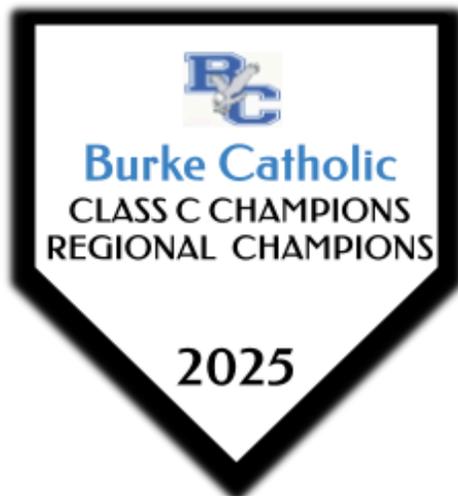




Section IX Baseball Handbook 2026



2025 SECTIONAL CHAMPION



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School Enrollments 2026

	CLASS AAA	CLASS AA	CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C	CLASS D
1	Kingston	Cornwall	Beacon	Burke	Chapel Field	Eldred
2	Middletown	FDR	Highland	Chester	Millbrook	Rockland
3	Monroe-Woodbury	Goshen	Liberty	Dover	Pine Plains	Tuxedo
4	NFA	Minisink	Marlboro	Ellenville	Rhinebeck	
5	Pine Bush	Monticello	New Paltz	Fallsburg JV Only	Seward	
6		Valley Central	Lourdes	O'Neill	Tri Valley	
7		Wallkill	Port Jervis	Onteora	Webutuck	
8		Warwick	Red Hook	Spackenkill		
9		Washingtonville	Rondout	Sullivan West		
10			Saugerties			

2026 SECTION 9 BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, MAY 21, 2026-- Seeding meeting will take place at 6pm. Please try to have all games completed prior to Thursday 5/21. If you must play a game on 5/21, please submit two point cards. One with you winning the game and the other with you losing the game. As soon as the game is over please report to the committee the result of the game so we can finish the brackets.

Earliest start date for the tournament is Saturday, May 23

Games could be played on Memorial Day May 25

Playoff Sites

- The top seeded team will be the host team until the final.
- Playoff sites and conditions will be determined by the Baseball Committee.
- Rained out games will be played the next day
- Section IX games follow the suspended game procedures adopted by NYSPHAA

Tournament Structure

- Umpires will be assigned by the Section IX Baseball Committee, in conjunction with the league assignors, based on coach's ratings.
- The home team or "host school" will be responsible for preparing the field.
- The home team or "host school" will be responsible for notifying the chairman and opposing school or schools for any postponement due to inclement weather. In case of inclement weather, the Baseball Committee will seek out a neutral site.
- **Each team must furnish four (4) new baseballs for each game.** Other new baseballs should be made available by each team, if needed. The sectional baseball is the Spalding Pro Series Item #41-10OHS. By state contract, the regional and state tournament baseball is the Spalding Pro Series Item #41-10OHS.
- The winning team and coach **must** notify the press of the game results. **He must also notify the Chairman of the results following each game.**
- Prior to the sectional finals, each home school will pay for the umpires, as well as all expenses incurred with hosting the game. Two umpires will be used for all preliminary games. Three umpires will be used for sectional finals and regional games. Section IX will pay for expenses incurred at sectional final sites.
- Awards: Eighteen (18) medals per champion team (Section IX approved). A first-place plaque will be presented to the Sectional championship school in each classification.
- The rules will be those of the National Federation of State High School Association. Local rules, which differ, will not be allowed. (Sectionals, Regionals and State Tournament).
- Tournament protests:
 - The coach must notify the Umpire-in-Chief (plate) that the game is under protest. Both must sign the scorebook at the point of protest. The umpires and Section IX Baseball representatives will review/discuss the merits of the protest. The final decision will be made on site.
 - No protest based on the umpire's judgment will be heard by the committee.
- Teams must have their Pitch Count Tracking Sheets with them and be available for review.
- It is expected that good sportsmanship will be in evidence by all players, coaches, parents and spectators at all times.

Section 9 Championship Schedule

All games will be played on Saturday May 30 with a rain date of Sunday May 31. If rain date is needed the schedule below is subject to change in terms of times and what field you will be playing on.

