



2022-23 NJSIAA Boys & Girls Team Swimming 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 PowerPoint system will take the top three (3) highest power pointed meets this year. This is a change from last year.
2. All teams must submit their results to njschoolsports.com after the conclusion of each contest or within 24 hours.
3. All contests will be PowerPointed throughout the season by NJ.com using the same swimming power point system that has always been used.
4. Only the schools that complete an entry form will be considered for the tournament.
5. The NJSIAA has removed the minimum requirement of contests to enter.
6. The process of doubling the enrollment for Co-ed teams will not continue. Co-ed teams will be grouped based on the boy's enrollment. Final Classifications will reflect this change.
7. The coaches of both teams shall report the results to www.njschoolsports.com following the contest. Failure to do so may result in penalties imposed by the NJSIAA. First-time warning, second-time \$150 fine, third-time elimination from the tournament.
8. The meet sheets can be done in pencil or pen.
9. Both teams' meet sheets must be signed by the official at the end of the meet.

Swimming Team Tournament Dates

Event	Date	
First Practice:	November 21, 2022	
First Scrimmage:	November 29, 2022	
Opening Day:	December 8, 2022	
Post-Season Transfer By Date:	December 8, 2022	
Team Entry Form Opens	January 17, 2023	
Team Cutoff:	January 30, 2023	
Team Entries Close (12:00pm):	January 31, 2023	
Conflict of Interest Due	January 31, 2023	
Hy-Tek Individual Entries Open:	February 1, 2023	
Team Seeding:	February 2, 2023	
Individual Cutoff:	February 14, 2023	
Hy-Tek Individual Entries Close (12:00pm):	February 15, 2023	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	March 5, 2023	
Post-Season Meeting:	TBA	
Public Team Tournament (Boys & Girls)	Date	Location
Round 1 - Groups A, B, C:	by February 7, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 2 - Groups A, B, C:	by February 10, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 3 - Groups A, B, C:	by February 14, 2023	Higher Seed
Public Sectional Finals:		
Boys South - Groups A, C, B:	February 15, 2023	GCIT
Girls N1 - Groups A, C, B:	February 16, 2023	PCTI
Girls N2 - Groups A, C, B:	February 16, 2023	Raritan Bay YMCA
Girls Central - Groups A, C, B:	February 16, 2023	Neptune Aquatics Center
Girls South - Groups A, C, B:	February 16, 2023	GCIT
Boys N1 - Groups A, C, B:	February 17, 2023	PCTI
Boys N2 - Groups A, C, B:	February 17, 2023	Raritan Bay YMCA
Boys Central - Groups A, C, B:	February 17, 2023	Neptune Aquatics Center
Public Semi-Finals:		
Girls Public Group A:	February 21, 2023	PCTI
Girls Public Group C:	February 21, 2023	Raritan Bay YMCA
Girls Public Group B:	February 21, 2023	GCIT
Boys Public Group A:	February 22, 2023	PCTI
Boys Public Group C:	February 22, 2023	Raritan Bay YMCA
Boys Public Group B:	February 22, 2023	GCIT
Public State Finals:		
Girls:	February 25, 2023	GCIT
Boys:	February 26, 2023	GCIT
Non-Public Team Tournament (Boys & Girls)	Date	Location
Round 1 - Groups A & B:	by February 10, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 2 - Groups A & B:	by February 14, 2023	Higher Seed
State Semi-Finals – Group A:	February 20, 2023	Raritan Bay
State Semi-Finals – Group B:	February 20, 2023	Neptune
State Finals (Girls):	February 25, 2023	GCIT
State Finals (Boys):	February 26, 2023	GCIT

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 swimming power point system will be used to qualify all teams for the tournament.
3. The 8 highest power point totals from each section and each group will qualify for the tournament.
4. PowerPoint calculation for swimming will be using the **top 3** PowerPointed contests regardless of how many you play up to and including the cutoff.
5. If there is a tie in PowerPoints, the current NJSIAA swimming tie-breaking procedure will break all ties.
6. Games played after the cutoff date will not count toward tournament qualification.
7. Eligible participants must have competed in at least fifty percent (50%) of the school's total interscholastic dual contests, up to and including the cut-off date. Swimmers returning from medical leave or ineligible swimmers becoming eligible must compete in 50% of the remaining contests. If there is an odd number remaining, then the swimmer must compete in the greater number.
8. Co-ed teams will only be eligible to compete in the tournament as boys' teams.
9. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, before the start of the tournament, will be unable to compete in the state tournament.
10. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications before the start of the tournament will not be permitted to participate in the state tournament. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached before the start of the tournament for the team.

Entry Procedure

1. All varsity schedules & rosters must be entered in njschoolsports.com by the start of the season. Rosters must be checked and updated by the start of the tournament. We cannot guarantee any roster changes made after the start of the tournament will make it into the tournament program.
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. The coaches of both teams shall report the results to www.njschoolsports.com following the contest. Failure to do so may result in penalties imposed by the NJSIAA. First-time warning, second-time \$150 fine, third-time elimination from the tournament.
4. PowerPoints will be downloaded from the njschoolsports.com website on the date listed above at noon. The seeding committee will use this information to seed the tournament. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.
5. Girls on co-ed teams will be PowerPointed using the boy's PowerPoint calculations.
6. The team entry form must be completed online during the period listed above.
7. The Officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed by the date listed above.

