



2024-25 NJSIAA BOYS LACROSSE 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 damage 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 that are 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 non-public tournament bracket will be a 24-team statewide bracket. The top 8 seeds will receive a bye to the 2nd round. The public schools tournament brackets will remain the same as last year.
2. The public schools finals will be played at four (4) sites with two games at each site. We will announce locations and times ASAP.
3. If a school has both boys and girls teams in the finals, they will play at the same site.
4. The new PowerPoint system will be used to qualify all schools for the tournament.
5. Once we have the teams set, the seeding committee will use the following criteria: PowerPoints, Lax numbers, team records, out-of-state opponents, winning percentage, the strength of the schedule, the history of the program, and any other factors pertinent to the sport if needed to seed the teams into the brackets.
6. For the 2025 & 2026 season, we will be using a seeding committee to seed (not qualify) teams for the tournament.
7. Beginning with the 2027 season, we will no longer be using a seeding committee or LaxNumbers.

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Boys Lacrosse Important Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>	
First Practice:	March 10, 2025	
Competition May Begin:	March 17, 2025	
Entry Form Opens:	May 1, 2025	
Entry Form Closes:	May 12, 2025	
Conflict of Interest Form:	May 12, 2025	
Cutoff:	May 20, 2025	
PowerPoints Close (12:00pm):	May 21, 2025	
Seeding:	May 22, 2025	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	June 15, 2025	

Boys Lacrosse Tournament Schedule

<u>Public Tournament</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Round 1:	May 29, 2025	Higher Seed
Round 2:	June 2, 2025	Higher Seed
Round 3:	June 5, 2025	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	June 10, 2025	Higher Seed
State Finals:	June 13 or 14, 2025	TBA
<u>Non-Public Tournament</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Round 1:	May 28, 2025	Higher Seed
Round 2:	May 31, 2025	Higher Seed
Round 3:	June 3, 2025	Higher Seed
State Semifinals:	June 6, 2025	Higher Seed
State Finals:	June 11, 2025	Kean University

The tournament dates listed for boys lacrosse can be moved only upon mutual agreement by both schools 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.

State Group Finals Schedule

<u>Group</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Non-Public	June 11, 2025	6:30pm	Kean University
Group 1	June 13 or 14, 2025	TBD	TBD
Group 2	June 13 or 14, 2025	TBD	TBD
Group 3	June 13 or 14, 2025	TBD	TBD
Group 4	June 13 or 14, 2025	TBD	TBD

Tournament Eligibility

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis.
2. Sixty percent (60%) of games played on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
3. 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.
4. 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.

To Qualify

1. The top 16 public schools from each section and group will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system.
2. The top 24 non-public schools statewide 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. The lacrosse minimum number of games to be played by the cutoff date is 12. All teams that fall below this minimum number are still eligible to qualify, however their points will be divided by 12.

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 (12 minimum) = Team PowerPoints

Notes:

1. All games played from opening day to the cutoff date will count, regardless of how many games are played.
2. The lacrosse predetermined minimum number of games is 12.
3. All teams that fall below this minimum number are still eligible for the tournament; however, their points will be divided by the minimum number of 12.
4. Residual points will be awarded based on your opponents' first 12 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. The Officials Conflict of Interest form (if needed) must be completed by the date listed above.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Throughout the season, all schools must monitor their LaxNumbers and nj.com information to ensure that the game scores are correct.
6. All head coaches must sign up for a LaxNumbers team official account for the current season. New head coaches or head coaches without an existing LaxNumbers team official account will need to sign up and create one by clicking on this link <https://laxnumbers.com/teamofficial.php>.
7. Head coaches with an existing team official account can simply login at <https://laxnumbers.com/login.php> using their username and password from last season. Head coaches with existing team official accounts will be asked to select their (new) team for the 2022 season.
8. Once you have created an account, the team official portal will act as your home base in LaxNumbers. You can add, edit, and delete scheduled and played games. You can update teaminfo as well as add team websites and social media accounts.
9. LaxNumbers rankings will be downloaded from the LaxNumbers website on the date listed above at noon. The seeding committee will use this information to seed the tournament.
10. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.

Entry Fee

- \$90.00 Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Boys Lacrosse Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691

Tournament Seeding

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded using a seeding committee.
2. The seeding committee will use the following criteria: PowerPoints, Lax numbers, head-to-head, common opponents, out-of-state opponents, winning percentage, the strength of the schedule, and any other factors pertinent to the sport if needed to seed the teams into the brackets.
3. Seed Jumping:
 - a. The seed jumping procedure will start from seed # 1 and work downward.
 - b. Seed jumping will take place when a lower-ranked team has defeated the team ranked immediately above them.
 - c. Any split of head-to-head matches will be dropped from the discussion.
 - d. Movement in the seeds may occur one step at a time based on head-to-head criterion.
 - Example - If the 6th seed has defeated the 5th seed, then they switch positions.
 - Example - if the 6th seed has defeated both the 5th & 4th seeds, then a double jump will occur.

