

**SECTION IX SOCCER  
COACHES HANDBOOK  
2021**

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## **NEW INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

### **2020-2021 RULES CHANGES**

#### **2-2-4 SECTION 2 BALL SPECIFICATIONS:**

ART. 4...If the ball becomes deflated during play, it is declared dead ~~where it was last played~~ and the game is resumed by a drop ball ~~between any two opposing players at the spot where it was last played~~. If the ball becomes deflated within the goal area, then the ball is dropped ~~between two opposing players~~ subject to the provisions of Rule 9-2-2 and 9-2-3. Ball deflated during a penalty kick results in a retaken kick.

#### **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:**

ART. 1a...The visiting team shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks, and the home team shall wear dark jerseys and socks (dark is defined as any color which contrasts with white). ~~Prior to and during the game, jerseys shall be tucked into the shorts, unless manufactured to be worn outside.~~

#### **4-2-7e, f SECTION 2 OTHER EQUIPMENT:**

ART. 7...A tooth and mouth protector (intraoral), if worn, shall:  
e. ~~not to be completely white; and~~  
f. ~~not to be completely clear.~~

#### **9-1-1b SECTION 1 BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:**

ART. 1...The ball is out of play when:  
a. it has completely crossed the goal line or touch line, whether on the ground or in the air;  
**b. the ball touches an official and remains on the field; and**  
**1. a team starts a promising attack;**  
**2. goes directly into the goal;**  
**3. possession changes**

#### **SECTION 2 DROP BALL:**

ART. 1...The game is restarted with a drop ball:  
a. when the ball is caused to go out-of-bounds by two opponents simultaneously;  
b. when the ball becomes deflated; (2-2-4)  
c. following a temporary suspension of play for an injury or unusual situation; (except as noted in 14-1-7) ~~and the goalkeeper is not in possession of the ball.~~  
d. when simultaneous fouls of the same degree occur by opponents; or  
**e. when the ball touches an official as per 9-1-1b.**

#### **9-2-3 SECTION 2 DROP BALL**

ART. 3...The ball is dropped by an official from waist level to the ground. **The referee drops the ball to one player of the team that last possessed the ball at the position where it was last touched by a player(s), an outside agent or match**

**official. If when play was stopped, the ball was in the penalty area or the last touch, by either team, was in the penalty area, the ball is dropped to the defending team's goalkeeper with all opposing players outside the penalty area. In all cases, all other players must remain at least 4 yards from the ball until it is in play.** ~~Any number of players may contest a dropped ball (including the goalkeeper); a referee cannot decide who may contest a drop ball or its outcome.~~

### **13-3-1 SECTION 3 HOW TAKEN**

ART. 1...Players opposing the kicker shall be at least 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked, unless they are standing on their own goal line between the goal posts. If the free kick is awarded to the defending team in its penalty area, players opposing the kicker shall be outside the penalty area at least 10 yards from the ball and **shall** ~~must~~ remain there until the ball **is in play** ~~clears the penalty area.~~ **Where 3 or more defending team players form a wall, all attacking team players must remain at least 1 yard from the wall until the ball is in play.**

**Rationale:** This will allow the ball to be put back into play quicker and will lead to a decrease in confrontational moments during free kicks.

### **13-3-2 SECTION 3 HOW TAKEN**

ART. 2...The ball shall be kicked while it is stationary on the ground at the spot specified by the official. To be in play, the ball shall be moved in any direction. ~~If the free kick is awarded to the defending team in its penalty area, the ball is not in play until it is beyond the penalty area and into the field of play.~~ Failure to kick the ball as specified shall result in a rekick.

**Rationale:** Allows the ball to be put back into play quicker.

### **13-3-4 NEW SECTION 3 HOW TAKEN**

NEW ART. 4...For indirect kicks, the referee shall signal an indirect kick (using Official NFHS Soccer Signals Rule 5-3-1b) by raising an arm above the head; this signal shall be maintained until the kick is taken and the ball touches another player or goes out of play. **If the referee fails to signal the kick is indirect and the ball goes directly into the opponent's goal, the kick shall be retaken.**

**Rationale:** This clarifies the need to make the signal and prevents punishing the team taking the kick when the referee fails to give the proper signal.

