



## 2023-24 NJSIAA Field Hockey Tournament

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

Schools that are disqualified 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. If a school is disqualified 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. If a school is disqualified from state tournament competition 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 damages 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 not willing or able to comply with these tournament regulations and any relevant procedures found in the Operating Procedures Handbook should not enter the tournament. Member schools are encouraged to review these tournament regulations with the school administration. Coaches must have a copy of these regulations as well as a copy of the Rule Modifications (if any) for this tournament 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**

1. Tournament dates have changed from the previous year.
2. Only white balls may be used for all state tournament games. Each school must provide THREE (3) new white multi-turf balls for all games up to and including the sectional finals. All balls must be marked with the NFHS seal. An alternate color ball may be used at the discretion of the official and with agreement from both coaches, because of environmental circumstances and playing field colors. The NJSIAA will provide all the balls for the state finals.
3. Teams seeded one seed below a team that they have defeated in the regular season will jump over that team. It must be the team directly above the other team to jump the seed. This procedure may continue if a lower-seeded team defeated multiple teams seeded above them.

<b>Field Hockey Tournament Dates</b>
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Event	Dates	
Heat acclimatization	August 18 & 19, 2023	
First Practice:	August 21, 2023	
First Scrimmage:	August 28, 2023	
Opening Day:	September 7, 2023	
Entry Form Opens:	October 1, 2023	
Entry Form Closes:	October 15, 2023	
Conflict of Interest Form:	October 15, 2023	
Cutoff:	October 21, 2023	
Tournament Seeding:	October 23, 2023	
Tournament Start:	October 25, 2023	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	November 12, 2023	
Post-Season Meeting:	December 5, 2023	
Public Tournament	Dates	Location
Round 1 by:	October 28, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 2 by:	November 1, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 3 by:	November 4, 2023	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	November 7, 2023	Higher Seed (Turf Field)
State Finals:	November 11, 2023	Bordentown Regional HS
Non-Public Tournament	Dates	Location
Round 1 by:	October 28, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 2 by:	November 1, 2023	Higher Seed
Round 3 by:	November 4, 2023	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	November 7, 2023	Higher Seed (Turf Field)
State Finals:	November 11, 2023	Bordentown Regional HS

## Tournament Schedule

<b>State Finals</b>	
Bordentown High School 318 Ward Ave, Bordentown, NJ 08505	
November 11, 2023	
Group 4	10:00am
Group 1	12:00pm
Non-Public	2:00pm
Group 2	4:00pm
Group 3	6:00pm

**All Public and Non-Public South teams will wear Home Uniforms (White Jersey & White Socks) for this year's tournament. This will rotate every year.**

## To Qualify for the Team Tournament

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. The NJSIAA power point system will be used to qualify all teams for the tournament. Only NJSIAA full or federated member school games will count toward PowerPoints.
3. Games played after the cutoff date will not count toward the PowerPoint calculation even if they were started before the cutoff date.
4. The top 16 teams from each section and each group will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system.
5. PowerPoint calculation for field hockey will be using the **12 best** power-pointed games from opening day to the cutoff date regardless of how many games were played.
6. Residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's **first 12** games played.
7. If there is a tie in power points, the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure will break all ties.
8. Teams that play less than 12 games will still be eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.
9. 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.
10. 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. The entry form must be completed online during the time period listed above.
2. The official's conflict of Interest form must be completed by the date listed above.
3. All varsity schedules & rosters must be entered in [njschoolsports.com](http://njschoolsports.com) by the start of the season. Rosters must be checked and updated, if necessary, 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.
4. All varsity scores must be reported to [www.njschoolsports.com](http://www.njschoolsports.com) as soon as possible after each contest. If you encounter problems, please contact [hssupport@njadvancemedia.com](mailto:hssupport@njadvancemedia.com).
5. In League, Conference, or County tournament games that require a team to advance, it shall be recorded as a tied game if the score remains tied after the completion of the regular season overtime rule. During the field hockey regular season, games tied at the end of regulation will play one overtime period.
6. Power Points will be downloaded from the [njschoolsports.com](http://njschoolsports.com) website on the date listed above at noon. The seeding committee will use this information to seed the tournament. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.

### **Tournament Seeding**

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded using the NJSIAA power point system.
2. Teams will be seeded based on their power point totals.
3. If there is a tie in power points for seeding, we will use the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure.
4. Teams seeded one seed below a team that they have defeated in the regular season will jump over that team. It must be the team directly above to jump the seed. This procedure may continue if a lower-seeded team defeated multiple teams seeded above them.
5. **The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding meeting, however, seedings and brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.**

### **Entry Fee**

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

### **Tournament Rules & Information**

1. The NFHS Field Hockey Rules along with any NJSIAA field hockey rule modifications will govern this tournament.
2. Game times for the first three (3) rounds will be designated by the higher-seeded team. The recommended start times are:
  - a. No lights: 3:00pm up to the eastern standard time change, then it is 2:00pm.
  - b. With lights: 4:00pm.
  - c. Non-School Days: Times to be established by the home team.
3. All game times are pending the official's availability. Athletic Directors must communicate consistently through the first three (3) rounds of the tournament regarding start times and field locations.
4. The NJSIAA and the tournament director will determine the start times for the first three (3) rounds if there is any disagreement with start times between schools.
5. For the State Finals, one designated official will serve as the Table Umpire duties available on the website. The NJSIAA will also have an official in the booth as the official timer.
6. Game times for the state finals will be established by the NJSIAA and the Tournament Director. Any adjustment to the established times must be approved by the Tournament Director.
7. Since some schools must use a field with lights for other sports, a time adjustment will be at the discretion of the home team pending the official's availability.
8. All games will be played on the date designated for that round with the following day as the rain date. If rain delays the completion of that round, teams must adhere to the deadline of the succeeding round, even though games may be played on consecutive days.
9. All games from the sectional finals to the completion of the tournament must be played on turf fields.
10. Any tournament game interrupted due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be completed as follows (NFHS Rule 4, Section 1, Article 4):
  - a. If interrupted prior to the completion of the second quarter, the game shall be resumed at the point of interruption.
  - b. If interrupted at halftime, or after the start of the third quarter the game could be resumed at the point of interruption, or by mutual agreement be considered a completed game.
11. The five (5) goal running clock modification will also be used throughout the tournament.
12. Only white balls may be used for all state tournament games. Each school must provide THREE (3) new white multi-turf balls for all games up to and including the sectional finals. All balls must be marked with the NFHS seal. An alternate color ball may be used at the discretion of the official and with agreement from both coaches, because of environmental circumstances and playing field colors. The NJSIAA will provide all the balls for the state finals.
13. Ball persons (three 3 from each team) should be assigned for all tournament games. These individuals should wear shirts, jackets, or pinnies differing in color from either team. Coaching by the ball persons is forbidden. Please Note: 15 minutes prior to game time the ball person from each team will meet with the official for instructions.
14. Each school will be asked to provide its own athletic trainer when tournament games are not held at a higher-seeded school.

**State Tournament assignor:**

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**Officials Assignments**

The higher-seeded school is responsible for contacting their local assignor to obtain officials for tournament rounds one (1), two (2), and three (3). The NJSIAA will assign the officials from the sectional finals to the end of the tournament.

Rounds 1, 2 & 3

- 2 game officials assigned by the local assignor.
- Higher-seeded schools pay both officials at the area agreed-upon rate.

Sectional Finals

- All officials are assigned and paid by the NJSIAA.
- 2 game officials.
- 1 table official.

State Finals

- All officials are assigned and paid by the NJSIAA
- 2 game officials.
- 1 table official.
- 1 booth official.

**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.