

## NJIFA All-State Points 2008 Calculation

The New Jersey Interscholastic Fencing Association(NJIFA) uses a formal point system to award places on the First, Second and Third All-State Fencing Teams to competitors from participating high schools. The point system is used as a primary basis for these awards, but the actual All-State Teams are formed and voted on by all fencing coaches at the annual spring meeting. Traditionally, the Individual State Champion from NJIFA/NJSIAA participating schools receives First Team honors regardless of their points.

This document describes point calculation rules and procedures including small modifications for the year 2008 due to format changes for Cetrulo/Santelli and State Individual tournaments. All-State Points are earned by fencers at four designated NJIFA/NJSIAA tournaments:

- NJIFA Cetrulo/Santelli Relay Championships – 20% weighting
- NJSIAA District Individual Championships – 20%
- NJSIAA State Squad Championships – 30%
- NJSIAA State Individual Championships – 30%

In general, all points represent a percentage of bouts won by an individual fencer in a pool (round-robin) competition adjusted by “weight” multipliers to reflect strength of the field and importance of the tournament. An A-strip fencer with a perfect record at all four events earns the absolute maximum number of 100 points. B-strip and C-strip points count as 75% and 50%, respectively, for Cetrulo/Santelli and State Squads Tournaments.

Special Rules for 2008 season Tournaments outlined below:

1. Cetrulo/Santelli Tournaments - points earned for the FIRST ROUND POOL ONLY. A tie in a fencer's portion of a relay-bout counts as a half of a win. If the starting fencer were substituted, the percentage is calculated out of total number of bouts fenced by the team.
2. District Individual Tournaments – points earned for the individual finals pool only. Fence-off for the first place (if there was one) doesn't count.
3. NJSIAA State Squad Tournaments – points earned for the round-robin tournament. If the starting fencer was substituted, the percentage is calculated out of total number of bouts fenced by the squad.
4. State Individual Tournaments – POINTS EARNED AS FOLLOWS:
  - Finalists (top 8) – 20 points plus win decile in the final pool. The win decile is the win ratio expressed on a scale from 0 to 10. Maximum total for finalists is 30.
  - Semifinalists (9 to 16) – 10 points plus win decile in semifinal pool
  - Quarterfinalists (17 to 24) – win decile in the first round pool

All-State points are not awarded by NJIFA. They are earned by fencers who have participated in designated tournaments. If fencer did not participate for ANY REASON he or she earns no points. This rule has only one exception: if the fencer did qualify to the Individual State Championships, but his/her squad did not qualify to the State Squad Tournament. In this case fencer's points from the State Individual event will be counted twice toward the final total amount.

An example of an All-State Points worksheet is on the next page.

