



NJSIAA 2020 Boys & Girls Soccer Tournament Modifications

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the following modifications will be applied to the 2020 NJSIAA Soccer Tournament. The NJSIAA is working with our member schools to offer our student athletes a worthwhile fall sports experience in 2020.

The NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times and locations for all NJSIAA State tournaments.

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General Information

Regular Season Dates:

First Practice – Monday, September 14, 2020

Scrimmage- Schools will have the opportunity to participate in one pre-season scrimmage with a neighboring school. The scrimmage may occur any time within seven days of the regular season start date for that sport, Oct. 1. **First Scrimmage date: September 24, 2020.**

First Game – Thursday, October 1, 2020

End of Regular Season – Thursday, November 12, 2020

Number of Games per week – 2 games. The NJSIAA will allow two 3 game weeks.

The NJSIAA encourages schools to use SUNDAY as a play date- please be aware that a Sunday play date begins the new week.

Maximum Number of games allowed for the season – 14

Cutoff Date- November 2, 2020

Seeding – November 5, 2020

ALL GAME RESULTS MUST BE REPORTED TO www.njhighschoolsports.com . They should be reported by the morning after the game at the latest. Failure to do so may result in penalties for your school. If you have difficulties reporting your scores please contact support@njhighschoolsports.com

Out of State Opponents-Any out of state competition must be approved by the NJSIAA. Please submit a request to the NJSIAA Assistant Director in charge of the sports at least 2 weeks prior to the competition date. Also, League & Conference approval must be solicited and noted in the request to the NJSIAA.

Medical advisory task force recommendation:

“Every effort should be made to minimize crossover between levels – Varsity, JV and Freshman. Crossover can lead to a greater number of student-athletes being sidelined due to exposure to a student who tests positive for COVID-19.”

Student Transfers:

- All Transfers must be entered in home campus, ruling by NJSIAA to be eligible.
- Student's subject to the Transfer Sit may participate on October 15 (transferred prior to March 16, 2020)
- Student transfers after September 1, 2020, shall be ineligible for a period of 30 calendar days, or one half of the maximum number of games being played, whichever is less. (NJSIAA max)
- Students who transfer on or after October 22, 2020 will not be able to participate in post season play.

NJSIAA Post Season Tournament

The post season NJSIAA Boys and Girls Soccer Tournament will be open to all our member schools that wish to participate.

Important Dates:

Tournament Opt-Out Date: Monday, October 26, 2020

- NJSIAA must be notified via the website opt-out procedure by the above date.

Records will be pulled from njhighschoolsports.com on November 4, 2020

November 2, 2020- The NJSIAA will allow a school which did not opt out of the tournament via the website by October 26 to contact the NJSIAA assistant director via e-mail (astumpf@njsiaa.org or jdubois@njsiaa.org) that circumstances have changed, and the school no longer wishes to participate.

******IF A SCHOOL DOES NOT OPT OUT OF THE TOURNAMENT BY THIS DATE THE SCHOOL WILL BE SEEDED IN THE TOURNAMENT******

Cutoff Date- November 2, 2020

Seeding- November 5, 2020

Entry Fee: \$ 90 per team

Seeding Criteria:

- a. Record
- b. Winning percentage
- c. Power Points
- d. Strength of schedule.

Seeding Committee-

- a. All factors in relationship to this season will be used by the committee to determine seeds.
- b. Seeding by the Committee is FINAL – no appeals

Classifications-

We will use the 2019-20 Classifications: THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES RECEIVED AND GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF THE ENTRIES. A Regional approach will be utilized including geography, county, conference as well as the combining of groups to determine the brackets.

Locations-

- a. Higher seed will be the home team
- b. It is highly recommended that turf fields be used

Dates-

- a. DATES ARE PLAY ON DATES- no exceptions
- b. Boys Dates
 1. Round 1 – November 14 (Saturday)
 2. Round 2 – November 17 (Tuesday)
 3. Round 3 – November 19 (Thursday)
 4. Sectional Final- November 21 (Saturday)
- c. Girls Dates
 1. Round 1- November 16 (Monday)
 2. Round 2 – November 18 (Wednesday)
 3. Round 3 – November 20 (Friday)
 4. Sectional Finals – November 22 (Sunday)
- d. Use of Sunday as a play date if needed
- e. Any issues because of Sunday play dates must be directed to the NJSIAA Director of Boys or Girls Soccer for a Final Determination. That determination is final.

Assigning of Officials-

- a. NJSIAA State Assignors will assign all state tournament games.
- b. The higher seeded school is responsible for contacting the appropriate assignor.
- c. The sectional assignor must be notified of all and any changes.
- d. Please be aware that because of COVID-19 there may be a shortage of qualified officials for the games. Cadet and/or less experienced officials may be paired with experienced officials to cover all assignments.
- e. It is the school's responsibility to confirm the assignment with the officials and provide any special procedures required by your school.

Officials Fees (Recommended Minimum Fee)

- **Preliminary Rounds:**
Rounds 1&2 – Home team – at the areas agreed upon rates.
Round 3 – Home team- 3 officials – Referee- \$95, Linesman - \$85
“Sectional Final” – Home team – 3 officials Referee-\$95 , Linesman - \$85

Coaches and athletes confronting officials – regular season penalties will be utilized.

Site Management:

Site Managers – supplied by the home school.

Athletic Trainers – supplied by the home school.

Balls

- a. Any NFHS approved soccer ball may be used.
- b. Supplied by the home team.

Trophy Presentation

- a. Because the Sections may be modified based on the entries received all trophies and awards will be mailed directly to the schools after the tournament is completed.

Spectators- NJSIAA Tournament- TBD

Bench Protocols

- a. Home site is responsible for setting up the sideline areas to ensure that social distancing and CDC protocols are enforced.
- b. Maximum number of participants/team is 22 for the NJSIAA post season tournament.
- c. It is recommended but not mandated that 22 participants be used during the regular season.
- d. *It is recommended that if the game is played in a stadium setting that the team benches be on opposite side of the field on a diagonal.*
- e. Home site should set up the scorer's table following correct social distancing protocols.

Police Coverage

- a. Home school is responsible for police coverage if needed.

Common Safety Factors

- a. NJSIAA COVID-19 and NFHS Modifications will be used.
- b. Sport specific considerations/guidelines will be placed on the NJSIAA website – www.njsiaa.org – click on Sports- Fall –Boys and Girls Soccer.

