



## 2023 NJSIAA BOYS GOLF 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.

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 on the NJSIAA website.
- **No Overall Team State Team Trophy will be awarded at the TOC. Only individual awards will be given.**
- **New team tiebreaker for first place at Sectional level.**

## **Boys Golf Important Dates**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	
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	
<b><u>Sectional Championships</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
North I & II, Group 1	May 8, 2023	Newton Country Club
North I & II, Group 2	May 8, 2023	Bowling Green
Central & South, Group 4	May 8, 2023	Charleston Springs
Central & South, Group 1	May 8, 2023	Cream Ridge Golf Club
Central & South, Group 3	May 8, 2023	River Winds Golf Club
Non-Public North	May 8, 2023	Hendricks Field
Non-Public South	May 8, 2023	Mountain View
North I & II, Group 4	May 9, 2023	High Bridge Hills
North I & II, Group 3	May 9, 2023	Preakness Valley
Central & South, Group 2	May 9, 2023	Twisted Dune Golf Club
<b><u>State Championships (Team &amp; Ind.)</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
State Championships (Team & Ind.)	May 15, 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 a winning sixty percent (60%) winning percentage of all games played from opening day to the cutoff date.
4. Teams must have played a minimum of six (6) matches played from opening day to the cutoff date (Ties do not count).
5. A school that does not qualify for the team tournament may enter no more than two (2) players whose five (5) best scores (not an average) in regularly scheduled (9-hole) matches, on or before the cutoff date, were four (4) or less above par.
6. A member school that does not sponsor a golf team may enter no more than two (2) players whose five (5) best scores (not an average) in regularly scheduled (9-hole) matches, on or before the cutoff date, were four (4) or less above par. All scorecards must be verified and signed by the course's golf pro.
7. Games completed after the cutoff date will not count even if they were started before the cutoff date.
8. 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.
9. 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. 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](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. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.
4. The team and Individual entry forms must be completed on our website by the due dates listed.
5. If a team has entered and qualified for the tournament, you do not have to fill out an individual entry form.
6. Do not enter if your school is not able or willing to comply with tournament regulations.
7. 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 Golf Tournament).
- Individual Entry: \$20.00 per individual, Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note 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. For the State Sectional Championships, the Sectional Director will designate the foursomes based on the entries submitted.
2. For the State Group Championships, the Tournament Director will designate the foursomes based on the sectional results.

### **Tournament Advancement**

1. The top two (2) teams from each site with the lowest total scores will advance to the state group championships.
  - a. CL: Although we will be crowning two (2) sectional champions at each site, the top two (2) low-scoring teams will advance even if they are in the same section.
2. The top five (5) individuals from each site with the lowest scores will advance to the state group championships. All ties for 5<sup>th</sup> place will also advance.
  - a. CL: An individual that is in the top five (5) and also on a team that finished in the top two (2) will count as one of the five (5) 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, the low four (4) players in the completed round must be used.
  - b. Ties for four (4) on the team shall be decided at the discretion of the coach.
  - c. 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 1<sup>st</sup> place between two (2) players for the individual tournament, we will use a sudden-death one-hole play-off to determine the Sectional Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
  - a. If the tie is not broken on the first playoff hole, the two (2) players will move on to the second hole, and so on until the tie is broken.
5. If there is a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place between three (3) or more players for the individual tournament, we will use a sudden-death one-hole play-off to determine the Sectional Champion.
  - a. If the tie is not broken on the first playoff hole, the remaining players will move on to the second hole, and so on until the tie is broken.
  - b. Once the sectional champion is determined, the remaining places will be determined by a "Match of Cards" beginning with hole #1. If still tied then back nine total, then front nine total.

### **Tournament Rules & Information**

1. For the state sectional championships, a team will consist of five (5) players with its four (4) best scores counting towards the team score.
2. For the state group championships, a team will consist of four (4) players with all four (4) scores counting towards the team score.
3. Any member of the team may compete on the day of the State Group or T of C (Substitute rule).

4. The Tournament will be conducted with eighteen (18) hole play.
5. Each team and or individual must be accompanied by his/her school's head golf coach. No individual will be allowed to compete unless his/her golf coach is present for the entire eighteen-hole round of golf.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. For the sectional championships, the Sectional directors 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 tee-off times and inform qualifiers, accordingly, including the dress code for their course.
11. For the State Championships, the Tournament Director will designate foursomes 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.
12. 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. **Any device that allows communications with other is illegal for use during the tournament.**
13. 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.
14. The use of cell phones is strictly prohibited; therefore, they are NOT to be used as a distance-measuring device for this competition.
15. 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.
16. 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.

### **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 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.
  - a. 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 - 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. (ie. 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 - 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. (use on holes both players played).
  - a. 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.

### **Girls Competing on Boys Teams**

1. Girls may compete in the sectional tournament as members of a boys' team.
2. Their scores will count toward the team total and will advance with the team to the group championships if their team has qualified.
3. Girls may also qualify individually for the group championships if their team did not place in the top two (2) at the sectional meet and their individual score is in the top five (5) at the sectional meet.
4. Girls playing with a boys' team is eligible for group and TOC team honors.
5. Girls playing in the boys' individual tournament are eligible for Group honors.
6. Girls playing in the boys' individual tournament are not eligible for individual TOC honors.
7. Girls will be permitted to play in both the boys' team tournament and the girls' individual tournament.
8. Girls Playing in any boys tournament will play from the same tee the boys are playing from.

