



To: NJSIAA Program Review Committee

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RE: NJSIAA Power Points Proposal - Out of State/Non-Member Opponents

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### **Background**

In May 2022, the Executive Committee approved a proposal which no longer recognized games played against out-of-state or non-member opponents for PowerPoint purposes. While these games counted towards the team's maximum number of contests they did not count towards a team's power points.

As a reminder, NJSIAA staff uses power points for two primary reasons:

1. To determine who qualifies for a state tournament; and,
2. To assist in seeding those teams that qualify for a state tournament.

NJSIAA staff continually reviews its PowerPoint calculation and results to ensure the formula can be relied upon as an accurate indicator of a team's ranking.

### **Rationale**

During the 2022-2023 school year, we have received feedback from non-public schools that this proposal has negatively impacted their ability to schedule competitively and seeding in the state tournament. There are non-public schools who have difficulty scheduling NJSIAA member schools so they will solicit out-of-state or non-member schools for regular season contests. In addition, these schools must abide by the 60% in-state rule to be eligible for the tournament leaving some scrambling to meet this requirement. Also, certain conferences have had difficulty providing conference games to fill the schedule of certain non-public schools. This feedback has been an unintended consequence that NJSIAA staff feels should be addressed for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

This proposal is a short-term solution to provide the relief needed for non-public schools and for certain leagues and conferences that have struggled with scheduling. The Power Point formula will be under review this summer and our plan is to have an update on this review during the first half of the 2023-2024 school – any proposal emanating from this review will be applicable to all schools and all sports currently using the Power Point formula.

## **Proposal**

NJSIAA staff recommends that games played against out-of-state or non-member opponents by non-public schools be recognized for PowerPoint purposes with the exception of football. The non-public football tournament is seeded by a committee that does not place much emphasis on power points. Public schools will continue to use the power point formula approved in May 2022 which excludes out-of-state or non-member opponents.