

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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TO: Superintendents
FROM: Robert Baly, Assistant Director
RE: Steroid Testing

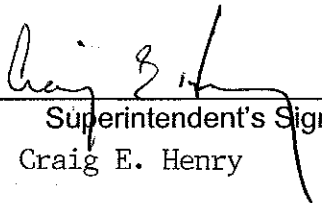
As you know, Executive Order 72, issued by Acting Governor Richard J. Codey on December 20, 2005, directed the NJSIAA to test a random selection of student athletes who have qualified for state championship competition, for performance enhancing drugs. During the 2006-2007 school year, the NJSIAA became the first high school athletic association in the nation to test for performance enhancing drugs. On September 12, 2007, the NJSIAA issued a report on the results of the first year of testing. In general, we were pleased with the program, although we noted some areas in which we would like to improve our testing protocols. One such area was sample collection: we tested 500 student athletes immediately after their championship events, and on occasion, individual athletes had to wait a considerable period of time in order to provide adequate urine samples. To address this issue, we are instituting a pilot program to collect some samples at a student's or team's school during the week before the competition, rather than immediately after the competition. To do this, we are now requesting permission from your Board of Education to allow sample selection to take place at the student's or team's high school, should one of your student's or teams be selected for random testing. We would, of course, coordinate this testing with your high school principal and athletic director.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. In you have any questions, contact me at (609)259-2776.

Please complete the following and return it to:

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In the event a student athlete or a team from this district is randomly selected for testing under the NJSIAA steroid testing policy, Southern Regional Board of Education will permit sample selection to take place at the student's or team's high school in the week or days prior to their participation in state championship competition.



Superintendent's Signature
Mr. Craig E. Henry