Entry Fee

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

Tournament Seeding

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded using the NJSIAA swimming power point system.
2. PowerPoint calculation for swimming will be using the total of the **top 3** PowerPointed contests regardless of how many you play up to and including the cutoff. If there is a tie in PowerPoint for seeding, we will use the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure.
3. Seeds 5 will play 8 and 6 will play 7. Seeds 1 & 2 will receive a double bye, and seeds 3 & 4 will receive a single bye.
4. A team's PowerPoint total will carry throughout the tournament. Sectional contests will **not** be PowerPointed. Sectional Finalists will **NOT** be re-seeded before advancing to the State Semifinals within each division. Original PowerPoints will be used to seed the sectional finalists for the semifinal contests. The winners of the Semifinals will advance to the State Championship contests.
5. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify submitted times when they cannot be verified.
6. **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.**

Tournament Rules & Information

1. The NFHS Swimming Rules along with any NJSIAA swimming rule modifications will govern this tournament.
2. All contest scoring will be according to the current NFHS Swimming Rules, as amended by the NJSIAA.
3. State team swim contests may be scheduled on any date but must be completed by the next round date.
4. It is expected that all schools will work together to accommodate teams with only one coach, but if an agreement cannot be reached, the school with only one coach will have to arrange for coverage.
5. Each team will provide three (3) timers with stopwatches at all contests and a team scorer at the Table.
6. The lower-seeded team will have the choice of odd or even-numbered lanes.
7. Entry Cards are required for each contest (First & Last Name)
8. All entry cards for all state contests become official once they are handed to the contest referee or their designee.
9. A competitor shall be permitted to enter a maximum of four (4) events, no more than two (2) of which may be individual events.
10. Any postponements, please contact the tournament staff listed on page one. The NJSIAA will set the date for a postponement if the two schools cannot agree on a date.
11. If a meter pool will be used, advance notification to the opponent is mandatory.
12. Timers must be assigned to all lanes and all timers must have pencils, clipboards, and paper.

Meet Procedures:

1. The power-pointing procedure must be followed for all meets. There is no difference between power-pointed meets and non-power-pointed meets anymore. Whatever your lineup is for that particular meet is your lineup. Coaches are free to communicate with each other regarding notification that they are going to PowerPoint a meet.
2. The meet sheets can be done in pencil or pen.
3. The first and last names of all contestants must appear on all forms. The leadoff swimmer on relays must be circled.
4. Entry cards are required during the state tournament for each event (First & Last Name).
5. Entry cards become official once they are handed to the official or their designee.
6. Any changes to meet sheets must be initialized by a meet official.
7. At the conclusion of the meet, both coaches must agree on the final score before the official signs the meet sheet.
8. All meet sheets must be signed by an official at the conclusion of the meet.
9. Any unsigned meet sheet is invalid.
10. All meet sheets must be available for the NJSIAA to review in case of discrepancies.
11. Coaches are free to use any type of meet sheet, there is no standard NJSIAA sheet.
12. Each coach is to input all their school's meet information, including all three times for each event into njschoolsports.com.
13. The home team will input the team score.
14. Coaches are urged to check for accuracy throughout the season.
15. All schools must provide backup timers for each lane.

Disqualification

1. Participation by any ineligible swimmer in any contest during the regular season results in the forfeiture of all points achieved by the ineligible swimmer, and final results will be adjusted accordingly.
2. If a school is seeded in the tournament and such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the team tournament, the school will be disqualified from the tournament and the tournament will be re-seeded.
3. Participation by any ineligible swimmer in the tournament will result in forfeiture of all points achieved by the ineligible swimmer and final results will be adjusted accordingly. If the recalculation of the results determined that the team with the ineligible swimmer would not have won the contest, then the opponent will advance.

Contest Restrictions

1. Game Site Managers will be instructed to rigidly enforce these regulations.
2. With the exception of the official NJSIAA banners, no signs, banners, or posters will be permitted to be hung in any manner in pool areas during the course of the NJSIAA championships.
3. Mechanical noisemakers and balloons are not permitted in the pool area as well.
4. No face paint is permitted on the pool deck.
5. Because of the indoor conditions, bands will not be admitted to the site.
6. Please inform swimmers that no food is allowed in the immediate pool area. You will be held responsible for their conduct. Please ask everyone to help keep the pool area, locker room area, and campus clean.

PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR STUDENT BODY AND FANS OF THESE REGULATIONS.

Tie-breaking procedure for all tournament contests

NISCA PowerPoints will determine the winner, not including 3rd relay, if the score ends up as a tie. The interactive PowerPoint system should be used if the internet is available. When the NISCA PowerPoints are tied, the tie will be broken in the following order:

1. Fewer number of sixth (6th) places
2. PowerPoints of A and B relays
3. Greater number of first (1st) places
4. Greater number of second (2nd) places
5. Greater number of third (3rd) places
6. Greater number of fourth (4th) places
7. Greater number of fifth (5th) places
8. Coin toss
9. A co-championship will be declared if teams are tied after the final contest.

