

2012 NJSIAA BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

COACHES & OFFICIALS MUST HAVE A COPY OF THESE REGULATIONS AT EACH STATE MEET

TO QUALIFY:

In the Public Division, eight (8) boys teams and eight (8) girls teams will qualify in Divisions in each of four (4) Sections; North I, North II, Central and South. In the Non-Public Division, 8 boys teams and 8 girls teams will qualify in each Division. *****Pilot Program approved by the NJSIAA Executive Committee-Placement of Top 4 by Power Points-See Document-2012 New Placement of Top 4 by Power Points!**

Schools sponsoring swimming programs will be classified in each section into "A" and "B" divisions based on enrollment. All Group IV schools will be placed in the "A" division. The classification will be posted as a separate document.

To be eligible member schools must have competed on an interscholastic basis, and must have participated in at least six (6) interscholastic dual meets. Regardless of reason, only meets completed by the following date will count for qualification:

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Participants must have competed in at least fifty percent (50%) of the school's total interscholastic dual meets while eligible, up to and including the cut-off date. Swimmers returning from a medical leave must have the physician's release signed by the director of athletics and filed with the NJSIAA twenty-four hours before swimming in a tournament meet.

Combined teams will be eligible to compete as a Boys Team only. To maintain eligibility for this tournament, declared combined teams may not have separated into a boys and girls team for competition during the season. Combined teams may not separate for any meet which keeps team scores. Combined teams cannot enter both the Boys and Girls Championships. Separate teams cannot combine boys and girls into combined teams for the Team Championships. Boys are not permitted to compete on girls teams; therefore, all combined teams are recognized as boys teams. Athletic guidelines presently permit girls to compete on boys teams if the program is not offered for girls.

In order to qualify, your team must submit to the Team Championship Director:

- (1) The two (2) best interscholastic meets sheets(wins or losses) according to NISCA Power Points and the **print-out** power point chart for your two (2) best meets. **The interactive form will calculate the points.** Girls on combined teams must use the boys interactive form for calculation. You must attach and submit a copy of the meet sheets from these two (2) meets which must be signed by the referee and opposing coach. The power point print-out must be signed by your Coach, Principal, and Athletic Director. An interactive meters to yards conversion chart can be found in the Individual Swimming Regulations. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify when times cannot be verified. **DO NOT INCLUDE DIVING SCORES. DIVING WILL NOT BE A PART OF THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.**
- (2) **Fax or email your two (2) power point print-outs AND the corresponding two (2) meet sheets, to the NJSIAA Office:**
E-MAIL: kcole@njsiaa.org with copy to hgoubeaud@njsiaa.org or FAX (609) 259-3047
- (3) **All varsity schedules MUST be entered by the start of the season, and scores reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest.**
If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems, please contact support@njschoolsports.com or the NJSIAA.
- (4) **Entry Deadlines -** Boys & Girls - Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012
Entries must be in the office of the NJSIAA by
Thursday Feb. 2, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.
Entries must be faxed or e-mailed, followed by hard copy.
- (5) **ENTRY FEE -** Eighty dollars (\$80.00) - DO NOT FORWARD TO NJSIAA UNTIL YOUR SCHOOL IS NOTIFIED THAT YOUR TEAM HAS QUALIFIED.
- (6) Your two (2) power point totals will be averaged. The eight (8) schools with the highest point totals in each Division will be considered in the seeding process. The Pilot Program, approved by the NJSIAA Executive Committee will be in place for the 2011-12 Team Swim Championship. *****See Document: 2012 New Placement of Top 4 by Power Points!** Winners of the Public State Semifinal Meets and the Non-Public Sectional Meets will advance to the State Championship meet.
The 3rd relay will not be considered in the determination.
POWER POINTS WILL CARRY THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT. SECTIONAL MEETS WILL **NOT** BE POWER POINTED

NOTIFICATION DATE

Brackets will be posted on nj.com (Sports-High School-Swimming) Feb 6th and a link from the NJSIAA Web-site under sports information (njsiaa.org) by February 7, 2012.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES:

1. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct in the current season, prior to the start of the NJSIAA tournament, will be unable to compete in said tournament.
2. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the start of the NJSIAA tournament will not be permitted to participate in same. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.

To promote fairness in competition and the health and safety of student athletes, no NJSIAA member school will be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the Specific Sports Regulations for the sport including, but not limited to, the start of practice, the start and ending of the sport season and the maximum contests permitted during the regular season. The application of this eligibility standard is non-appealable.

SPECIFIC SPORTS REGULATIONS (found in the *New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Handbook 2011-2012 Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations*)

RULE 16. Swimming

Section 1. Rules. The National Federation Swimming Rules shall govern all NJSIAA meets.

