



2025-26 NJSIAA BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT

NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times, and locations for any round of competition during an 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.

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New for This Year's State Tournament

- **All coaches and golfers must be registered for their school via the NJSIAA Golf app**
- **Coaches will manage their roster throughout the season.**
- **All events must be created and configured on <https://iwanamaker.com>**
- **All events must be scored live on the NJSIAA Golf app. Event managers can override scores during or after the event.**
- **All scores must be validated by golfers and coaches during the event.**
- **Any team or player that has a pattern of not entering scores on a hole by hole basis may have those scores invalidated and risk being disqualified for participation in the sectional and/or state tournament**
- There will be no more paper entries.
- All entries, both team and individual, must be submitted to the i-Wanamaker Ranking system within **24 hours** after a match is played.
- Individual Qualifiers for Sectional Tournaments– ***The ten (10) individuals for each section with the lowest IWR in their respective section that are not a member of the low 16 teams that qualified in the section.***
- Sectional Team Qualifiers will be determined using the i-Wanamaker Ranking System. The low 16 teams for each section (ie. North Group 2, etc.) with the low IWR will be invited to compete at their designated sectional site. Win/loss record will not be a determining factor.
- Cell phones will be allowed to be used by players for Scoring (i-Wanamaker) and/or distance measuring device only.
- Coaches are required to have backup batteries for their players' cell phones.
- One board certified coach may be an Advice Giver for their team during seasonal competition. No Advice giver will be allowed during the State Sectional or Group Championships. See 2025 rule modifications for limitations.

Boys Golf Important Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>	
First Practice:	March 9, 2026	
First Scrimmage:	No restrictions	
Opening Day:	March 9, 2026	
Post-Season Transfer Date:	Day of the first regular season scheduled match.	
Tournament Entry Forms Open:	April 24, 2026	
Cutoff:	April 29, 2026	
Entry Form Closes (by 12:00 pm):	April 30, 2026	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	June 14, 2026	
Post-Season Committee Meeting:	TBA	
<u>Sectional Championships</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
North Group 1	May 4, 2026	Newton Country Club
North Group 2	May 4, 2026	Berkshire Valley Golf Course
South Group 4	May 4, 2026	Charleston Springs- North Course
South Group 1	May 5, 2026	Cream Ridge Golf Club
South Group 3	May 4, 2026	River Winds Golf Club

Non-Public North	May 4, 2026	Francis Byrne
Non-Public South	May 4, 2026	Mountain View
North Group 4	May 5, 2026	High Bridge Hills
North Group 3	May 4, 2026	Flanders Valley
South Group 2	May 5, 2026	Jumping Brook
<u>State Championships (Team & Ind.)</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
State Championships (Team & Ind.)	May 11, 2026	Raritan Valley Country Club

To Qualify for Sectional Tournaments:

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. Both Teams and Individuals must have an I-Wanamaker Ranking consisting of the 8 best rounds played from opening day to the cutoff date. A round is designated as a single 9-hole match; 18-hole tournaments count as two separate 9 hole rounds. Tri, or quad matches will only count as a single 9-hole round for the I-Wanamaker ranking. Teams must have played a minimum of eight (8) separate 9 hole matches played from opening day to the cutoff date. 18-hole tournaments count as two separate 9 hole rounds. Tri, or quad matches will only count as a single 9-hole round in the I-Wanamaker ranking. (See Table above for number of schools qualifying for each section based on their sections iWR ranking.
4. A member school that does not sponsor a golf team may enter Individual golfers (***that are ranked in the top 10 Individuals in their Section and Group based on the IWR ranking***) that attend their school into the Sectional event. All coaches must sign up to I-Wanamaker and submit scores to I-Wanamaker. In addition, all scorecards must be verified and signed by the course's golf pro. Score cards must contain the Attesting pro's Name and Phone number and submitted electronically to the Sectional Tournament Director. It is the Athletic Director's responsibility to create an I-Wanamaker account for their school and their player(s) that does not already have a sponsored or declared team.
5. Rounds/Matches 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. **Players must enter scores using the NJSIAA Golf app on cell phones.**
2. **All coaches and golfers must be registered for their school via the NJSIAA Golf app**
3. **Coaches will manage their roster throughout the season.**
4. **All events must be created and configured on <https://iwanamaker.com>**
5. **All events must be scored live on the NJSIAA Golf app. Event managers can override scores during or after the event.**
6. **All scores must be validated by golfers after each hole. Any team or player that has a pattern of not entering scores on a hole-by-hole basis may have those scores invalidated and risk being disqualified for participation in the Sectional and/or State Tournament. Coaches will validate the round at the conclusion of the event.**
7. **All players must electronically sign their score card upon conclusion of their round.** Any player that does not electronically sign their score card may not count those rounds as valid rounds and therefore they may not be counted as one of your 8 qualifying rounds.
8. If a team has entered and qualified for the tournament based on the I-Wanamaker ranking, the coach or Athletic Director does not have to fill out an individual entry form. Paper forms are not necessary and are no longer used.
9. Do not enter if your school is not able or willing to comply with tournament regulations.
10. The Executive Committee of the NJSIAA has ruled that member schools failing to comply with all entry requirements may be excluded from the tournament.

