



SECTION IX 2022-2023 Boy's Lacrosse Handbook

“Respect the Game”



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New information/Reminders

Rule Changes 2022-23

1-2-1: ART. 1 . . . PENALTY: Failure to have a clearly marked center line that runs the entire width of the field, and continuous side and end lines ~~that runs the entire width of the field~~ is illegal procedure assessed against the home team.

Rationale: Logos running through the endzone of many football fields are often placed on the endline for lacrosse. The endline for lacrosse is just as important as the midline. The penalty for not having a solid endline or sideline should also be illegal procedure against the home team if the situation cannot be fixed prior to the start of the game.

1-2-7, 1-2-8: ART. 7... Where physically possible, the scorer's table should be placed at least 6 yards from the sideline at the center line. Two lines shall be drawn on either side of the center line 5 ~~10~~ yards from the center line and extending past the scorer's table. The area bounded by the sideline, the two lines perpendicular to the sideline and the scorer's table shall be referred to as the table area. Only players serving penalty time, players ready to substitute on the fly, the chief bench official, and official scorers and timers are allowed in the table area.

ART. 8 ... The coaches' areas shall be located on either side of the table area. Each coaches' area shall extend from the table area 20 ~~15~~ yards parallel to the sideline. It shall be bounded by the sideline, the table area, a dotted line 6 yards from and parallel to the sideline, and a dotted line extending from the sideline, parallel to and 20 ~~15~~ yards from the table-area line.

Rationale: Standardizes the box with other rules codes including NFHS Girls Lacrosse and NCAA Men's Lacrosse. Increases the amount of control an official has when substitutions are entering and exiting the field.

1-7-1: ART. 4... ... The crosse shall be made of....The pocket/net shall be completely attached to the head and the side walls, having no holes or gaps larger than 1.68 inches in diameter (i.e. an American golf ball).

Rationale: There has been an increased use of a stringing technique which allows for trapping the ball in such a manner where the stick will pass a stick check, but when force is applied stretches the mesh net to entrap the ball.

1-8: . . .No player shall use a crosse that does not meet the specifications of Sections 6 and 7. The crosse shall not have protrusions or sharp edges. ...

Rationale: Recent innovations by stick manufacturers could hook or catch on a player's helmet or facemask, thereby potentially causing injury.

1-9-1g: ART. 1g...~~Shoes shall be made of a material which covers the foot (canvas, leather or synthetic) attached to a firm sole of leather, rubber or composition material which may have cleats or which may be cleatless. Among the items which do not meet these requirements are gymnastics slippers, tennis shoes cut so protection is reduced, ski and logger boots and other apparel not intended for lacrosse use:-~~

~~1) Removable cleats shall conform to the following specifications:-~~

~~(a) Constructed of a material which does not chip or develop a cutting edge. Legal material includes leather, nylon, certain plastics and rubber. Cleats may be tipped with low carbon steel of 1006 material, case-hardened to .005-.008 depth and drawn to Rockwell hardness of approximately C55; the use of aluminum or ceramics is not permissible.~~

~~(b) The base and the tip of the cleat shall be parallel. The free end may be rounded in an arc with a radius of not less than 7/16 inch provided the overall length is not more than 1/2 inch measured from~~

~~the tip of the cleat to the shoe. The cleat may be attached to a raised platform which is molded to the shoe. The platform may be no more than 5/32 inch in height and shall be wider than the base of the cleat. The widest part of the cleat shall be in direct contact with the platform. The 5/32 inch raised platform shall be wider than the base of the cleat and shall extend across the width of the sole to within 1/4 inch of less of the outer edges of the sole. A single toe cleat does not require a raised platform that extends across the width of the sole. The raised platform of the toe cleat is limited to 5/32 inch or less. The 5/32 inch platform is measured from the lowest part of the shoe's sole.~~

~~(c) An effective locking device which prevents the exposure of metal posts shall be incorporated.~~

~~(d) The cleat wall shall be at least 3/16 inch in diameter.~~

~~(e) The sides of the cleat shall taper uniformly from a minimum base of 3/4 inch in diameter to a minimum tip of 3/16 inch in diameter.~~

~~2) Non-removable cleats are limited to studs or projections which do not exceed 1/2 inch in length and which are made with nonabrasive rubber or rubber type synthetic material which does not have and will not develop a cutting edge.~~

g. Shoes shall be worn which are designed for the sport of lacrosse. Metal spikes are not permitted.

