

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Fall Sports 3-Year Quick Chart

All dates are tentative and subject to change by the NJSIAA

Posted 8/5/25 (Changes in **RED**)

2025-2026	First Practice	Competition May Begin*	Cutoff	Power Pts Close at Noon	Tournament Start	Max Contests	3 In a Row	Competition End**
Football (P/NP)	Aug 11	Aug 28 (Week 0) Sept 4 (Week 1)	Oct 25 / Nov 1	Oct 26 / Nov 2	Oct 31 / Nov 7	14	N/A	Nov 30
Tennis (Girls) Team/Ind	Aug 11	Aug 18	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 29 / Oct 4	24	YES	Nov 23
Cross Country	Aug 18	Aug 25	Oct 25	Oct 26	Nov 1	14	NO	Nov 23
Field Hockey	Aug 18	Aug 25	Oct 25	Oct 26	Nov 3	18	NO	Nov 23
Gymnastics	Aug 18	Aug 25	Oct 21	Oct 22	Nov 1	14	NO	Nov 23
Soccer (Boys)	Aug 18	Aug 25	Oct 25	Oct 26	Nov 3	18	NO	Nov 23
Soccer (Girls)	Aug 18	Aug 25	Oct 25	Oct 26	Nov 4	18	NO	Nov 23
Volleyball (Girls) (P/NP)	Aug 18	Aug 25	Oct 25	Oct 26	Nov 3/Nov 5	24	YES	Nov 23
2026-2027	First Practice	Competition May Begin*	Cutoff	Power Pts Close at Noon	Tournament Start	Max Contests	3 In a Row	Competition End**
Football (P/NP)	Aug 10	Aug 28 (Week 0) Sept 3 (Week 1)	Oct 24 / Oct 31	Oct 25 / Nov 1	Oct 30 / Nov 6	14	N/A	Nov 29
Tennis (Girls) Team/Ind	Aug 10	Aug 17	Sept 26	Sept 27	Oct 1 / Oct 3	24	YES	Nov 22
Cross Country	Aug 17	Aug 24	Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 31	14	NO	Nov 22
Field Hockey	Aug 17	Aug 24	Oct 24	Oct 25	Nov 2	18	NO	Nov 22
Gymnastics	Aug 17	Aug 24	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 31	14	NO	Nov 22
Soccer (Boys)	Aug 17	Aug 24	Oct 24	Oct 25	Nov 3	18	NO	Nov 22
Soccer (Girls)	Aug 17	Aug 24	Oct 24	Oct 25	Nov 2	18	NO	Nov 22
Volleyball (Girls) (P/NP)	Aug 17	Aug 24	Oct 24	Oct 25	Nov 2/Nov 4	24	YES	Nov 22
2027-2028	First Practice	Competition May Begin*	Cutoff	Power Pts Close at Noon	Tournament Start	Max Contests	3 In a Row	Competition End**
Football (P/NP)						14	N/A	
Tennis (Girls) Team/Ind						24	YES	
Cross Country						14	NO	
Field Hockey						18	NO	
Gymnastics						14	NO	
Soccer (Boys)						18	NO	
Soccer (Girls)						18	NO	
Volleyball (Girls) (P/NP)						24	YES	

*The "Competition May Begin" date indicates when a school may start to schedule scrimmages, and regular season contests once the 6-days of practice/1-day of rest rule has been satisfied. Football Only – Scrimmages may begin: August 18 (2025), August 17 (2026). The "Competition Start Date" used for transfer penalties begins with a school's first regular season contest in each sport. For football, a student sits the first 3 games for a 22-day sit and the first 4 games for a 30-day sit.

**The "Competition End" date refers to the last day a sport may compete in any contest that is not part of the NJSIAA tournament while keeping within the maximum number of contests permitted.

The summer period begins: June 15 (2026), June 14 (2027). The last day of the summer period is August 31st.