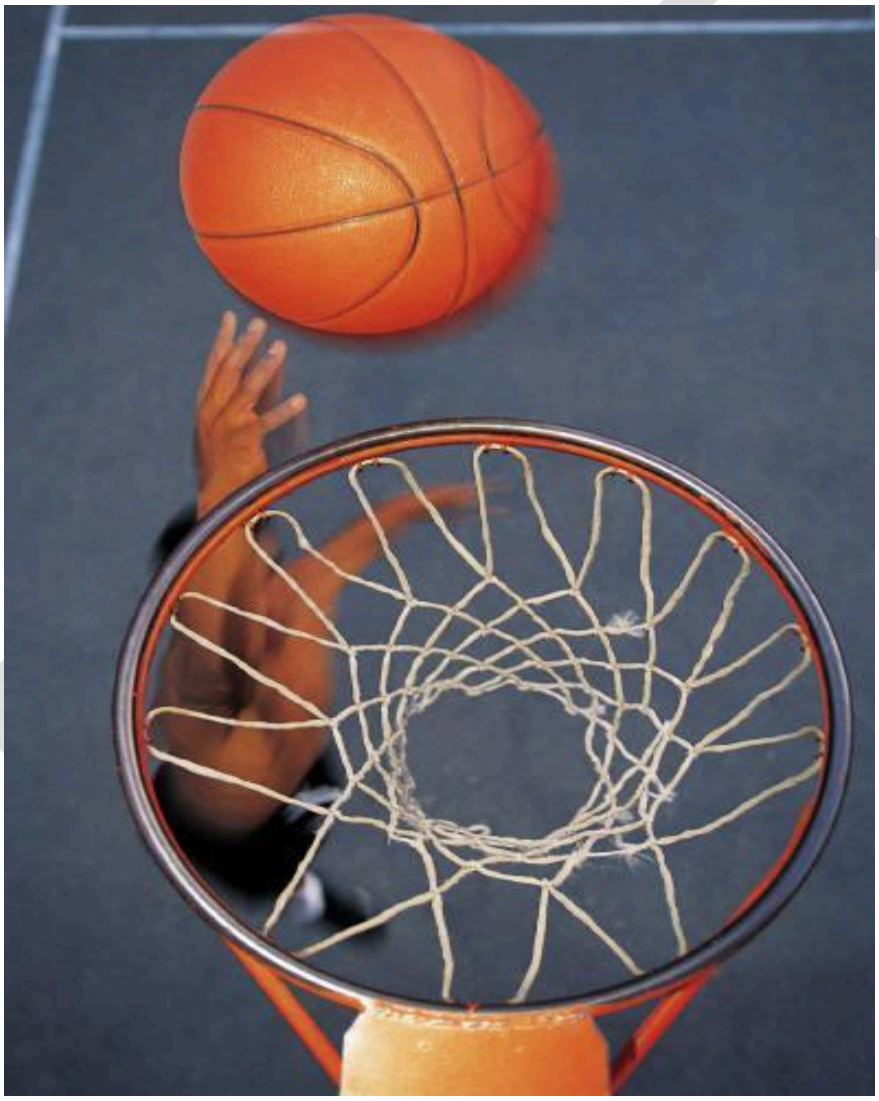
2026-2027
Section IX Basketball Handbook



Section IX By Laws
Section IX Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rule

Sportsmanship: The NYSPHSAA and Section IX recognize and appreciate that the influence and responsibility of the school administration regarding 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, and 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, and statisticians.

III. Official:
1. Unprofessional conduct on the part of an 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 their action 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.

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Section IX Coaches Code of Conduct

To ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials and spectators are the primary considerations governing competition in Section IX, the following Code of Conduct has been established and adopted.
Each coach shall:

1. Know the rules and abide by them. Instruct team members in the rules and coach his team in such a way as to motivate each player to always compete according to the rules.
2. Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions in a disrespectful or abusive manner. No negative comments in media.
3. Make sure players, coaches, and spectators follow all facility rules and always respect the property of others.
4. Assist the game officials in maintaining control of spectators during the games when necessary.
5. Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team and demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship during the play of the game and at its conclusion. Be humble and generous in victory. Be proud and courteous in defeat. Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
6. Maintain emotional and physical control, avoiding the use of abusive language or profanity, humiliating remarks, gestures of ill temper, and physical assault upon another individual.
7. Instruct team support personnel (e.g., assistant coaches, managers, scorebook keepers, and timekeepers) in their responsibilities in accordance with established rules and procedures.
8. Realize, accept, and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy and conduct.