Rationale: Modern design has standardized the shoe used for outdoor field sports and this section is no longer needed in the detail currently in use.

4-3-1: ART. 1 . . .Play shall be started at the beginning of each period and after each goal by facing the ball at the Center.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Player-advantage or a flag down creating a player-advantage
2. Player or team commits a foul before any faceoff
3. Player at any faceoff delays resumption of play
4. Player moves the crosse or body after “set” is said gaining an advantage

Rationale: Restarting the game has been unclear due to the way the rule was written. This rewrite simplifies the rule direction and places clarifications back in the situations.

4-24-1: ART. 3 . . . An official may suspend play at his their discretion. If a player loses any of his their mandatory personal equipment in a scrimmage area or a player is apparently injured, play shall be suspended immediately. A goalkeeper, when outside the crease, is treated like a field player. If the official....

Other Rules Affected 4-24-8: ART. 8 ... Play shall be suspended immediately if the goalkeeper’s stick or any other mandatory goalkeeper’s equipment becomes broken in the crease.

Rationale: The current rules did not define what happens when a goalkeeper is injured when away from his crease and outside the scrimmage area.

6-10-2: ART. 2 The stall warning remains in effect until a goal is scored; a shot is taken above the goal-line extended hits the goal pipes, goalkeeper, or his equipment; the defensive team gains possession of the ball; or the period ends resulting in a faceoff. After the team has been warned, stalling shall be called if the ball leaves the goal area in any manner other than as a result of a shot ~~on goal~~ or a touch by the defending team.

Rationale: Clarification on when stalling shall be called.

7-2h (NEW): h . . . During running time, penalty time will start with the whistle resuming play after the penalty is administered. If there is time remaining on a non-releasable penalty when a goal is scored, the earliest the penalty will release is when the ensuing faceoff has been completed.

Rationale: Solves an administrative challenge for officials to monitor penalty time expirations and player reentry while conducting a face-off.

Season Reminders

1. **All games will be played in accordance of NFHS Boy's Lacrosse Rules**
2. **Home team is responsible for game administration including, but not limited to:**
 1. **Setup of playing field in accordance of NFHS requirements**
 2. **Supply of game balls of the same color**
 3. **Appropriate crowd supervision**
 4. **Scorers table/area in accordance with NFHS requirements INCLUDING an official home score book and an adult responsible for operation of game clock and penalty clock(s)**
 5. **Attendants at the official scorers table are "officials" of the game and must act accordingly**
3. It is against NYSPHSAA rules for boys and girls to practice, scrimmage, or train together
4. If you play a game against a school's "B" varsity team, **the game counts BUT the points do not count towards seeding**
5. A player must have been an eligible participant on a team, in that sport, in that school, for a minimum of six (6) scheduled contests during the regular season to participate in post-season play.
6. **Only games played before the seeding meeting will be used for seeding purposes.**
7. If you are seeking committee selection to the tournament a letter signed by your Athletic Director stating your request must be received **3 days** before the seeding meeting.

Committee Selection

Committee Selection for Section IX tournaments will be available in all team sports.

1. The respective sports committee must be notified at least 3 days before the seeding and selection meeting date that a given school is going to apply for committee selection.
2. The notification must be made by the applying school's Athletic Director to both the Committee Chair and the Sections's Executive Director.
3. The Athletic Director in question must attend the selection committee meeting.
4. If the Athletic Director disagrees with the committee selection decision, they have 1 (one) hour to appeal the decision to the Section IX Executive Director or their designee.
5. The decision of the Section IX Executive Director or their designee shall be final and binding.
6. You are encouraged to share this information with your coaches but remember that the Athletic Director is the only official and the only voice for each school in this matter.

