

2009 NJSIAA / NEW BALANCE / STAR LEDGER BOYS LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

(COACHES MUST HAVE A COPY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE AT EACH GAME)

TO QUALIFY:

1. Teams with at least a fifty percent (50%) winning record regardless of the strength of their schedule.
2. Teams admitted by the "At Large Committee" that have a sub %500 winning record.
4. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the NJSIAA Tournament, will be unable to compete in said tournament.
5. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the start of the NJSIAA Tournament will not be permitted to participate in same. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.

Records must be submitted for all games played up to and including Monday, May 11, 2009. Schedule must reflect compliance with the 70% in-state Rule.

To promote fairness in competition and the health and safety of student athletes, no NJSIAA member school will be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the Specific Sports Regulations for the sport including, but not limited to, the start of practice, the start and ending of the sport season and the maximum contests permitted during the regular season. The application of this eligibility standard is non-appealable.

SPECIFIC SPORTS REGULATIONS (found in the *New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Handbook 2008-2009 Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations*)

RULE 12. Lacrosse

Section 1. Rules The National Federation Boys Lacrosse Rules shall govern all NJSIAA games.

Section 2. Start of Practice. – First Friday in March. (March 6, 2009)

Section 3. Start of Regular Season. April 1, 2009

Section 4. End of Season (From Rule 2, Section 10)

All teams may participate in interscholastic contests up to the final championship in their respective sports. Exceptions: Winter Track – Feb 28 (Golf will be up to and including the Friday before the NJSIAA championships in softball and baseball.) Individual competition shall terminate with the end of said competition.

Section 5. Scrimmages. Interschool scrimmages are to be limited to three (3) per week until the first starting date; thereafter, including the week of the first starting date, scrimmages will be subject to the provisions of Rule 12, Section 6.

Section 6. Games Per Week. Not more than a total of three (3) lacrosse games may be played per week beginning with the week of the start of the regular schedule (this includes interschool scrimmages, regular games, postponed games, and tournament games, but games may not be played on three (3) consecutive days. This section does not apply to state Tournament scheduling

Section 7. Maximum Games. A member school may play eighteen (18) regular season games, one tournament, plus the State Tournament.

REGARDLESS OF THE REASON, GAMES NOT COMPLETED BY MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009 WILL NOT COUNT. DO NOT SEND RECORDS IN ADVANCE OF CUT-OFF DATE. TIE GAMES DO NOT COUNT.

ENTRY FEE:

Eighty dollars (\$80.00) Make checks payable to NJSIAA. Please be sure school name and sport appear on check.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

All entry forms must be **faxed** no later than Tuesday, May 12, 2009. All entry forms, roster forms, and entry fees **must also** be postmarked by Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

Boys Lacrosse
NJSIAA
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Robbinsville, NJ 08691
FAX: (609) 259-3047

The Executive Committee of the NJSIAA has ruled that member schools failing to forward tournament forms to the proper address will be fined or excluded from the tournament.

NOTE: SCHOOLS NOT WILLING OR ABLE TO COMPLY WITH TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS SHOULD NOT ENTER THE TOURNAMENT.

Any member school and/or student-athlete withdrawing from competition after having officially entered an NJSIAA tournament in any sport will be disqualified from all remaining NJSIAA tournament competition in that sport in that season and barred from participating in NJSIAA tournament competition in that sport during the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present. (Rule 2, Section 17, NJSIAA Handbook)

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Throughout the entire season, scores must be reported following each game, to www.njschoolsports.com. If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems, please contact support@njschoolsports.com or the NJSIAA. The Seeding Committee will use these results to determine that all games have been entered, and for advancing the brackets.

2009 TOURNAMENT DATES

First Round	- by Wednesday, May 20	(Rain Date - Thursday, May 21)
Second Round	- by Saturday, May 23	(Rain Date - Sunday, May 24)
Group Semifinals	- by Tuesday, May 26	(Rain Date - Wednesday, May 27)
Group Finals	- on Friday, May 29	(Rain Date - Saturday, May 30)
T of C Quarterfinals	- on Monday, June 1	(Rain Date - Tuesday, June 2)
T of C Semifinals	- on Wednesday, June 3	(Rain Date - Thursday, June 4)
Finals	- on Saturday, June 6	(Rain Date - Sunday, June 7)

Sites for all games prior to the Group State Championships will be the home field of the higher seeded team. The Group State Championships will be held at three predetermined sites on Friday, May 29, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. for both non-public games and 5:00 p.m. and/or 7:00 p.m. for the public games. The highest seeded team remaining will be the home team. (Groups II & III will be played at Ridge H.S. – Non Public B & Group IV at Watchung Hills - Non Public A & Group I – Livingston)

The Tournament of Champions Quarterfinal games will be played on a predetermined site on Monday June 1, 2009 at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. The Tournament of Champions Semifinal games will be played on a Kean University on Wednesday June 3, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The higher seeded team will be the home team.

