



## **2023-24 NJSIAA BOYS LACROSSE 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**

Nothing new for this year.

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**Boys Lacrosse Important Dates**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	
First Practice:	March 14, 2024	
First Scrimmage	March 21, 2024	
Opening Day:	April 1, 2024	
Entry Form Opens:	May 1, 2024	
Entry Form Closes:	May 12, 2024	
Conflict of Interest Form:	May 12, 2024	
Cutoff:	May 18, 2024	
PowerPoints Close:	May 19, 2024	
Seeding:	May 20, 2024	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	June 9, 2024	
Post-Season Committee Meeting:	June 11, 2024	
<b><u>Public Tournament</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Tournament Start:	May 22, 2024	
Round 1 (play by):	May 25, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 2 (play by):	May 30, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 3 (play by):	June 3, 2024	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	June 5, 2024	Higher Seed
State Finals:	June 8, 2024	Hunterdon Central or Ridge
<b><u>Non-Public Tournament</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Tournament Start:	May 22, 2024	
Round 1 (play by):	May 25, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 2 (play by):	May 30, 2024	Higher Seed
State Semifinals (play by):	June 3, 2024	Higher Seed
State Finals:	June 6, 2024	Kean University

**State Group Finals Schedule**

<b><u>Group</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Non-Public A	June 6, 2024	7:00pm	Kean University
Non-Public B	June 6, 2024	3:00pm	Kean University
Group 1	June 8, 2024	TBD	Hunterdon Central or Ridge
Group 2	June 8, 2024	TBD	Hunterdon Central or Ridge
Group 3	June 8, 2024	TBD	Hunterdon Central or Ridge
Group 4	June 8, 2024	TBD	Hunterdon Central or Ridge

### **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. The NJSIAA will be using the boys' lacrosse seeding committee for all qualifying and seeding purposes.
4. The seeding committee will use the LaxNumbers program along with team records, winning percentage, strength-of-schedule, head-to-head competition, and any other factors pertinent to the sport if needed.
5. Games completed after the cutoff date will not count even if they were started before the cutoff date.
6. 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.
7. 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. The Officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed by the date listed above.
3. 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.
4. 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).
5. All schools must monitor their LaxNumbers account to ensure that the game scores match what is in the LaxNumbers program.
6. All head coaches must sign up for a LaxNumbers team official account for the current season. New head coaches or head coaches without an existing LaxNumbers team official account will need to sign up and create one by clicking on this link <https://laxnumbers.com/teamofficial.php>.
7. Head coaches with an existing team official account can simply login at <https://laxnumbers.com/login.php> using their username and password from last season. Head coaches with existing team official accounts will be asked to select their (new) team for the 2022 season.
8. Once you have created an account, the team official portal will act as your home base in LaxNumbers. You can add, edit, and delete scheduled and played games. You can update teaminfo as well as add team websites and social media accounts.
9. LaxNumbers rankings will be downloaded from the LaxNumbers website on the date listed above at noon. The seeding committee will use this information to seed the tournament.
10. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.

### **Entry Fee**

- \$90.00 Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Boys Lacrosse Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691