### **14-1-3 SECTION 1 PENALTY KICK**

ART. 3...The opposing goalkeeper shall stand with at least one foot on or in-line with the goal line, facing the kicker, between the goal posts, and shall not be touching the goal posts, crossbar, or nets, until the ball is kicked. Lateral or forward movement is allowed, but the goalkeeper is not permitted to come off the line with both feet ~~by stepping or lunging forward~~ until the ball is in play.

**Rationale:** This clarifies the goalkeeper's position during the taking of a penalty kick.

### **16-1-2 SECTION 1 GOAL KICK**

ART. 2...Players opposing the kicker shall remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play ~~has cleared the penalty area~~.

**Rationale:** Clarifies when the ball is in play.

### **16-1-3 SECTION 1 GOAL KICK**

ART. 3...Once spotted, the ball shall be kicked from the ground from any point within the goal area by a player of the defending team. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves. ~~A goal kick shall clear the penalty area and enter the field of play. If the ball is not kicked beyond the penalty area, the goal kick shall be repeated.~~

**Rationale:** Clarifies when the ball is in play.

### **16-1-4 SECTION 1 GOAL KICK**

ART. 4...After the goal kick is properly taken ~~leaves the penalty area~~, the ball may be played by any player except the one who executes the goal kick. The kicker may not play the ball until it has been touched by another player.

**Rationale:** Clarifies how the kick is taken and when it is in play.

## **SEASON REMINDERS**

1. It is against NYSPHSAA rules for boys and girls to practice, scrimmage, or train together
2. If you play a game against a school's "B" varsity team, **the game counts BUT the points do not count towards seeding**
3. 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.
4. **Only games played before the seeding meeting will be used for seeding purposes.**

## **SEEDING MEETING**

1. The seeding meeting is: Wednesday, October 20th, at the HVSD. 7:00.

## **POSTSEASON RECOGNITION**

1. At the end of the season you will be asked to submit the names of up to four (4) players from your team for ALL-STAR recognition.
2. A sheet with all players names will be returned to you. From the selection of CLASS players you will vote for the top 11 players on this list. You will be making your dream team.
3. You will be given a time period to return this information. If you miss this deadline your Athletic Director (AD) will be notified.
4. We thank you for your cooperation and stress the quick turn-around because we are also faced with deadlines. The committee doing this had to send out, collect, do the tabulations, complete a list, and send it out again. They are also coaches with teams in postseason play.
5. Please help us get this done on time.

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

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

## **BAD WEATHER PROCEDURE**

1. HEAT INDEX PROCEDURES - [See Appendix C](#)
2. WEATHER DELAYS, CANCELLATIONS, LIGHTNING and THUNDER POLICY - [See Appendix D](#)
3. EMERGENCY CANCELLATION AND DECLARED EMERGENCIES
  - a. Chairpeople and Athletic Director's from both schools shall be involved in the decision to cancel and reschedule games.
  - b. NYSPHSAA guidelines will be followed.



## YELLOW CARD ACCUMULATION POLICY

The consequences for the accumulation of excessive Yellow Cards will be as follows:

1. Five (5) Yellow Cards accumulated by a single player or coach in the regular season will result in a one game suspension. Disqualifications due to an accumulation of five (5) Yellow Cards occurring in the last game of the season will carry over into the next season of participation, if the team does not enter postseason play.
2. The continued accumulation of Yellow Cards by the same individual or coach will result in a one game suspension per additional Yellow Card.
3. In the event that the player or coach receives two Yellow Cards in the same game, resulting in a Red Card, the two Yellow Cards will not count toward the season total, since the player or coach will receive a one game suspension as a result of the misconduct and ejection.
4. The accumulation card total is for regular season play ONLY and the process will start over again for postseason play. However, any penalties awarded as a result of the last regular season game will carry over into the postseason.
5. The postseason policy will provide a one (1) game suspension after three (3) Yellow Cards and a one (1) game suspension for each additional card received through the State Final. A one game suspension resulting from a Yellow Card in a team's last postseason game will carry over into the next season of participation.
6. The coach of both schools are to report all Yellow Cards to their League and Section by means of Mail, eMail, or Fax for tabulation. The officials should report to their boards concerning games in which cards are given and the reasons for issuance of the card. Board policy will determine the method of notification to the League and Section. A final end of year report including data on disqualifications shall be sent to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Coordinator.
7. Refusing to report, or failing to report infractions and allowing players to continue play under these circumstances will result in the forfeiture of all games in which the individual in question participated.