Section IX Spectator Code of Conduct

At the May 2023 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee the following Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation was approved:
Any negative, inappropriate, derogatory comments or actions that draw the direct attention of a supervisor or school administrator by a spectator or group of spectators are required to be addressed by the host school, Sectional or NYSPHSAA representative in the following non-sequential order depending on the comments or behavior:

- **First warning** – Directing the spectator or group of spectators to refrain from any negative comments or actions.
- **Second warning** – A personal discussion with the spectators or group of spectators on the above NYSPHSAA expectations and reminding the spectators or group of spectators of the next step, removal of the game or event, will be utilized if the behavior continues.
- **Removal from the contest** – The spectator or group of spectators will be directed to leave the facility for the remainder of the game or event. If spectators or group of spectators refuse to leave the game or event, play will be stopped until they vacate the premises.

  Penalty for being removed from a game or event: Any spectator removed from a game or event will have a minimum penalty of completing the NFHS Parent Credential course or a one game suspension before they are allowed to attend any interscholastic event. Once the course is completed the spectator will provide a certificate of completion to the athletic department office. Schools are required to communicate with the offending spectator on the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Expectations.

- Depending on the severity of the behavior/comments or future disqualifications by the offending spectator NYSPHSAA and the Section may get directly involved in the situation.

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Section IX Athletics recognizes the importance of behavior and personal character in our student athletes. As such, we ask our spectators to:

1. Demonstrate a high degree of sportsmanship.
2. Show team support by making only positive comments.
3. Show respect for the judgment of coaches, officials, and referees.
4. Acknowledge fields, courts and equipment as the player's domain during contests.
5. Monitor the safety of children in the bleachers and stands.
6. Respect the law. All public schools and Section IX venues are smoke-free, substance free environment.
7. Athletic contests home, away or at a neutral site are an extension of the classroom. Therefore, all school rules are in effect.
8. Spectators will respect and obey all school officials, supervisors and site personnel at contests.
9. There will be no ringing of bells, sounding of horns, or other noise makers at indoor contests. (This does not apply to spirit groups including school approved pep bands or cheerleaders.) Outdoor use will be at the discretion of the site personnel.
10. The throwing of debris, confetti, or other objects from the stands is prohibited. Offending individuals will be asked to leave the premises.
11. Exceptions to this behavior will lead to ejection from the event.

***Please note that individual schools may have more stringent policies. ***

Section IX Procedures for Weather Delays or Cancellations of Section IX Contests

1. In sectional competition between two individual schools, e.g. baseball, basketball, etc., the respective Superintendents of the competing school will determine if weather conditions are safe enough for travel and competition. The Sports Chair for the contest in question will advise the respective athletic directors of the playing venue conditions.
2. In sectional competition involving multiple schools, the respective Sports Chair will advise the Executive Director or designee of any adverse conditions. The Executive Director or designee will consult with the participating schools then decide whether to hold or cancel the competition.
3. All sectional scheduling will include a make-up date, published in advance, to be used if necessary.
4. In the unlikely event that no sectional play is possible to determine a Section IX representative for state competition, the Executive Director or Designee in consultation with the respective Sports Chair will determine the sectional representative. Under ordinary circumstances, this will be the highest seed. If due to unforeseen circumstances, the highest seed is not chosen, the selection of the sectional representative by the Executive Director or Designee is final and binding.

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Postseason Dates:

Section IX Boys Basketball Tournament

Thursday, February 25th – Sectional Point cards due by noon/Seeding Meeting
Saturday, February 27th – Sunday, March 7th – Sectional games. Preliminary contests at site of higher seed.
Game times for contests prior to finals

1 Game – 6:00 PM
2 Games – 5:00 PM, 6:30 PM

Section IX Championship:

Class AAA – Saturday, 3/6 10 AM @ Monroe-Woodbury HS
Class AA – Saturday, 3/6 2 PM @ Monroe-Woodbury HS
Class A – Friday, 3/5 5 PM Beacon High School
Class B – Friday, 3/5 5 PM Mt. St. Mary College
Class C – Thursday, 3/4 5 PM Beacon High School
Class D – Thursday, 3/4 5 PM Mt. St. Mary College

NYS Regional Semi-finals (March 9 – 11)

