



2025-26 NJSIAA Boys & Girls Team Swimming Tournament

NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times, and locations for all NJSIAA State tournaments. 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. During the spring tournament season, we will make every effort to accommodate schools that have a conflict with their graduation.

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 are to be reminded of the 3-team DQ rule for state tournament eligibility, which states “Any varsity team accumulating three or more player or coach disqualifications prior to the team’s participation in the state tournament will not be permitted to participate in the state tournament. The 3-team DQ rule is not applicable during participation in the state tournament.

The NJSIAA will follow the procedure below for schools that are disqualified from state tournament competition:

1. If a school is disqualified, either for the use of an ineligible player or violating the 3-team DQ rule, 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.
2. If a school is disqualified, either for the use of an ineligible player or violating the 3-team DQ rule, 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.
3. If a school is disqualified from state tournament competition due to the use of an ineligible player 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 damage 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 that are not willing or able to comply with NJSIAA tournament regulations and any relevant procedures found in the state tournament operating procedures handbook should not enter the tournament. Member schools are encouraged to review NJSIAA tournament regulations with the school administration. Coaches must have a copy of the tournament regulations as well as a copy of the rule modifications (if any) available at all contests. Copies of these documents are available on the NJSIAA website.

Swimming Important Dates

Event	Date
First Practice:	November 17, 2025
Competition May Begin:	December 1, 2025
Entry Form Opens:	January 5, 2026
Team Entries Close:	January 19, 2026
Conflict of Interest Due	January 19, 2026
Team Cutoff:	January 24, 2026
PowerPoints Close	January 25, 2026
Team Seeding:	January 27, 2026
Hy-Tek Individual Entries Open:	January 31, 2026
Individual Cutoff:	February 14, 2026
Hy-Tek Individual Entries Close:	February 15, 2026
Deadline for wildcard entries:	February 23, 2026
Deadline to update seed times:	February 23, 2026
Regular Season Competition Ends:	March 8, 2026

Swimming Tournament Dates

Public Team Tournament (Boys & Girls)	Date	Location
Round 1:	February 2, 2026*	Higher Seed
Round 2:	February 5, 2026*	Higher Seed
Round 3:	February 9, 2026*	Higher Seed
Public Sectional Finals:	Date	Location
Boys N1 – Groups A, C, B:	February 11, 2026	PCTI
Boys N2 - Groups A, C, B:	February 11, 2026	Raritan Bay YMCA
Boys Central - Groups A, C, B:	February 11, 2026	TCNJ
Boys South - Groups A, C, B:	February 11, 2026	GCIT
Girls N1 - Groups A, C, B:	February 12, 2026	PCTI
Girls N2 - Groups A, C, B:	February 12, 2026	Raritan Bay YMCA
Girls Central - Groups A, C, B:	February 12, 2026	TCNJ
Girls South - Groups A, C, B:	February 12, 2026	GCIT
Public Semi-Finals:	Date	Location
Boys Public Group A:	February 18, 2026	PCTI
Boys Public Group C:	February 18, 2026	Raritan Bay YMCA
Boys Public Group B:	February 18, 2026	GCIT
Girls Public Group A:	February 19, 2026	PCTI
Girls Public Group C:	February 19, 2026	Raritan Bay YMCA
Girls Public Group B:	February 19, 2026	GCIT
Public State Finals:	Date	Location
Boys / Girls:	February 22, 2026	Rutgers
Non-Public Team Tournament (Boys & Girls)	Date	Location
Round 1:	February 3, 2026*	Higher Seed
Round 2:	February 6, 2026*	Higher Seed
Round 3:	February 10, 2026*	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals (Boys / Girls):	February 16, 2026	Neptune
State Finals (Boys / Girls):	February 22, 2026	Rutgers
Individual Swimming Championships	Date	Location
Preliminaries (Boys / Girls):	February 28, 2026	GCIT
Finals (Boys / Girls):	March 1, 2026	GCIT

* The tournament dates listed for swimming can be moved only upon mutual agreement by both schools. The earliest a tournament game can be moved to is January 29, 2026. If schools do not agree, then it must be played on the date listed. If any date is moved by mutual agreement, the potential next round opponent must be notified ASAP.