Entry Fee- reflects new fees for 2026

- Team Entry: \$200.00, Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Golf Tournament).
- Individual Entry: \$25.00 per individual, Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Golf Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691
- DO NOT use certified mail

Tournament Rules & Information

1. All current USGA golf rules along with any NJSIAA golf rule modifications, will govern all tournament games.
2. For the state sectional championships, a team will consist of five (5) players with its four (4) best scores counting towards the team score.
3. For the state group championships, a team will consist of four (4) players with all four (4) scores counting towards the team score. Any member of the team may compete on the day of the State Group or T of C (Substitute rule).
4. The Tournament will be conducted with eighteen (18) hole stroke play. The field will consist of teams that placed first or second out of their sectional tournament; as well as Individuals (not on an advancing team) that placed 1st or 2nd out of their Sectional Tournament. **Qualifying teams may only bring 4 players to the TOC.**
5. For Sectional and Group championship (TOC) coaches will be assigned a group and act as verifying markers. Coaches will NOT be ADVICE GIVERS during these state events.
6. A coach of a qualifying team or individual may not bring an extra current player to act as their assistant or marker at the TOC.
7. Each team and/or individual must be accompanied by his/her school's head golf coach. No individual will be allowed to compete unless his/her golf coach is present for the entire eighteen-hole round of golf.
8. All coaches/certified faculty members must be properly certified and appointed by the Board of Education/Heads of Schools. Tournament Directors will disqualify any contestant who is accompanied by someone in a coaching/supervisory capacity who is not appointed by the school district.
9. 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.
10. Participation by an ineligible player in any game during the regular season results in forfeiture of said game. If such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the tournament or if 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. Schools eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition.
11. For the sectional championships, the Sectional directors will designate tee-off times and inform qualifiers, accordingly, including the dress code for their course.
12. For the state championships, the tournament director will designate tee-off times and inform qualifiers, accordingly, including the dress code for their course.
13. For the State Championships, the Tournament Director will designate foursomes and tee-off times and distribute same at a coaches' meeting to be held one-half (½) hour before the start of the State Championship.
14. Failure to be present at the time the event is called due to transportation problems, misunderstanding of instructions, tournament regulations, other similar excuses, injury or illness will result in disqualification.
15. No spectators are allowed on the course at any time during the match. Any spectator found on the course will cause the player and/or team to be disqualified from the tournament.
16. Girls Competing on Boys Teams
 - a. Girls may compete in the sectional tournament as members of a boys' team.
 - b. Their scores will count toward the team total and will advance with the team to the group championships if their team has qualified.
 - c. Girls may also qualify individually for the group championships if their team did not place in the top two (2) at the sectional meet and they are crowned as the Individual Champion or Runner up.
 - d. Girls playing with a boys' team are eligible for group and TOC team honors.
 - e. Girls playing in the boys' individual tournament are eligible for Group honors.
 - f. Girls playing in the boys' individual tournament are not eligible for individual TOC honors.
 - g. Girls will be permitted to play in both the boys' team tournament and the girls' individual tournament.
 - h. Girls Playing in any boy's tournament will play from the same tee the boys are playing from.