Important Dates

Start of Spring Season – Monday March 13, 2023

First Scrimmage date - 20 March 2023

Seeding Meeting – Friday May 19 2023 Location TBD

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS - [See Appendix A](#)

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT - [See Appendix B](#)

BAD WEATHER PROCEDURE - [See Appendix C/D](#)

Heat Index Procedures - [See Appendix C](#)

Weather Delays, Cancellations, Lightning and Thunder Policy - [See Appendix D](#)

Emergency Cancellation and Declared Emergencies

- Chairpeople and Athletic Director's from both schools shall be involved in the decision to cancel and reschedule games.
- NYSPHSAA guidelines will be followed.

Official(s)

- A. Unprofessional conduct on the part of officials 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.
 1. 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.
- B. **Player Ejection** - The official who ejected the player(s) or coach shall notify the League Coordinator AND Boy's Lacrosse Coordinator/Chairperson prior to 12:00 Noon the following day of the name(s) of the player(s) or the coach and the infraction(s).
 1. The League Coordinator shall notify the Athletic Director of the offending school.

CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT PLAY

- I. Type of Tournament
 - A. The tournament is a single elimination tournament
- II. Team Selection
 - A. Teams are eligible for their Class tournament under the following circumstances:
 - 1. .500 or better division record
 - 2. .500 or better class record
 - 3. .500 or better class division record
 - 4. Plus points in division
 - 5. Overall plus points
 - 6. .500 or better overall record
 - 7. **Committee selection.** A letter signed by your Athletic Director stating your request must be submitted 3 days prior to the seeding meeting.
(See **SEASON REMINDER** for full details page)
- III. **Seeding**
 - Seeding will be according to division games.

Tournament Seeding Selection Tie-Breaker Process

- 1. Head-to-head competition.
- 2. Goals allowed head-to-head
- 3. Total goals allowed within Class

*In the event of a three (or more) way tie, after the #1 seed is decided the remaining tie break goes back to the first criteria which is Head-to-Head competition.

Section IX Point System

[See Appendix E](#)

I. Supervision and Game Control

- A. For rounds 1 and 2, the home team is responsible for field set-up and supervision.
- B. For the championship game all participating schools are required to send the appropriate number of school personnel to supervise the student's action and help identify problems to the committee.
- C. Serious violators of good sportsmanship by the students will lead to their school being reported to the Section 9 Executive Committee.
- D. The following are not permitted at the games. Please inform your students of these restrictions:
 - 1. No Noise makers
 - 2. No Signs
 - 3. No Horns, radios, music boxes, bells, etc.
 - 4. No bands

II. Game Procedures

- A. All games are to be played according to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association guidelines. There will be an on-site Games Committee
- B. There will be a FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE WARM-UP for all sectional, semi-final, final, and regional games
- C. A competent paid timer, scorer, and an announcer will be supplied at the tournament site.
- D. Uniforms
 - 1. Higher seeded teams will wear light uniforms
 - 2. It is suggested, however, that teams bring both uniforms

III. Game Officials

- A. Officials will be assigned by the Section IX Committee in conjunction with the assignor.

I. Game Suspension

- A. In the event a game must be suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to play, the game will be picked up at the point of interruption at a date and time to be determined.
- B. Both coaches do have the option of ending the game at the interruption point if they both agree to end the game.

II. Game Protest

- A. Any coach lodging a protest will immediately notify one of the game officials that they are playing the game under protest and will adhere to the following procedure:
 - 1. Notify the officials and opposing coach
 - a) Date and time of protest must be noted
 - 2. Immediately after the game, the protesting coach will write a complete statement outlining the reason for the protest.
 - a) The written protest should be turned over to a member of the Protest Committee.
 - b) If no committee member is present, the officials are to accept the protest and notify the Section chairperson immediately.
 - 3. A Section chairperson must be contacted within 3 to 4 hours after the game so the protocol can be discussed.
 - 4. A letter must be written disclosing the protest and must have the following signatures:
 - a) Coach
 - b) Athletic director
 - c) Superintendent of school
- B. The Protest Committee will be composed of three members of the Boys Lacrosse Committee or their designee.
 - 1. No protests based on officials' judgements will be heard by the Protest Committee.
 - 2. The Protest Committee's decision will be final in all instances.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT SET-UP