Section 2. Start of Practice. November 15.

Section 3. Start of Regular Season. December 1.

Section 4. End of Season. As provided for in Rule 2, Section 10.

Section 5. Transfers on or after January 21, 2012 are not eligible for post-season play. (Article IV, Section 4.K(2).d)

Section 6. Meets Per Week. Not more than a total of three (3) swimming meets may be held per week beginning with the week of the Start of the Regular Schedule (Rule 2, Section 8) to the start of the State Tournament (this includes interschool scrimmages, regular meets, postponed meets, and invitational meets), but meets may not be conducted on three (3) consecutive days. This section does not apply to State Tournament scheduling.

Section 7. Maximum Meets. A member school may compete in twenty-three (23) meets, including scrimmages as provided for in Rules 2, Section 7, Article 2), and the State Tournament. All championship meets count toward the total of twenty-four. Any member school may choose to play one four-game week per season by adding a game that has been postponed earlier due to either weather, facility or bus problems, to a three game week prior to the State Tournament.

CL 1 Schools with a declared separate boys and girls team may not swim as a combined team unless swimming against a declared combined team. Declared combined teams may not swim a separate boys team or a separate girls team in interscholastic meets.

CL 2 Diving will not be included as an event during the regular season, the NJSIAA Power Points championship or in the NISCA Power Points for qualification for the team championship competition. Conferences may include Diving in conference meets. Schools may include Diving in non-conference meets by written agreement of the competing schools.

Section 8. Championship Eligibility. A student competing on an interscholastic swimming team must swim as a member of his/her high school team in at least 50% of the school's total meets (while he/she attends said school), to be eligible for the NJSIAA Championship Meet.

CL 1 This means a student must swim in at least 50% of the school's meets up to an including the cut-off date while he/she was properly enrolled and eligible at said school under NJSIAA regulations.

CL 2 Late entries will not be accepted as outlined in Rule 2, Section 13.

Section 9. Officials.

Article 1....A minimum of three (3) NJSIAA registered officials is required for all championship meets.

RULES, SITE REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS

All dual meets and scoring will be according to the 2011-12 National Federation Swimming Rules, as amended by the NJSIAA. State Team swim meets may be scheduled on any date, but must be completed by the snow date listed in these regulations. Those schools having only one head coach, and both a boys and a girls team in the tournament, are responsible to notify all possible opponents as soon as the brackets are posted, that adjustments in the schedule may be necessary.

It is expected that all schools will work together to accommodate teams with only one coach, but if agreement cannot be reached, the boys meet will be scheduled before or on the stated date, and the girls on the specified date or the snow date.

Each team will provide a minimum of three timers with stop watches at all meets.

The lower seeded team will have the choice of odd or even numbered lanes

ENTRY CARDS ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH MEET

PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC, SECTIONAL QUARTER AND SEMIFINALS AND NON-PUBLIC SECTIONAL FINALS

Each site will assume the cost of pool rental and site maintenance. Meets will be conducted at the site of the school with the higher NISCA power points. The time of the meet will be at the discretion of the host school. All sites must meet National Federation specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, and starting platforms. Electronic timing is recommended. The lower seeded team will host if the higher seeded team cannot provide a site with electronic timing and the lower seed can provide it. The higher seeded team will arrange for officials. Each team will provide a scorer. Meets can be held as combined dual meets if the schools involved are all in agreement.

THE WINNING COACH SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE MEET TO njschoolsports.com following the meet.

Three (3) officials must be assigned to each meet by the higher seeded team at a fee of seventy dollars (\$75.00 per official). Participating teams will split the cost of officials. If the Host School charges admission, it must be approved by NJSIAA. Revenues are to be used to defray expenses for the Meet and proper notification is to be given to visiting school

PUBLIC SECTIONAL FINALS AND STATE SEMIFINALS

All sites must meet National Federation specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms and electronic timing. Host Site Director will provide an official scorer, announcer, and electronic timing operator. ***Three officials will be assigned by the SOANJ Rules Interpreters.*** Each participating school must send a check to the NJSIAA in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). This amount will cover the fees of the Officials, Site Director, Announcer, Scorer and Electronic Timing Operator.

FINALS

NO FEE is charged to schools participating in the State Finals at The College of New Jersey.

PUBLIC BOYS and GIRLS - A & B

Meets can be held as combined dual meets if the schools involved are all in agreement.