### **Awards**

State Sectional Champions:

- Team Trophy and ten (10) certificates for the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in each group in each section.
- Medals to the top six (6) places in each group in each section.

State Group Championships:

- Team Trophy and ten (10) certificates for the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in each group.
- Medals to the top five (6) places in each group
- Individual Trophy to the 1<sup>st</sup> place overall low finisher
- Medals to the remaining seven (7) low places.

## **State Sectional Championships**

<b>North I &amp; II, Group 4</b>	<b>North I &amp; II, Group 3</b>
Date: May 9, 2023	Date: May 9, 2023 - (Rain Date: TBD)
Course: High Bridge Hills (908) 638-5055 203 Cregar Road, High Bridge, NJ 08829	Course: Preakness Valley (973) 881-4921 209 Totowa Road, Wayne, NJ 07470
Tee Time: 9:00 am (Shotgun Start)	Tee Time: 8:30am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Ed O'Melia	Meet Director: Paul Barnes
Phone: (908) 229-2980	Phone: (201) 741-3065
E-mail: <a href="mailto:eomelia@brrsd.k12.nj.us">eomelia@brrsd.k12.nj.us</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:barnes260@msn.com">barnes260@msn.com</a>
Course Notes:	Course Notes:
<b>North I &amp; II, Group 2</b>	<b>North I &amp; II, Group 1</b>
Date: May 8, 2023 - (Rain Date: TBD)	Date: May 8, 2023 (Rain Date: TBD)
Course: Bowling Green (973) 697-8688 53 Schoolhouse Rd, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438	Course: Newton Country Club (973) 383-2290 25 Club Road, Newton, NJ 07860
Tee Time: 7:30am (Shotgun Start)	Tee Time: 9:30am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Bill Foley	Meet Director: Tom Imparato
Phone: (973) 903-0448	Phone: (201) 663-2269
E-mail: <a href="mailto:wfoley@vtsd.com">wfoley@vtsd.com</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:Husky77imp@gmail.com">Husky77imp@gmail.com</a>
Course Notes: Practice rounds will be available after 3 pm on Sunday, May 8 at a cost of \$30/student. All other times will be at the regular rate.	Course Notes: Driving range will open at 7:30 am.- Coaches Meeting at 9:15 am
<b>Central &amp; South, Group 4</b>	<b>Central &amp; South, Group 3</b>
Date: May 8, 2023 (Rain Date: TBD)	Date: May 8, 2023 (Rain Date: TBD)
Course: Charleston Springs (732) 409-7227 100 Woodsville Rd, Millstone, NJ 08510	Course: River Winds Golf Club (856) 848-5700 270 Eagle Point Road West, Deptford, NJ 08086
Tee Time: 10:00am (Shotgun Start)	Tee Time: 9:00am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Mr. Tim Hogan	Meet Director: Dan Lafferty
Phone: (732) 779-1816	Phone: (609) 405-1152
E-mail: <a href="mailto:thogan@frhsd.com">thogan@frhsd.com</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:laffertyda@clearviewregional.edu">laffertyda@clearviewregional.edu</a>
Course Notes: Practice rounds will be available by calling the golf course.	Course Notes: Practice Rounds- Please call the Pro Shop for available tee times for practice rounds. Practice tee times must be made in advance.

Central & South, Group 2	Central & South, Group 1
Date: May 9, 2023 (Rain Date-TBD)	Date: May 8, 2023
Course: Twisted Dune Golf Club (609) 653-8019 2101 Ocean Heights Ave., Egg Harbor, NJ 08234	Course: Cream Ridge Golf Club (609) 208-0050 181 County Rd 539, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514
Tee Time: <b>12:30 – TEE TIMES BEGIN- New time</b>	<b>Tee Time: TEE TIMES BETWEEN 8:00 am and 1 pm</b>
Meet Director: Matt Stefanski	Meet Director: Jesse Spencer
Phone: (732) 232-0036	Phone: (908) 391-0477
E-mail: <a href="mailto:mstefanski@wall.k12.nj.us">mstefanski@wall.k12.nj.us</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:Jesse.spencer@hcrhs.org">Jesse.spencer@hcrhs.org</a>
Course Notes:	Course Notes: Pro Shop- 609 208 0050
North Non-Public	South Non-Public
Date: May 8, 2023 (Rain Date: TBD)	Date: May 8, 2023 (Rain Date: May 11)
Course: Hendricks Field (973) 751-0178 220 Franklin Avenue, Belleville, NJ 07109	Course: Mountain View (609) 882-4093 890 Bear Tavern Rd, Ewing, NJ 08628
Tee Time: 11:00am (Shotgun Start)	Tee Time: 9:00am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Brendan McGovern	Meet Director: John Knodel
Phone: (201) 602 2139	Phone: (732) 832-6125
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Course Notes:	Course Notes:

State Group Championships & Tournament of Champions
Date: May 15, 2023 (Rain Date: TBD)
Course: Raritan Valley Country Club, 747 Rt. 28, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Pro Shop (908) 722 2000
Tee Time: 11:00am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Stephen Skinner
Phone: (609) 970-3036
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Course Notes: