

NJSIAA Executive Committee - November Meeting

The NJSIAA Executive Committee is scheduled to meet virtually on Wednesday, November 12. The following two proposals will be considered by the committee:

1. Cooperative Sports approvals - one reading
2. Bylaws - Host Families clarification - second/final reading

As usual, please do not share these proposals until after the meeting.



To: NJSIAA Executive Committee

From: Paul Popadiuk, Chief Compliance Officer

Date: October 15, 2025

RE: NJSIAA Bylaws Clarification Proposal: Host Families

In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of student-athletes living with host families, playing for club athletic teams and enrolling in our public schools to play NJSIAA sports. NJSIAA has received numerous complaints regarding the competitive advantage that these schools have when enrolling students whose parents may be living in other parts of the state or country. Additionally, there have been safety concerns regarding the lack of oversight of these host families. This proposal is consistent with the practices of other state organizations in NFHS Section 1 and clarifies, in writing, our practice.

In an effort to ensure a level playing field, mitigate recruitment and ensure the safety of our student-athletes, I propose the following update to Bylaws Article V, Section 1 (additions are underlined):

Article V

ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES

Section 1

A student, to be eligible for participation in the interscholastic athletic program of a member school, must be enrolled in that school and must meet all the eligibility requirements of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations, of the NJSIAA.

CL 1: Students being home-schooled (by parents or other parties) may be eligible if the local Board of Education has approved their participation and the requirements of the Homeschool Guidelines have been satisfied. Properly enrolled students on Home Instruction provided by the Board of Education are eligible if the student satisfies Section 4E. (Refer to NJSIAA Guidelines, Policies and Procedures).

CL 2: Students who are residing with a host family while their parents/guardians are domiciled elsewhere in the United States are not eligible for interscholastic competition at NJSIAA member schools unless the host family has obtained full, court appointed guardianship.



To: NJSIAA Executive Committee

From: Paul Popadiuk, Chief Compliance Officer

Date: November 12, 2025

RE: NJSIAA Cooperative Sports Program Approvals

The Cooperative Sports Committee met in October 2025 to review cooperative sports applications for spring sports, girls wrestling and one emergent relief application for winter sports. The committee approved the following applications and is recommending them for your approval.

The cooperative sports programs are as follows:

1. Buena-Vineland Girls Wrestling
2. Lyndhurst-North Arlington Boys Lacrosse
3. Mount Olive-Randolph Girls Wrestling
4. Newton-Kittatinny Girls Wrestling
5. Northern Valley Demarest- NV Old Tappan Girls Wrestling
6. Ramsey-Northern Highlands Girls Wrestling
7. St. John Vianney-Ranney Boys Lacrosse
8. St. Rose-Red Bank Catholic Boys Tennis
9. Warren Hills-Hackettstown Boys Swimming (Emergent Relief)
10. Warren Hills-Hackettstown Girls Swimming (Emergent Relief)
11. West Windsor Plainsboro North-WWP South Softball

Upon your approval, the spring programs will be in place for a four-year period and the emergent relief for one year starting with the 2025-2026 school year.