Tournament of Champions Finals will be played on June 6, 2009, at Yurcak Field, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ, at 3:00 p.m.

SITES

Sites for all games, except the Group State Championships and the Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals of the Tournament of Champions, will be at the home field of the higher seeded team as determined by the Tournament Committee. Sites will not be declared unsuitable merely because field conditions are less than perfect unless Leagues or Conferences have ruled such sites unsuitable for League or Conference play.

POSTPONEMENT

Responsibility for postponing a game shall rest with the person in charge of the playing site, and it shall be his/her responsibility to notify both schools and the Tournament Director at least three (3) hours prior to game time if a postponement is necessary. The Site Tournament Director will be responsible for postponement of the group finals and semifinals and final games of the Tournament of Champions.

In case a game is postponed due to weather conditions, the game will be played the next day, including Sundays.

RULES

The National Federation Rules as modified by NJSIAA will be the official rules.

INTERRUPTION or SUSPENSION

If a NJSIAA Boys Lacrosse Tournament Game is interrupted or suspended because of events beyond the control of the responsible authorities, it shall be continued from the point of interruption. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the approval of the referee, any period may be shortened or the game terminated.

OFFICIALS

All officials must be registered members of the NJSIAA. The Tournament Assignor will assign the officials for all games.

In preliminary games, the home team will pay for two (2) officials and an adult scorer/timer (\$45.00). **Home Team: Please call Bob Nuse (609-731-7515) with dates and times of tournament games.**

In the Group Semifinals, the home team will pay for three (3) officials; The NJSIAA will pay for four (4) officials for the Group Finals, the Tournament of Champions Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals.

The fees per official are:

\$80.00 Preliminaries & Group Semifinals
\$85.00 Group Finals and Quarterfinals/Semifinals of the Tournament of Champions
\$90.00 Finals of T of C
\$45.00 Scorer-Timer
\$45.00 Table Announcer (official)

LACROSSE BALLS

Each school must provide six (6) new white lacrosse balls that have been approved by the National Federation for each game through the group semi-finals. Balls will be provided for the Group Finals and the Quarterfinals, the Semifinals and the Finals of Tournament of Championship

GAME

1. All weekday games prior to the Group Finals will start at 4:00 p.m. unless both teams agree to a different time.
2. Teams shall arrive at least thirty (30) minutes before game time.
3. The higher seeded team must wear the light color jersey unless otherwise agreed upon by the competing schools.
4. The home team must provide an adult scorer/timer for all games up to but not including the Group Finals. The site manager will provide a scorer-timer for the Group Finals.
5. **Each team is responsible to provide two ball-boys (who must wear protective gear), two horns, two clocks.**
6. The home school is responsible to provide an additional individual to escort the officials' and secure the officials locker room.

TRANSPORTATION / SUPERVISION

1. Schools will pay all transportation expenses for all games.
2. **PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS MUST ASSIGN AN ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING ALL GAMES. IF IT IS FELT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE POLICE PROTECTION, OFFICERS SHALL BE SECURED FROM THE AREA IN WHICH THE GAME IS PLAYED, AND THE COST SHALL BE SHARED BY THE SCHOOLS.**
3. The NJSIAA will provide additional security for the State Semifinals and Final.

SEEDING

1. Teams will be seeded according to their **Lax - Power rating**. Regardless of reason, only games scheduled and completed by May 11, 2008 will be used to determine the rating. Head-to-Head results receive consideration only when a lower ranked team has defeated the team ranked immediately higher (immediately above). **Note- Any split of head-to-head matches, will be dropped from the discussion.**
2. Movement in seed may occur only one step at a time on the basis of the Head-to-Head criterion (i.e. If 6th in rank has defeated 5th in rank/seed, then they switch positions)

*** Non NJSIAA Members - not eligible for NJSIAA Tournaments**

All schools qualifying will be seeded by the Tournament Committee according to their lax-power rating. Seeds will be posted on the NJSIAA web site: www.njsiaa.org on May 13, 2009.