- **Class D- 2:30pm Lorenz Field**
- **Class C- 11:30am Lorenz Field**
- **Class B- 10am Cantine Field**
- **Class A- 4pm Cantine Field**
- **Class AA- 1pm Cantine Field**
- **Class AAA- 7pm Cantine Field**

2026 REGIONALS SCHEDULE

With the new 3 region concept implemented this year, all Section 9 Classes will not play in a subregional this season. Also, all 6 classes will be the home team in the Regional Final. The Regional Final games will be played on Saturday June 6 with a rain date of Sunday June 7. The schedule is as follows:

- **Class D- vs Section 11 @ 2:30pm Lorenz Field**
- **Class C- vs Section 2 @ 11:30am Lorenz Field**
- **Class B- vs Section 1 @ 10am Cantine Field**
- **Class A- vs Section 1 @ 4pm Cantine Field**
- **Class AA- vs Section 1 @ 1pm Cantine Field**
- **Class AAA vs Section 1 @ 7pm Cantine Field**

2026 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

State Semifinals- Games will be played on Friday 6/12

- **Class D- vs Winner of Sections 2 & 7 @ UE HS 10am or 1pm**
- **Class C- vs Winner of Sections 1 & 11 @ Mirabito Stadium 10am or 1pm**
- **Class B- vs Winner of Sections 8 & 11 @ Binghamton U 10am or 1pm**
- **Class A- vs Winner of Sections 8 & 11 @ Binghamton U 4pm or 7pm**
- **Class AA- vs Winner of Sections 8 & 11 @ Mirabito Stadium 4pm or 7pm**
- **Class AAA- vs Winner of Sections 8 & 11 @ UE HS 4pm or 7pm**

State Finals- Games will be played on Saturday 6/13

- **Class B 10am Binghamton University**
- **Class A 10am Mirabito Stadium**
- **Class D 1 pm Binghamton University**
- **Class C 1pm Mirabito Stadium**
- **Class AA 4pm Mirabito Stadium**
- **Class AAA 4pm Binghamton University**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL COACHES

Qualifying Standards: To qualify, a team must achieve one of the standards listed below:

1. 500 winning percentage in division
2. 500 winning percentage in class
3. 500 winning percentage Overall
4. Committee Selection

There will be a Section appointed committee that will handle all requests from schools who do not qualify for entry into the tournament by one of the first three standards listed above. It would be made up of equal reps from both leagues. It would be selected from league Presidents, Section IX Officers, and League Coordinators. The school must apply to the committee 24 hours prior to the stated sport seeding meeting date. The decision of this Committee will be how a school can gain entry via Committee Selection and its decision could be appealed by the school to the Executive Director.

Seeding Criteria

1. Seeding is based on either your division points/# of division games or your overall points/ # of overall games played
2. The highest index of the two must be used.
3. **Any division in either league with less than four teams when the division games begin will only use their overall index.**
4. Points will be earned for a win based on the chart below. If a game ends in a tie game, the teams will split in half the points from the number of points they would have earned if they had won the game. You get no points for a loss.
5. The tie breaker for seeding is:
 - a. Head to Head
 - b. Class Points/# of class games played
 - c. Overall Points/# of overall games played
 - d. Coin Toss
 - e. In the event of a 3 way tie, after one team breaks the tie, the remaining teams go back to the first criteria and continue until the tie is broken.
6. For purposes of what constitutes a division game the definition is as follows: Division games are the teams in your division as assigned by the MHAL or OCIAA. If you play each team twice in your division and choose to play that team a third time only the games assigned by your league count as division games

Section 9 Point System

Points are earned for wins only. Losses count as 0 points. In case of tie, you earn half the points. For example if an AAA plays an AA and the game ends in a tie the AAA team would earn 2.5 points and the AA would earn 3 points.

AAA			AA			A			B			C			D		
vs.	AAA	+6	vs.	AAA	+7	vs.	AAA	+8	vs.	AAA	+9	vs.	AAA	+10	vs.	AAA	+11
vs.	AA	+5	vs.	AA	+6	vs.	AA	+7	vs.	AA	+8	vs.	AA	+9	vs.	AA	+10
vs.	A	+4	vs.	A	+5	vs.	A	+6	vs.	A	+7	vs.	A	+8	vs.	A	+9
vs.	B	+3	vs.	B	+4	vs.	B	+5	vs.	B	+6	vs.	B	+7	vs.	B	+8
vs.	C	+2	vs.	C	+3	vs.	C	+4	vs.	C	+5	vs.	C	+6	vs.	C	+7
vs.	D	+1	vs.	D	+2	vs.	D	+3	vs.	D	+4	vs.	D	+5	vs.	D	+6

SCRIMMAGE DEFINITION

A baseball scrimmage must include free substitutions and lineup cards will not be exchanged.