## RED CARD ACCUMULATION POLICY

**Note 1:** *There is no appeal to a red card. The official's decision is final.*

**Note 2:** *Disqualifications from one season will carry over to the next season of participation.*

**Note 3:** *Not being physically present at the site means the disqualified coach/player is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game.*

### 1. Coach Ejection

- A. Any coach excluded by a certified official from an inter school competition for unsportsmanlike conduct is ineligible to coach any inter school 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.*
- B. 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.
- C. The coach that 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 as the coach(s) will not be allowed to participate in the school's next scheduled game/games as above.

### 2. Player Red Card(s)

- A. Any member of a squad ruled out of a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct (two yellow cards, red card), the following action is required by the NYSPHSAA Regulations detailed in Standard #27b:
  1. **First Red Card:** 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.
  2. **Second Red Card:** 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.
  3. **Third Red Card:** that player(s) cannot attend or participate in any remaining scheduled contests for the remainder of that sports season – including sectional, regional and state contests. 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.
- B. 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.
  1. "Member of the squad" includes player, manager, scorekeeper, timers, and statisticians.
- C. **Communication Responsibilities regarding Red Card(s):**
  1. The coach of the player(s) who was/were ejected will notify his/her Athletic Administrator by 12 noon the following day.

2. The Athletic Administrator must report the ejection to their respective League Coordinator by 12 noon the following day.
3. 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. 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).
    1. The League Coordinator shall notify the Athletic Director of the offending school.

## CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES

### SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

1. Type of Tournament
  - a) The tournament is a single elimination tournament
2. 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 (refer to page for recommended requirements)
3. Seeding
  - a) The number of division points divided by the number of division games will determine seed-rank in the tournament.
    - (1) The point system is located in Section V of this handbook.
    - (2) All games to be used for seeding must be played before the seeding meeting
    - (3) Crossover games will be included for OCL teams in Class AA. (Division I and Division II OCL games.)
  - b) In the event of a tie, the following criteria will be used, in consecutive order, to determine seed-rank
    - (1) The winner of head-to-head competition
    - (2) Overall total points divided by overall total games
    - (3) Coin toss
  - c) Section IX Point System
    - (1) [See Appendix E](#)
  - d) Tournament Criteria List and Season Log
    - (1) See [Appendix F](#)
      - (a) A digital file is located following this link:  
<https://goo.gl/HuKL4Y>
      - (2) This can be returned to Pete Ferguson ([berry037@aol.com](mailto:berry037@aol.com)), Tony Martelli ([amartelli@hvc.rr.com](mailto:amartelli@hvc.rr.com)), Diane Wanser ([wand9@hvc.rr.com](mailto:wand9@hvc.rr.com)) or any boys or girls soccer committee person.
        - (a) You may Download, Print, and Submit the form via Email
        - (b) You may Download, Type, and Submit the form via Email
4. Game Sites
  - a) The legal size of the playing field for sectional and intersectional play is a minimum of 110 yards by 60 yards. All games will be played at the home field of the highest seed provided they meet the above criteria.

- b) Once a site has been approved for sectional championship games, all schools will be allowed to play on said site, even if it is their home field.
  - c) If, due to inclement weather, game sites are unavailable, schools may use the championship site for early round games, if said site is available.
5. Tournament Card Accumulation Policy
- a) Yellow Cards
    - (1) A one game suspension will occur after three Yellow Cards are accumulated and a one game suspension for each additional card received through the State Final.
    - (2) A one game suspension resulting from a Yellow Card in a team's last postseason game will carry over into the next season participation
  - b) Red Card
    - (1) Any player who receives a red card in their last game before sectionals, or during any sectional game, will not be allowed to attend their team's next sectional game.
6. 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. Supervisors must report to the Soccer Committee 15 minutes before the game.
  - 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
7. 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 to be paid at the rate of \$30.00 per game.
  - d) Uniforms
    - (1) Higher seeded teams will wear dark uniforms
    - (2) It is suggested, however, that teams bring both uniforms
  - e) For the championship game each team needs to supply 2-3 ball runners.