Class A – **Section IX*** (winner or at large) @ Section IV
Class B – **Section IX*** (winner or at large) @ Section IV

NYS Regional Championship (March 12 – 14)

Class AAA – Section I/Section IV winner @ **Section IX** Saturday, 3/13 10 AM Monroe Woodbury HS
Class AA – Section I @ **Section IX** Saturday, 3/13 2 PM Monroe Woodbury HS
Class A – **Section IX** (winner or at large)/Section IV winner @ Section V/Section VI winner
Class A- Section I/IV winner @ **Section IX*** Friday, 3/12 5 PM Beacon HS
*Class B – **Section IX***/Section IV winner @ Section V/Section VI winner*
Class B – Section I @ **Section IX*** Friday, 3/12 5 PM Monroe Woodbury HS
Class C – Section II @ **Section IX** Thursday, 3/11 5 PM Beacon HS
Class D – Section II @ **Section IX** Thursday, 3/11 5 PM Monroe Woodbury HS

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Visions Veterans Memorial Arena – Binghamton

Thursday, March 17th – Sunday, March 20th

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Section IX Girls Basketball Tournament

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Saturday, February 27th – Sunday, March 7th – Sectional games. Preliminary contests at site of higher seed.
Game times for contests prior to finals
1 Game – 6:00 PM
2 Games – 5:00 PM, 6:30 PM

Section IX Championship Sites:

Class AAA – Saturday, 3/6 12 PM @ Monroe-Woodbury HS
Class AA – Saturday, 3/6 4 PM @ Monroe-Woodbury HS
Class A – Friday, 3/5 7 PM Beacon High School
Class B – Friday, 3/5 7 PM Mt. St. Mary College
Class C – Thursday, 3/4 7 PM Beacon High School
Class D – Thursday, 3/4 7 PM Mt. St. Mary College

NYS Regional Semi-finals (March 9 – 11)

Class B – **Section IX***@ Section IV

NYS Regional Championship (March 12 – 14)

Class AAA – Section I @ **Section IX** Saturday, 3/13 12 PM Monroe Woodbury HS
Class AA – Section I @ **Section IX** Saturday, 3/13 4 PM Monroe Woodbury HS
Class A – Section I @ **Section IX** Friday, 3/12 7 PM Beacon HS
*Class B – **Section IX***/Section IV winner @ Section V/Section VI winner*
Class B – Section I @ **Section IX*** Friday, 3/12 7 PM Monroe Woodbury HS
Class C – Section II winner @ Section IX winner Thursday, 3/11 7 PM Beacon HS
Class D – Section XI winner @ Section IX winner Thursday, 3/11 5 PM Monroe Woodbury HS

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Final Four Hudson Valley Community College - Troy

Thursday, March 17th – Sunday, March 20th

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QR Code to GoFan for ticket purchase to Sectional and Region



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Classifications

Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball
AAA – 1031 – Up	AAA – 1057 – Up
AA – 660 – 1030	AA – 658 – 1056
A – 370 – 659	A – 374 – 657
B – 213 – 369	B – 232 – 373
C – 121 – 212	C – 127 – 231
D – 120 & Below	D – 126 & Below

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 is made up of equal reps from both leagues. It is 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. Point Cards will be submitted online by Thursday, February 25th.
2. Seeding is based on either your division points/# of division games or your overall points/ # of overall games played
3. The highest index of the two must be used.
4. Any division in either league with less than four teams when the division games begin will only use their overall index.
5. Points will be earned for a win based on the chart below and 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.
6. There are no negative points.
7. 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 three or greater ties, after one team breaks the tie, the remaining teams go back to the first criteria and continue until that tie is broken and so on until all ties have been resolved.
8. 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
9. 9. Any team admitted by Committee Selection will receive the last place seed. If multiple teams are granted selection the point system will determine their placement order. Committee Selected teams will not be ranked higher than qualifying teams.