1. All teams with a 50% winning record have automatic entry into the tournament, unless choosing not to participate.
2. Additional schools may be admitted to the entire tournament by the "At-Large Committee".
3. All teams will be seeded according to their **Lax-Power rating as of the end of the day, May 11th.**

DISQUALIFICATION

Participation by an ineligible player in any game during the regular season results in forfeiture of same 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. **Any Team with three or disqualifications will not be eligible for the State Tournament.**

PROTESTS

Protests based upon an official's judgment, or misinterpretation, or misapplication of the playing rules will not be honored as per NJSIAA Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1.

ATHLETIC EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Each school participating in the tournament will provide for the care and treatment of their athletes within the school's policy as in effect during the regular season. The athletic emergency procedure of the host school will be in effect during the tournament which should include the establishment of a line of communication for emergent situations.

Some sources of assistance that may be utilized when physicians are not available are certified athletic trainers, emergency medical technicians usually on emergency vehicles, ambulance vehicle with trained personnel, rescue vehicle with trained first-aid personnel and, in some areas, National Guard or Army Reserve Medical personnel assigned to ambulance duty. Schools may also have other school personnel qualified in first-aid, who may be available for duty during activities.

- a. Recommended procedures that may be followed in successful emergency care are:
 1. Immediate, on the spot first-aid by an individual with adequate training.
 2. Communication System. An available, non-pay telephone with an outside line to contact a physician or ambulance service. Arrangements should be made in advance to insure availability.
 3. Emergency care facility. Arrangements should be made, in advance, with staff personnel of local hospital or clinic to notify, in case of emergency, that emergency service is necessary.
 4. Notification. The facility to which the injured player is being transported should be immediately informed of the injured player's status. Necessary personnel and equipment should be available in the facility or physicians, on call, could be notified of the emergency.
 5. Transportation. Ambulance, emergency vehicle, first-aid vehicle or rescue vehicle, with appropriate equipment and personnel may be parked at the field or game site. If this procedure is not feasible, prior arrangements should be made to have equipment on call when an emergency develops. Again, an available, non-pay telephone with an outside line should be immediately available.
 6. Communities without physicians, medical clinics, or hospital service should complete arrangements with medical personnel and hospital facilities in the nearest community where such services are available.
- b. The plan of action specified above should be carefully covered, in advance, with responsibilities of all concerned – trainer, coach, vehicle personnel, school administrators, local police, deputies, or constables – defined. When an emergency does occur, everyone involved can function as an informed, effective team.
- c. Local plans of action to meet emergency situations will vary depending on availability of medical personnel and facilities, the location of the playing field or site and communications. In all cases, the emergency situation plan is best developed through cooperative action of local school personnel, participating professional medical staff and allied groups.

ATTENTION: Principals, Athletic Directors, All Coaches and Officials

RE: **Recommended Precautions Against The Transmission of Blood-Borne Pathogens**

All member schools must provide all coaches with the contents of the NJSIAA Infectious Disease Policy.

The Infectious Disease Policy provides that:

If an individual gets someone else's blood on his/her skin, protective gloves should be worn to wipe the blood off with a disposable towel using soap and water.

Note: If any blood gets on an opponent's uniform during competition or a teammate's uniform during practice, it is not necessary to clean the uniform at that point unless the opponent or teammate has an open cut or unskinned area, or the blood is on a part of the uniform which might come in contact with mucous membranes. If the student-athlete does have an open cut or unskinned area or believes the blood might come in contact with mucous membranes, then the uniform should be wiped with soap and water.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Players and coaches involved with alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances before, during or after the game, at the game site or on school property, including chartered busses, shall be suspended from NJSIAA tournament play for one year and be denied any championship rights.

This action was taken in support of the fact that such actions concerning alcoholic beverages and illegal substances are in violation of New Jersey State statutes and will be strictly enforced.

SALES/SOLICITATIONS

Only NJSIAA promotional items will be sold at NJSIAA sponsored events. For the 2009 season, First Division is the designated vendor. Solicitations, sale of publications or products, or similar activities ARE NOT PERMITTED.

