



2024-25 NJSIAA Boys & Girls Basketball 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 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. Nothing for this year.

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Basketball Important Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Boys Dates</u>	<u>Girls Dates</u>
Tryout Period:	November 25 - 27, 2024	November 25 - 27, 2024
First Practice:	December 2, 2024	December 2, 2024
Competition Starts:	December 9, 2024	December 9, 2024
Entry Form Opens:	January 29, 2025	January 29, 2025
Entry Form Closes:	February 7, 2025	February 7, 2025
Conflict of Interest Form	February 7, 2025	February 7, 2025
Cutoff:	February 15, 2025	February 15, 2025
PowerPoints Close (12:00pm)	February 16, 2025	February 16, 2025
Seeding Meeting:	February 18, 2025	February 18, 2025
Regular Season Competition Ends:	March 9, 2025	March 9, 2025
<u>Public Tournament</u>	<u>Boys Dates</u>	<u>Girls Dates</u>
Round 1 (Groups 1 & 3) at Higher Seed	February 26, 2025	February 26, 2025
Round 1 (Groups 2 & 4) at Higher Seed	February 27, 2025	February 27, 2025
Round 2 (Groups 1 & 3) at Higher Seed	March 1, 2025	March 1, 2025
Round 2 (Groups 2 & 4) at Higher Seed	March 3, 2025	March 3, 2025
Round 3 (Groups 1 & 3) at Higher Seed	March 4, 2025	March 4, 2025
Round 3 (Groups 2 & 4) at Higher Seed	March 5, 2025	March 5, 2025
Sectional Finals (Groups 1 & 3) at Higher Seed	March 7, 2025	March 7, 2025
Sectional Finals (Groups 2 & 4) at Higher Seed	March 8, 2025	March 8, 2025
State Semifinals (Groups 1 & 3)	March 11, 2025	March 11, 2025
State Semifinals (Groups 2 & 4)	March 12, 2025	March 12, 2025
State Finals (Groups 1 & 3)	March 15, 2025	March 15, 2025
State Finals (Groups 2 & 4)	March 16, 2025	March 16, 2025
<u>Non-Public Tournament</u>	<u>Boys Dates</u>	<u>Girls Dates</u>
Round 1 (Groups A & B) at Higher Seed	February 28, 2025	February 28, 2025
Round 2 (Groups A & B) at Higher Seed	March 3, 2025	March 3, 2025
Round 3 (Groups A & B) at Higher Seed	March 6, 2024	March 6, 2025
Sectional Finals (Groups A & B)	March 10, 2024	March 10, 2025
State Finals (Group A & B)	March 14, 2025	March 14, 2025
<u>Unified Tournament</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Locations</u>
Divisional Championships	TBD	TBD
State Championships (Group A)	March 15, 2025	Rutgers University
State Championships (Group B)	March 16, 2025	Rutgers University

All tournament rounds are **PLAY ON** dates. Schools can mutually agree to move tournament dates up to and including the sectional finals for public schools and up to and including round 3 for non-public schools. 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.

Non-Public Sectional Finals

North A (Boys & Girls)	North B (Boys & Girls)
March 10, 2025	March 10, 2025
Site: Franklin H.S.	Site: J.F.K. Patterson H.S.
Times: TBA	Times: TBA
South A (Boys & Girls)	South B (Boys & Girls)
March 10, 2025	March 10, 2025
Site: Lenape H.S.	Site: Jackson Liberty H.S.
Times: TBA	Times: TBA

Public State Semifinals

North I vs North II Group 1 (Boys & Girls)	Central vs South Group 1 (Boys & Girls)
March 11, 2025	March 11, 2025
Site: Bloomfield H.S.	Site: Deptford H.S.
Times: TBA	Times: TBA
North I vs North II Group 3 (Boys & Girls)	Central vs South Group 3 (Boys & Girls)
March 11, 2025	March 11, 2025
Site: Elizabeth H.S.	Site: Monroe H.S.
Times: TBA	Times: TBA
North I vs North II Group 2 (Boys & Girls)	Central vs South Group 2 (Boys & Girls)
March 12, 2025	March 12, 2025
Site: Franklin H.S.	Site: Central Regional H.S.
Times: TBA	Times: TBA
North I vs North II Group 4 (Boys & Girls)	Central vs South Group 4 (Boys & Girls)
March 12, 2025	March 12, 2025
Site: Elizabeth H.S.	Site: Monroe H.S.
Times: TBA	Times: TBA

