



2024-25 NJSIAA BOYS 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 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

- Best of 5 during the regular season is permitted as long as both schools agree.
- The state tournament will continue to be best of 3.
- In 2026 the state tournament will be best of 5, while the regular season can be either.
- NJSIAA will assign all officials for all rounds.

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Boys Volleyball Important Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>	
First Practice:	March 10, 2025	
Competition Start:	March 17, 2025	
Entry Form Opens:	May 1, 2025	
Entry Form Close:	May 12, 2025	
Conflict of Interest Form:	May 12, 2025	
Cutoff:	May 22, 2025	
PowerPoints Close (12:00pm):	May 23, 2025	
Seeding:	May 27, 2025	
Regular Season Competition Ends:	June 15, 2025	
<u>State 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 4, 2025	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	June 6, 2025	Higher Seed
State Finals (Groups 2 & 4):	June 11, 2025	South Brunswick H.S.
State Finals (Groups 1 & 3):	June 12, 2025	South Brunswick H.S.

The tournament dates listed for boys volleybal 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 Championship Schedule

Group 2	June 11, 2025	4:00pm	South Brunswick H.S.
Group 4	June 11, 2025	6:00pm	South Brunswick H.S.
Group 1	June 12, 2025	4:00pm	South Brunswick H.S.
Group 3	June 12, 2025	6:00pm	South Brunswick H.S.

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 schools from each section and group will qualify for this tournament using the PowerPoint system.
2. Games played after the cutoff date will not count toward the PowerPoint calculation even if they were started before the cutoff date.
3. The volleyball minimum number of games to be played by the cutoff date is 16. All teams that fall below this minimum number are still eligible to qualify, however their points will be divided by 16.

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 16.
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 16.
4. 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. 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 nj.com information to ensure that the game scores are correct.
6. 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 Volleyball 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 the NJSIAA PowerPoint system.
2. If there is a tie in the PowerPoints for seeding, we will use the current NJSIAA tie-breaking procedure.
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 volleyball rules along with any NJSIAA boys volleyball rule modifications, will govern all tournament games.
2. Game times for all games up to and including the sectional finals, will be designated by the higher seeded team. The recommended start time for school days is 4:30pm. For non-school days, times will be established by the home team.
3. All game times are pending the official's availability. Athletic Directors must communicate consistently through all rounds of the tournament regarding start times.
4. The NJSIAA may determine the start times if there is any disagreement with start times between schools.
5. Game times for the state semifinals and finals will be established by the NJSIAA.
6. Round 1 is a "play-on" date, all other rounds are play-by dates (except the finals).
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 are permitted to play on Sundays, otherwise, the game must be played on Monday. Non-NJSIAA tournament games must be moved.
8. 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.
9. The NJSIAA and State Assignors must be notified of any postponement in a timely fashion.
10. After a second consecutive postponement of a game, the NJSIAA director of volleyball may designate an alternate site which may include the opponent's facility.
11. The winning school must notify njschoolsports.com immediately after each game, which must include the pitch count information.
12. Sites will not be declared unsuitable unless Leagues or Conferences have ruled such sites unsuitable for League or Conference play.
13. 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.
14. Any member school withdrawing from competition after having officially entered the tournament may be barred from participating in the tournament the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present.
15. Participation by an ineligible player in any game during the regular season results in forfeiture of said 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.
16. Schools will be asked to provide their own athletic trainers throughout the tournament.
17. The higher seeded team will provide a regulation MATCH ball. Wilson I-COR High-Performance volleyballs will be provided for use in the State Finals
18. The higher seeded team will provide regulation game ball(s). For the State Semifinals and Finals, the NJSIAA will provide Wilson K1 GOLD (red, white & blue) Model # WTH1895A1 balls.
19. 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).
20. All matches in the tournament will be two (2) out of three (3) sets and will be determined by rally scoring.

21. Each team must provide one (1) ball runner for each round.
22. The higher seeded team chooses the team bench and visiting team calls the coin toss.
23. Only players who are on the submitted roster will be allowed in with the team(s).
24. Only uniformed players and/or team personnel are allowed on the playing court during the team warmups.

Officials Assignments

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

Rounds 1, 2 & 3

- NJSIAA will assign two (2) game officials for each game.
- Higher seeded schools will pay all officials at the area agreed-upon rate.
- Two (2) certified official line judges are recommended but not required for these rounds.

Sectional Finals

- NJSIAA will assign two (2) game officials & two (2) line judges for each game.
- NJSIAA will pay for all four (4) officials.

State Finals

- NJSIAA will assign two (2) game officials, two (2) line judges & one (1) libero tracker for each game.
- NJSIAA will pay for all four (5) officials.

Awards

Sectional Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to each Sectional Champion.

State Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to each State Champion.