



To: NJSIAA Program Review Committee

From: Colleen Maguire, Executive Director

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RE: NJSIAA Boys Volleyball Tournaments Regulations

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**Background:**

For boys volleyball, NJSIAA has previously hosted four sectional tournaments (North I, North II, Central, and South) with the winners of each section advancing to the semi-finals and finals of the State Championships. Also, the tournament has been seeded by a committee that considered many factors such as, but not limited to, RPI, wins and losses, and strength of schedule.

Over the past five years, boys volleyball has seen tremendous growth – an increase from 141 teams during the 2017-2018 to 172 teams during the 2021-2022 season. In addition, NJSIAA staff is aware of at least six schools that will be adding JV-only programs for the 2022-2023 season and we expect the sport to continue to grow.

**Proposal:**

Given the recent growth of boys' volleyball, NJSIAA staff recommends the following changes to the tournament regulations:

- Classifications will be changed from four sections to four groups (I – IV) with a North and South section in each group.
- Qualification and seeding criteria will use traditional power points.
- Ultimately, four state champions will be crowned – one for each group.

These changes will bring the boys' volleyball classifications in line with other sports of similar size, such as boys and girls lacrosse, and move from four sectional champions/one state champion to eight sectional champions/four state champions. In addition, the decision to use power points is consistent with the recent decision for girls' volleyball and other NJSIAA sports to do so. The use of power points is beneficial because it provides objective data that is available during the season that is used for both qualification and seeding.