*Sectional Quarterfinals	Girls/Boys A & B:	On or before: Friday, February 10, 2012 (snow, Feb. 11 th)
*Sectional Semifinals	Girls/Boys A & B:	Monday, February 13, 2012 (snow, Feb. 14 th)
*Sectional Finals	Boys & Girls Division A	Thursday, February 16, 2012
	North I -	
	North II -	GCIT- 15 th and 16 th
	Central -	Sites TBA
	South -	
	Boys & Girls Division B	Friday, February 17, 2012
	North I -	
	North II -	GCIT-15 th and 16 th
	Central -	Sites TBA
	South -	

Note: Sectional Finalists will **NOT** be re-seeded before advancing to the State Semifinals within each division. **Original power point averages will be used to seed the sectional finalists for the semifinal meets.** The winners of the Semifinals will advance to the State Championship meets.

*State Semifinals	Boys and Girls Division A & B	Tuesday, February 21, 2012
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NON-PUBLIC BOYS and GIRLS - A & B

*Sectional Quarterfinals	Boys/Girls A & B	On or before: Monday, February 13, 2012 (snow, Feb. 14 th)
*Sectional Semifinals	Boys/Girls A & B	Thursday, February 16, 2012 (snow, Feb. 17 th)
*Sectional Finals	Boys/Girls A & B	Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012 (snow, Feb. 22nd)

***PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Boys and Girls Non-Public A & B	Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012	The College of New Jersey
Boys and Girls Public A & B	Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012	The College of New Jersey

***TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED**

POSTPONEMENTS: Contact Robert Horvath, Tournament Director (856-667-8992) who has authority to set rescheduled meets if schools cannot agree.

ATTENTION: SCHOOLS ENTERING THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE GRANTED A CHANGE OF DATE/TIME DUE TO ANY CONFLICTS WITH SCHOOL TRIPS, PROMS, BANQUETS, SAT'S, GRADUATION, AND THE LIKE.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE – Coaches must have a copy of these regulations at each meet.

NISCA Power Points in that meet will determine winner, **not including 3rd relay. Timers must be assigned to all lanes.** (All timers must have pencils, clipboard and paper) The Host Site Director/Meet Director must have a copy of the NISCA POWER POINT schedule at each tournament site. When the NISCA Power Points are tied, the tie will be broken in the following order: (The interactive power point form should be used if the internet is available)

1. Fewer number of sixth (6th) places
2. Power points of A and B relays
3. Greater number of first (1st) places
4. Greater number of second (2nd) places
5. Greater number of third (3rd) places
6. Greater number of fourth (4th) places
7. Greater number of fifth (5th) places
8. Coin toss

A CO-CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE DECLARED IF TEAMS ARE TIED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FINAL MEET.

LIABILITY

The NJSIAA, the schools or organizations providing Sites and Site Director will in no way be liable for any injury, damage, or theft sustained in any manner in connection with the conduct of these championships.

DISQUALIFICATION

Participation by an ineligible swimmer in any meet during the regular season results in forfeiture of all points achieved by the ineligible swimmer and final results are adjusted accordingly. If such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the swimming team championships, the school will be disqualified from the championships immediately and the school's last opponent will advance in their place, if applicable and feasible; schools eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition. If an ineligible swimmer participates in a championship meet, said swimmer will be disqualified from the championship immediately and final results adjusted accordingly.

PROTESTS Protests based upon an official's judgment, or misinterpretation, or misapplication of the swimming rules will not be honored as per NJSIAA Bylaws, Art. VII, Sect. 1.

RECORDS State Individual records can be set with proper verification by Meet Referee, Head Judge, and Head Timer.

ATHLETIC EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Each school participating in the tournament will provide for the care and treatment of their athletes within the school's policy as in effect during the regular season. When games are scheduled at predetermined sites, schools should not assume that the home school trainer will be available, and should therefore, prepare for the care of their athletes. NJSIAA may assign athletic trainers for state final events to assist with emergency situations.

ATTENTION: Principals, Athletic Directors, All Coaches and Officials

RE: Recommended Precautions Against The Transmission of Blood-Borne Pathogens

All member schools must provide all coaches with the contents of the NJSIAA Infectious Disease Policy.

The Infectious Disease Policy provides that:

If an individual gets someone else's blood on his/her skin, protective gloves should be worn to wipe the blood off with a disposable towel using soap and water.

Note: If any blood gets on an opponent's uniform during competition or a teammate's uniform during practice, it is not necessary to clean the uniform at that point unless the opponent or teammate has an open cut or unskinned area, or the blood is on a part of the uniform which might come in contact with mucous membranes. If the student-athlete does have an open cut or unskinned area or believes the blood might come in contact with mucous membranes, then the uniform should be wiped with soap and water.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Players and coaches involved with alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances before, during or after the game, at the game site or on school property, including chartered busses, shall be suspended from NJSIAA tournament play for one year and be denied any championship rights.

This action was taken in support of the fact that such actions concerning alcoholic beverages and illegal substances are in violation of New Jersey State statutes and will be strictly enforced.