Co-ed Team Clarification

1. The process of doubling the enrollment for Co-ed teams will not continue. Co-ed teams will be grouped based on the boy's enrollment.
2. A Co-ed team may swim against another Co-ed team, or a boys' only team, or a boys' team with girls from that same schools' girls' team. A Co-ed team may not swim against a Girls' Team. A Co-ed team may PowerPoint any one of these three scenarios. The boy's team may PowerPoint the contest, but all the girls' points will be ZERO – No points for the girls swimming with the boy's team.
3. Schools with a Boys' Team and a Girls' Team compete in a contest against a Co-ed team, the contest counts as one contest for all swimmers. By rule 3 contests/week with this contest counting as 1 contest.
4. Times may be used as qualifying times for all swimmers and the contest will count towards 50% attendance in contests for the team and individual states.
5. School A Boys' Team swims against a Co-ed team school C and school A Girls' Team has a contest against an all-girls school, school B, the girls may swim in either contest versus school A or school B, but NOT in both!
6. Remember a Co-ed team is considered a boys' team for all intent purposes.
7. Girls on co-ed teams will be PowerPointed using the boy's PowerPoint calculations.
8. Co-ed teams will be eligible to compete as boys' teams only.
9. To maintain eligibility for this tournament, declared co-ed teams may not have separated into a Boys and Girls team for competition during the season.
10. Co-ed teams may not separate for any contest which keeps team scores.
11. Co-ed teams cannot enter both the Boys and Girls Championships.
12. Separate teams cannot combine Boys and Girls into combined teams for the Team Championships.
13. Boys are not permitted to compete on women's teams; therefore, all combined teams are recognized as men's teams.
14. Athletic guidelines presently permit girls to compete on boys' teams if the program is not offered for girls.

Tournament Costs for Schools & Officials

Public rounds 1, 2 & 3 and Non-Public rounds 1 & 2

1. Contests will be conducted at the site of the school with the higher PowerPoints. The higher-seeded school will be considered the home team regardless of the facility the contest is taking place at.
2. The time of the contest will be at the discretion of the host school.
3. The higher-seeded team will arrange for two (2) officials from their local assignor, paid at the area agreed-upon rate.
4. Participating teams will split the cost of the officials. Each school will pay one official. Please note if you have both boys and girls in the tournament, the fees are doubled.
5. The host school will assume the cost of pool rental and site maintenance.
6. All sites must meet National Federation specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, and starting platforms.
7. Electronic timing is highly recommended.
8. Contests can be held as combined dual contests if the schools involved are all in agreement, however, the official's fees are still doubled.
9. Each team will provide scorers and backup timers.

Public Sectional Finals & Public State Semifinals

1. Contests will be conducted at a predetermined site
2. Four (4) officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA
3. To offset the NJSIAA's cost to hold this event at these facilities, each participating school will be assessed a \$240 fee for each level (Public Sectional Finals & Public State Semifinals).
4. This fee is used to pay for the facility, site director, announcer, scorer, electronic timing operator, etc.
5. The host facility will provide an official scorer, announcer, and electronic timing operator.
6. All sites will contest NFHS specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms, and electronic timing.

Non-Public State Semifinals

1. Contests will be conducted at a predetermined site
2. Four (4) officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA
3. To offset the NJSIAA's cost to hold this event at these facilities, each participating school will be assessed a \$240 fee.
4. This fee is used to pay for the facility, site director, announcer, scorer, electronic timing operator, etc.
5. The host facility will provide an official scorer, announcer, and electronic timing operator.
6. All sites will contest NFHS specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms, and electronic timing.

Public & Non-Public State Finals

1. Contests will be conducted at a predetermined site
2. Four (4) officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA @ \$85 each
3. The host facility will provide an official scorer, announcer, and electronic timing operator.
4. All sites will meet NFHS specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms, and electronic timing.

Awards

Sectional Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to each Sectional Championship in each Group.

State Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to the State Champion in each Group. In the event of a tie, we will award both teams a trophy.

NFHS Swimsuit Rules

This tournament will be conducted under NFHS rules and therefore will follow all NFHS swimsuit rules.

Swimsuit Transgender Clarification:

- Pursuant to NJ law and NJSIAA policy is that the student decides what swimsuit is appropriate. We permit the student to make the decision.
- NFHS Swim Rules-boys swim, we permit the Transgender Male to wear a men's suit, a women's suit, or a men's suit with covering (sports bra, etc.)
- Full bodysuits are not permitted.
- Long or short sleeve "rash guard" shirt is permitted.
- Transgender females may wear either.

Swimsuit Religious Clarification:

Swimmers are permitted to wear "compression shirts/Rash Guard" type apparel **under** their school uniform because of religious reasons, as long as the apparel is not designed to enhance the performance of the swimmer. Full body suits are not permitted.