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New for This Year's State Tournament

1. Backstroke ledges – Please see information regarding the implementation of backstroke ledges on the NJSIAA website under swimming.
2. All Teams in Finals must present a Hy-Tek file to BeSmartt Inc with full team roster by the date listed above.
3. Lane assignments - Higher seeded teams will swim in the even numbered lanes and lower Seeded Teams will swim in odd number lanes. For 8 or more lane pools, higher seeded teams will swim in Lanes 2-4-6 and lower seeded teams will swim in Lanes 3-5-7
4. Teams will present a line-up sheet with swimmers' names and lane assignments for finals to the tournament director upon arrival to enable presentation on scoreboard during meet.
5. Coaches maintain the right to make line- up changes during the meet.
6. The team entries become final when the entry card is presented to the officials prior to event.

Tournament Eligibility

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. 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.
3. 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.
4. A student competing on an interscholastic swim team must compete as a member of the high school team in at least 50% of the school's total meets contested starting with the first game (not scrimmage) and ending on or before the cutoff date to be eligible for the NJSIAA State Tournament. If there is an odd number remaining, then the player must compete in the greater number.
5. Students who experience Extraordinary Circumstances, which are limited to injuries/medical reasons or return from academic ineligibility, must play in at least 50% of the school's remaining games, up to and including the cut-off date. If there is an odd number remaining, then the player must compete in the greater number.

To qualify for the Team Tournament

1. The NJSIAA swimming power point system will be used to qualify all teams for the tournament.
2. The 8 highest power point totals from each section and each group will qualify for the tournament.
3. The PowerPoint calculation for swimming will be using the **top 3** PowerPointed contests regardless of how many you swam up to and including the cutoff.
4. Meets contested after the cutoff date will not count toward tournament qualification.
5. If there is a tie in PowerPoints, the current NJSIAA swimming tie-breaking procedure will break all ties.
6. Co-ed teams will only be eligible to compete in the tournament as boys' teams.

Entry Procedure

1. The team entry form must be completed online during the time period listed above.
2. must be checked and updated 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 as soon as possible after each contest. If you encounter problems, please contact hssupport@njadvancemedia.com.
4. The coaches of both teams shall report the results to www.njschoolsports.com following the contest. Failure to do so may result in penalties being imposed by the NJSIAA. First-time warning, second-time \$150 fine, third-time possible elimination from the tournament.
5. PowerPoints will be downloaded from the [njschoolsports](http://njschoolsports.com) website on the date listed above at noon. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy before the data is downloaded.
6. Girls on co-ed teams will be PowerPointed using the boy's PowerPoint calculations.
7. The Officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed by the date listed above.

Entry Fee

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

Tournament Seeding

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded using the NJSIAA swimming power point system.
2. PowerPoint calculation for swimming will be using the **top 3** PowerPointed contests regardless of how many you swam up to and including the cutoff. The top 3 PowerPointed meet totals will be averaged by dividing the total by 3. If there is a tie in PowerPoint for seeding, we will use the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure.
3. Seeds 5 will play 8 and 6 will play 7. Seeds 1 & 2 will receive a double bye, and seeds 3 & 4 will receive a single bye.
4. A team's PowerPoint total will be carried throughout the tournament. Sectional contests will **not** be PowerPointed. Sectional Finalists will **NOT** be re-seeded before advancing to the State Semifinals within each division. Original PowerPoints will be used to seed the sectional finalists for the semifinal contests. The winners of the Semifinals will advance to the State Championship contests.
5. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify submitted times when they cannot be verified.

The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding meeting. Brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.

Tie-breaking procedure for all tournament contests

When a meet ends in a tie the meet shall be power pointed using the NISCA 2023 power point tables to determine the winner (including exhibition swimmers if any). If the meet remains tied after the power point procedure, the tie will be broken in the following order:

1. Fewer number of sixth (6th) places
2. PowerPoints of A, B & C relays
3. Greater number of first (1st) places
4. Greater number of second (2nd) places
5. Greater number of third (3rd) places
6. Greater number of fourth (4th) places
7. Greater number of fifth (5th) places

After the tie is broken, using the above procedures, add one team point to the winning team's score – and please use the "Add Notes" field in njschoolsports.com to explain which criteria was used to break the tie.

