



To: NJSIAA Program Review Committee

From: Al Stumpf, Assistant Director

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RE: NJSIAA Basketball Maximum Games Proposal

Background

The New Jersey Basketball Coaches Association submitted a proposal to increase the maximum number of games to be played from 22 to 24 during the regular season in the sport of basketball. The proposal was reviewed and unanimously endorsed by the NJSIAA Basketball Committee at its meeting on April 13, 2022.

The current regulation reads:

22 game regular season maximum plus a county/conference-based tournament plus the State Tournament.

The amended regulation would read:

24 regular season games maximum plus a county/conference- based tournament plus the State Tournament.

Rational

The 22-game maximum was established before the elimination of the Tournament of Champions after the 2021 – 2022 school year. With the elimination of the Tournament of Champions, the basketball season has one additional week of regular season play before the state tournament begins. The basketball committee feels that the addition of 2 games is reasonable with the additional regular season week and will allow teams additional scheduling flexibility.