1. **Game Dates** - See [Appendix G](#) for the official list.
 1. These are the dates for Sectional games and Regional games. If there are two times given, the order of these games will be announced. For Regional games this is all the information we have at this time.
2. **Tickets** - Spectators are encouraged to use GO FAN. (digital tickets)
 1. Ticket prices at the entrance gate will be as follows:
 - i. Sectionals
 1. \$6.00 Adults, \$5.00 Students/Senior Citizens
 2. No Charge for children under the age of 10
 - ii. Regionals
 1. \$7.00 Adults, \$5.00 Students/Senior Citizens
 2. No Charge for children under the age of 10
 2. Section IX passes will not be honored throughout the tournament. Only NYSPHSAA Passes will be honored.
 - i. Athletic Directors will submit a game gate list not to exceed 15 members.
 - ii. Gate list located in Section VII (State Tournament)
 3. All expenses incurred by the Lacrosse Committee will be underwritten by Section IX.
3. **Awards**
 1. Plaques - A championship plaque will be awarded in each class to the champion.
 2. Medals - Section IX Athletic Medals will be awarded to the participants of the final game in each class.
4. **NYSPHSAA Program**

Any school that feels they have a chance to qualify for the State Tournament should submit a roster and team picture for the program as soon as possible. The tournament committee would rather remove them than not have them included.

Appendix A - 2022-2023 Classifications of Schools

Class	School
A	Newburgh Free Academy, Middletown, Monroe-Woodbury, Kingston, Pine Bush
B	Warwick Valley, Valley Central, Washingtonville, FD Roosevelt/Spackenkill, Minisink Valley, Wallkill, Cornwall
C	Goshen, Red Hook/Rhinebeck/Pine Plains, Highland/Marlboro, Saugerties, New Paltz, Our Lady of Lourdes, Rondout Valley
D	James I. O'Neill

APPENDIX B - Coaches Code of Conduct

Section IX Athletics
Greg Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Coaches Code of Conduct

In order 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 their team in such a way as to motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
2. Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions in a disrespectful and abusive manner. No negative comments in the media.
3. Ensure that all facility rules and regulations are followed by the players, coaches, and spectators, respecting at all times 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. Coaches should refrain from making comments from the bench during an opponent's free kicks or throw-ins.
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.

APPENDIX C - Heat Index Procedures

Administration of Heat Index Procedures:

1. 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.
2. Download the 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.
3. 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.
4. 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
RECOMMENDED	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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APPENDIX D - Weather Delays, Cancellations, Tornado, Lightning and Thunder Policy

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 schools will determine if weather conditions are safe enough for travel and competition. The Sports Chair for the contest in questions 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 representative 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.

Tornado Policy:

1. **Tornado Watch** indicates tornadoes are possible. Event staff must continue to monitor the situation.
2. **Tornado Warning** tornado siren sounds signaling tornado sighted or tornado indicated by radar.

Guidelines and Procedures:

1. If a tornado warning is initiated, immediate event delay shall be implemented, and all participants, spectators, and athletic staff shall seek shelter immediately. Once inside a secure location, tune to local weather alert radio to be informed of the storm location, path, and duration of tornado warning.
 - a. Warning may be extended or a new warning issued at any time, so continue to monitor.

2. Safe shelter from tornadoes inside the lowest building level, away from exterior walls / windows, with windows closed.
3. All clear - tornado warning will expire after duration specified by the National Weather Service and the site director will notify all involved that the warning has ended, and the event may resume.

Section IX Lightning and Thunder Policy

1. Purpose/Philosophy

- a. The purpose of a lightning and thunder policy is to provide a safeguard for athletic contests, events and practices.

2. Policy

- a. The occurrence of lightning and thunder is NOT subject to interpretation nor debate. Lightning and thunder necessitates that contests, events or practices be immediately suspended.

