

**Bergen County Women Coaches Association
2017 Girls Soccer Tournament**

I. Director Information

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II. Qualifications:

- Team that have a .500 record or better by **Monday Sept 25th (cutoff date)** will be in the tournament
- If teams are needed to fill the bracket of 32, teams that have records below .500 will be considered. Teams that are selected by the seeding committee that are below .500, will be seeded appropriately (they will not just be added as #30, #31, #32)

III. Payment Information and Procedures:

- Team Entry Fee:
Member School = \$100.00 Non-Member School = \$125.00
- Please make checks payable to "**Bergen County Women Coaches Association**"
- If you submit a check and your school does not qualify, your check will be returned to you

IV. Application Procedures:

- If you wish to apply to be in the Bergen County Tournament, you must complete the following/mail to the address listed above:
 1. Complete the online record form - the link will be sent in an email
 2. Complete form with required signatures and mail that form along with a check made payable to the "Bergen County Women Coaches Association" for the appropriate amount. The signature form and check item should be mailed to the address above. **These items must be postmarked no later than Friday, Sept 22nd**
- 1. You must also update your online record form record (if needed) on Monday, Sept 25th PRIOR to the start of the seeding meeting (7:00pm).

V. Tournament Seeding Information:

- The Tournament Seeding Meeting will take place on **Monday Sept 25th at 7:00pm** at Northern Highlands Regional High School.
- All coaches are welcome to attend. The seeding and voting will be decided at the meeting. The committee will seed the first round games with every effort made to avoid common league opponents in the preliminary round and the round of 16 games. It is recommended that all coaches whose teams qualify attend this meeting in order to arrange preliminary games.

VI. Tournament Format:

- Participating schools understand that County Tournament games take precedence over league games and independent games. The County Tournament will adhere to NJSIAA regulations. All teams must adhere to the tournament regulations.
- **Preliminary Games** - to be played by Thursday Sept 28th (Friday, Sept 29th is the rain date). Games should be played at the higher seeded school or a neutral site if both schools agree.
- **Round of 32 Games** to be played by Sunday October 1st (Monday Oct 2nd is the rain date). Games should be played at the higher seeded school or a neutral site if both schools agree.
- **Round of 16** - to be played on Sunday, October 8th (Monday, October 9th is the rain date). The round of 16 games will be played as double headers at sites to be determined at seeding meeting; preferably at the top 4 seeds fields. If Sunday is rained out, games are to be played on Monday at the higher seeded school or a neutral site if both schools agree.
- **Quarterfinals:** will be held on Sunday, October 15th at Indian Hills High School. Games will be held at 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:30pm and 5:30pm
- **Semifinals:** will be held on Sunday, October 22nd at River Dell High School. Games will be held at 12pm and 2:00pm
- **Finals:** will be held on Saturday, October 28th at Indian Hills High School. The game time is to be confirmed, but is currently scheduled for a 5pm start time.

VII. Officials:

- For Preliminary games and the round of 16 games, officials are assigned. Both officials will be paid by the home (higher seeded) team unless games are on a neutral field. If the game is at a neutral site, each team will pay for one official.
- The BCWCA has also assigned officials and will pay them for the Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Final.
- As of now, the BCWCA tournament will be using a two-referee system (I am going to suggest that we move to a 3 man system beginning at the Quarter Finals).

VIII. Overtime Rules:

- All games will be played to completion according to NJSIAA regulations.
- If at the end of the two 10 minute sudden victory overtimes the game is still tied, a penalty kick shootout as per NJSIAA tournament regulations will be used to determine a winner.

IX. Uniforms/Benches:

- The higher seeded teams will wear white jerseys
- The lower seeded teams will wear dark jerseys
- The higher seeded team will sit on right side benches as viewed from field; if the game is being held on your home field, you can use your typical home bench

X. Balls and Ball Runners:

- NFHS stamped balls are to be used in all games. Each team will supply three balls, which must be agreed upon by coaches and/or officials.
- Each school is responsible for supplying 2-4 ball runners per game. *Do your best to have ball runners that are an appropriate age for your match

XI. Rosters:

- Please email me a roster when you send the application. Please use a google sheet format if you can. If not, excel is the next best option.
- Include the following in on the excel sheet: **School Name, Head Coach, Assistant Coaches, Athletic Director, and Principal**
- The format for the roster should be as follows (I will also email an example):

Jersey #	Player Name	Position	Grade
#24	Brooke Smith	FWD	12

XII. Additional Information:

- The BCWCA will supply a certified trainer for the Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Final. **The host school will be responsible for supplying a certified trainer for preliminary games and round of 16 games.**
- Official's List - please email a list of officials that you DO NOT WANT. Every effort will be made to not have them on your assigned games.
- Volunteers - we may need volunteers to assist with the scoreboard, announcing, gate, etc. I will reach out to participating schools for a list of volunteers.
- Admission fees for the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals will be as follows:
Adults - \$5 Students and Sr. Citizens - \$3
- The All-County Selection Meeting will take place on Monday, November 13th at 6pm at Northern Highlands Regional High School

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We agree to adhere to the rules and regulations of the BCWCA Girls Soccer Tournament.

PLEASE BE VERY NEAT IN YOUR PRINTING: INFO WILL BE NEEDED!

Coach Name(print): _____

Coach's Signature: _____

Coach's primary contact phone number: _____

Coach's contact email address: _____

Athletic Director Name: _____

Athletic Director phone number: _____

Athletic Director email address: _____

I understand that any injury to a player or member of the coaching staff incurred during the tournament, or any costs incurred as a result of any such injury, will not be the responsibility of the Bergen County Women Coaches Association or the holder of a certificate of insurance from the BCWCA, and my school agrees to indemnify and hold the BCWCA harmless from any such claim.

Signatures:

Athletic Director: _____

Principal: _____

*Reminder that Team Entry Fees are as follows:

\$100.00 for member schools \$125.00 for nonmember schools

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