8. Game Officials
  - a) Officials will be assigned by the Section IX Committee in conjunction with the assignor.
9. Differences between the Boys and Girls Tournament
  - a) Boys
    - (1) Game will be played with two (2) halves consisting of forty (40) minutes each
    - (2) If at the conclusion of the second half, the score is tied:
      - (a) Overtime will be two (2) additional halves of fifteen (15) minutes each played under sudden victory rules
    - (3) If at the conclusion of overtime the score remains tied penalty kicks will commence following rules laid out in the National Federation Rule Book
  - b) Girls
    - (1) Games will be played with two (2) halves consisting of forty (40) minutes each
    - (2) If at the conclusion of the second half, the score is tied:
      - (a) Overtime will be two (2) additional halves of ten (10) minutes each
    - (3) If at the conclusion of overtime the score is tied:
      - (a) Two (2) additional halves of five (5) minutes each will be played under sudden victory rules
    - (4) If at the conclusion of the second overtime the score is tied:
      - (a) Penalty kicks will occur according to the rules laid out in the National Federation Rule Book
    - (5) If there is no winner at the end of the fifth round the sixth round, and each successive round, will be played under sudden victory rules
10. Penalty Kicks
  - a) During the tournament any game that goes to penalty kicks will be declared a tie for the record of both teams. The penalty kick winner will advance to the next round.
  - b) The winner of penalty kicks during a Championship game shall be declared the Section Champion.
11. Game Suspension
  - a) In the event a game must be suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to play, the head referee shall declare the game official if one half or more of the game has been played and one team is ahead in the score.
  - b) If less than one half has been played, the game will resume from the point of suspension
  - c) If the game is tied in the second half, the game will resume from the point of suspension.

## 12. 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 Soccer Committee.
  - (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.

## **SECTION IX TOURNAMENT**

1. Game Dates - See [Appendix G](#) for the official list.
  - i. 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
  - i. Ticket prices at the entrance gate will be as follows:
    1. Sectionals
      - a. \$6.00 Adults, \$5.00 Students/Senior Citizens
      - b. No Charge for children under the age of 10
    2. Regionals
      - a. \$7.00 Adults, \$5.00 Students/Senior Citizens
      - b. No Charge for children under the age of 10
  - ii. Section IX passes will not be honored throughout the tournament. Only NYSPHSAA Passes will be honored.
    1. Athletic Directors will submit a game gate list not to exceed 15 members.
    2. Gate list located in Section VII (State Tournament)
  - iii. All expenses incurred by the Soccer Committee will be underwritten by Section IX.
3. Awards
  - i. Plaques - A championship plaque will be awarded in each class to the champion.
  - ii. Medals - Section IX Athletic Medals will be awarded to the participants of the final game in each class.
4. NYSPHYSAA Program
  - i. 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.

## **STATE TOURNAMENT**

GAME DATES - [See Appendix G](#)

OFFICIAL TEAM ROSTER - [See Appendix H](#)

SCHOOL GATE LIST - [See Appendix I](#)

BRACKETOLOGY

1. Boys Brackets - [See Appendix J](#)
2. Girls Brackets - [See Appendix J](#)



## APPENDIX A - Current Classification of Schools

<b>Class</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>AA</b>	Kingston, Middletown, Monroe-Woodbury, NFA, Pine Bush, Valley Central, Warwick
<b>A</b>	Beacon, Cornwall, FDR, Goshen, Minisink Valley, Monticello, Port Jervis, Saugerties, Wallkill, Washingtonville
<b>B</b>	Burke Catholic, Dover, Ellenville, Fallsburg, Highland, Liberty, Marlboro, New Paltz, James I. O'Neill, Onteora, Red Hook, Rondout, Spackenkill
<b>C</b>	Chester, Millbrook, Pine Plains, Rhinebeck, S.S. Seward, Sullivan West, Tri-Valley, Webutuck
<b>D</b>	Chapel Field, Coleman Catholic, Eldred, Livingston Manor, Mount Academy, Roscoe, Tuxedo

## **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.

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## 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 WeatherBug app to your phone or log into [www.weatherbug.com](http://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
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.
<b>REQUIRED</b>	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

