



## 2023-24 NJSIAA Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament

NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times, and locations for all NJSIAA State tournaments. Member schools will not be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Tournaments if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, or Procedures. Any student-athlete who transfers after the competition start date will not be eligible for this tournament (Bylaws, Article V, Section 4.K. 5).

Schools entering the tournament will not be granted a change of date/time due to any conflicts with school trips, proms, banquets, SATs, unless agreed upon by both schools. The NJSIAA will make every effort to accommodate schools that have a conflict with their graduation.

Schools that are disqualified from state tournament competition after the tournament has been seeded but prior to the bracket being final, then the bracket will be reseeded and the next ranked school who entered the tournament will be included. If a school is disqualified from state tournament competition after the tournament has been seeded and after the bracket is final, then the bracket will not be reseeded, and no additional school will be included. If a school is disqualified from state tournament competition during the state tournament, then the school will be removed from the tournament immediately and their last opponent will advance in their place.

Schools participating in any NJSIAA tournament are responsible for the actions and behaviors of their spectators. Schools are required to provide adequate staff security to ensure there is proper oversight of their spectators. In addition, schools are financially responsible for any damages to the property or premises caused by their student-athletes, staff, or spectators (spectators include, but are not limited to, cheerleaders, marching band participants, students, and other fans).

NJSIAA requires Certified Athletic Trainers at all its tournament events. The ATC must document all injuries on an injury report form. This form must be available to the NJSIAA upon request.

Member schools not willing or able to comply with these tournament regulations and any relevant procedures found in the Operating Procedures Handbook should not enter the tournament. Member schools are encouraged to review these tournament regulations with the school administration. Coaches must have a copy of these regulations as well as a copy of the Rule Modifications (if any) for this tournament available at all contests. Copies of these documents are available on the NJSIAA website.

### **New for This Year's State Tournament:**

1. The uniform rule has changed – The home team wears dark uniforms, and the visiting team wears white uniforms.
2. There is a significant rule change regarding team fouls and foul shots. Please read the 2023-24 basketball rules modifications carefully.
3. Public schools will not receive any power points from out of state opponents.
4. Non- public schools will receive power points from out of state opponents.
5. You may not play games against opponents that are not accredited academic schools. Please contact the NJSIAA with any questions about this.

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**Basketball Important Dates**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Boys Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Girls Dates</u></b>
Tryout Period:	November 20 - 22, 2023	November 20 - 22, 2023
First Practice:	November 27, 2023	November 27, 2023
First Scrimmage:	December 4, 2023	December 4, 2023
Opening Day:	December 14, 2023	December 14, 2023
Entry Form Opens:	January 25, 2024	January 25, 2024
Entry Form Closes:	February 3, 2024	February 3, 2024
Conflict of Interest Form	February 3, 2024	February 3, 2024
Cutoff:	February 10, 2024	February 10, 2024
PowerPoints Close (12:00pm)	February 11, 2024	February 11, 2024
Seeding Meeting:	February 13, 2024	February 13, 2024
Regular Season Competition Ends:	March 3, 2024	March 3, 2024
Post-Season Meeting:	TBD	TBD
<b><u>Public Tournament</u></b>	<b><u>Boys Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Girls Dates</u></b>
Round 1 (Groups 2 & 4) at Higher Seed	February 21, 2024	February 21, 2024
Round 1 (Groups 1 & 3) at Higher Seed	February 22, 2024	February 22, 2024
Round 2 (Groups 2 & 4) at Higher Seed	February 26, 2024	February 26, 2024
Round 2 (Groups 1 & 3) at Higher Seed	February 27, 2024	February 27, 2024
Round 3 (Groups 2 & 4) at Higher Seed	February 28, 2024	February 28, 2024
Round 3 (Groups 1 & 3) at Higher Seed	February 29, 2024	February 29, 2024
Sectional Finals (Groups 2 & 4) at Higher Seed	March 1, 2024	March 1, 2024
Sectional Finals (Groups 1 & 3) at Higher Seed	March 2, 2024	March 2, 2024
State Semifinals (Groups 2 & 4)	March 5, 2024	March 5, 2024

State Semifinals (Groups 1 & 3)	March 6, 2024	March 6, 2024
State Finals (Groups 2 & 4)	March 9, 2024	March 9, 2024
State Finals (Groups 1 & 3)	March 10, 2024	March 10, 2024
<b><u>Non-Public Tournament</u></b>	<b><u>Boys Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Girls Dates</u></b>
Round 1 (Groups A & B) at Higher Seed	February 23, 2024	February 23, 2024
Round 2 (Groups A & B) at Higher Seed	February 26, 2024	February 26, 2024
Round 3 (Groups A & B) at Higher Seed	February 29, 2024	February 29, 2024
Sectional Finals (Groups A & B)	March 4, 2024	March 4, 2024
State Finals (Group A & B)	March 8, 2024	March 8, 2024
<b><u>Unified Tournament</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Locations</u></b>
Divisional Championships	TBD	TBD
Group Championships	TBD	TBD
State Championships	March 9, 2024	Rutgers University

### **To qualify for the 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.
3. The 16 highest PowerPoint totals from each section and each group will qualify into the tournament.
4. PowerPoint calculation for basketball will be using the **BEST 16** power pointed games regardless of how many you play up to and including the cutoff.
5. Residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's **FIRST 16** games played.
6. If there is a tie in power points, the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure will break all ties.
7. Teams that play less than 16 games will still be eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.
8. Games played after the cutoff date will not count toward the PowerPoint calculation.
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. The entry form must be completed online during the time period listed above.
2. 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.
3. 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).
4. PowerPoints will be downloaded from the [njschoolsports.com](http://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. The Officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed online by the date listed above if applicable.
6. **For Non-Public Schools Only** - Non-member out-of-state opponent records must be updated throughout the season and finalized by the cutoff date. Please use the "OOS" button on your team page at [www.njschoolsports.com](http://www.njschoolsports.com).

