



2022-23 NJSIAA GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Member schools will not be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Tournaments if they have 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.

All current USGA golf rules along with any NJSIAA golf rule modifications will govern all tournament games.

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New for This Year's State Tournament

- There will be no more paper entries.
- All entries, both team and individual must be completed online following the instructions in this document on page 2. Refer to Entry Procedures especially numbers 1-3 on that page.
- **New team tie breaking procedure for first place at the Sectional level.**

Girls Golf Important Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>	
First Practice:	March 16, 2023	
First Scrimmage:	No restrictions	
Opening Day:	March 23, 2023	
Post-Season Transfer Date:	March 23, 2023	
Tournament Entry Forms Open:	April 24, 2023	
Cutoff:	May 3, 2023	
Entry Form Closes (by 12:00 pm):	May 4, 2023	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	June 11, 2023	
Post-Season Committee Meeting:	TBA	
<u>Sectional Championships</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
North	May 8, 2023	Great Gorge
Central	May 8, 2023	Stanton Ridge Golf Club
South	May 9, 2023	McCullough's Emerald Golf
<u>State Championships (Team & Ind.)</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
State Championships (Team & Ind.)	May 16, 2023	Raritan Valley Country Club

To Qualify

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis.
2. Sixty percent (60%) of games played on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
3. Teams must have played a minimum of eight (8) rounds played from opening day to the cutoff date.
4. The NJSIAA Girls Golf Committee will use the team's six (6) best average adjusted team scores (Average Adjusted Score procedure) prior to the cut-off date to qualify and seed all teams, and to determine which teams advance to the sectionals. The team's six (6) best average adjusted team scores prior to the cut-off date to determine which teams advance to the sectionals.
5. The twelve (12) teams with the best average adjusted score total in each of the three sections – North, Central, and South, will qualify for that Sectional Championship Tournament.
6. Individual golfers from schools that did not qualify for the team tournament are still eligible for the individual tournament if they are among the top fifty (50) according to the average adjusted score list.
7. Individual golfers that attend a member school that does not sponsor a golf team may enter the individual tournament if at least six (6) verified scores are turned in and are among the top fifty (50) according to the average adjusted score list. These individual golfer's six (6) best scores (not an average) must be played on a regulation(9-hole) course, on or before the cutoff date. All scorecards must be verified and signed by the course's golf pro and/or the school's Director of Athletics.
8. A regulation course is defined as a course that has no more than 3 par 3's per nine holes and is USGA rated.
9. The NJSIAA only recognizes nine (9) holes as an interscholastic match. However, if playing in a match that consists of 18 hole, holes 1-9 and holes 10-18 must be entered as two separate scores.
10. In a Tri, Quad, or multiple teams meet, only holes one (1) through nine (9) will count (one time on the same day) for individual qualification purposes.
11. Matches completed after the cutoff date will not count even if they were started before the cutoff date.
12. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the tournament, will be ineligible to compete in the state tournament.
13. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications prior to 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 prior to 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, if necessary, 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. All coaches must report their team scores to Shawn Bennett at the following site: sirbennett68@gmail.com. This site will calculate the team's average adjusted score for each match. These scores will be used to determine the 12 teams that will qualify for each of the sectional meets. All players whose school does not have a girl's program must also report their individual scores to this site.
4. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.
5. The team and Individual entry forms must be completed by the school's coach and verified by the school's Director of Athletics on our website by the due dates listed.
6. If a team has entered and qualified for the tournament, you do not have to fill out an entry form for the individuals on the team.
7. Do not enter if your school is not able or willing to comply with tournament regulations.
8. The Executive Committee of the NJSIAA has ruled that member schools failing to comply with all entry requirements may be excluded from the tournament.

Entry Fee

- Team Entry: \$150.00, Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Girls Golf Tournament).
- Individual Entry: \$20.00 per individual, Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Girls Golf Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691
- DO NOT use certified mail

Tournament Seeding

1. The NJSIAA Girls Golf Committee will use the team's six (6) best average adjusted team scores prior to the cut-off date to seed all teams.
2. The twelve (12) teams in each section will be seeded by their average adjusted score total.
3. The individual tournament pairings will be established by their average adjusted score total.