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for all levels of State Tournaments/Championships. The NJSIAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these Tournaments/Championships and any audio-visual reproductions. The NJSIAA reserves all rights for the sale or distribution of any items. Any sale or distribution of clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited

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AWARDS

A team trophy and thirty-five (35) certificates to the Group State Champions.
 Thirty-five (35) certificates to the Runners-up to the Group State Champions.
 A team trophy and thirty-five (35) certificates to the T of C Champion.
 Thirty-five (35) certificates to the Runner-up to the T of C Champion.

ADMISSION

Admission to Group Finals, T of C Quarter Finals, T of C Semi-Finals, and T of C Finals:

Adults	\$7.00
Students (K-12) & Senior Citizens	\$4.00

ALL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE GATE. SCHOOLS MUST INFORM THEIR STUDENTS AND LOCAL NEWS MEDIA OF THE ADMISSION POLICY.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF COMPETING SCHOOLS AND TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE ADMITTED BY IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES TO THE GATE PERSONNEL.

BROADCASTING REGULATIONS

- A. The NJSIAA has granted to *The Star-Ledger* and NJ.com the exclusive rights to create, distribute and license programming in connection with NJSIAA tournaments (and NJSIAA sporting events, to the extent the NJSIAA controls or otherwise has authority to grant such rights with regard to NJSIAA sporting events) in all media currently existing or yet to be developed. This includes, without limitation, network and cable television broadcast, pay-per-view television, radio, webcasting, podcasting, distribution over wireless telephone networks, optical media including DVD, and print publications. The foregoing shall not be interpreted to restrict NJSIAA member schools from producing print publications (i.e. programs, or similar) for distribution on school property during the regular season NJSIAA sports events, or to restrict the NJSIAA from producing print publications (i.e. programs, or similar) for distribution during post-season NJSIAA tournaments.**
- B. Any third party seeking to create, distribute or otherwise exploit programming in connection with the NJSIAA sporting events in any media will be directed to The Star-Ledger and NJ.com, as applicable, by the NJSIAA or the applicable member school. The Star-Ledger and NJ.com shall have the right to enter into license arrangements with such third parties.**
- C. The Star-Ledger and NJ.com may create NJSIAA programming for distribution over media outlets owned or controlled by Advance Publications.**
- D. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, including but not limited to Sections A and B above, NJSIAA member schools may broadcast regular season (but not playoff, post-season tournament, or championship) athletic contests involving such schools' own teams or athletes, without charging any fee to any viewer or other third party, on such schools' own commercial-free television networks, their own commercial-free websites, or on commercial-free public access television channels (provided that any agreement between an NJSIAA member school and a commercial-free public access television channel does not permit sublicense or other use of the telecast).**

2009 BOYS LACROSSE ENTRY FORM

THIS FORM IS TO BE USED BY SCHOOLS WITH LESS THAN A .500 WINNING PERCENTAGE

To the At-Large Committee:

_____ High School would like to be considered by the At-Large Committee for admittance to the NJSIAA/Star Ledger Boys Lacrosse Tournament.

This form **must** be faxed to Sean Dowling (Chairman of the At-Large Committee) at 973.593.3189 by Tuesday, May 12, 2009 for a school to be considered. Do not send entry fee until notified by the Committee.

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RECAPITULATION: WON _____ LOST _____ w % _____

We have read the regulations and our school will comply with all Tournament Regulations. **STAMPED SIGNATURES NOT ACCEPTABLE. SIGNATURES INDICATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE 70% IN-STATE RULE.**

(PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE)

(ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE)

(COACH'S SIGNATURE)

(COACH'S HOME PHONE)

(COACH'S SCHOOL PHONE)

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
2009 BOYS LACROSSE ENTRY FORM

_____ HIGH SCHOOL submits the following record of its Boys Lacrosse team with a winning record of at least 50% excluding ties, for consideration to enter the 2009 NJSIAA/Star Ledger Lacrosse Tournament. **REGARDLESS OF REASON, GAMES NOT COMPLETED BY MONDAY, May 11, 2009 WILL NOT COUNT.** (Please compare your school's record with the information on "Lax-Power") **ALL GAMES UP TO AND INCLUDING May 11 MUST BE LISTED. DO NOT SEND RECORDS IN ADVANCE.**

FORFEIT - Schools may not mutually agree to forfeit; only Leagues or Conferences or the NJSIAA may award forfeits. When submitting records for tournament qualification, schools listing forfeit wins/losses must attach an explanation for same.

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NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Boys Lacrosse Team Roster

Reminder:

Rosters must be submitted via the "interactive roster form" on the NJSIAA website (www.njsiaa.org) by the first tournament game.

