees

Rounds 1 & 2

- 2 umpires assigned by the host school's local assignor.
- Higher seeded school pays both umpires at the area agreed-upon rate.

Round 3

- 3 umpires assigned by the host school's local assignor.
- Higher seeded school pays all 3 umpires at the area agreed-upon rate.

Sectional Finals

- Region assignors will assign 3 umpires for this round.
- NJSIAA will pay for all 3 umpires at \$90 each.

State Semis-Finals (Public Only)

- Region assignors will assign 3 umpires for this round.
- Region assignors will assign 1 pitch counter for this round.
- NJSIAA will pay for all 3 umpires at \$90 each
- NJSIAA will pay for 1 pitch counter at \$40 for each game

State Finals

- NJSIAA state assignor will assign 3 umpires for this round.
- NJSIAA state assignor will assign 1 pitch counter for this round.
- NJSIAA will pay for all 3 umpires at \$95 each.
- NJSIAA will pay for 1 pitch counter at \$40 for each game

Please note for all tournament games:

- If a game is postponed after teams and umpires have arrived and before the game has started, the umpires will receive a full game fee.
- Once a game begins and then is suspended; the umpires will receive a full game fee.
- Each umpire assigned to complete a suspended game, will receive a full game fee.

State Group Finals

1. All times are subject to change as deemed necessary by the NJSIAA.
2. The tournament director will conduct the coin toss. The team that has traveled the farthest will call the coin toss.
3. The winner of the coin toss will designate the home and visiting team and the loser of the coin toss will choose the dugout/bench area.

State Group Finals Schedule

Non-Public A	June 15, 2022	4:00pm	Veterans Park, Hamilton
Non-Public B	June 15, 2022	7:00pm	Veterans Park, Hamilton
Group 3	June 18, 2022	10:00am	Veterans Park, Hamilton
Group 4	June 18, 2022	1:00pm	Veterans Park, Hamilton
Group 1	June 18, 2022	4:00pm	Veterans Park, Hamilton
Group 2	June 18, 2022	7:00pm	Veterans Park, Hamilton

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.

Suspended Game Rule

1. All NJSIAA post-season tournament baseball games must be played to the full seven innings (turns at-bat) unless extra innings are necessary because of a tie score, or unless shortened because the home team needs none of its half of the seventh inning or only a fraction of it. The exception to this is the 10-run rule that the state association has adopted.
2. A baseball game that is suspended at any time during the game shall be picked up at the point of interruption and then completed as the above states.

3. In an NJSIAA State Tournament game suspended by darkness, weather or other cause resumed the next day, the pitcher of record may continue to pitch to the extent of his eligibility provided he has pitched less than 50 pitches.
 - If the pitcher has thrown 50 or fewer pitches before the game was suspended, that pitcher's count shall carry over to the next day and the pitcher may pitch until the maximum of 110 pitches in a game is reached.
 - If the pitcher has thrown more than 50 pitches before the game was suspended, that pitcher shall be required to meet the rest period as per pitch count limits above.

State Tournament Pitch Count Enforcement and Recording

1. For all rounds up to and including the sectional finals, the home school shall provide an "Official Adult Pitch Counter" and this person shall count pitches for both schools. This count is official.
2. Official Adult Pitch Counter shall not be part of the coaching staff and dressed in apparel that is considered neutral during the state tournament.
3. Preferably, the Official Pitch Counter shall be seated in an area near the backstop and equally accessible to both teams.
4. Pitch counts must be verified with representatives of both teams after each half-inning.
5. If there is a discrepancy between the Official Pitch Counter and one or both team's representatives, the following process shall be followed:
 - a. If both teams agree on a pitch number, that number shall be recorded in place of the Official Pitch Counter.
 - b. If both teams disagree on a pitch number, the Official Pitch Counter's number shall be recorded.
 - c. In the event an Official Adult Pitch Counter does not show or must leave because of illness or another emergency, both coaches must confer after each inning to confirm the pitch count(s). In the event of a discrepancy, the home team count shall be official.
6. Official Adult Pitch Counter shall inform both coaches and the Plate Umpire when a pitcher reaches the 110-pitch count threshold. The Plate Umpire shall momentarily stop the game and resume immediately when he is certain both coaches are notified. In the event this is not done, there is no basis for protest.
7. Once the umpires leave the confines of the field, the pitch counts are final. The Home Coach shall report the Home and Visitor pitch counts on the njschoolsports.com website within 24 hours of the game's conclusion.
8. Coaches are responsible for their pitcher's pitch count at all times.

Baseball PowerPoint Calculation Procedure:

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1. **Quality Points** - Each school will receive the following quality points for a win or tie:

- a. Win = 6 points
- b. Tie = 3 point
- c. Lose = 0 points

2. **Group Points** - Each school will receive the following group points from a team they defeated or tied:

- a. Group IV = 4 points
- b. Group III = 3 points
- c. Group II = 2 points
- d. Group I = 1 point

3. **Residual Points** – Each school will receive residual points from one of the three categories below based on the result of the game.

- a. Each school will receive the following residual points from a team they defeated. For each win or tie your opponent has from the first 15 games, you will receive the following:
 - Win = 3 points
 - Tie = 1.5 points
 - Lose = 0 points
- b. Each school will receive the following residual points from a team they tied. For each win or tie your opponent has from the first 15 games, you will receive the following:
 - Win = 1.5 points
 - Tie = .75 points (See note below)
 - Lose = 0 points

Note: No points will be rewarded when calculating residual points when your game is the opponent's only tie since you already have been awarded points for that tie.

- c. Each school will receive the following residual points from a team they lost to. For each win your opponent has that defeated you (not including your game) from the first 15 games, you will receive the following:
 - Win = 1 point
 - Tie = 0 points
 - Lose = 0 points

NJSIAA Tournament PowerPoint Tie Breaking Procedure

1. Head-to-Head Competition (any match up to and including the cutoff date)
2. Common Opponent(s) (any match 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 2-1 vs. team C and team B is 1-1 vs. team C, go to #3
 - c. CL: Team A is 1-1 vs. team C and team B is 2-0 vs. team C, the tie is broken
 - d. CL: Team A is 3-1 vs. team C and team B is 2-0 vs. team C, the tie is broken
3. Winning % (any match up to and including the cutoff date)
4. The total number of residual points earned.
5. Coin Toss