Tournament Advancement

1. The top three (3) teams from each section with the lowest total scores will advance to the state group championships.
2. The top fifty (50) individuals in the state based on the average adjusted scoring list will automatically qualify for the State Championships. An individual that is in the top fifty (50) and on a team that qualified will count as one of the fifty (50) individual spots available.
3. **If two (2) or more teams are tied for the Sectional Championships or Runners-up. The first tie breaker will be the score of the teams fifth player. If the score is still tied a sudden death tie-breaker play-off will take place to determine the Sectional Champion or qualifier.**
 - a. In a play-off, (4) players will be selected at the discretion of the coach.
 - b. If a tie is not broken on the first playoff hole, the tied teams remaining will move on to the second playoff hole, and so on until the Team Champion, Runner-up or qualifiers are determined.
4. If there is a tie for 1st place between two (2) or more players for the Sectional Championship individual tournament, we will use a sudden-death one-hole play-off to determine the State Champion. If the tie is not broken on the first playoff hole, the players will move on to the second playoff hole, and so on until the tie is broken.
5. If there is a tie for 1st place between two (2) or more players for the individual State tournament, we will use a sudden-death one-hole play-off to determine the State Champion.
 - a. If the tie is not broken on the first playoff hole, the remaining players will move on to the second playoff hole, and so on until the tie is broken.
 - b. Once the sectional champion is determined, the remaining places will be determined by using the USGA method for determining the breaking of ties. (back nine, then back 6 etc)
6. In the event an individual qualifies as part of a team, and as an individual, the individual playoff will be decided first, and then the team playoffs will start.

Tournament Rules & Information

1. A team will consist of five (5) players with its four (4) best scores counting towards the team score.
2. Any member of the team may compete on the day of the State Group or T of C (Substitute rule).
3. The Tournament will be conducted with eighteen (18) hole play.
4. Each team and or individual must be accompanied by their school's head golf coach. No individual will be allowed to compete unless their golf coach is present for the entire eighteen-hole round of golf.
5. All coaches/certified faculty members must be properly certified and appointed by the Board of Education/Heads of Schools. Tournament Directors will disqualify any contestant who is accompanied by someone in a coaching/supervisory capacity who is not appointed by the school district.
6. Any member school withdrawing from competition after having officially entered the tournament may be barred from participating in the NJSIAA tournament the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present.
7. Participation by an ineligible player in any game during the regular season results in forfeiture of said game. If such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the tournament or if an ineligible player participates in a tournament game, said SCHOOL will be disqualified from the tournament immediately and the next ranked will advance in their place.
8. For the sectional championships, the Sectional directors will designate tee-off times and inform qualifiers, accordingly, including the dress code for their course.
9. For the state championships, the tournament director will designate tee-off times and inform qualifiers, accordingly, including the dress code for their course.
10. For the State Championships, the Tournament Director will designate pairings and tee-off times and distribute same at a coaches' meeting to be held one-half (½) hour before the start of the State Championship.
11. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a device designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., gradient, slope, slope assist, wind speed, temperature, weather, etc.) the player is in breach of U.S.G.A. Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used or turned off.
12. Distance is public knowledge, and a distance measuring device is not part of a player's equipment, therefore the device may be shared during the match.
13. The use of cell phones is strictly prohibited; therefore, they are NOT to be used as a distance-measuring device for this competition.
14. Failure to be present at the time the event is called due to transportation problems, misunderstanding of instructions, tournament regulations, other similar excuses, injury or illness will result in disqualification.
15. No spectators are allowed on the course at any time during the match. Any spectator found on the course will cause the player and/or team to be disqualified from the tournament.
16. The NJSIAA only recognizes nine (9) holes as an interscholastic match. However, if playing in a match that consists of 18 holes holes 1-9 and holes 10-18 must be entered as two separate scores.
17. In a Tri, Quad, or multiple teams meet, only holes one (1) through nine (9) will count (one time on the same day) for individual qualification purposes.
18. No caddies or electric carts are to be used by players. supervising coaches will be provided with electric carts at sectionals and state finals when available.
19. Locker rooms will not be available; golfers must come dressed to play.
20. Coaches must check-in at least one-half (½) hour prior to the school's tee-off time.
21. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players in the clubhouse and on the course.
22. As guests of the course, it is imperative that all divots be replaced and all footprints in the bunkers be smoothed.
23. Student-athletes who presently are caddies are eligible provided they are not employed or have not previously been employed as assistant pros.
24. Coaches are instructed not to bring students who are not participating to the tournament.
25. Coaches are not to play and should not bring their clubs. Coaches must serve in some capacity as assigned by the tournament director. Coaches are to act as markers, not marshals. Coaches are not to make rulings; all rulings are to be made by the course pro first or contact Steve Skinner, rules interpreter.
26. Dress code - no jeans, tank tops, or similar wear permitted. Girls must wear regular golf attire including a team shirt. This will be noted on the director's pairings for the state groups and state championships. Shorts are permitted based on local course regulations. Collared shirts must be worn.

