



2022 NJSIAA/WILSON SOFTBALL 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 softball rules along with any NJSIAA softball rule modifications 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 I & Central Schools.
2. Revised tie-breaking procedure
3. The PowerPoint system was changed to the highest 15 games from the coved shortened 10 games of last year.
4. Officials' Conflict of Interest Tournament Form
5. 15 Run and 10 Run Rules will be in effect for this season.

Softball 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 11, 2022	
Conflict of Interest Form:	May 12, 2022	
Entries Close by (12:00 pm):	May 12, 2022	
Seeding:	May 13, 2022	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	June 10, 2022	
Post-Season Committee Meeting:	June 16, 2022	
<u>Public Tournament</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Round 1 by:	May 17, 2022	Higher Seed
Round 2 by:	May 20, 2022	Higher Seed
Round 3 by:	May 24, 2022	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	May 27, 2022	Higher Seed
State Semifinals:	June 1, 2022	North 1 & Central
State Finals:	June 4, 2022	Ivy Hill Park
<u>Non-Public Tournament</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Round 1 by	May 19, 2022	Higher Seed
Round 2 by:	May 23, 2022	Higher Seed
Round 3 by:	May 26, 2022	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	May 31, 2022	Higher Seed
Group Finals:	June 3, 2022	Ivy Hill Park
<u>Tournament of Champions</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Quarterfinals	June 7, 2022	Higher Seed
Semifinals	June 8, 2022	Higher Seed
Finals	June 10, 2022	Ivy Hill Park

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 softball 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 forward tournament forms to the proper address will be excluded from tournament competition in that sport.

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 Softball 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. Rounds one (1), 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 softball 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. 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.
12. 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.

13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Any member school withdrawing from competition after having officially entered the tournament may be barred from participating in the NJSIAA tournament the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present.
16. Participation by an ineligible player in a tournament game, said SCHOOL will be disqualified from the tournament immediately and their last opponent will advance in their place.
17. Only Optic Yellow softballs 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 A9011 Optic Yellow softballs will be the official ball for the State Finals.
18. The winning school must notify njschoolsports.com immediately after each game, which must include the pitch count information.

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, North II & Non-Public North: Vic Dudka - 732-541-2706, vicdudka@hotmail.com
 Central & South & Non-Public South: Allison Munch - 609-221-3392, ajmunch@comcast.net

Assigning & Umpire Fees

Rounds 1, 2 & 3

- 2 umpires assigned by the host school's local assignor.
- Higher seeded school pays both 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.
- NJSIAA will pay for all 3 umpires at \$90 each

State Finals

- NJSIAA state assignors will assign 3 umpires for this round.
- NJSIAA will pay for all 3 umpires at \$95 each.

Tournament of Champions

- NJSIAA state assignors will assign 3 umpires for this round.
- NJSIAA will pay for all 3 umpires at \$95 each.

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 & Tournament of Champions

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 B	June 3, 2022	4:30pm	Ivy Hill Park
Non-Public A	June 3, 2022	7:00pm	Ivy Hill Park
Group 1	June 4, 2022	11:30am	Ivy Hill Park
Group 2	June 4, 2022	2:00pm	Ivy Hill Park
Group 3	June 4, 2022	4:30pm	Ivy Hill Park
Group 4	June 4, 2022	7:00pm	Ivy Hill Park
Rain Date	June 5, 2022	TBA	Ivy Hill Park

Tournament of Champions Schedule

Quarterfinals	June 7, 2022	TBA	Higher Seeds
Semifinals	June 8, 2022	TBA	Higher Seeds
Finals	June 10, 2022	7:00pm	Ivy Hill Park

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.

Tournament of Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to the Champion.

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 and 15-run rules that the state association has adopted.
 - 10 run-rule will be in effect, if after 5 innings of play, and the visiting team is ahead by 10 runs, or 4 ½ if the home team is ahead by 10 runs the game ends.
 - 15 run-rule will be in effect, after 4 innings of play if the visiting team is ahead by 15 runs, or 3 ½ if the home team is ahead by 15 runs, the game may be ended with the consent of both coaches and the umpire.
2. All games that are suspended at any time during the game shall be picked up at the point of interruption and then completed as the above states.

Extra Innings Procedure

1. This procedure applies to all state tournament games that are tied after seven (7) complete innings and any ensuing completed innings.
2. Starting with the top of the 10th inning, the offensive team shall begin its turn at-bat with a runner on second base.
3. The player who is scheduled to bat ninth (last) in that respective half inning will be placed at second base.
 - Example - If the number 5 batter is to lead off, the number 4 batter in the batting order would be placed on second base.
4. A substitute may be inserted for the runner.

Softball PowerPoint Calculation Procedure:

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1. **Quality Points** - Each school will receive the following quality points for a win:
 - a. Win = 6 points
 - b. Lose = 0 points
2. **Group Points** - Each school will receive the following group points from a team they defeated:
 - 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 two 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 your opponent has from the first 15 games, you will receive the following:
 - Win = 3 points
 - Lose = 0 points
 - b. 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