Tournament Rules & Information

1. The NFHS Swimming Rules along with any NJSIAA swimming rule modifications will govern this tournament.
2. All contest scoring will be according to the current NFHS Swimming Rules, as amended by the NJSIAA.
3. State team swim contests may be scheduled on any date but must be completed by the next round date.
4. It is expected that all schools will work together to accommodate teams with only one coach, but if an agreement cannot be reached, the school with only one coach will have to arrange for coverage.
5. Each team will provide three (3) timers (one per lane) with stopwatches at all contests and a team scorer at the Table. Cell phones are not considered timing devices. Timers must be positioned in the starting area for all races.
6. The lower-seeded team will have the choice of odd or even-numbered lanes.
7. Entry Cards are required for each contest (First & Last Name with lane assignment)
8. All entry cards for all state contests become official once they are handed to the contest referee or their designee.
9. A competitor shall be permitted to enter a maximum of four (4) events, no more than two (2) of which may be individual events.
10. Any postponements, please contact the tournament staff listed on page one. The NJSIAA will set the date for a postponement if the two schools cannot agree on a date.
11. If a meter pool is used, advance notification to the opponent is mandatory at the time the meet is scheduled.
12. Timers must be assigned to all lanes and all timers must have pencils, clipboards, and paper.
13. No face paint is permitted on the pool deck.
14. Because of the indoor conditions, bands will not be admitted to the site.
15. Please inform swimmers that no food is allowed in the immediate pool area. You will be held responsible for their conduct. Please ask everyone to help keep the pool area, locker room area, and campus clean.
16. If during a meet, where it is not possible to complete all events due to unforeseen circumstances, the NJSIAA Director of Swimming and the NJSIAA Tournament Director upon conferring with coaches, will make a determination as to how to best proceed.

Meet Procedures:

1. The power-pointing procedure must be followed for all meets. There is no difference between power-pointed meets and non-power-pointed meets anymore. Whatever your lineup is for that particular meet is your lineup. Coaches are free to communicate with each other regarding notification that they are going to PowerPoint a meet.
2. The meet sheets can be done in pencil or pen. All cross outs must be initialed by the referee.
3. The first and last names of all contestants must appear on all forms. The leadoff swimmer on relays must be circled.
4. Entry cards are required during the state tournament for each event (First & Last Name with lane assignments).
5. Entry cards become official once they are handed to the official or their designee.
6. Any changes to meet sheets must be initialized by a meet official.
7. At the conclusion of the meet, both coaches must agree on the final score before the official signs the meet sheet.
8. All meet sheets must be signed by the referee at the conclusion of the meet.
9. Any unsigned meet sheet is invalid.
10. All meet sheets must be available for the NJSIAA to review in case of discrepancies.
11. Coaches are free to use any type of meet sheet, there is no standard NJSIAA sheet.
12. Each coach is to input all their school's meet information, including all three times for each event into njschoolsports.com.
13. The home team will input the team score.
14. Coaches are urged to check for accuracy throughout the season.
15. All schools must provide backup timers for each lane.

Disqualifications

1. Participation by any ineligible swimmer in any contest during the regular season results in the forfeiture of all points achieved by the ineligible swimmer, and final results will be adjusted accordingly.
2. If a school is seeded in the tournament and such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the team tournament, the school will be disqualified from the tournament and the tournament will be re-seeded.
3. Participation by any ineligible swimmer in the tournament will result in forfeiture of all points achieved by the ineligible swimmer and final results will be adjusted accordingly. If the recalculation of the results determined that the team with the ineligible swimmer would not have won the contest, then the opponent will advance.

Exhibition Swimmers

An exhibition Swimmer (NFHS Rule 1 - Section 2):

1. Must be designated by the coach to the officials as an exhibition swimmer/s before each event.
2. Is a non-scoring contestant in all regular season events.
3. May use the performance for individual qualifying times.
4. Must adhere to all rules regarding event form, starting, judging, timing, and conduct.
5. Events do count toward the number of events a competitor may enter.
6. Are permitted in all state tournament team events.
7. Performance will be used when a tie meet goes to power-pointing to break the tie.

Co-ed Team Clarification

1. All schools must declare their intention to swim as a co-ed team by the competition begin date.
2. A Co-ed team is considered a boys team for all intents and purposes.
3. Co-ed teams may not separate for any contest once they have declared that they are co-ed.
4. Co-ed teams may only swim against other co-ed teams or boys only teams.
5. Co-ed teams may not swim against a girls only team.
6. Girls on co-ed teams will be PowerPointed using the boys PowerPoint calculations.
7. Girls performances during a co-ed meet will count for qualifications for the Individual championships.
8. Co-ed teams will only be eligible to compete as a boys team in the state tournament.
9. Co-ed teams cannot enter both the boys and girls team tournaments.
10. Separate boys and girls teams cannot combine into one team for the state tournament.

