

The Bergen County Coaches Association

Jerry Lewis Varsity Boys Soccer Tournament Selection Guidelines

To: Athletic Directors

From: Mark Pieklo – BCCA Tournament Director

Re: Tournament Selection Criteria

BCCA Tournament Committee: Evan Baumgarten (BCCA Lisason to committee), George Farago, Jon Gray, Bill Jaeger, Jon Nochese, Demba Mane, Alex Barchi, Carmine Cambareri, Michael Oppido

Tournament Guidelines:

1. Any team with a .650 winning percentage, (excluding ties) will automatically be admitted.
2. All other schools that have applied with less than a .650 winning percentage will be reviewed by the selection committee for entry. The criteria the committee will use for consideration includes but is not limited to and in no specific order:
 - a. Won-lost record
 - b. Strength of schedule
 - c. Head to head competition
3. Once the field has been selected, the committee will seed the teams. The criteria the committee will use for seeding includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Won-lost record
 - b. Strength of schedule
 - c. Head to head competition
 - d. Current league standing
4. Upon completion of the initial seeding process, the matchups will be reviewed to avoid schools playing their first game against a school they have already played during the season up to and including the Round of 16 as per the BCCA rules.
5. Once you accept entrance in the tournament, you must play on the scheduled date & site until eliminated. Failure to adhere will result in action by the tournament committee.
6. First Round games will be scheduled on a turf field. If the higher seed team does not have turf, they will be given the opportunity to secure a field or play at the lower seeds home field if it is turf.
7. **The home team will be responsible for paying for the officials for the first and second round games.**
8. **Schools will be responsible to send an administrator or administrative liaison to help manage the schools fans at each site.**
9. Due to the large amount of games being scheduled on the same days, we are asking if some schools can switch some games to 7pm in order to be seen by committee members.
10. **ONLY ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL A MESSAGE OF ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION ON Thursday, September 29th BY 10:00 PM**

Sincerely yours in soccer,

Mark Pieklo

The Bergen County Coaches Association

2022 Jerry Lewis Boys' Varsity Soccer Tournament

(Coaches must bring a copy of these instructions to each game)

To: Athletic Director (Attention Head Soccer Coach)

- **Qualifying** – Schools with a .650 winning percentage, (excluding ties) will be automatically admitted. Other applicants will be evaluated as per the enclosed criteria. A .650 winning percentage does **not** guarantee a top 16 seed.
- **Entry Guidelines**
 - **Entries** – Games played up to **6 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 29, 2022** will be evaluated. All entries will be completed online this year. All schools wishing to apply will email the tournament director at bergencountysoccertournament@gmail.com. At which point, you will receive the link to complete the application. Entries must be submitted online by **11:59 pm on Monday Sept. 26, 2022**
- Entry will not be considered complete unless all parts are completed.
- **Entry Fee** – A check for \$125 or a P.O. made payable to the B.C.C.A. Make certain the name of the school appears on the check. If the team is not selected to the tournament, the check will be returned.

Please forward all entry fees to:

17 Ackerson Ave.

Pequannock, NJ

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The selection committee of the BCCA has ruled that member schools failing to forward tournament forms to the proper address will be excluded from tournament competition. Once you accept admittance to the tournament, you must play as per the schedule.

- **Dates**

The BCCA Soccer Tournament date:

1st Round Oct. 1 or 2 – higher seeded team will be home team if they have a turf field. If the game is to be played on October 1, it must be mutually agreed upon by both schools(SAT day). Otherwise game must be played on October 2nd.

2nd Round Oct. 6 – higher seeded team will be home team (Times TBD)

3rd Round Oct. 9 – Ramapo High School (12, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00 pm.)

Semi-Finals Oct. 15 – Ramsey (5 & 7:15 pm.)

Finals Oct. 22 – Indian Hills High School 6:00 pm.

If more than 16 teams are selected, opening round games will be played prior to **Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022** and the officials supplied by the BCCA. In the event of inclement weather, the game must be played prior to Oct. 3. Failure to play the opening round game before the next round will result in a forfeit to both teams.