## **APPENDIX D - Weather Delays, Cancellations, 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.

## **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

**APPENDIX E - Section IX Point System**

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

## **APPENDIX F - Tournament Seeding & Season Log**

- A digital file is located following this link: [HERE](#)
- This can be returned to Pete Ferguson ([berry037@aol.com](mailto:berry037@aol.com)), Tony Martelli ([amartelli@hvc.rr.com](mailto:amartelli@hvc.rr.com)), Diane Wasner ([wand9@hvc.rr.com](mailto:wand9@hvc.rr.com)) or any boys or girls soccer committee person.
  - You may Download, Print, and Submit the form via Email
  - You may Download, **Type**, and Submit the form via Email

## **Section IX COVID-19 Seeding/qualifying Criteria for Team Sports**

1. Any league or division game that is used for qualifying or seeding in the OCIAA or MHAL that is canceled due to COVID-19 will split the points evenly for the purpose of seeding and qualifying.
2. The game can be made up at the discretion of the schools or by league requirement, but the results will not be used for seeding purposes but can be used as criteria by a sports committee or the Executive Director for a committee selection into the tournament.
3. If you must quarantine only a few players and still have enough athletes to play you are obligated to play the game as scheduled.
4. Football can reschedule a potential COVID-19 game if it stays within the same weekend as originally scheduled. EX: If you cannot play on a Friday night because of a COVID-19 quarantine you can reschedule to Saturday or Sunday of that weekend.



## **Section IX Fall 2021 COVID-19 Protocol Guidelines.**

The Section IX Protocol Committee has developed a set of guidelines for the Fall 2021 season. These guidelines are subject to change based on any future mandates from the Governor, the State Department of Health, the local County Department of Health, the State Education Department or the NYSPHSAA.

The guidelines are as follows:

1. Section IX will conduct the fall 2021 season in all sports.
2. Indoor sports of Volleyball and Girls Swimming (except when in the water) are required to wear masks. This includes players, coaches, site personnel and officials.
3. Indoor sports will allow spectators. Spectators will be required to wear masks.
4. Outdoor sports will not require masks for players, coaches, site personnel and officials.
5. Outdoor sports will allow spectators with no mask requirements.
6. Section IX reminds all schools to follow social distancing and all other mitigating protocols to keep all participants as safe as possible.

**Section IX Finals ( Middletown High School) 2021 information**

10/26	Class D	4:00 Girls 6:30 Boys
10/27	Class C	4:00 Boys 6:30 Girls
10/28	Class A	4:00 Girls 6:30 Boys
10/30	Class B	10:00 Boys 12:30 Girls
10/30	Class AA	3:00 Boys 5:30 Girls

**Boys Sub-Regional Games (site Middletown High School) 2021**

Class B Section 1 at Section 9

Class AA, A, C Section 9 @ 1 ;

D Section 9 @ 11

11/3	Class B	4:00
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**Boys Regional Championships 2021 (TBA )****\*\* Potential games(winners of semis.) Class order may change. Site may change.****Section 9 Class B @ 8 or 11**

11/5,6	**Class D v 2	TBA
11/5,6	**Class C v 11	TBA
11/5,6	**Class A v 4	TBA
11/5,6	**Class AA v 4	TBA

**Girls Sub- Regional Games (site Middletown High School ) 2021****HOSTED BY SECTION 9 Vs. Section 4**

11/2	Class B	4:00
11/2	Class A	6:30
11/3	Class AA	6:30

**Girls Regional Championships TBA 2021**

AA, A, B, C, at Section 1. D at Section 2. Time and Date TBA

**APPENDIX H - Official Team Roster**

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STATE TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL TEAM ROSTER

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION \_\_\_\_\_

COLORS \_\_\_\_\_

COACH \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

COACH'S HOME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_



**ONLY THOSE PEOPLE ON THIS LIST ARE ALLOWED IN THE TEAM AREA.**  
**LIST PLAYERS NUMERICALLY**

HOME AWAY CLASS NAME

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**TEAM BENCH PERSONNEL**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

The NYSPHSAA allows 25 eligible athletes in uniform on the team roster.  
The NYSPHSAA allows 7 bench personnel on the team roster. This includes coaches, ADs, ball chasers, managers, and statisticians associated with the team.