Scrimmages must also include one or more of the following:

1. Play six (6) outs per half inning (example - 3 outs clear the field/ 3 more outs).
2. Batting order must be altered or modified to include more batters than rules permit.
3. Start with a runner(s) on base with a predetermined situation for at least two (2) full innings.

GAME ENDING PROCEDURES –TIED/SUSPENDED GAMES

In all Section 9 baseball games, as well as in the state tournament, the following game ending procedures will be in effect. An official game consists of five (5) or four and a half (4 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead. Seven (7) innings do not have to be played.

If the game is not an official game, or has progressed far enough to be an official game but the score is tied*, the game will be a suspended game and continued from the point of suspension with the same line-up, subject to the rules of the game.

*If the game has progressed beyond the point of an official game and the visitors half inning has not been completed, (or the home team's half inning if they are behind) we will revert back to the last completed inning to determine if we have a winner or a tied and therefore suspended game. If it is a tied-suspended game it will be picked up from the point of suspension, with the same line-up subject to the rules of the game.

Doubleheader contests must be scheduled for 7-inning games. Games must be official games (see above) or completed at a future date. Games may only be shortened by weather suspension or if the 10-Run Rule is in effect.

For all sectional, regional and state games; a game will end with a run differential of 10 runs after 5 innings (4½ if the home team is winning).

N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. BASEBALL THUNDER & LIGHTNING RULE

Thunder and lightning necessitates that contests be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion – thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning.

* With your site administrator, set up a plan for shelter prior to the start of any contest.

When thunder is heard and/or lightning is seen, the following procedures should be adhered to:

- A. Suspend play and direct participants to go to a shelter, a building normally occupied by the public or if a building is not available, participants should go inside a vehicle with a metal top (e.g. bus, van, car).
- B. Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree, and have all stay away from poles, antennas, towers and underground watering systems.
- C. After thunder and/or lightning have left the area, wait approximately 30 minutes after the last boom is heard or strike is seen before resuming play or competition.

If thunder or lightning continues after 30 minutes, and play is not resumed then the rules of that particular sport shall determine whether the contest is official or must be resumed at a later date.



HEAT INDEX PROCEDURES

Administration of Heat Index Procedures:

- Feels Like Temperature (Heat index) or THI using a Wet Bulb indicator on the field will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 80 degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into www.weatherbug.com. Schools may also use a Wet Bulb indicator on the field that will be used.
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line or determine the THI by using a Wet Bulb indicator.
- If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or the Wet Bulb Indicator is 90 degrees or above, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb indicator at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb indicator is 96 degrees (Fahrenheit) or more, the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:

	Feels Like Temp(Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator under 79 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
R E C O M M E N D E D	Heat Index Caution: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator 80 degrees to 85 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session.
	Heat Index Watch: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator 86 degrees to 90 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when Feels Like temp is lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time).
	Heat Index Warning: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb Indicator 91 degrees to 95 degrees	Provide ample water and water breaks every 15 minutes. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when Feels Like temp is much lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time). Light weight and loose fitting clothes should be worn. For Practices only Football Helmets should be worn. No other protective equipment should be worn.
REQUIRED	Heat Index Alert: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator 96 degrees or greater	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held. Inside activity should only be held if air conditioned.

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Updated July 27, 2016

N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. BASEBALL PITCH COUNT REGULATIONS

See #8 for new scrimmage pitch count rules.

MAX # PITCHES		# NIGHTS REST	
JV/FR	MOD	JV/FR	MOD
76 – 85	61 – 75	4	4
46 – 75	41 – 60	3	3
31 – 45	21 – 40	2	2
1 – 30	1 – 20	1	1

VARSITY					
MAX # PITCHES	#NIGHTS REST	MAX # PITCHES	#NIGHTS REST	MAX # PITCHES	#NIGHTS REST
MARCH		APRIL		MAY/JUNE	
76-85	4	96-105	4	103-125	4
46-75	3	66-95	3	72-102	3
31-45	2	31-65	2	41-71	2
1-30	1	1-30	1	1-40	1

1. If a pitch is thrown on a balk call, the pitch will NOT count for the purposes of this rule.
2. A pitcher at any level who reaches the pitch count limit in the middle of an at-bat will be allowed to finish that hitter.
Schools will have the responsibility to maintain all pitching charts. They will also be
3. required to make any game chart available to any school prior to any game to show availability of pitchers for that given day.
During games each team will record pitch counts on the official NYSPHSAA pitch count form, this should not include warm-ups or pick off attempts. After each half inning the
4. pitch counts will be confirmed by both teams. Any discrepancy will be resolved based on the records of the home team pitch count chart.
5. At the game's conclusion, the NYSPHSAA pitch count form will be signed by both head coaches or designated representatives.
6. Any violation of this rule will be considered in the same light as a school using an ineligible player. **The game will be forfeited.**
7. As per the NYSPHSAA handbook any additional penalties may be imposed at the school or section level.
8. Teams may conduct a scrimmage after the 6th practice day. Pitchers are limited to 30 pitches during scrimmages that occur on practice days that occur on days 7-10. Pitchers that throw 1-30 pitches during this time period must have 2 nights rest.

