



To: NJSIAA Program Review Committee

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RE: Section 15 Maximum Games – County or League/Conference-Based Tournament Clarification

Proposal

Current NJSIAA Rules and Regulations allow schools to participate in one county or league/conference-based tournament that does not count towards the school's maximum number of games in that sport. To provide equitable opportunity for all schools to participate in a tournament that is within the spirit of this rule, NJSIAA staff recommends the following clarification be added to Section 15 Maximum Games.

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For consistency, the maximum number of games are the same for those sports that are of the same physical nature and/or have similar physical requirements. In order to provide equity across all sports and all schools, a maximum number of games will be established for those sports that have not had such limitations.

The maximum number of games does not include participation in one county or league/conference-based tournament, and the NJSIAA state tournament. A county or league/conference-based tournament is defined as a single elimination tournament not to exceed 32 teams, limited to a maximum of five games. Teams may still participate in both a county and a league/ conference tournament, but one of these tournaments will count toward the maximum number of games.

CL 1: In the event that a member school does not have a county or league/conference-based tournament available in a particular sport, the member school may choose one tournament in which the maximum number of games will not count. The tournament must be organized by a member school(s) and the competing schools in the tournament must all be NJSIAA member schools. This option is not available for schools that are eligible to compete in a county or league/conference-based tournament in a particular sport but choose not to.