10 copies of this roster must be submitted to the State Assistant Boys' Soccer Coordinator at the coach's check-in, prior to the state tournament finals.

**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](mailto:tnelson@nysphsaa.org)) two days prior to the championship event. Please type or print names and titles.

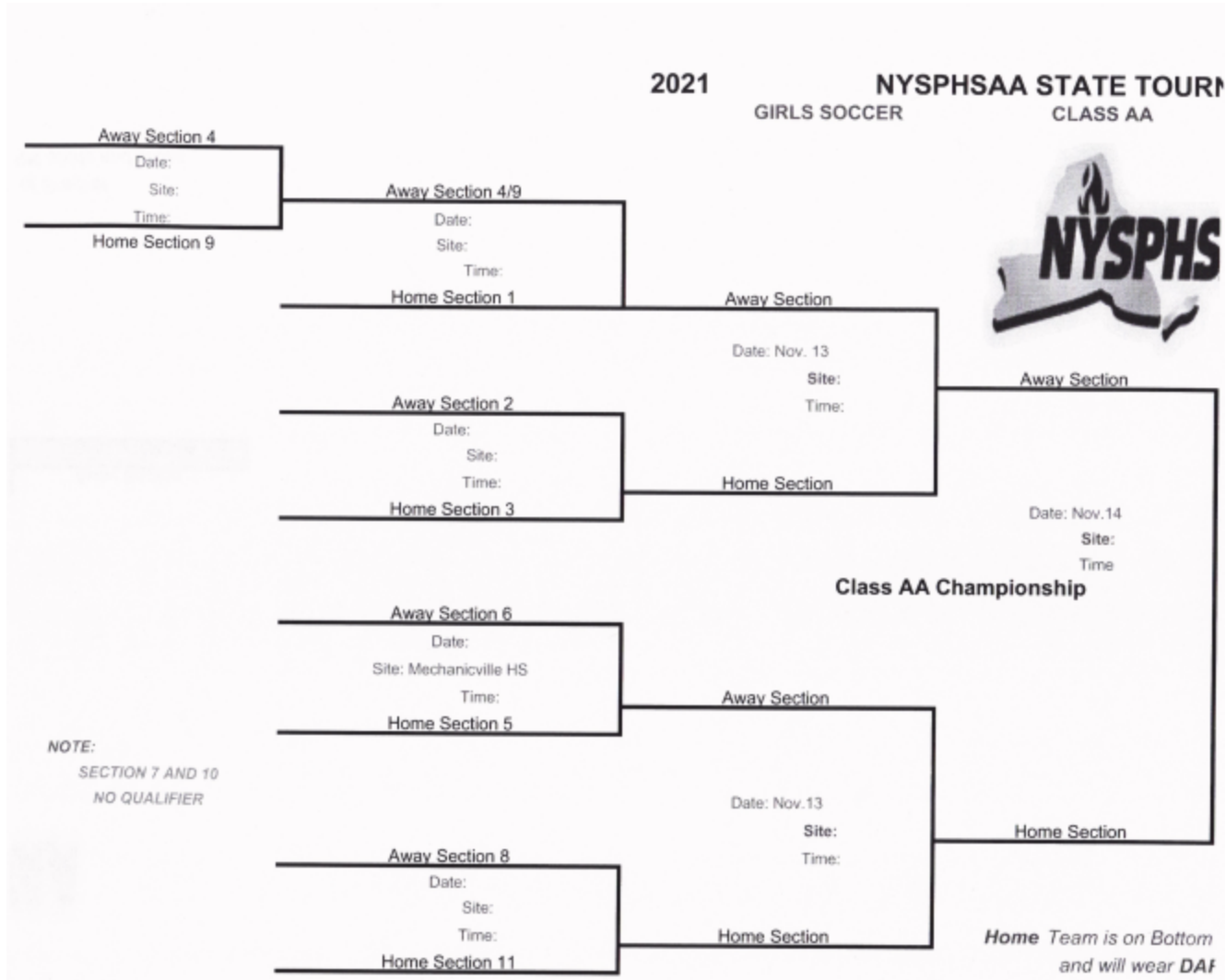
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**Athletic Director or Principal (signature):**