3. Procedures

a. Chain of Command

- i. The Chain of command
 1. Superintendent of School
 2. Principal/Building Administrator
 3. Sport chairs or their designees
 4. Athletic Coordinator
 5. Host site athletic directors of their designees
 6. Officials
 7. Sponsoring Coach
 8. Security Personnel

b. Sequential Response will include:

- i. Suspend play and direct participants to shelter in a public building or if building is unavailable, to a vehicle with a solid top.
- ii. Monitor weather scanners/stations
- iii. After lightning and thunder has passed, wait for a full 30 minutes after the last lightning strike and/or sound of thunder before resuming play.
- iv. Event suspension of evacuation procedures to be outlined during pre-event announcements.

c. Host school responsibilities will include:

- i. To make a pre-event announcement that notes rules, regulations and evacuation procedures.
- ii. Announcement to be read: "All spectators, competitors, and personnel should go inside the school building as quickly as possible. A vehicle

with a metal roof and the windows rolled up is a safe alternative to a sturdy building. DO NOT take shelter under trees or other lone objects. DO NOT remain on, under, or near metal bleachers, fences, or backstops.”

- iii. Authority to execute the sequential response shall be governed by the chain of command.
- iv. Consideration to cancel or resume play must take into account a minimum 30 minute wait from the time of interruption. The rules of the sport will determine whether the contest is official or if the contest must resume at a later date.
- v. To plan for the occurrence of bad weather.
- d. Communication of Lightning and Thunder Policy
 - i. Section workshops
 - ii. League meetings
 - iii. Preseason coaches meeting
 - iv. Section IX heat clinics
 - v. Health Science and First Aid Update classes
 - vi. Published plan sent to superintendents, principals, etc.
- e. Evaluations
 - i. Yearly

In the event of game suspension due to weather NFHS rulebook states:

Section 5 Interruption of Game Rule 3-5 P. 29

If a game is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible authorities, it shall be continued from the point of interruption unless there are conference, league or state association rules to cover the situation. Both teams are permitted to make roster changes. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and approval of the referee, any period may be shortened or the game terminated

SITUATION AND RULING RULE 3, SECTION 5 3.5 SITUATION: Because of a situation beyond the control of the responsible authorities (weather, etc.), a game is interrupted. Prior to resuming play, the head coach of Team A requests that the remainder of the game be played with 10-minute quarters. RULING: Provided both head coaches and the referee agree, this would be allowed due to the unusual circumstances.

For further clarification: Section 9 Boys Lacrosse follow the sport specific rule in the rulebook or NYSPHSAA states that it would be picked up from the point of interruption. Since both are the same that is what would occur. Both coaches do have the option of stopping the game at interruption and that would be the end of the game if both coaches agree. -NYSPHSAA

APPENDIX E - Section IX Point System

Class	Opponent	Win Against	Tie	Loss To
AA	AA	6	3	-6
	A	5	2.5	-7
	B	4	2	-8
	C	3	1.5	-9
	D	2	1	-10
A	AA	7	3.5	-5
	A	6	3	-6
	B	5	2.5	-7
	C	4	2	-8
	D	3	1.5	-9
B	AA	8	4	-4
	A	7	3.5	-5
	B	6	3	-6
	C	5	2.5	-7
	D	4	2	-8
C	AA	9	4.5	-3
	A	8	4	-4
	B	7	3.5	-5
	C	6	3	-6
	D	5	2.5	-7
D	AA	10	5	-2
	A	9	4.5	-3
	B	8	4	-4
	C	7	3.5	-5
	D	6	3	-6

APPENDIX F - Tournament Seeding & Season Log

Coaches point card directions

- a. Return all point cards to the Lacrosse Chairperson and your listed representatives by 10 AM Wednesday May 17t or sooner.

**1. IF YOUR SEASON IS OVER BEFORE THE 19TH. PLEASE
SEND YOUR POINT CARD IN EARLY!!!!!!**

A suggestion: fill your point card following each game.

Section 9 Boys Lacrosse Seeding Form Points Card

School:			Class:		Circle One: GIRLS / BOYS	
Coach's Name:						
Coach's Email:				Coach's Cell #:		
Athletic Director's Name:						
Athletic Director's Email:				AD's Cell #:		
Game #	Opponent	Date	Opponent Class	DIVISION Pts (+/-)	OVERALL Pts (+/-)	
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						
13						
14						
15						
16						
			Total Points			
			Total Games			
			Points/Game			

Division Pts		Division Games		Division Pts/Game	
Overall Pts		Overall Games		Overall Pts/Game	

OVERALL IS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GAMES YOU PLAYED AND THEIR INDIVIDUAL POINT VALUES. IT IS NOT A RUNNING SCORE COLUMN.