### **Tournament Seeding**

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded using the NJSIAA power point system.
2. Teams will be seeded based on their power point totals.
3. If there is a tie in power points for seeding, we will use the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure.
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.**

### **PowerPoint Tie Breaking Procedure:**

1. Head-to-Head Competition (any match up to and including the cutoff date)
2. Common Opponent(s) (any match up to and including the cutoff date)
  - a. CL: Team A is 3-0 vs. team C and team B is 2-0 vs. team C, go to #3
  - b. CL: Team A is 2-1 vs. team C and team B is 1-1 vs. team C, go to #3
  - c. CL: Team A is 1-1 vs. team C and team B is 2-0 vs. team C, the tie is broken
  - d. CL: Team A is 3-1 vs. team C and team B is 2-0 vs. team C, the tie is broken
3. Winning % (any match up to and including the cutoff date)
4. The total number of residual points earned from the first 16 games.
5. Coin Toss

### **Entry Fee**

1. \$90.00 per team, Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Basketball Tournament).
2. Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691

### **Tournament Rules & Information**

1. The NFHS Basketball Rules along with any NJSIAA Basketball rule modifications will govern this tournament.
2. The higher seeded school will host all rounds up to and including the sectional finals. However, the NJSIAA reserves the right to change the site when the home facility is deemed inappropriate for the anticipated crowd.
3. If a gymnasium is unsuitable for a tournament game, the higher-seeded school must secure a substitute site. If for any reason the higher seeded school cannot secure a suitable site, the game shall then be played at the home gymnasium of the opposing school.
4. Game times for the first three (3) rounds and the sectional finals will be designated by the higher seeded school. All game times are pending officials' availability. Athletic Directors must communicate consistently through the first three rounds of the tournament regarding start times. The NJSIAA and the tournament director will determine the start times for the first three rounds and the sectional finals if there is any disagreement with start times between schools.
5. Game times for the state finals will be established by the NJSIAA and the Tournament Director. Any adjustment to the established times must be approved by the Tournament Director.
6. All games will be played on the date designated for that round with the following day as a weather day even though games may be played on consecutive days.
7. Schools will be asked to provide their own athletic trainers throughout the tournament.
8. Basketballs – the host schools will provide NFHS approved basketball balls. The ball must be of a molded type of leather or composition-covered basketball. The approved color shall be an orange shade or natural tan. The Wilson Evolution "EVO NXT" Ball will be used in the Boys and Girls Tournament, starting with the Group Finals.
9. **Uniforms – The home team MUST WEAR DARK uniforms for all rounds up to and including the sectional finals. Please see the separate "Tournament Schedule" document on the basketball website for the rest of the tournament.**
10. The winning school must notify njschoolsports.com immediately after each game, and the competing schools must notify the local newspapers to keep the media informed as to the tournament's progression.
11. In accordance with NJSIAA policy, banners will NOT be permitted to be hung at game sites, including the State Final sites. Please notify fans that hand-held signs and noisemakers will not be permitted.
12. As per National Federation rules, no electrical or electrical communication devices are permitted.
13. Participating schools must assign adequate supervision for all games, home and away.
14. Postponements - Up to and including the Sectional Finals, the host school will handle all details for the

postponement; however, all schools must assist in keeping the media informed. The Central Office will handle all details relative to postponements for the State Semifinals and State Group Final games. If postponement becomes necessary, schools must be prepared to play games on consecutive days.

15. The NJSIAA prohibits schools competing in the tournament at a predetermined designated site, from any practice session(s) at said gymnasium after official notification of the game has been sent to those competing schools, or a notice of the game appears in any newspaper. Schools that do not abide by this regulation may be withdrawn from the tournament.
16. The NJSIAA prohibits the awarding of basketball nets to either of the two teams participating in a tournament contest. Nets may not be cut down.

### **Officials Assignments**

The higher seeded school is responsible for contacting their local assignor to obtain officials for tournament rounds one (1), two (2), and three (3). The NJSIAA will assign the officials from the sectional finals to the end of the tournament. If the local assignor will not be assigning the first three (3) rounds, please contact the NJSIAA ASAP.

#### Rounds 1, 2 & 3

- Three (3) game officials will be assigned by the hosts schools local assignor.
- Higher seeded schools will pay all game officials at the area agreed-upon rate.

#### Sectional Finals

- Three (3) game officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA. NJSIAA will assign and pay for the 3 officials.

#### State Public Semis-Finals

- Three (3) game officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA. NJSIAA will assign and pay for the 3 officials.

#### State Group Finals

- Three (3) game officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA. NJSIAA will assign and pay for the 3 officials.

### **Awards**

#### Sectional Champions:

A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates to each Sectional Championship in each section & group.

#### State Group Champions:

A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates to the State Champion in each group.

#### Unified Champions:

A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates to the state champions. Medals for the first and second place teams from SONJ.