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SECTION IX TOURNAMENT SEEDING POINT SYSTEM

AAA WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)

AAA	6
AA	5
A	4
B	3
C	2
D	1

AA WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)

AAA	7
AA	6
A	5
B	4
C	3
D	2

A WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)

AAA	8
AA	7
A	6
B	5
C	4
D	3

B WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)

AAA	9
AA	8
A	7
B	6
C	5
D	4

C WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)

AAA	10
AA	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
D	5

D WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)

AAA	11
AA	10
A	9
B	8
C	7
D	6

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Boys Basketball Classifications

Class AAA 1031 & up	**Class AA** 660-1030	**Class A** 370-659	**Class B** 213-369	**Class C** 121-212	**Class D** 119 & below
Kingston	Cornwall	Beacon	Chester	Eldred	Chapel Field
Middletown	FDR	John S. Burke*	Dover	Millbrook	Tuxedo
Monroe Woodbury	Goshen	Liberty	Ellenville	Pine Plains	
NFA	Minisink Valley	Marlboro	Fallsburg	Rockland	
Our Lady of Lourdes*	Monticello	New Paltz	Highland	S.S. Seward	
Pine Bush	Poughkeepsie	Port Jervis	Mount Academy*	Tri – Valley	
Valley Central	Wallkill	Red Hook	James I. O'Neill	Webutuck	
	Warwick	Rondout Valley	Onteora		
	Washingtonville	Saugerties	Rhinebeck		
		Spackenkill	Sullivan West		

*Reclassified by the Section IX Classification Committee

2026-2027 MHAL & OCIAA Boys Basketball Divisions

MHAL Division 1 (Class AAA, AA, & A)	**MHAL Division 2 (Class A)**	**MHAL Division 3 (Class A & B)**	**MHAL Division 4 (Class B & C)**
FDR	Marlboro	Dover	Millbrook
Poughkeepsie	New Paltz	Ellenville	Onteora
Saugerties	Red Hook	Highland	Pine Plains
Wallkill	Spackenkill	Mount Academy	Rhinebeck
		Rondout Valley	Webutuck

OCIAA Division 1 (Class AAA)	**OCIAA Division 2 (Class AA)**	**OCIAA Division 3 (Class A)**	**OCIAA Division 4 (Class B)**	**OCIAA Division 5 (Class C)**	**OCIAA Division 6 (Class D)**
Kingston	Cornwall	Beacon	Chester	Eldred	Chapel Field
Middletown	Goshen	John S. Burke	Fallsburg	Rockland	Tuxedo
Monroe Woodbury	Minisink Valley	Liberty	James I. O'Neill	S.S. Seward	
NFA	Monticello	Port Jervis	Sullivan West	Tri Valley	
Pine Bush	Warwick				
Valley Central	Washingtonville				
Our Lady of Lourdes					

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Girls Basketball Classifications

Class AAA 1057 & up	**Class AA** 658-1056	**Class A** 374-657	**Class B** 232-373	**Class C** 127-231	**Class D** 126 & below
Kingston	Cornwall	Beacon	Chester	John S. Burke	Chapel Field
Middletown	FDR	Liberty	Ellenville	Pine Plains	Eldred
Monroe Woodbury	Goshen	Marlboro	Fallsburg	Rockland	Rockland
NFA	Minisink Valley	New Paltz	Highland	S.S. Seward	Tuxedo
Our Lady of Lourdes*	Monticello	Port Jervis	James I. O'Neill	Tri Valley	
Pine Bush	Valley Central	Red Hook	Onteora	Millbrook	
	Wallkill	Rondout Valley	Rhinebeck		
	Warwick	Saugerties	Sullivan West		
	Washingtonville	Spackenkill	Dover		
	Poughkeepsie				

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2026-2027 MHAL & OCIAA Girls Basketball Divisions

MHAL Division 1 (Class AAA, AA, & A)	**MHAL Division 2 (Class A)**	**MHAL Division 3 (Class A & B)**	**MHAL Division 4 (Class B & C)**
FDR	Marlboro	Dover	Millbrook
Poughkeepsie	New Paltz	Ellenville	Pine Plains
Saugerties	Red Hook	Highland	Rhinebeck
Wallkill	Spackenkill	Rondout Valley	Onteora
			Webutuck

OCIAA Division 1 (Class AAA)	**OCIAA Division 2 (Class AA)**	**OCIAA Division 3 (Class A)**	**OCIAA Division 4 (Class B)**	**OCIAA Division 5 (Class C)**	**OCIAA Division 6 (Class D)**
Kingston	Cornwall	Beacon	Chester	John S. Burke	Chapel Field
Middletown	Goshen	Liberty	Fallsburg	S.S. Seward	Eldred
Monroe Woodbury	Minisink Valley	Port Jervis	James I. O'Neill	Tri Valley	Rockland
NFA	Monticello		Sullivan West		Tuxedo (JV)
Pine Bush	Valley Central				
Our Lady of Lourdes	Warwick				
	Washingtonville				

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It is imperative that all teams complete their league schedule before the seeding meeting on Thursday, February 25th. If a team fails to complete their league schedule their seed will be determined by the Section IX Basketball committee.