APPENDIX G - Tournament Game Dates (Section & State)

Boys Lacrosse 2023 Section IX Tournament

Seeding Meeting –TBD Friday May 19 2023

Quarter-Finals (at higher seed)

Class A & C Saturday 20 May 2023

Class B & D Monday 22 May 2023

Semi-Finals (at higher seed)

Class A & C Wednesday 24 May 2023

Class B & D Thursday 24 May 2023

Section IX Finals (Middletown High School) Saturday May 27, 2023 information		
5/27	Class D	10:00 am
5/27	Class C	12:30 pm
5/27	Class A	3:00 pm
5/27	Class B	5:30 pm

NYSPHSAA Sub Regional Bracket Game Section 1 @ Section 9

Wednesday June 1, 2022

Class A & B @ Middletown HS HS 4:00 pm / 6:30 pm

Class C & D @ James I. O'Neill HS 4:00 pm / 6:30 pm

NYSPHSAA East Regional Final Sect 1/9 @ Section 1 () Saturday June 4, 2023

Class A 12:30 pm

Class B 3:00 pm

Class C 5:30 pm

Class D 10:00 am

NYSPHSAA East Championship

Sect 1/2/9 @ Section 11/8

Class A 4:00 pm @ University at Albany - Ford Field

Class B 5:30 pm @ University at Albany - Fallon Field

Class C 6:30 pm @ University @ Albany - Ford Field

Class D 3:00 pm @ University @ Albany - Fallon Field

NYSPHSAA State Championship @ Hofstra University

Saturday June 11, 2022

Class D 10:00 am

Class B 3:00 pm

Class A 12:30 pm

Class C 5:30 pm

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APPENDIX I - School Gate List

NYSPHSAA Championship School Gate List

School:

Championship Event:

Date:

Site:

Please write down the number of players and bench personnel your school will be bringing to the Championship event. Please note that each sport has a maximum number of players and bench personnel allotted for each school. If your school chooses to bring more than the maximum number allowed, NYSPHSAA will bill the school for the difference. We will use these numbers to prepare the proper credentials and awards for your school.

of Players:

of Bench Personnel:

Note: This list below is designed for school administration and appropriate school personnel. The list is limited to a maximum of 8 individuals and is exclusive of the team players and bench personnel. If your school wishes to have more than 8, the NYSPHSAA will bill the school for the additional individuals. Team photographers can be listed on the Gate List but they will NOT have access to the field. They are allowed in the same areas as spectators. This list should be faxed to the NYSPHSAA office (518-690-0075) or email (tnelson@nysphsaa.org) two days prior to the championship event. Please type or print names and titles.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

Athletic Director or Principal (signature):

Date:

NYSPHSAA Staff Approval:

Date:

APPENDIX J - Bracketology

Section 9 Tournament

1 st Seed			
8 th Seed			
4 th Seed			
5 th Seed			
2 nd Seed			
7 th Seed			
3 rd Seed			
6 th Seed			

NYSPHSAA Tournament Brackets

https://nysphsaa.org/sports/2022/3/31/BLAX_0331221853.aspx

NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Sub Regional		
5/31	Class D	Section 2 @ Section 9 James I. O'Neill HS 4:30p
5/31	Class C	Section 2 @ Section 9 James I. O'Neill HS 6:30p
5/31	Class A	Section 2 @ Section 9 Middletown HS 4:30p
5/31	Class B	Section 2 @ Section 9 Middletown HS 6:30p

Boys Lacrosse Championships

This is a digital-ticketed event. Cash sales will not be available on site. Kids 5 and under are free.

2023 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Championships			
East Semifinals - University at Albany		West Semifinals - SUNY Cortland	
Wednesday, June 7		Wednesday, June 7	
John Fallon Field		White Field	
Class A - 3:00 p.m.		Class A - 3:00 p.m.	
Class C - 5:30 p.m.		Class C - 5:30 p.m.	
Bob Ford Field		Red Field	
Class D - 4:00 p.m.		Class D - 4:00 p.m.	
Class B - 6:30 p.m.		Class B - 6:30 p.m.	