Tournament Weather Interruption

If an 18-hole shotgun start cannot finish, use the following to settle the tournament Results. This is to be used if everyone in the tournament has completed a minimum of 10 holes and an alternative day to complete the tournament is not available.

1. Team Champion
 - a. A sum of the aggregate total "over par" (note bogey's = +1, birdies = -1, etc.) for the fewest total number of holes completed by all players in the tournament field.
 - b. Total holes used to calculate the "over par" will be the fewest number of holes completed by any player in the tournament field.
2. Team Tie Breaker -
 - a. Match of Cards. This is the aggregate team total over-par beginning with each team member's starting hole. If tied after starting hole, move to the next hole, and so on until a champion is determined. The team with the lowest total over-par is the winner.
 - b. If still a tie: Beginning with each player's starting hole, sum the over par total adding one hole's aggregate total over par to the next hole's aggregate total until a champion is determined. (i.e., 1st compare starting hole, if tied add players 2nd hole total over-par to first holes over par, continue adding one aggregate over-par hole at a time until a champion is determined)
3. Individual Champion -
 - a. Sum of the aggregate total "over par" (note bogey's = +1, birdies = -1, etc.) only for the fewest total number of holes by all Players in the field.
 - c. Total holes used to calculate the "over par" will be the fewest holes completed by a player in the tournament field. The individual champion will be the individual having the lowest over/under par total.
4. Individual Tie Breaker
 - a. Sum the over-par total for the same holes played by all tied players. The Player that has the lowest over-par total for those holes played by both will be declared the champion.
 - b. If still tied beginning with the lowest handicap hole for tied players. Match the over-par score one hole at a time until a winner is determined. The player having the lowest score relative to par is the winner.

Awards

State Sectional Champions:

- Team Trophy and five (5) certificates for the 1st place team in each section
- Medals to the first-place finisher and top five (5) Individuals in each section.
- All ties for 5th place individuals will receive a bronze medal

State Championship Match

- Team Trophy and five (5) certificates for the 1st place team.
- Individual Trophy to the 1st place finisher
- Medals to the remaining seven (7) places in each event.

Tournament Schedule

North State Sectional Championships

Date: May 8, 2023 - (Rain Date: May 9)

Course: Great Gorge (973) 864-6700 - 414 County Rd.517, Vernon, NJ 07462

Tee Time: 10:00am (Shotgun Start)

Meet Director: Brian Quirk

Phone: (201) 739-7959

E-mail: bquirk@ridgewood.k12.nj.us

Course Notes: Practice rounds – TBD

Central State Sectional Championship

Date: May 8, 2023 - (Rain Date: TBD)

Course: Stanton Ridge Golf Club (908) 534-1234 - 25 Club House Drive, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

Tee Time: 8:00am (Shotgun Start)

Meet Director: Jen Jones

Phone: (215) 534-9249

E-mail: njcentraljerseygolfsection@gmail.com

Course Notes: Practice rounds – players or coaches can call the Pro Shop (908) 534-1234 to arrange practice rounds. Parents may not play.

South State Sectional Championship

Date: May 9, 2023 - (Rain Date: TBD)

Course: McCullough's Emerald Golf (609) 926-3900 - 3016 Ocean Heights Ave, Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234

Tee Time: 9:00am (Shotgun Start)

Meet Director: Rich Carroll

Phone: (609) 209-5027

E-mail: carrollr@middletownk12.org

Course Notes: Call the course to set up practice rounds.

State Group Championships & Tournament of Champions

Date: May 16, 2023 (Rain Date: TBD)

Course: Raritan Valley Country Club, 747 NJ 28, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 - (908) 722-2000

Tee Time: 11:00 am (Shotgun Start)

Meet Director: Richard Bennett

Phone: (201) 661-0354

E-mail: rbennettgolf@gmail.com

Course Notes: Call pro shop to walk the course after 5pm on Sunday, May 14, 2023