Tournament Costs & Officials Assignments

Public & Non-public rounds 1, 2 & 3

1. Contests will be conducted at the site of the school with the higher PowerPoints. The higher-seeded school will be considered the home team regardless of the facility the contest is taking place in.
2. The time of the contest will be at the discretion of the host school/facility.
3. The higher-seeded team will arrange for 3 officials from their local assignor.
4. The home school will pay all assigned officials at the rates listed below.
5. The host school will assume the cost of pool rental and site maintenance.
6. All sites must meet National Federation specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, and starting platforms.
7. Electronic timing is highly recommended. If electronic timing is not an option, then each team must have 2 timers per lane with stopwatches.
8. Each team must provide scorers and backup timers.
9. Contests can be held as combined dual meet if the schools involved are all in agreement, however, the official's fees are still doubled (see below).

Meet Type	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Single Gender Meet	\$94	\$94	\$94
Dual Gender Meet	\$188	\$188	\$188

Public & Non-public Sectional Finals

1. **Each school that makes it to the sectional finals will be assessed a \$240 fee. This fee is used to offset the facility cost for the entire tournament. There will be no other fees assessed after the sectional finals.**
2. Contests will be conducted at a predetermined site paid for by the NJSIAA.
3. Four (4) officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA.
4. The host facility will provide an official scorer, announcer, electronic timing operator, and two (2) ticket scanners to be paid for by the NJSIAA.
5. All sites must meet NFHS specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms, and electronic timing.
6. Competing schools are required to have 1 back up timer per assigned lane. Team scorekeepers to maintain score sheets is optional.

Public State Semifinals

1. Contests will be conducted at a predetermined site paid for by the NJSIAA.
2. Four (4) officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA.
3. The host facility will provide an official scorer, announcer, electronic timing operator, and two (2) ticket scanners to be paid for by the NJSIAA.
4. All sites must meet NFHS specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms, and electronic timing.
5. Competing schools are required to have 1 back up timer per assigned lane. Team scorekeepers to maintain score sheets is optional.

Public & Non-Public State Finals

1. Contests will be conducted at a predetermined site paid for by the NJSIAA.
2. Six (6) officials will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA.
3. The host facility will provide an official scorer, announcer, electronic timing operator, and two (2) ticket scanners to be paid for by the NJSIAA.
4. All sites must meet NFHS specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms, and electronic timing.
7. Competing schools are required to have 1 back up timer per assigned lane. Team scorekeepers to maintain score sheets is optional.

NFHS Swimsuit Rules

This tournament will be conducted under NFHS rules and therefore will follow all NFHS swimsuit rules.

Swimsuit Transgender Clarification:

- Pursuant to NJ law and NJSIAA policy is that the student decides what swimsuit is appropriate. We permit the student to make the decision.
- NFHS Swim Rules-boys swim, we permit the Transgender Male to wear a men's suit, a women's suit, or a men's suit with covering (sports bra, etc.)
- Full bodysuits are not permitted.
- Long or short sleeve "rash guard" shirt is permitted.
- Transgender females may wear either.

Swimsuit Religious Clarification:

Swimmers are permitted to wear "compression shirts/Rash Guard" type apparel **under** their school uniform because of religious reasons, as long as the apparel is not designed to enhance the performance of the swimmer. Full body suits are not permitted.

Awards

Sectional Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to each Sectional Championship in each Group.

State Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to the State Champion in each Group. In the event of a tie, we will award both teams a trophy.