- **Canceled Games** – If a game is canceled prior to the semi-finals (excluding the play-in games), the game must be played during the following week and scheduled no later than Wednesday with Thursday/Friday as the rain dates.

- **Officials** – N.J.S.I.A.A. registered officials will be assigned by the BCCA. **The home team will be responsible for paying the officials for the first and second round games.** Schools are requested to list unacceptable officials on their online entry form.
 - **Rules** – The 2022 National Federation Rules with N.J.S.I.A.A. modifications.
 - **Disqualifications** – Participation by an ineligible player in any game during the regular season results in forfeiture of same 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. Any team disqualified from State Tournament play due to the red-card rule will not be eligible for BCCA tournament play.
 - **Protests** – Protests based upon an official's judgment, or misinterpretation or misapplication of the playing rules will not be honored as per N.J.S.I.A.A. By laws, Article VII, Section I
 - **Team Uniforms** – The home team should wear dark jerseys and socks. In the event of similarity of color, the home team will be responsible to make the necessary changes.
 - **Time** – The game shall consist of two, (40) minute halves. Games terminated before the completion of (1) half will be rescheduled from the start. A game terminated during the second (2nd) half when the score is tied, shall also be rescheduled from the start by Tues. for the first round only unless mutually agreed upon. Every round thereafter must be rescheduled by Weds. All disqualifications (red cards) issued in the terminated game will be in effect for the rescheduled game. If a game is called at halftime, the game will be replayed for the second half only. If the losing team at the point of interruption does not want to return to complete, the game will be considered complete.
 - **Tie-Game** – Up to and including the semi-finals, if a regulation game ends in a tie, the overtime procedure will be as follows:
 1. Play two ten-minute sudden victory (Golden Goal) overtime periods. If a tie still exists, the game winner will be determined by penalty kicks.
 2. The head referee will choose the goal at which all kicks will be taken.
 3. A coin toss shall be held with the lower seed calling the toss. The team winning the toss shall have choice of kicking first or second.
 4. Each coach will select five players, on or off the field (except those who were disqualified) to take penalty kicks. **Player order of shooting is not required.**
 5. The teams will alternate kickers with no follow-up allowed.
 6. The goalkeeper may be changed prior to each kick.
 7. The team scoring the greater number of these kicks, after five kicks have been take, shall be the winner.
 8. If a tie still exists,:
 - A. Each coach will select five players. Any or all of the same players may or may not be used again.
 - B. No coin is required, the same team sequence of shooting shall be used from the prior round.
 - C. This round will be concluded in a **SUDDEN VICTORY** situation, wherein, **if 1 team scores and the other does not score the game is ended no more kicks being taken.**
 - D. If the score remains tied after the second set of (5) kicks repeat the procedure until a winner is declared.
- Finals** – If the score is tied in the final game, Two, ten-minute sudden victory, overtime periods will be played. If a tie still exists, co-champions will be declared.
- **Game Site** – all opening round games will be played on a turf field. If the higher seeded team does not have a turf field they will be given the opportunity to secure one. If they cannot, game can be played at the lower seeded teams home turf field.
 - **Game Balls** – the higher seed must supply 5 game balls to be used for the game.
 - **Ball-Persons** – each school must provide 2 ball-persons for each game.

- **Recreational Tribute** – in the semi-finals and finals only, each team may allow a youth player (team) to accompany a varsity player (team) on the field for the introductions.
- **Site Manager** – will be responsible for all decisions regarding game management. Each site will be responsible for securing the site manager.
- **Transportation/Supervision**
 1. Schools will pay transportation expenses for all games.
 2. Participating schools are responsible for supervising all home games. If it is felt necessary to provide police protection, officers shall be secured for the area in which the game is played.
 3. Each school participating in the tournament is responsible to send an administrator or a liaison to help supervise and manage their fans at each game.
- **Athletic Trainers** – The BCCA will supply trainers for all games beginning Oct. 9. Opening Round games and the Round of 16 sites will supply the trainers for their respective games.