



## 2024-25 NJSIAA Girls Volleyball Tournament

NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times, and locations for all 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 The 3-team DQ rule is no longer applicable during participation in the state tournament.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 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.

### **New for This Year’s State Tournament**

1. The NJSIAA will assign the officials for all rounds of the tournament.
2. The new PowerPoint system will be used this season.

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**Girls Volleyball Tournament Dates**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Dates</b>	
First Practice:	August 19, 2024	
Competition Start:	August 26, 2024	
Entry Form Opens:	October 1, 2024	
Entry Form Closes:	October 15, 2024	
Conflict of Interest Form Due:	October 15, 2024	
Cutoff:	October 26, 2024	
PowerPoints Close at Noon:	October 27, 2024	
Tournament Seeding:	October 29, 2024	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	November 24, 2024	
Post-Season Meeting:	June 11, 2025	
<b>Public Tournament</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>
Round 1 – Groups 1 & 3:	November 4, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 1 – Groups 2 & 4:	November 5, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 2 – Groups 1 & 3:	November 6, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 2 – Groups 2 & 4:	November 7, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 3 – Groups 1 & 3:	November 8, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 3 – Groups 2 & 4:	November 9, 2024	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	November 12, 2024	Higher Seed
State Semifinals:	November 14, 2024	Predetermined
State Finals – Groups 1 & 3	November 16, 2024	Franklin
State Finals – Groups 2 & 4	November 17, 2024	Franklin
<b>Non-Public Tournament</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>
Round 1 – Non-Public B:	November 6, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 1 – Non-Public A:	November 7, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 2 – Non-Public B:	November 8, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 2 – Non-Public A:	November 9, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 3 – Non-Public B:	November 11, 2024	Higher Seed
Round 3 – Non-Public A:	November 12, 2024	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	November 14, 2024	Higher Seed
State Finals - Non-Public B:	November 16, 2024	Franklin
State Finals - Non-Public A:	November 17, 2024	Franklin

All tournament rounds are **PLAY ON** dates. Schools can mutually agree to move tournament dates except for the state finals. If schools do not agree, then it must be played on the date listed. If any date is moved by mutual agreement, the potential next round opponents must be notified ASAP.

## Tournament Schedule

<b>State Semifinals</b>
November 14, 2024
North I vs. North II – Central vs. South
Host Teams: North I & Central

Match times for the state semifinals will be 4:30pm. Matches may be played at an alternate time if both schools agree. If schools cannot agree, the start time will be 4:30pm.

<b>State Finals</b>		<b>State Finals</b>	
Franklin High School		Franklin High School	
November 16, 2024		November 17, 2024	
Non-Public B	11:00 AM	Group 2	11:00 AM
Group 1	1:00 PM	Group 4	1:00 PM
Group 3	3:00 PM	Non-Public A	3:00 PM

The higher seeded team, which will be based on PowerPoints, will choose the team bench for the first set and their opponent calls the coin toss. Coaches must report to the Tournament Director for specific instructions, i.e., locker rooms, warm-up area, etc.

## 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 top 16 teams from each section and each group will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system.
3. Games played after the cutoff date will not count toward the PowerPoint calculation even if they were started before the cutoff date.
4. If there is a tie in power points, the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure will break all ties.
5. 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.
6. 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.

## PowerPoint Procedure

The PowerPoints earned from each game are based on the sum of Quality Points and Residual Points, which is then multiplied by a strength of schedule factor (OOWP). The sum of each game's power points will then be averaged, and the result will be your team's PowerPoints. All PowerPoints will be rounded to three (3) decimal places where applicable.

### Formula:

Step 1: (Quality Points + Residual Points) x OOWP = Game PowerPoints

Step 2: (Sum of Game PowerPoints) / Number of Games = Team PowerPoints

### Notes:

1. All games played from opening day to the cutoff date will count, regardless of how many games are played.
2. Volleyball predetermined minimum number of games is 16. All teams that fall below this minimum number are still eligible for the playoffs, however their points will be divided by the minimum number of 16.
3. Residual points will be awarded based on your opponents' **first 16 games**.

**Out of State / Non-Member Opponents** – Games against out-of-state or non-member opponents will count for power points and will follow the same calculation procedure as games against member schools except they will be assigned a .500 record for the purposes of residual points and OOWP calculations.

### **Entry Procedure**

1. The entry form must be completed online during the time period listed above.
2. All varsity schedules & rosters must be entered in njschoolsports 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.
3. 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).
4. PowerPoints will be downloaded from the njschoolsports website on the date listed above at noon. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy before the data is downloaded.
5. The officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed by the date listed above.

