



## **2022-23 Boys Team Tennis 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 qualification standards have changed.
2. The NJSIAA power point system will be used to qualify schools into the 16 team brackets.
3. Team entry form must be completed online via the NJSIAA website. There is no longer an opt-out procedure.

## Boys Tennis Important Dates

Event	Dates	
First Practice:	March 13, 2023	
First Scrimmage:	March 20, 2023	
Opening Day:	April 3, 2023	
Post-Season Transfer Date:	April 3, 2023	
Tournament Entry Forms Opens:	April 3, 2023	
Cutoff:	May 17, 2023	
Conflict of Interest Form Due:	May 18, 2023	
Entries Form Close (12:00pm)	May 18, 2023	
Seeding:	May 22, 2023	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	June 11, 2023	
Post-Season Committee Meeting:	TBA	
Team Tournament	Dates	Location
Round 1 (Groups 1, 3, NP-N) (play by):	May 25, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 1 (Groups 2, 4, NP-S) (play by):	May 26, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 2 (play by):	May 30, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 3 (play by):	June 1, 2023	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	June 5, 2023	Higher Seed
State Semifinals (Public Only):	June 7, 2022	Mercer County Park
State Finals:	June 7, 2022	Mercer County Park
Singles & Doubles Tournament	Dates	Location
1st & 2nd Rounds (Singles):	June 10, 2023	Mercer County Park
1st Round (Doubles):	June 10, 2023	Veterans Park
3rd & 4th Rounds (Singles):	June 11, 2023	Mercer County Park
2nd & 3rd Rounds (Doubles):	June 11, 2023	Veterans Park
Quarterfinals:	June 13, 2023	Mercer County Park
Semifinals:	June 14, 2023	Mercer County Park
Finals:	June 15, 2023	Mercer County Park

### State Group Semifinals & Group Finals

Mercer County Park, 1668 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, New Jersey 08550

**A 10 Point Match Tie Breaker will be used for the Group Semi-Finals.**

State Group Semifinals & Group Finals		
North I vs North II		Central vs South
Mercer County Park - West Windsor, New Jersey		
June 7th (Rain Date June 8th)		
Groups 3 & 4	Semifinals	9:00am
Groups 1 & 2	Semifinals	11:00am
Non-Public	Finals	1:00pm
Groups 3 & 4	Finals	1:00pm*
Groups 1 & 2	Finals	3:00pm*

\*Times are approximate and may be moved up at the discretion of the NJSIAA & Tournament Director.

### **To Qualify for 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 each section and each group will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system.
5. PowerPoint calculation for tennis will be using the **8 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 8** 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 8 games will still be eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.
9. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to 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 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](http://njschoolsports.com) by the start of the season.
2. All varsity scores must be reported to [www.njschoolsports.com](http://www.njschoolsports.com) as soon as possible after each contest. If you encounter problems, please contact [hssupport@njadvancemedia.com](mailto:hssupport@njadvancemedia.com).
3. Power Points will be downloaded from the [njschoolsports.com](http://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.
5. The officials "Conflict of Interest" form must be completed by the date listed above.

### **Entry Fee**

- \$120.00 Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Tennis Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to: NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691

### **Tournament Seeding**

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be initially seeded into the brackets using the NJSIAA power point system.
2. If there is a tie in power points, we will use the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure.
3. The Seeding Committee will review the brackets and make changes to the seeds based on UTR rankings, record, winning percentage, strength of schedule, and any other factors pertinent to the sport if needed.
4. **The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding meeting, however, seedings and brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.**

### **Tournament Rules & Information**

1. The USTA tennis rules along with any NJSIAA tennis rule modifications will govern this tournament.
2. We ask schools to follow the tournament schedule above. Adjustments may be made based on weather and indoor court availability. Any modification to the play dates must be agreed upon by both schools. The tournament may not start before the round (1) date. The assignors must be contacted immediately if there are any adjustments.
3. Recommended starting time is 3:00 PM, however, matches may start no later than 4:00 PM.
4. A minimum of three (3) courts must be available for tournament play (5 courts are preferred).
5. If the higher seeded team does not have five (5) courts available, the recommended starting time is 2:00 PM for the fall and 3:00pm for the spring, however, matches may start no later than 3:00 PM for the fall and 4:00pm for the spring.
6. All courts utilized must be of regulation size and properly maintained for maximum safety.

