



NJSIAA Football Championships Make History at MetLife Stadium

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (September 21, 2026) – For the first time in New Jersey high school football history, all seven NJSIAA state football championship games will be played at MetLife Stadium, bringing the state's premier high school football event together in one location on one of the nation's most iconic sports stages.

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) will crown seven state champions at MetLife Stadium on Saturday, November 28, and Sunday, November 29, creating an unprecedented championship showcase featuring the best high school football teams from across New Jersey. Student-athletes will compete on the same field as the NFL's New York Giants and New York Jets while representing their schools, communities, and regions in pursuit of a state title.

"We're thrilled to give every team competing for a state championship the opportunity to play in an NFL stadium," said Colleen Maguire, executive director of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association. "This will be a special experience for our student-athletes, coaches, families, and school communities. MetLife Stadium has been a valued partner of the NJSIAA for many years, and we appreciate its continued support of New Jersey high school athletics."

Bringing all seven championship games to MetLife Stadium elevates the student-athlete experience and further showcases the passion, tradition, and competitive excellence that define high school football throughout the Garden State. The championship weekend is expected to unite communities from every corner of New Jersey while providing athletes with memories that will last a lifetime.

"This is a landmark moment for high school football in New Jersey," said Mark Stefanacci, President and CEO of MetLife Stadium. "For the first time, all seven state champions will be crowned at MetLife Stadium, creating a true statewide championship experience for student-athletes, coaches, families, and fans. We are honored to partner with the NJSIAA to celebrate the very best of New Jersey high school football."

MetLife Stadium first hosted the NJSIAA Championships in 2010, with the very first game seeing Wallington snap Mountain Lakes' 35-game winning streak – the longest in the state at the time. Since then, 90 different schools from across the state have participated in a total of 96 games in front of over 400,000 fans at the stadium. 2026 will see numerous milestones achieved, including the 100th NJSIAA championship game to be played at MetLife Stadium.

The championships continue MetLife Stadium's longstanding commitment to hosting premier sporting events while supporting youth athletics and community engagement throughout the region. By welcoming all seven state title games, the stadium further strengthens its role as a gathering place for memorable moments at every level of sport.

Fans can find ticketing information, schedules, and championship updates at **www.njsiaa.org**.

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About NJSIAA

Established in 1918, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) is a voluntary, nonprofit organization representing approximately 440 accredited public and nonpublic high schools across New Jersey. A member of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), the NJSIAA conducts statewide tournaments and crowns champions in 34 sports for boys and girls. Guided by its mission to support education-based athletics, the Association works with member schools to provide equitable opportunities that promote academic achievement, good sportsmanship, and fair play. Through collaboration with key stakeholders, the NJSIAA is committed to fostering student-athlete growth, maintaining safe and healthy competitive environments, and advancing programs that build character, citizenship, and lifelong success.

About MetLife Stadium

MetLife Stadium, located in East Rutherford, NJ, is the home of the New York Giants and New York Jets and has the largest seating capacity in the NFL (82,500). The venue is one of the busiest stadiums in the world and ranked No. 1 in the U.S. for both tickets sold and ticket revenue in 2024 per Pollstar. MetLife Stadium was named “Highest Grossing Stadium of the Year” nine times by Billboard and “Venue of the Year” by StadiumBusiness. It hosted major international events including the FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final and Super Bowl XLVIII in 2014.

In 2021, MetLife Stadium became the first NFL Stadium to join the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change's Sports for Climate Action Framework, which aims to achieve global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions goals. In 2026, MetLife Stadium became officially LEED Gold Certified, marking operational excellence across energy efficiency, water conservation, waste management, indoor environmental quality, and sustainable transportation practices.

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