



To: NJSIAA Program Review Committee

From: Colleen Maguire, Executive Director

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RE: NJSIAA Bowling Tournament Regulations

NJSIAA staff, in consultation with the Bowling Committee, is proposing three changes to the 2022-2023 Bowling Tournament Regulations:

1. **Boys' Sectional Sites** – The boys' bowling sectional tournament will host four sectional sites (NI, NII, Central and South) as opposed to five sectional sites. This brings boys bowling sectional alignment in line with all other sports, including girls bowling. In addition, it minimizes the number of facilities that need to be used as NJSIAA staff has had to host sectional tournaments on different dates due to facility availability. Boys bowling will remain an entry-driven sport so all schools will be accommodated at one of the four sectional sites.

2. **Team State Championships** – As a result of moving to four sectional sites, there will be a total of 11 boys teams advancing to the team state championships across all four groups – a total of 44 teams will advance. Prior to this year, 45 boys' teams advanced to the team state championships when five sectional sites were hosted. There will also be a corresponding increase in the number of girls teams advancing to the team state championships across all four sections – a total of 11 girls' teams will advance for a total of 44 teams. Prior to this year, 36 teams advanced to the team state championships – so this represents an increase of 12 wildcard teams.

The boys and girls team state championships are hosted on different dates so there are no concerns with facility availability.

3. **Individual State Championships** – The top twenty-five individuals from each section will advance to the individual state championships – both boys and girls. A total of 100 boys and 100 girls will advance to the individual state championships – this brings the total number of girls advancing in line with the number of boys advancing. Prior to this year, 80 girls (20/section) advanced to the individual state championships.