



To: NJSIAA Program Review Committee

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RE: NJSIAA Power Points Proposal – Out of State/Non-Member Opponents

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### **Background**

NJSIAA staff uses power points for two primary reasons:

1. To determine who qualifies for a state tournament; and,
2. To assist in seeding those teams that qualify for a state tournament.

NJSIAA staff continually reviews its power point calculation and results to ensure the formula can be relied upon as an accurate indicator of a team's ranking.

There has been an increasing trend in the number of games played against out of state or or non-member opponents across all sports. At the same time, it is becoming more difficult to adequately verify the enrollments and records for those out of state and non-member opponents – two key components used in the power point calculation.

### **Proposal**

NJSIAA staff recommends that games played against out of state or non-member opponents not be recognized for power point purposes. The games will count towards a team's maximum number of contests; however, games against out of state or non-member opponents will not be assigned power points.

### **Rational**

While teams will still have flexibility to schedule games against out of state or non-member opponents, not including them in a team's power point calculation ensures that the power points are more consistent across all teams. Teams will qualify for, and be seeded in, an NJSIAA state tournament based solely on their performance against NJSIAA member schools. NJSIAA staff feels that this is important due to the increasing difficulty in verifying the enrollments and records for out of state or non-member opponents.