Sectional Game Procedures:

1. Uniforms: Higher Seeded teams will wear whites or home uniforms. It is suggested, however, that you bring both uniforms.
2. All games are to be played according to current rules (Boys – NFHS; Girls – NCAA) and NYSPHSAA waivers.
3. The Official Ball for all Sectional, Regional, and State Level games is Spalding.
4. There will be a FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE WARM-UP for all sectional, semifinals/finals and regional games. Warm-up balls will be provided for the finals only.
5. A competent paid timer, shot-clock operator, scorer, and an announcer will be supplied at neutral tournament sites.
6. Tournament teams are not permitted to practice at ***neutral sites*** assigned for the Sectional tournament games once the regular season has concluded.
7. Home schools are responsible for providing the following for **play-in rounds, quarterfinals and semifinals**:
    - Providing warm up balls for both teams
    - Providing Official Spalding Game Balls
    - Providing the official scorer, timer, and shot-clock operator
    - Providing chaperones
8. At the **SECTIONAL FINALS** Section IX will provide:
    - Official Game balls for warmups and the match.
    - Official Scorer, timer, and shot-clock operator
    - An announcer
9. All tickets for Sectional Finals and Regional Contests hosted by Section IX will be sold online through GoFan (https://gofan.co/app/school/NYSPHSAA9)
10. Only Section IX Gold Cards will be honored.
11. Athletic Director will provide a gate list of no more than twenty (15) to Jim Osborne **(josbornesection9@gmail.com),** Stephen Boucher **(sboucher@rhinebeckcsd.org),** and JJ Gass **(ggass@pjschools.org)** at least 48 hours prior to the contest. If a gate list exceeds fifteen the school will be billed for the additional guests. Parents of players may not be on the gate list.
12. All participating schools shall be required to send the appropriate number of school personnel to supervise the spectator's actions. All supervisors/chaperones of tournament teams will report to the score table before the game and are required to wear an armband or identifying jacket. Serious violations of good sportsmanship may lead to the individual(s) being suspended from all further games. Athletic Directors please inform your parents and student body that the following are not permitted at the games:
    - No noise makers.
    - No Signs.
    - No horns, radios, music boxes, etc.
    - No bands
    - No body paint

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Athletic Directors, coaches, and spectators should be aware that for regional contests the host sections have different rules and regulations.

13. Game officials will be assigned by the assigner in conjunction with the Section IX Basketball Committee.
14. Winning schools are responsible for notifying the media of the results. All three newspapers (Daily Freeman, Poughkeepsie Journal, and Times Herald Record) must be notified.
15. Protest Procedures:

- ***Any protest regarding the adjudication of a rule must be made and heard prior to play resuming. Once play resumes the protest is considered over.***

Neutral Site Policy:

NYSPHSAA

Section IX Athletics

Greg Ransom, Executive Director

SECTION IX CHAMPIONSHIPS:

It is the responsibility of the sport chairperson to consider the viability of all championship sites located within Section IX. Every consideration will be made to avoid potential scheduling issues with facilities for sectional and championship games.

The sport committees will make recommendations to the Executive Director to place all sectional finals at sites that are of the highest quality for the athletes, officials, and spectators. Once these sites for the sectional finals are established, they will not be changed due to a host team's potential involvement in the finals.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.
NYSPHSAA High
School Sport Record
Reporting Form

A records database for all sports conducted by the NYSPHSAA has been compiled and is held in the NYSPHSAA office. It has been updated by input from state and section sport coordinators. If there is a correction to this database or if there is a new record please complete this form and submit to:

NYSPHSAA Sports Record Database
88 Delaware Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054

518-439-8873 Fax: 518-475-1556 www.nysphsaa.org

Sport _____
(i.e. Baseball, Boys Track, Girls Lacrosse)

Record Category ____
_____
(i.e. Career Points / event – 1600 m relay / Coaching Wins 200 +)

Athlete or Coach or Team Name _____

Athlete or Coach or Team School _____

Record _____
(i.e. career, season, game strike outs / career, season, game points / # coaching wins)

Status (date(s) of record – or for coaching wins: active / retired) _____

Name of person submitting record _____

Phone number of person submitting record _____

Comments / Additional Information _____

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Date submitted _____

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