SALES/SOLICITATIONS

Only NJSIAA promotional items will be sold at NJSIAA sponsored events. For the 2011-2012 seasons, Team IPis the designated vendor.

Solicitations, sale of publications/products or similar activities are NOT permitted without prior authorization from the NJSIAA.

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for all levels of State Tournament/Championships. The NJSIAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these Tournaments/Championships and the sale or distribution of any items or any audio-visual reproductions. Any sale or distribution of clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission from the NJSIAA.

MECHANICAL NOISEMAKERS, SIGNS, POSTERS, HAND-HELD SIGNS, BALLOONS, BANNERS, FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES are not permitted.

Because of the indoor conditions, bands will not be admitted and all mechanical noise-making devices shall be excluded from the site.

Balloons will not be permitted inside the pool area.

The New Jersey statutes clearly state that it is unlawful for any person to possess or use firecrackers, or similar type of explosives. Accordingly, firecrackers are not permitted in or around any pool or parking area, and anyone found selling, possessing, or using fireworks of any nature will be arrested and duly prosecuted.

With the exception of official NJSIAA banners, no signs, banners, or posters will be permitted to be hung in any manner in pool areas during the course of the NJSIAA championships. Game Site Managers will be instructed to rigidly enforce these regulations.

PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR STUDENT BODY AND FANS OF THESE REGULATIONS.

Note: SCHOOLS NOT WILLING OR ABLE TO COMPLY WITH TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS SHOULD NOT ENTER THE TOURNAMENT.

PLEASE NOTE: CHECK INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND SUBMIT ENTRY FORM TO THE PROPER ADDRESS LISTED. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NJSIAA HAS RULED THAT MEMBER SCHOOLS FAILING TO FORWARD FORMS TO THE PROPER ADDRESS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM TOURNAMENT COMPETITION IN THAT SPORT.

AWARDS

A trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates will be awarded to the Sectional Champions and State Champions in each Division.

Twenty-five (25) certificates will be awarded to the State Runner-up.

ADMISSION

Admission to the State Group Finals at The College of New Jersey will be:

Adults	TBD
Students (K-12)	
Senior Citizens	

Please inform parents and fans.

ROSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED at njschoolsports.com

at the beginning of the season and updated near tournament time.

BROADCASTING REGULATIONS

- A. The NJSIAA has granted to *The Star-Ledger* and NJ.com the exclusive rights to create, distribute and license programming in connection with NJSIAA tournaments (and NJSIAA sporting events, to the extent the NJSIAA controls or otherwise has authority to grant such rights with regard to NJSIAA sporting events) in all media currently existing or yet to be developed. This includes, without limitation, network and cable television broadcast, pay-per-view television, radio, webcasting, podcasting, distribution over wireless telephone networks, optical media including DVD, and print publications. The foregoing shall not be interpreted to restrict NJSIAA member schools from producing print publications (i.e. programs, or similar) for distribution on school property during the regular season NJSIAA sports events, or to restrict the NJSIAA from producing print publications (i.e. programs, or similar) for distribution during post-season NJSIAA tournaments.**
- B. Any third party seeking to create, distribute or otherwise exploit programming in connection with the NJSIAA sporting events in any media will be directed to The Star-Ledger and NJ.com, as applicable, by the NJSIAA or the applicable member school. The Star-Ledger and NJ.com shall have the right to enter into license arrangements with such third parties.**
- C. The Star-Ledger and NJ.com may create NJSIAA programming for distribution over media outlets owned or controlled by Advance Publications.**
- D. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, including but not limited to Sections A and B above, NJSIAA member schools may broadcast regular season (but not playoff, post-season tournament, or championship) athletic contests involving such schools' own teams or athletes, without charging any fee to any viewer or other third party, on such schools' own commercial-free television networks, their own commercial-free websites, or on commercial-free public access television channels (provided that any agreement between an NJSIAA member school and a commercial-free public access television channel does not permit sublicense or other use of the telecast).**

AN INTERACTIVE FORM FOR DETERMINING POWER POINTS WILL BE USED AGAIN FOR THE 2012 SEASON

**POWER POINT CALCULATORS FOR BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS, ARE LOCATED JUST BELOW THIS
FILE ON THE NJSIAA WEBSITE**

Directions for usage are included in each calculator

[Hand calculated forms will not be accepted](#)

PRINT-OUT OF MEET FORMS MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY

Entry must be in the NJSIAA Office on February 2, 2012 by 4:00 PM

Send to: Kim DeGraw-Cole, Assistant Director
NJSIAA
1161 Route 130, PO Box 487
Robbinsville, NJ 08691

Fax: 609-259-3047

Email: kcole@njsiaa.org with copy to: hgoubeaud@njsiaa.org