2025-26 Swim Tournament Schedule

Public Sectional Finals	Date	Time	Meet & Site Directors
Passaic County Technical Institute			
North I	11-Feb		Site Director - Bill Vacca 973-389-2032
Boys Division A		4:00 PM	wvacca@pcti.tec.nj.us
Boys Division C		5:30 PM	
Boys Division B		7:00 PM	PCTI 45 Reinhardt Road Wayne, NJ 07470
North I	12-Feb		
Girls Division A		4:00 PM	wvacca@pcti.tec.nj.us
Girls Division C		5:30 PM	
Girls Division B		7:00 PM	
Raritan Bay Area YMCA			
North II	11-Feb		Site Director - Carol Fowler 908-232-7729
Boys Division A		4:00 PM	carolbfowler@hotmail.com
Boys Division C		5:30 PM	
Boys Division B		7:00 PM	Raritan Bay Area YMCA 357 New Brunswick Ave Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
North II	12-Feb		
Girls Division A		4:00 PM	
Girls Division C		5:30 PM	
Girls Division B		7:00 PM	
The College of NJ			
Central	11-Feb		Site Director – Paul Welsh 609-947-8040
Boys Division A		4:00 PM	pwwelsh6@gmail.com
Boys Division C		5:30 PM	
Boys Division B		7:00 PM	College of New Jersey 2000 Pennington Road Ewing Township, NJ 08618
Central	12-Feb		
Girls Division A		4:00 PM	
Girls Division C		5:30 PM	
Girls Division B		7:00 PM	
Gloucester County Institute of Technology			
South	11-Feb		Site Director - Linda DuBois 856-981-6101
Boys Division A		3:30 PM	lnddbbs@gmail.com
Boys Division C		5:00 PM	
Boys Division B		6:30 PM	GCIT 1360 Tanyard Road Sewell, NJ 08080
South	12-Feb		
Girls Division A		3:30 PM	
Girls Division C		5:00 PM	
Girls Division B		6:30 PM	

All warm-ups will begin ½ hour before the meet start time or when meet management announces it.

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Non-Public Sectional Finals	Date	Time	Site/Director
Neptune Aquatics Center	15-Feb		Site Director - Sara Palumbo
Boys Non-Public South*		10:00 AM	732-833-5969
Boys Non-Public North*		11:30 AM	spalumbo@neptune.k12.nj.us
Girls Non-Public South*		1:00 PM	
Girls Non-Public North*		2:30 PM	Neptune Aquatics Center
			55 Neptune Boulevard
*Times subject to change based on qualifying teams			Neptune, NJ 07753
Public State Semi-Finals	Date	Time	Site/Director
Passaic County Technical Institute	18-Feb		Site Director - Bill Vacca
Boys Public A seed 1-4		5:00 PM	973-389-2032
Boys Public A seed 2-3		6:30 PM	wvacca@pcti.tec.nj.us
Raritan Bay Area YMCA	18-Feb		Site Director - Carol Fowler
Boys Public C seed 1-4		4:30 PM	908-232-7729
Boys Public C seed 2-3		6:00 PM	carolbfowler@hotmail.com
Gloucester County Institute of Technology	18-Feb		Site Director - Linda DuBois
Boys Public B seed 1-4		5:00 PM	856-981-6101
Boys Public B seed 2-3		6:30 PM	lnddbbs@gmail.com
Passaic County Technical Institute	19-Feb		Site Director - Bill Vacca
Girls Public A seed 1-4		5:00 PM	973-389-2032
Girls Public A seed 2-3		6:30 PM	wvacca@pcti.tec.nj.us
Raritan Bay Area YMCA	19-Feb		Site Director - Carol Fowler
Girls Public C seed 1-4		4:30 PM	908-232-7729
Girls Public C seed 2-3		6:00 PM	carolbfowler@hotmail.com
Gloucester County Institute of Technology	19-Feb		Site Director - Linda DuBois
Girls Public B seed 1-4		5:00 PM	856-981-6101
Girls Public B seed 2-3		6:30 PM	lnddbbs@gmail.com

All warm-ups will begin ½ hour before the meet start time or when meet management announces it.

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State Team Finals	Date	Time	Site/Director
Rutgers University	22-Feb		Meet Director – Paul Welsh
Boys Public A		9:00am	609-947-8040
Girls Public A		10:30am	pwwelsh6@gmail.com
Boys Non-Public		12:00pm	
Girls Non-Public		1:30pm	Site Director - Linda DuBois
Boys Public C		3:00pm	856-981-6101
Girls Public C		4:30pm	lnddbbs@gmail.com
Boys Public B		6:00pm	
Girls Public B		7:30pm	

All warm-ups will begin ½ hour before the meet start time or when meet management announces it.

State Individual Finals (MOC)	Date	Time	Site/Director
Gloucester County Institute of Technology			Meet Director – Paul Welsh
			609-947-8040
Boys Preliminaries	28-Feb	10:00am	pwwelsh6@gmail.com
	Warm-ups	9:00am	
			Site Director - Linda DuBois
Girls Preliminaries	28-Feb	2:00pm	856-981-6101
	Warm-ups	1:00pm	lnddbbs@gmail.com
Boys & Girls Finals	1-March	12:00pm	
	Warm-ups	11:00am	