



2022-23 NJSIAA Boys Ice Hockey Tournament

Member schools will not be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Tournaments if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures.

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, SATs, graduation, and the like.

Member schools that are not willing or able to comply with these tournament regulations and all procedures found in the tournament operating procedures handbook should not enter the tournament.

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.

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New for This Year's State Tournament

1. The NJSIAA power point system will be used to qualify all teams for the tournament. Only NJSIAA full or federated member school games will count toward PowerPoints.
2. Games played after the cutoff date will not count toward the PowerPoint calculation even if they were started before the cutoff date.
3. The top 16 teams from Public A & B will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system.
4. The top 24 teams from Public C will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system. Additional wild card teams may be added by the seeding committee from group C after the top 24.
5. PowerPoint calculation for ice hockey will be using the **14 best** power-pointed games from opening day to the cutoff date regardless of how many games were played.
6. Residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's **first 14** games played.
7. If there is a tie in power points, the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure will break all ties.
8. Teams that play less than 14 games will still be eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.
9. Teams that are under a .500% winning percentage are still eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.
10. The .500 winning percentage and the 10-game minimum will be removed.
11. Power Points will be downloaded from the njschoolsports.com website on the date listed above at noon. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.
12. The team tournament entry form must be completed online by the entry due date above.
13. The qualifying schools in each group will be seeded by the ice hockey seeding committee.
14. The seeding committee will use the criteria they have used in the past to seed all teams in their respective brackets. The criteria that will be used are the records, out-of-state opponents, winning percentage, the strength of the schedule, the history of the program, and any other factors pertinent to the sport if needed.
15. The seeding committee when seeding the Public C group may choose to add wildcard entries to that bracket after the 24 seeds have been established for deserving schools based on the criteria listed above.

Ice Hockey Tournament Dates

Event	Dates	
First Practice:	November 21, 2022	
First Scrimmage:	November 29, 2022	
Opening Day:	December 8, 2022	
Post-Season Transfer By Date:	December 8, 2022	
Tournament Entry Period:	January 30 - February 13, 2023	
Cutoff:	February 13, 2023	
Entries Due (by 8:00am)	February 14, 2023	
Officials Conflict of Interest Form:	February 14, 2023	
Seeding Meeting:	February 14, 2023	
Tournament Starts (Boys)	February 16, 2023	
Tournament Starts (Girls)	February 20, 2023	
Regular Season Competition End:	March 5, 2023	
Post Season Meeting	TBA	
State Tournament	Dates	Location
Play-In Round (Group C Only) By:	February 19, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 1 By:	February 23, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 2 By:	February 27, 2023	Higher Seed
Group C Semifinals:	March 1, 2023	Mennen Arena
Group B Semifinals:	March 1, 2023	Codey Arena
Non-Public Semifinals:	March 2, 2023	Mennen Arena
Group A Semifinals:	March 2, 2023	Codey Arena
State Finals:	March 6, 2023	Prudential Center

To Qualify for the Team Tournament

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis and sixty percent (60%) of the games played on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
2. The NJSIAA power point system will be used to qualify all teams for the tournament. Only NJSIAA full or federated member school games will count toward PowerPoints.
3. Games played after the cutoff date will not count toward the PowerPoint calculation even if they were started before the cutoff date.
4. The top 16 teams from Public A & B will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system.
5. The top 24 teams from Public C will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system. Additional wild card teams may be added by the seeding committee from group C after the top 24.
6. All teams from the Non-Public group will qualify automatically.
7. PowerPoint calculation for ice hockey will be using the **14 best** power-pointed games from opening day to the cutoff date regardless of how many games were played.
8. Residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's **first 14** games played.
9. If there is a tie in power points, the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure will break all ties.
10. Teams that play less than 14 games will still be eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.
11. Teams that are under a .500% winning percentage are still eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.

Entry Procedure

1. All varsity schedules & rosters must be entered in njschoolsports.com by the start of the season.
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. Power Points will be downloaded from the njschoolsports.com website on the date listed above at noon. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.
4. The team tournament entry form must be completed online by the entry due date above.

Tournament Seeding

1. The qualifying schools in each group will be seeded by the ice hockey seeding committee.
2. The tournament will be divided into four (4) divisions, Public A, Public B, Public C, and Non-Public.
3. The seeding committee will use the criteria they have used in the past to seed all teams in their respective brackets. The criteria that will be used are the records, out-of-state opponents, winning percentage, the strength of the schedule, the history of the program, and any other factors pertinent to the sport if needed.
4. The seeding committee when seeding the Public C group may choose to add wildcard entries to that bracket after the 24 seeds have been established for deserving schools based on the criteria listed above.
5. **The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding contesting, however, seedings and brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.**

Entry Fee

- \$90.00 per team, Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Ice Hockey Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691
- **DO NOT** use certified mail

Tournament Rules & Information

1. The NFHS Ice Hockey Rules along with any NJSIAA Ice Hockey rule modifications will govern this tournament.
2. Teams may schedule tournament games any time before the "Play By" date.
3. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their bench.
4. A student to be eligible for the state tournament must have played in at least 50% of the school's games scheduled up to and including the cutoff date while they are properly enrolled and eligible. If there is an odd number remaining, then the player must compete in the greater number.
5. Schools receiving a bye may not force their opponent to play on consecutive days.
6. The tournament director and the NJSIAA must be notified by the home school immediately should any problems arise in setting a date.
7. Sites for the play-in round and the first two (2) rounds will be at the higher-seeded school's arena and they must obtain ice time for these games. Should the higher-seeded team be unable to secure ice time at their home arena, the visiting team will become the home team and assume all corresponding responsibilities.
8. Sites for all games starting with the state semifinals will be arranged by the NJSIAA.

Host School Assignment of Officials Procedure

1. All schools hosting games that require them to assign the officials must do so by 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 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.

Awards

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) team certificates will be awarded to the State Champion in each group.

State Tournament assignor:

Jack Lally, (908) 323-5781, jmlally12@gmail.com

Officials Assignments

The higher-seeded school is responsible for contacting their local assignor to obtain officials for the play-in round (if any) and rounds one (1), and two (2). The NJSIAA will assign all rounds after round two (2) of the tournament.

Play-in Round (if any)

- High-seeded schools will get the officials
- Two (2) officials will be assigned to each game by the local assignor.
- Higher-seeded schools will pay both officials at the area agreed-upon rate.

Rounds 1 & 2

- High-seeded schools will get the officials
- Two (2) officials will be assigned to each game by the local assignor.
- Higher-seeded schools will pay both officials at the area agreed-upon rate.

State Semis-Finals

- NJSIAA will assign and pay for the 3 officials.
- 1 Referee
- 2 Linesman

State Finals

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- 2 Linesman

Tournament Schedule

State Semifinals @ Cody Arena

March 1, 2023	March 2, 2023
Public Group B	Public Group A
Times 4:30 & 7:00*	Times 4:30 & 7:00*

*Specific game times for the sectional finals will be determined at a later date.

State Semifinals @ Mennen Arena

March 1, 2023	March 2, 2023
Public Group C	Non-Publics
Times 4:30 & 7:00*	Times 4:30 & 7:00*

*Specific game times for the sectional finals will be determined at a later date.

State Finals @ Prudential Center

March 6, 2023
Public A, Public B, Public C & Non-Publics
Times TBA

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