### **Entry Fee**

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

### **Tournament Seeding**

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded by the tournament staff.
2. Teams will be seeded based on their PowerPoint totals.
3. If there is a tie in power points for seeding, we will use the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure.
4. Seed jumping will be used, please see the procedure below.
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.**

### **Seed Jumping Procedure**

1. Seed jumping will occur when a lower-ranked team has defeated the team ranked immediately above them.
2. Any split of head-to-head matches will be dropped from the discussion.
3. Movement in the seed may occur one step at a time based on the Head-to-Head criterion (i.e., If 6th in rank has defeated 5th in rank/seed, then they switch positions; if 6th in rank defeats both #5 and #4 then a double jump).

### **PowerPoint Tie Breaking Procedure**

1. Head-to-Head Competition. Any ties involving 3 or more teams, move to step #2
2. Average quality points per game.
3. Average residual points per game.
4. Average OOWP for all opponents.
5. Common opponent winning percentage
  - a. Example: Team A is 3-0 (100%) vs. team C and team B is 2-0 (100%) vs. team C, go to #6
  - b. Example: Team A is 2-1 (.667%) vs. team C and team B is 1-1 (.500%) vs. team C, Team A wins  
Tiebreaker
6. Team total winning percentage
7. Coin Toss

The tie breaking procedure above includes all contests from the competition start date to the cutoff date.

### **Tournament Rules & Information**

1. The NFHS volleyball rules along with any NJSIAA volleyball rule modifications will govern this tournament.
2. All tournament rounds are **PLAY ON** dates. Schools can mutually agree to move tournament dates except for the state finals. If schools do not agree, then it must be played on the date listed. If any date is moved by mutual agreement, the potential next round opponents must be notified ASAP.
3. Match times for all rounds up to and including the sectional finals will be designated by the higher-seeded team. The recommended start time is 4:30 on school days. For non-school days, times will be established by the home team.
4. The NJSIAA may need to establish the start times if there is any disagreement between schools.
5. All game times are pending the official's availability. Athletic Directors must communicate consistently throughout all rounds up to and including the sectional finals regarding start times and field locations.
6. Match times for the state finals will be established by the NJSIAA.
7. If any circumstance causes postponement, the game must be played on the next day. If the next day is a Sunday, the game may be played if both schools agree; otherwise, the game must be played on Monday. Teams must adhere to the deadline of the succeeding round, even though games may be played on consecutive days. Non-NJSIAA tournament games must be moved.
8. When conditions prevent a match from being played at the site of the higher seeded team in a reasonable amount of time, the tournament director may choose an alternate site, which may include the lower seeded teams' gym.
9. Higher-seeded schools hosting tournament games must provide an athletic trainer for both teams. Each school will be asked to provide its own athletic trainer when tournament games are not held at a higher-seeded school.
10. The winning school must notify njschoolsports.com immediately after each game, and the competing schools must notify the local newspapers to keep the media informed as to the tournament progression.
11. Participating schools must assign adequate supervision for all games, home and away.
12. The higher seeded team (Home Team) will wear dark jerseys for all games up to and including the sectional finals.
13. All matches in the tournament will be two (2) out of three (3) sets and will be determined by rally scoring.
14. Warm-up time will be 21 total minutes: 7 minutes general warm-up, 7 minutes full court (higher seed), and 7 minutes full court (lower seed).
15. The higher seeded team chooses the team bench, and the visiting team calls the coin toss.
16. Only players who are on the submitted roster will be allowed in with the team(s).
17. Only uniformed players and/or team personnel are allowed on the playing court during the team warmups.
18. The higher seeded team will provide an NFHS regulation MATCH ball. Wilson High-Performance volleyballs will be provided for use in the State Final matches.
19. The Wilson volleyball is the official ball of the NJSIAA tournament. The NJSIAA will provide the Wilson volleyballs to be used in all state finals games.

## **Officials Assignments**

The NJSIAA will assign all officials for all rounds of the tournament.

### Rounds 1, 2 & 3

- 2 game officials.
- All officials are **assigned** by the NJSIAA.
- Higher-seeded schools pay both officials at the area agreed-upon rate.

### Sectional Finals

- 2 game officials.
- 2 line judges
- All officials are **assigned and paid** by the NJSIAA.

### State Semis-Finals

- 2 game officials.
- 2 line judges
- All officials are **assigned and paid** by the NJSIAA.

### State Finals

- 2 game officials.
- 2 line judges
- All officials are **assigned and paid** by the NJSIAA.

## **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.