Tournament Seeding

1. For the State Sectional Championships, the Sectional Directory will designate the foursomes based on the entries. The player rosters must be entered by May 2nd 2:30 pm to allow the Tournament Directors time to organize the events.
2. For the State Group Championships, the Tournament Director will designate the foursomes based on the sectional results.
3. Individuals who qualify for the TOC from Sectional play will be placed in foursome designated by the MOC Tournament Director.

Tournament Advancement

1. The top two (2) teams from each site with the lowest total scores will advance to the state group championships.
2. The 2 individuals with the lowest scores that are NOT on an advancing team's roster will be allowed to advance to the TOC. ***If the low medalist is part of one of the two (2) teams that is moving on, the player with the next lowest final score will advance to the State Championship. If two or more players are tied for the lowest score there will be a sudden playoff victory following any Team Playoff.***
3. If two (2) or more teams are tied for the Sectional Championships or Runners-up. The first tie breaker will be the score of the teams fifth player. If the score is still tied, a sudden victory tie-breaker play-off will take place to determine the Sectional Champion or runner up (2nd place) qualifier.
 - a. In a play-off, the low four (4) players in the completed round must be used.
 - b. Ties for four (4) on the team shall be decided at the discretion of the coach.
 - c. If a tie is not broken on the first playoff hole, the tied teams remaining will move on to the second playoff hole, and so on until the Team Champion and Runner-up teams are determined.
4. If there is a tie for 1st place between two or more players for the individual champion, we will use a sudden-death play-off to determine the Sectional Champion. Once the sectional champion is determined, the remaining places will be determined by a "Match of Cards" from their 18 hole round as recommended by USGA for shotgun tournaments. First tie breaker will be scores on the back nine holes (holes 10-18), then progressively moving backwards to the last six holes (13-18), then the last three holes (16-18), and finally the 18th hole if necessary to determine a winner.

Awards

State Sectional Champions:

- Team Trophy and ten (10) certificates for the 1st team.
- Medals to the top six (6) places in each section.

State Group Championships:

- Team Trophy and ten (10) certificates for the 1st place team in each group.
- Medals to the top five (5) places in each group
- Individual Trophy to the 1st place overall low finisher in the field.
- Individuals -Medals to the remaining nine (9) low places in the field.

Tournament Weather Interruption

If an 18-hole shotgun start cannot finish, use the following to settle the tournament Results. This is to be used if everyone in the tournament has completed a minimum of 10 holes and an alternative day to complete the tournament is not available.

1. Team Champion - A sum of the aggregate total "over par" (note bogey's = +1, birdies = -1, etc.) for the fewest total number of holes completed by all players in the tournament field.
 - a. Total holes used to calculate the "over par" will be the fewest number of holes completed by any player in the tournament field.
2. Team Tie Breaker - match of Cards. This is the aggregate team total over-par beginning with each team member's starting hole. If tied after the starting hole, move to the next hole, and so on until a champion is determined. The team with the lowest total over-par is the winner.
 - b. If still a tie: Beginning with each player's starting hole, sum the over par total adding one hole's aggregate total over par to the next hole's aggregate total until a champion is determined. (ie. 1st

- compare starting hole, if tied add players 2nd hole total over-par to first holes over par, continue adding one aggregate over-par hole at a time until a champion is determined)
3. Individual Champion - Sum of the aggregate total "over par" (note bogey's = +1, birdies = -1, etc.) only for the fewest total number of holes by all Players in the field. (use on holes both players played).
 - a. Total holes used to calculate the "over par" will be the fewest holes completed by a player in the tournament field. The individual champion will be the individual having the lowest over/under par total.
 4. Individual Tie Breaker
 - a. Sum the over-par total for the same holes played by all tied players. The Player that has the lowest over-par total for those holes played by both will be declared the champion.
 - b. If still tied beginning with the lowest handicap hole for tied players. Match the over-par score one hole at a time until a winner is determined. The player having the lowest score relative to par is the win