### **Tournament Seeding**

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded using the LaxNumbers power ranking system and the boys' lacrosse seeding committee.
2. The boys' lacrosse seeding committee will use the following to assist with seeding.
  - a. Head-to-Head results will receive consideration only when a lower-ranked team has defeated the team ranked immediately above (higher).
  - b. Any split of head-to-head matches will be dropped from the discussion.
  - c. Movement in the seed may occur one step at a time on the basis of the Head-to-Head criterion. If 6th in rank has defeated 5th in rank/seed, then they switch positions; if 6th in rank defeats both #5 and #4 then a double jump.
3. 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. All current NFHS boys' lacrosse rules along with any NJSIAA boys' lacrosse rule modifications will govern all tournament games.
2. Game times for all rounds hosted by the higher-seeded school will be designated by the higher seeded school. The recommended start time for school days is 4:00pm. For non-school days, times will be established by the higher seeded school.
3. All game times are pending the official's availability. Athletic Directors must communicate consistently through all rounds of the tournament regarding start times.
4. The NJSIAA may determine the start times if there is any disagreement with start times between schools.
5. Game times for all group championships and the TOC finals will be established by the NJSIAA.
6. Public rounds one (1), two (2), and three (3) and non-public rounds one (1) and two (2), are play-by dates and may be played earlier than the dates indicated if both schools agree. If schools cannot agree, the game must be played on the play-by date. Regular season/tournament games scheduled for these dates must be rescheduled.
7. Schools may play on Sunday only if both schools agree.
8. Sites will not be declared unsuitable merely because field conditions are less than perfect unless Leagues or Conferences have ruled such sites unsuitable for regular-season games.
9. The public sectional and group finals as well as the non-public semifinals and group finals are "play on" dates. Host schools must get approval from the NJSIAA to play these games on a different day.
10. If any circumstance causes postponement, the game must be played on the next day. If the next day is a Sunday, the game may be played if both schools are permitted to play on Sundays, otherwise, the game must be played on Monday. Non-NJSIAA tournament games must be moved.
11. Responsibility for postponing a game 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.
12. The NJSIAA and all assignors must be notified of any postponement in a timely fashion.
13. After a second consecutive postponement of a game because of field conditions, the NJSIAA may designate an alternate site as the home field for the higher-seeded team which may include the opponent's field of the lower-seeded team.
14. All schools hosting games during the first three (3) rounds must provide a scorer and a timer for each game. An adult would be preferred but at a minimum a person that knows the sport of boys lacrosse. If an adult is not used, the host team's coaching staff must provide oversight of the timer and scorer.
15. A "box" official will be assigned to all group finals.
16. Each school shall provide a clock operator at the State Finals.
17. A coin toss will determine the choice of goal or possession.
18. The higher seeded team will wear the light color jersey.
19. Games may not be played on 3 consecutive days unless approved by the NJSIAA because of extreme circumstances.
20. The winning school must notify njschoolsports.com immediately after each game.
21. The host school must provide an adequate amount of crowd control/security as needed based on the host school's facility. The visiting school must provide at least one (1) staff member, not associated with the coaching staff, to be present at each tournament game to assist on-site management in maintaining control of visiting spectators.
22. 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.
23. Participation by 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.
24. Each school must provide six (6) new NOCSAE white lacrosse balls that have been approved by the NFHS for each game, up to the state finals. The NJSIAA will provide all game balls for the state finals.
25. Each school must provide one (1) horn, and one (1) clock for all tournament games up to the state finals. The NJSIAA will provide all horns and clocks for the state finals.
26. Each school must provide two ball runners, who must wear protective gear, for all state tournament games.

### **Host School Assignment of Officials Procedure**

1. All schools hosting games that require them to assign the officials must do so by using their local assignor.
2. The local assignor must be contacted ASAP as to the time and location of the game.
3. Schools are to treat these rounds like a regular-season game regarding the assignment of officials.
4. School/Coaches will not be permitted to request specific officials.
5. Any preferred or not preferred lists used during the regular season will not be used during the state tournament.
6. Only the conflict of interest form will be used to assign all tournament games. Assignors will be notified of this procedure.
7. Host schools must notify their assignors within a timely fashion prior to any change of game time and or site location.
8. If your local assignor will not be assigning the tournament games, please contact the regional or state assignor ASAP.

### **Officials Assignments**

#### **Rounds 1 & 2**

- 3 officials assigned by the host school's local assignor.
- Higher seeded schools will pay all officials at the area agreed-upon rate.

#### **Round 3 (Public Only)**

- 3 officials assigned by the host school's local assignor.
- Higher seeded schools will pay all officials at the area agreed-upon rate.

#### **Sectional Finals (Public Only)**

- NJSIAA state assignor will assign three (3) officials for each game.
- NJSIAA will pay for all 3 officials.

#### **State Semis-Finals (Non-Public Only)**

- NJSIAA state assignor will assign three (3) officials for each game.
- NJSIAA will pay for all 3 officials.

#### **State Finals**

- NJSIAA state assignor will assign three (3) officials and one (1) box official for all games.
- NJSIAA will pay for all officials.

### **Awards**

#### **Sectional Champions:**

A team trophy and thirty-five (35) certificates to each Sectional Championship in each Group.

#### **State Champions:**

A team trophy and thirty-five (35) certificates to the State Champion in each Group.

### **Suspended Tournament Game Procedure**

When weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of a tournament game, the following procedures shall take place:

1. If the game is stopped and cannot be resumed within an hour of the stoppage, the game will resume the following day from the point of interruption.
2. If the second half has started (official game) and the score is tied, and the game cannot be resumed within an hour of the stoppage, the game will resume the following day from the point of interruption.
3. If the second half has started (official game) and the score is NOT tied, and the game cannot be resumed within an hour of the stoppage, the game will resume the following day from the point of interruption, unless the coaches upon mutual agreement terminate the game.

**Overtime Procedure**

1. When the score is tied at the end of regular playing time, both teams will have a two (2) minute rest period.
2. A coin toss will determine the choice of end.
3. After each subsequent overtime period, teams will switch ends.
4. The team scoring the first goal wins the game.
5. Each overtime period will be four (4) minutes in length followed by a two (2) minute rest period.
6. Overtime period will continue until a winner is decided.