Finals - Saturday, June 10	
Hofstra University	
10:00 a.m.	Class A
12:30 p.m.	Class B
3:00 p.m.	Class C
5:30 p.m.	Class D

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The Poughkeepsie Journal 800-933-7267
pjsports@poughkeepsiejournal.com

Fax: 437-4921

NOTE: Home team coach is responsible to call the media listed above ASAP following the completion of the game. Be sure to instruct scorekeepers to record the first and last names of all players in the book.

NOTE: IMPORTANT NYSPHSAA REQUIREMENTS

2023 Section Champions are responsible for submission of a Varsity Team Photo and Roster to the NYSPHSAA for the State Program Booklet.

NYSPHSAA will be collecting team pictures and rosters from MaxPreps.com

You will need to log on to Max Preps and upload your roster and team picture.

All Athletic Directors in the state were given an access code – see your AD to get the code if you don't already have a Max Preps team site.

All rosters and team pictures MUST be on your Max Preps team page by: May 13, 2022

NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award

This is a very special and meaningful honor given by the state each year. Be sure to see your athletics director and remind him/her that you want to have your team included in the process. Deadline for submission of your list this year is **May 20, 2023**. A minimum of 11 athletes from your team must comprise the list. The overall average for the players must be 90 or above to qualify.

USA Lacrosse Awards

The selection process for these awards will take place at the seeding meeting following the completion of play-off seeding and All-League selections. Only coaches who are members of US Lacrosse may take part in the nomination, discussion and selection process (per US Lacrosse regulations). The awards are as follows: All Americans (4), Academic All Americans (2), Coach of the Year, Assistant Coach of the Year, Man of the Year and the Bob Scott Award.

Once again all nominations will be done through an online process – more information will be emailed to you regarding the process.

Nominations for the Academic All American and Bob Scott Awards MUST include a school transcript, along with a written biographical sketch of the student-athlete listing awards, activities, memberships, etc... Coaches are encouraged to bring copies of the required information to share.

Note: Rich Saulino is our US Lacrosse Regional Representative, with assistance from Alex Danon & Ben Smith

NOTE: 2022 - 2023 Updated BEDS Form can be found at: ociaa.ouboces.org website

**HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS STANDARDS CHART FOR INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION
NYSPHSAA Handbook Pg. 110**

SPORT	Number Practices Prior to First Scrimmage		Number Practices Prior to First Contest		Team and Individual Maximum No. Contests	Min. Time Between Contests or Scrimmages	Individual Contest Limitations Per Day	RULES	Scrimmage Limitations Per Day
	TEAM	IND.	TEAM	IND.					
Lacrosse	8	6	10	8	16	1 Night	1 Contest	NFHS – Boys	1

NYSPHSAA Lacrosse Scrimmage Definition.

LACROSSE: A lacrosse scrimmage must have modified time periods and include one or more of the following:

1. Alternate possessions.
2. Start the scrimmage with either a Draw (girls) or a Face-Off (boys)
3. Include the following game situations:
 1. Face-Off/Draws - Boys/Girls
 2. Clears and Rides - Boys/Girls
 3. Extra Man and Man-Down – Boys/Girls
 4. Fast Breaks - Boys/Girls

SECTION IX BY LAWS

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:

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.

1. 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.
2. 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. Section IX By Laws

1. 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 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.



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A.

TO: Section IX Athletic Directors
FROM: Mr. Greg Ransom, Executive Director, Section IX
DATE: February 24, 2022
RE: Committee Selection

As announced at a Section IX meeting, we will be implementing the following procedure for team sports.

Committee Selection for Section IX tournaments will be available in all team sports.

- A. The respective sports committee must be notified at least three (3) school days before the seeding and selection meeting date that a given school is going to apply for committee selection.
- B. The notification must be made by the applying school's Athletic Director to both the Committee Chair and the Section IX Executive Director.
- C. The Athletic Director in question must attend the selection committee meeting.
- D. If the Athletic Director disagrees with the committee selection decision, she/he had one (1) hour to appeal the decision to the Section IX Executive Director or his designee.
- E. The decisions of the Section IX Executive Director or his designee shall be final and binding.

You are encouraged to share this information with your coaches but remember that the Athletic Director is the official and only voice for each school in this matter.

RT/al
9/21/2005

GR/mo

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