State Sectional Championships

North, Group 4	North, Group 3
Date: May 5, 2026	Date: May 4, 2026 - (Rain Date: TBD)
Course: High Bridge Hills (908) 638-5055 203 Cregar Road, High Bridge, NJ 08829	Course: Flanders Valley Golf Course (973) 584- 5382 81 Pleasant Hill Rd. Flanders, NJ 07836
Tee Time: 9:00 am (Shotgun Start)	Tee Time: 1:00 pm (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Ed O'Melia	Meet Director: Brian Gogerty
Phone: (908) 229-2980	Phone: (201) 741-3065
E-mail: eomelia@brrsd.k12.nj.us	E- mail: bgogerty@gmail.com
Course Notes: Call course for practice rounds.	Course Notes: call course for practice rounds.
North, Group 2	North, Group 1
Date: May 4 2026 - (Rain Date: TBD)	Date: May 4, 2026 (Rain Date: TBD)
Course: Berkshire Valley Golf Course (973) 208-0018 28 Cozy Lake Rd, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438	Course: Newton Country Club (973) 383-2290 25 Club Road, Newton, NJ 07860
Tee Time: 8:00 am (Shotgun Start)	Tee Time: 9:00am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Bill Foley	Meet Director: Tom Imparato
Phone: (973) 903-0448	Phone: (201) 663-2269
E-mail: wfoley@vtسد.com	E-mail: Husky77imp@gmail.com
Course Notes: Practice rounds will be available	Course Notes: Driving range will open at 7:30 am.- Coaches Meeting at 9:15 am
South, Group 4	South, Group 3
Date: May 4, 2026 (Rain Date: May 5)	Date: May 4, 2026 (Rain Date: TBD)
Course: Charleston Springs North Course (732) 409-7227 100 Woodsville Rd, Millstone, NJ 08510	Course: River Winds Golf Club (856) 848-5700 270 Eagle Point Road West, Deptford, NJ 08086
Tee Time: 9:00am (Shotgun Start)	Tee Time: 9:00am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Mr. Tim Hogan	Meet Director: Dan Lafferty
Phone: (732) 779-1816	Phone: (609) 405-1152
E-mail: thogan@frhsd.com	E-mail: laffertyda@clearviewregional.edu
Course Notes: Practice rounds will be available by calling the golf course.	Course Notes: Practice Rounds- Please call the Pro Shop for available tee times for practice rounds. Practice tee times must be made in advance.

South, Group 2	South, Group 1
Date: May 5, 2026 (Rain Date-TBD)	Date: May 5, 2026
Course: Jumping Brook CC, (732)922-8200, 210 Jumping Brook Rd. Neptune, NJ 07753	Course: Cream Ridge Golf Club (609) 208-0050 181 County Rd 539, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514
Tee Time: 8:00 am Shotgun	Tee Time: 8:00 am Shotgun
Meet Director: Matt Stefanski	Meet Director: Jesse Spencer
Phone: (732) 232-0036	Phone: (908) 391-0477
E-mail: mstefanski@wall.k12.nj.us	E-mail: Jesse.spencer@hcrhs.org
Course Notes: Private Club – No Practices Available	Course Notes: Pro Shop- 609 208 0050
North Non-Public	South Non-Public
Date: (Rain Date: TBD)	Date: May 4, 2026 (Rain Date: May 7)
Course: Francis Byrne, (973) 736-2306) 1100 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, NJ 07052	Course: Mountain View (609) 882-4093 890 Bear Tavern Rd, Ewing, NJ 08628
Tee Time: 8:00am (Shotgun Start)	Tee Time: 9:00am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Brendan McGovern	Meet Director: John Knodel and Brian Zarzecki
Phone: (201) 602 2139	Phone: (732) 832-6125 and (609) 498-4806
E-mail: bmcgovern@bergencatholic.org	E-mail: jjk222@verizon.net brianzarzecki96@gmail.com
Course Notes: call course for practice rounds.	Course Notes: Coaches meeting at 8:15 am. For practice rounds contact jkostin@mercercounty.org

State Group Championships & Tournament of Champions
Date: May 11, 2026 (Rain Date: TBD)
Course: Raritan Valley Country Club, 747 Rt. 28, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Pro Shop (908) 722 2000
Tee Time: 11:00am (Shotgun Start)
Meet Director: Stephen Skinner
Phone: (609) 970-3036
E-mail: skinnerst@gmail.com
Course Notes: There is no driving range.