

Fall Alert

Tournament Info for schools

As fall tournaments are about to begin, NJSIAA would like to send out a few reminders:

The " [Tournament Operating Procedures Handbook](#) " and the sports-specific tournament regulations covers all pertinent information regarding tournament procedures. We urge all schools to read these documents before their tournaments start.

Points of Emphasis

1. Election Day – If you are hosting a tournament game on November 4 and you are a polling site, you may move off that date without a mutual agreement.
2. Sectional Trophies – These trophies will be mailed out to all #1 seeds ASAP after the brackets become final. If you are a #1 seed, please be on the lookout for the trophy and make sure it is at every game. If you lose, please be sure and give it to the winning team.
3. Celebratory events (i.e., senior night, homecoming, teacher recognition, etc.) are not permitted during pregame, postgame, or halftime at any NJSIAA state tournament events.
4. All NFHS half-time rules will be strictly enforced.

NJSIAA will be selling tickets online via “HomeTown Tickets”. Detailed instructions will be sent to all schools hosting when we know them. The instructions can also be found on our website under the AD’s menu.

The following NJSIAA events will be utilizing online ticket sales via “HomeTown Tickets.”

- Field Hockey – Public & Non-Public - Sectional Finals and State Finals
- Football – Public Only – Sectional Finals and Semifinals
- Soccer – Public – Sectional Finals, Semifinals, and State Finals
- Soccer – Non-Public – Sectional Finals and State Finals.
- Volleyball – Public – Sectional Finals, Semifinals, and State Finals
- Volleyball – Non-Public – Sectional Finals and State Finals

Note: Football State Finals (public & non-public) ticket sales will go through Rutgers & Met Life ticketing departments.

Broadcast Information

All preliminary rounds (any rounds prior to the sectional finals) may be broadcast at the discretion of the participating schools. In rare instances, an NJSIAA rights broadcasting partner may request to broadcast a preliminary round game. If this occurs, schools will be required to accommodate the rights partner.

Schools hosting sectional finals or semifinals will be notified if any NJSIAA-approved media or video outlets will be broadcasting the event. In such cases, hosts must adhere to all NJSIAA broadcasting rules. Anyone (schools, third-party affiliates, news platforms, etc.) wishing to broadcast an event must submit their request through the form on NJSIAA’s website (<https://www.njsiaa.org/inside-njsiaa/broadcast-rights>) within 48 hours of the event. If an event falls on a Sunday or Monday, requests must be submitted by 10am on Friday prior to the event.

Drone Policy

The use of unmanned aerial systems (“UAS”), commonly referred to as “drones”, is strictly prohibited at all NJSIAA tournament events.