7. When inclement weather necessitates playing indoors on the rain date, the higher seeded team will designate the site and both schools will share the expenses of the indoor courts up to and including the sectional finals. If the higher seeded team cannot secure a facility (indoors or outdoors) on the rain date and the lower seeded team can, then the location will be moved to the opponent's site.
8. Responsibility for postponing a match shall rest with the host school. It is recommended that the host school should notify their opponent before the departure of the visiting school's busses at the latest.
9. Winning schools must enter the results at the [njschoolsports.com](http://njschoolsports.com) website of each match, up to and including the sectional finals immediately following the completion of the match.
10. Schools willfully breaking tournament rules will forfeit the match in which the violation occurred. In cases of violation of the line-up regulation, the Forfeiture of Matches Provision of the NJSIAA Tennis Regulations will be in effect. The Tournament Director is empowered to enforce all NJSIAA Rules and Regulations and to disqualify any player for misconduct.
11. Any team or individual entering the tournament and then withdrawing will be subject to penalties as enforced by the NJSIAA, which could include possibly being barred from participating in the tournament the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present.
12. 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 their last opponent will advance in their place. Schools eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition.
13. Teams must be accompanied by a coach that has been approved by the school district. If a coach or coaches cannot attend, the school must send a chaperone approved by the school district. Coaches must supervise their players at all times and must be in attendance for the entire match.
14. All Schools must provide adequate supervision to maintain crowd control throughout the tournament.
15. Coaches must have a copy of all challenge matches available at each match. Failure to provide the official challenge match form to the opposing coach will result in a one-game penalty, plus loss of toss, at each position, implemented before the start of the match.
16. Sets that reach a 6-6 score shall be decided by playing a 7-point tiebreaker. See the rule below.
17. Tournament will consist of a regular seven (7) player game; the team winning three (3) of the five (5) matches will be determined as the winner. The remaining matches at the semifinals, finals, and tournament of champions may be terminated after a team has won three (3) points only at the discretion of the tournament director.
18. Up to and including the sectional final, the home team will provide the tennis balls. If a third set is required, new balls shall be used. The NJSIAA will provide all the tennis balls for the semifinals & finals.
19. The Wilson tennis ball is the official ball and will be used for the semifinals, finals, and tournament of champions.
20. When possible, both teams should bring score cards and roll-dries for the semifinals, finals, and tournament of champions.
21. Players must wear appropriate tennis attire. School-issued/approved uniforms are mandatory. Manufacturers' logos may not exceed two and one-half (2 ½"x 2 ½") inches. Tank-tops, cut-off shirts or cut-off pants, or any article of clothing that is in poor taste or distracting to an opponent is not considered an appropriate uniform. All team players must wear identical shirts or dresses; all players must wear the same color shorts or skirts. A player not wearing an appropriate uniform may not participate.

### **Withdrawal of Player(s)**

Sometimes, when a match has already been decided, a coach elects to withdraw his/her player(s) and forfeit the remaining match or matches, which will count as a loss on the individual player's record. This is within the rules of the game, although it is not fair, from an ethical point of view to the opponent. It is more acceptable in tournament play when a team must play another round later that day. Facility restrictions, weather, darkness, travel time, sickness, injury, and mutual consent are examples of justifiable reasons for withdrawing players. To arbitrarily do so, is discourteous and should not be done.

### **7-Point Tiebreaker Rule:**

#### **Singles:**

**A** serves first point from right court; **B** serves points 2 and 3 (left and right); **A** serves points 4 and 5 (left and right); **B** serves point 6 (left) and after they change ends, point 7 (right); **A** serves points 8 and 9 (left and right); **B** serves points 10 and 11 (left and right); and **A** serves point 12 (left). If points reach 6-all, players change ends and continue as before: **A** serves point 13 (right); **B** serves points 14 and 16 (left and right); etc., until one player establishes a margin of two points. (Changes of ends during a tiebreaker are to be made without any delay other than the 20 seconds allowed between points.) Players change ends for one game to start the next set, with Player **B** to serve first.

#### **Doubles:**

Doubles follow the same pattern, with partners preserving the sequence of their serving turns.

(Assuming **A & B** vs **C & D**) Player **A** serves first point (right); **C** serves points 2 and 3 (left and right); **B** serves points 4 and 5 (left and right); **D** serves point 6 (left) and after the teams change ends, point 7 (right) ...**A** serves points 8 and 9 (left and right); **C** serves points 10 and 11 (left and right); and **B** serves point 12 (left) ...If points reach 6-all, teams change ends and continue as before: **B** serves point 13 (right); **D** serves points 14 and 16 (left and right); etc., until one team establishes a margin of two points.

Teams change ends for one game to start the next set with team **C & D** to serve first.

The set shall be recorded as 7 games.

### **Officials Assignments & Fees**

The higher seeded school is responsible for contacting the appropriate regional assignor listed below to obtain an official for all tournament rounds up to and including the sectional finals. The regional assignor must be notified of all date, time, or facility changes immediately. The assignors will make every attempt to have an official at every state tournament match. However, due to the shortage of officials, that may not be possible. It is the school's responsibility to contact the appropriate regional assignor regarding officiating coverage.

For all rounds up to the sectional finals, the officials fee will be \$90. If a match is conducted at a site with less than 5 courts, the official's fee will be \$120. The NJSIAA will assign and pay for all officials starting with the sectional finals.

#### **Regional Assignors:**

North I, North II & NP-North Sections: Janet Meisner, (973) 222-8802, email: [janetemeisner@gmail.com](mailto:janetemeisner@gmail.com)

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South & NP-South Sections: Harry Silverstein, (609) 501-3340, email: [h10is@aol.com](mailto:h10is@aol.com)

#### **Awards**

##### **Sectional Champions:**

A team trophy and fifteen (15) certificates to each Sectional Champion in each Group.

##### **State Champions:**

A team trophy and fifteen (15) certificates to each State Champion in each Group.