Non-Public State Finals

Non-Public A (Boys)	Non-Public A (Girls)
March 14, 2025	March 14, 2025
Rutgers University	Rutgers University
Times: TBA	Times: TBA
Non-Public B (Boys)	Non-Public B (Girls)
March 14, 2025	March 14, 2025
Rutgers University	Rutgers University
Times: TBA	Times: TBA

Public State Finals

Group 1 (Boys) March 15, 2025 Rutgers University Times: TBA	Group 1 (Girls) March 15, 2025 Rutgers University Times: TBA
Group 3 (Boys) March 15, 2025 Rutgers University Times: TBA	Group 3 (Girls) March 15, 2025 Rutgers University Times: TBA
Group 2 (Boys) March 16, 2025 Rutgers University Times: TBA	Group 2 (Girls) March 16, 2025 Rutgers University Times: TBA
Group 4 (Boys) March 16, 2025 Rutgers University Times: TBA	Group 4 (Girls) March 16, 2025 Rutgers University Times: TBA

No practice sessions will be permitted at the final facilities.

Bench personnel for the State Finals will be limited to Team players in uniform, four (4) coaches, three (2) managers/statisticians/scorekeepers, and one (1) Athletic Trainer.

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. Basketballs 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.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.
3. All varsity scores must be reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest. If you encounter problems, please contact hssupport@njadvancemedia.com.
4. PowerPoints will be downloaded from the [njschoolsports](http://njschoolsports.com) 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 online by the date listed above if applicable.

Entry Fee

- \$90.00 per team, Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Soccer 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. **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.**

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
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 Basketball Rules along with any NJSIAA Basketball rule modifications will govern this tournament.
2. The higher seeded school will host all rounds up to and including the sectional finals. However, the NJSIAA reserves the right to change the site when the home facility is deemed inappropriate for the anticipated crowd.
3. If a gymnasium is unsuitable for a tournament game, the higher-seeded school must secure a substitute site. If for any reason the higher seeded school cannot secure a suitable site, the game shall then be played at the home gymnasium of the opposing school.
4. Game times for the first three (3) rounds and the sectional finals will be designated by the higher seeded school. All game times are pending officials' availability. Athletic Directors must communicate consistently through the first three rounds of the tournament regarding start times. The NJSIAA and the tournament director will determine the start times for the first three rounds and the sectional finals if there is any disagreement with start times between schools.

5. 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.
6. All games will be played on the date designated for that round with the following day as a weather day even though games may be played on consecutive days.
7. Schools will be asked to provide their own athletic trainers throughout the tournament.
8. Basketballs – the host schools will provide NFHS approved basketball balls. The ball must be of a molded type of leather or composition-covered basketball. The approved color shall be an orange shade or natural tan. The Wilson Evolution “EVO NXT” Ball will be used in the Boys and Girls Tournament, starting with the Group Finals.
9. **Uniforms – The home team MUST WEAR DARK uniforms for all rounds up to and including the sectional finals. Please see the separate “Tournament Schedule” document on the basketball website for the rest of the tournament.**
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’s progression.
11. In accordance with NJSIAA policy, banners will NOT be permitted to be hung at game sites, including the State Final sites. Please notify fans that hand-held signs and noisemakers will not be permitted.
12. As per National Federation rules, no electrical or electrical communication devices are permitted.
13. Participating schools must assign adequate supervision for all games, home and away.
14. Postponements - Up to and including the Sectional Finals, the host school will handle all details for the postponement; however, all schools must assist in keeping the media informed. The Central Office will handle all details relative to postponements for the State Semifinals and State Group Final games. If postponement becomes necessary, schools must be prepared to play games on consecutive days.
15. The NJSIAA prohibits schools competing in the tournament at a predetermined designated site, from any practice session(s) at said gymnasium after official notification of the game has been sent to those competing schools, or a notice of the game appears in any newspaper. Schools that do not abide by this regulation may be withdrawn from the tournament.
16. The NJSIAA prohibits the awarding of basketball nets to either of the two teams participating in a tournament contest. Nets may not be cut down.

Officials Assignments

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

Rounds 1, 2 & 3

- Three (3) game officials will be assigned by the NJSIAA.
- Higher seeded schools will pay all officials at the area agreed-upon rate.

Sectional Finals

- Three (3) game officials and one (1) alternate official will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA.

State Public Semis-Finals

- Three (3) game officials and one (1) alternate official will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA.

State Group Finals

- Three (3) game officials and one (1) alternate official will be assigned and paid for by the NJSIAA.

Awards

Sectional Champions:

A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates to each Sectional Champion in each section & group.

State Group Champions:

A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates to the State Champion in each group.

Unified Champions:

A team trophy and twenty (20) certificates to the state champions. Medals for the first and second place teams from SONJ.