MAX # MARCH VARSITY	NIGHTS REST
76-85	4
46-75	3
31-45	2
1-30	1

MAX # APRIL VARSITY	NIGHTS REST
96-105	4
66-95	3
31-65	2
1-30	1

MAX # MAY/JUNE VARSITY	NIGHTS REST
103-125	4
72-102	3
41-71	2
1-40	1

MAX # JV & FR	NIGHTS REST
76-85	4
46-75	3
31-45	2
1-30	1

MAX # MOD	NIGHTS REST
61-75	4
41-60	3
21-40	2
1-20	1

SCHOOL: _____ LEVEL: _____ DATE: _____

PITCHER NAME
&# Total
Pitches

Cross off a number for every pitch thrown **excluding** warm-ups & pickoff attempts.

Nights Rest
Required

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		26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
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Home Team Coach
Signature _____

Visiting Team Coach
Signature _____

Pitch Counter
Signature _____

SECTION IX BASEBALL ENTRY FORM

MUST BE RECEIVED BY Noon on Thursday, May 22, 2025 Seed Meeting

Name of School: _____

League: OCIAA MHAL

Overall Record: _____

Division Record: _____

Classification: _____

Head Coach: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Athletic Director _____

AD School Phone Number: _____

If invited, will your school participate in the entire Section IX Tournament, Regional, and State Tournament?

Yes: _____

No: _____

If we are the home team, the game will start at:(Circle one) 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Signature: _____

Please fax or email this completed form and the 6 Class Sport Point Card to Bryan Wilson by noon on Thursday, May 21, 2026.

LINK for the Point Card: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ap2W1rY7hDmbYIA7tuMvDX7G_cgk8LVbimVQzzXNiPk/copy

Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rule

Revised by Section IX

Sportsmanship: The NYSPHSAA and Section IX recognizes and appreciates that the influence and responsibility of the school administration with regard to good sportsmanship extends to all levels of competition. However, it must also be seen that the NYSPHSAA AND Section IX has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all contests under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily. This standard applies to all regular season and post schedule play.

I. Coach:

1. Any coach excluded by a certified official from an interschool competition for unsportsmanlike conduct is ineligible to coach any interschool competition in that sport until after the next previously scheduled contest at the same level (e.g. junior varsity, varsity, etc.) has been completed. **The coach may not be present at the game site.** NOTE: "Not being physically present at the site" means the disqualified coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game/meet.
2. A coach who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to another person (e.g. official, another coach, player, fan) shall be expelled immediately and banned from further participation or coaching in all sports for one year from the date of the offense.
3. The coach of the player(s) who was ejected will notify his/her Athletic Director of the incident on the same day that it occurred. The Athletic Director will then contact the League Coordinator to confirm that the player(s) will not be allowed to participate in the school's next scheduled game/games as above.

II. Player:

1. Any member of a squad ruled out of a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct or for a flagrant foul will have the following occur:
 - A. First Ejection - that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled contest **in that sport**. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled contest in his/her next season of participation.
 - B. Second Ejection - that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests **in that sport**. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests in his/her next season of participation.
 - C. Third Ejection - that player(s) cannot attend or participate in any remaining scheduled contests for the remainder of that sports season. **If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next three scheduled contests in his/her next season of participation.**

Please note: Disqualified from one season carry over to the next season of participation.

2. Any member of the squad who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to an official shall be expelled from the game immediately and banned from further participation in all sports for one year from the date of the offense. NOTE: "Member of the squad" includes player, manager, scorekeeper, timers, statisticians.

III. Official:

1. Unprofessional conduct on the part of official such as, but not limited to, taunting, baiting, use of profanity, shall be reported by a school administrator from the aggrieved school to the Section Executive Director. A request will be made to the appropriate sport officials' chapter to investigate the incident and to report the infraction to the Section in a timely manner.
2. The official who ejected the player(s) or coach shall notify the League Coordinator prior to 12:00 Noon the following day of the name(s) of the player(s) or the coach and the infraction(s). The League Coordinator shall notify the Athletic Director of the offending school.