The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding meeting. Brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.

Tournament Rules & Information

1. All current NFHS boys' lacrosse rules along with any NJSIAA boys' lacrosse rule modifications will govern all tournament games.
2. Game times for all rounds hosted by the higher-seeded school will be designated by the higher seeded school.
3. All game times are pending the official's availability. Athletic Directors must communicate consistently through all rounds of the tournament regarding the date and start times.
4. Game times and locations for all state championships will be established by the NJSIAA.
5. The tournament dates listed for boys lacrosse can be moved only upon mutual agreement by both schools 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.
6. Schools may play on Sunday only if both schools agree.
7. Sites will not be declared unsuitable merely because field conditions are less than perfect unless Leagues or Conferences have ruled such sites unsuitable for regular-season games.
8. 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 are permitted to play on Sundays, otherwise, the game must be played on Monday. Non-NJSIAA tournament games must be moved.
9. Responsibility for postponing a game shall rest with the host school. It is recommended that the host school should notify their opponent before the departure of the visiting school's buses at the latest.
10. The NJSIAA, officials, and assignors must be notified of any postponement in a timely fashion.
11. After a second consecutive postponement of a game because of field conditions, the NJSIAA may designate an alternate site as the home field for the higher-seeded team which may include the opponent's field of the lower-seeded team.
12. All schools hosting games during the first three (3) rounds must provide a scorer and a timer for each game. An adult would be preferred but at a minimum a person that knows the sport of boys lacrosse. If an adult is not used, the host team's coaching staff must provide oversight of the timer and scorer.
13. Each school should provide a team scorer for all rounds.
14. The higher seeded team will wear the dark color jersey.
15. The winning school must notify njschoolsports.com immediately after each game.
16. The host school must provide an adequate amount of crowd control/security as needed based on the host school's facility. The visiting school must provide at least one (1) staff member, not associated with the coaching staff, to be present at each tournament game to assist on-site management in maintaining control of visiting spectators.
17. Any member school withdrawing from the tournament after it has been seeded may be subjected to a fine.
18. Any member school withdrawing from tournament competition after the tournament has started, may be barred from participating in the NJSIAA tournament the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present.
19. Each school must provide six (6) new NOCSAE white lacrosse balls that have been approved by the NFHS for each game, up to the state finals. The NJSIAA will provide all game balls for the state finals.
20. Each school must provide one (1) horn, and one (1) clock for all tournament games up to the state finals. The NJSIAA will provide all horns and clocks for the state finals.
21. Each school must provide two ball runners, who must wear protective gear, for all state tournament games.

Suspended Tournament Game Procedure

When weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of a tournament game, the following procedures will take place:

1. If the game is stopped and cannot be resumed within an hour of the stoppage, the game will resume the following day from the point of interruption.
2. If the second half has started (official game) and the score is tied, and the game cannot be resumed within an hour of the stoppage, the game will resume the following day from the point of interruption.
3. If the second half has started (official game) and the score is NOT tied, and the game cannot be resumed within an hour of the stoppage, the game will resume the following day from the point of interruption, unless the coaches upon mutual agreement terminate the game.

Overtime Procedure

1. When the score is tied at the end of regular playing time, both teams will have a two (2) minute rest period.
2. A coin toss will determine the choice of goal and possession will continue from the end of regulation.
3. After each subsequent overtime period, teams will switch ends.
4. The team scoring the first goal wins the game.
5. Each overtime period will be four (4) minutes in length followed by a two (2) minute rest period.
6. Overtime period will continue until a winner is decided.

Officials Assignments

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

Rounds 1, 2 & 3

- NJSIAA will assign three (3) game officials for each game.
- Higher seeded schools will pay all officials at the area agreed-upon rate.

Sectional Finals (Public Only)

- NJSIAA will assign three (3) officials for each game.
- NJSIAA will pay for all 3 officials.

State Semis-Finals (Non-Public Only)

- NJSIAA will assign three (3) officials for each game.
- NJSIAA will pay for all 3 officials.

State Finals

- NJSIAA will assign five (5) officials for each game. Three (3) game officials, one (1) box official & one (1) clock official.
- NJSIAA will pay for all officials.

Awards

Sectional Champions:

A team trophy and thirty-five (35) certificates to each Sectional Champion in each Group.

State Champions:

A team trophy and thirty-five (35) certificates to each State Champion in each Group.