**Date:**

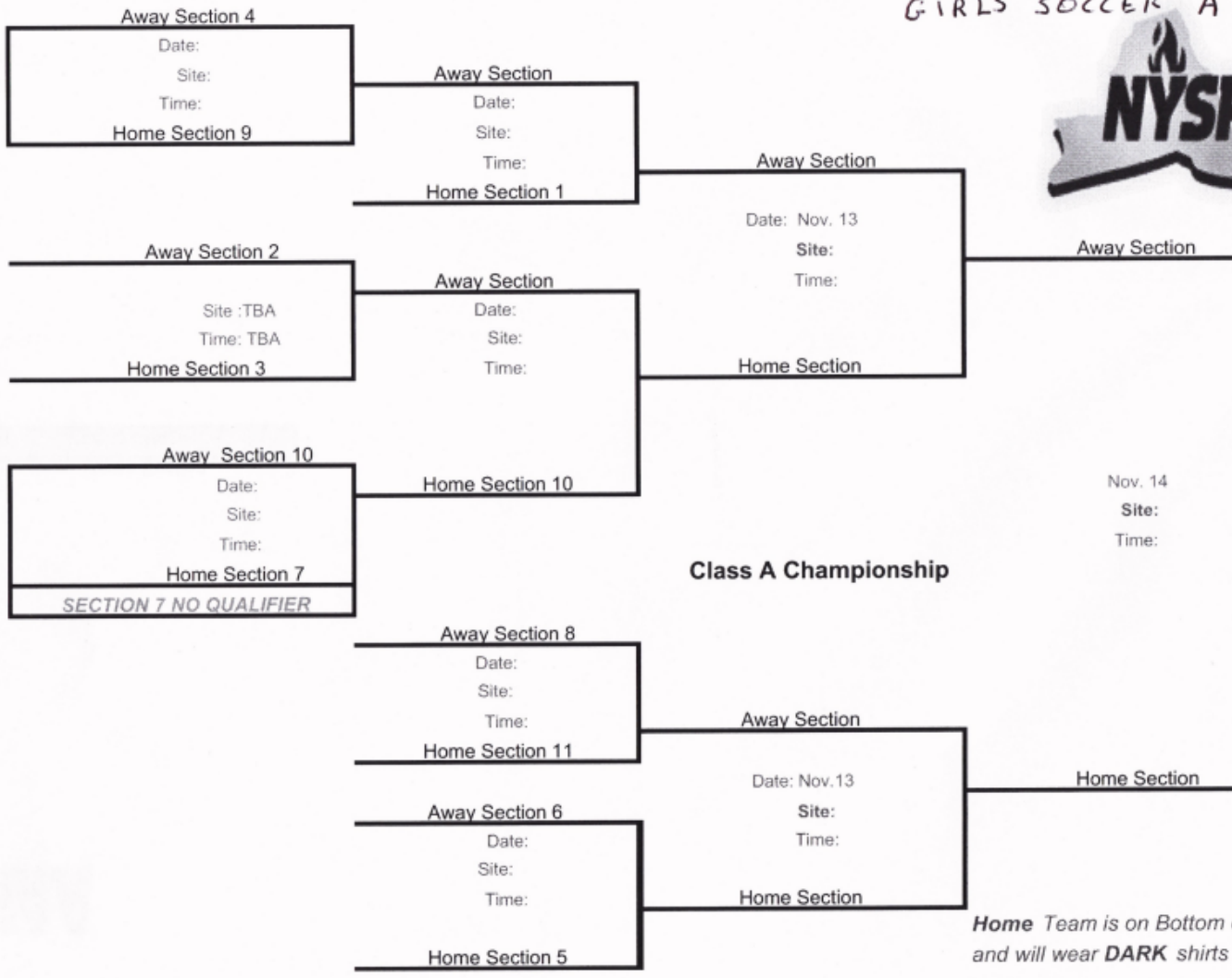
APPENDIX J - Bracketology

Girls - Class AA

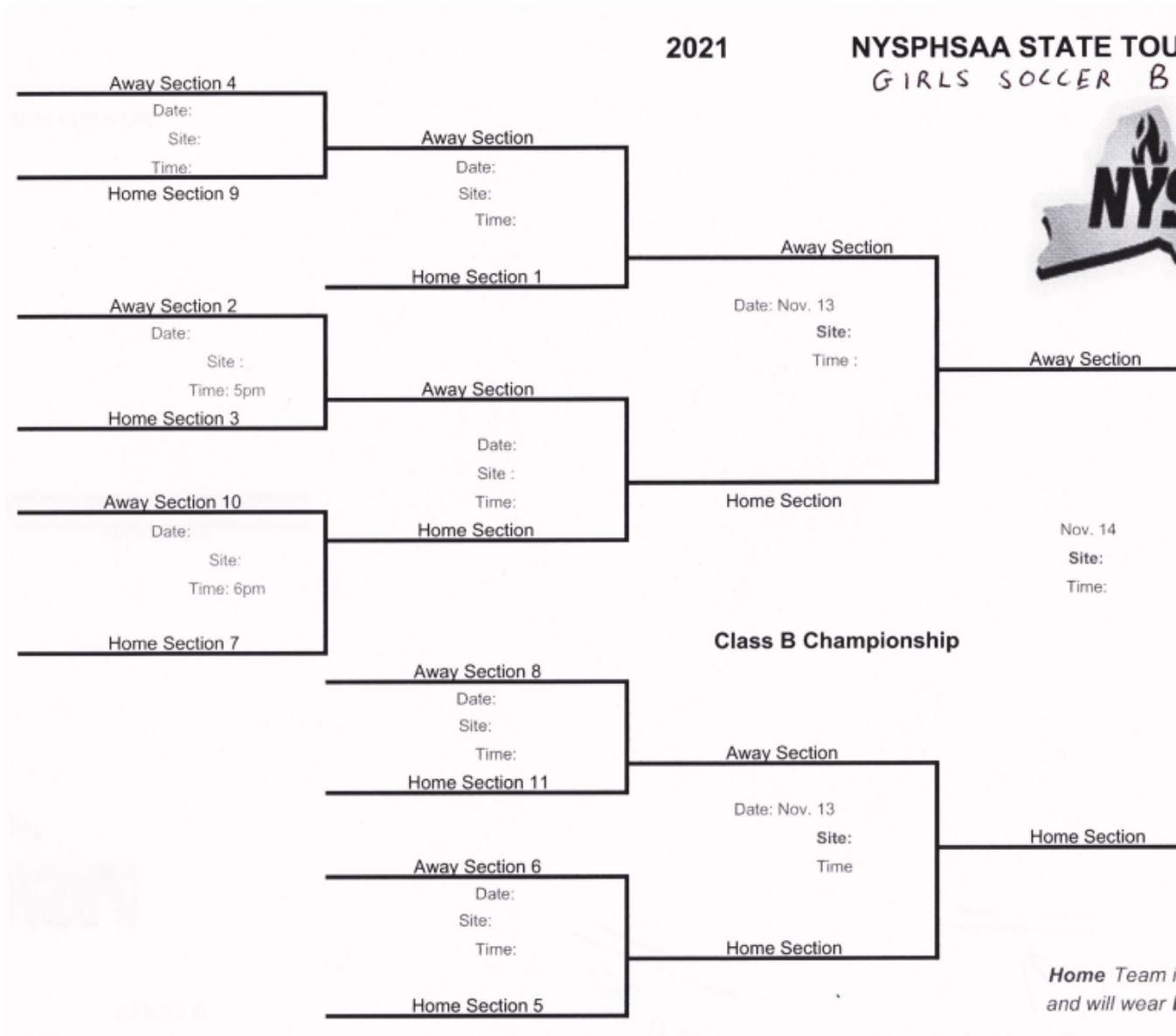


# Girls - Class A

## 2021 NYSPHSAA STATE TOURNAMENT GIRLS SOCCER CLASS A



## Girls - Class B



## Girls - Class C

2021

**NYSPHSAA STATE TOURNA**  
GIRLS SOCCER **C**



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Time:  
Home Section 11

SECTION 11 NO QUALIFIER

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Home Section 1

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Away Section 6  
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Home Section 5

Away Section  
Date: Nov. 13  
Site:  
Time:  
Home Section

Away Section

Date: Nov. 14  
Site:  
Time:

Away Section 10  
Date:  
Site:  
Time:  
Home Section 7

**Class C Championship**

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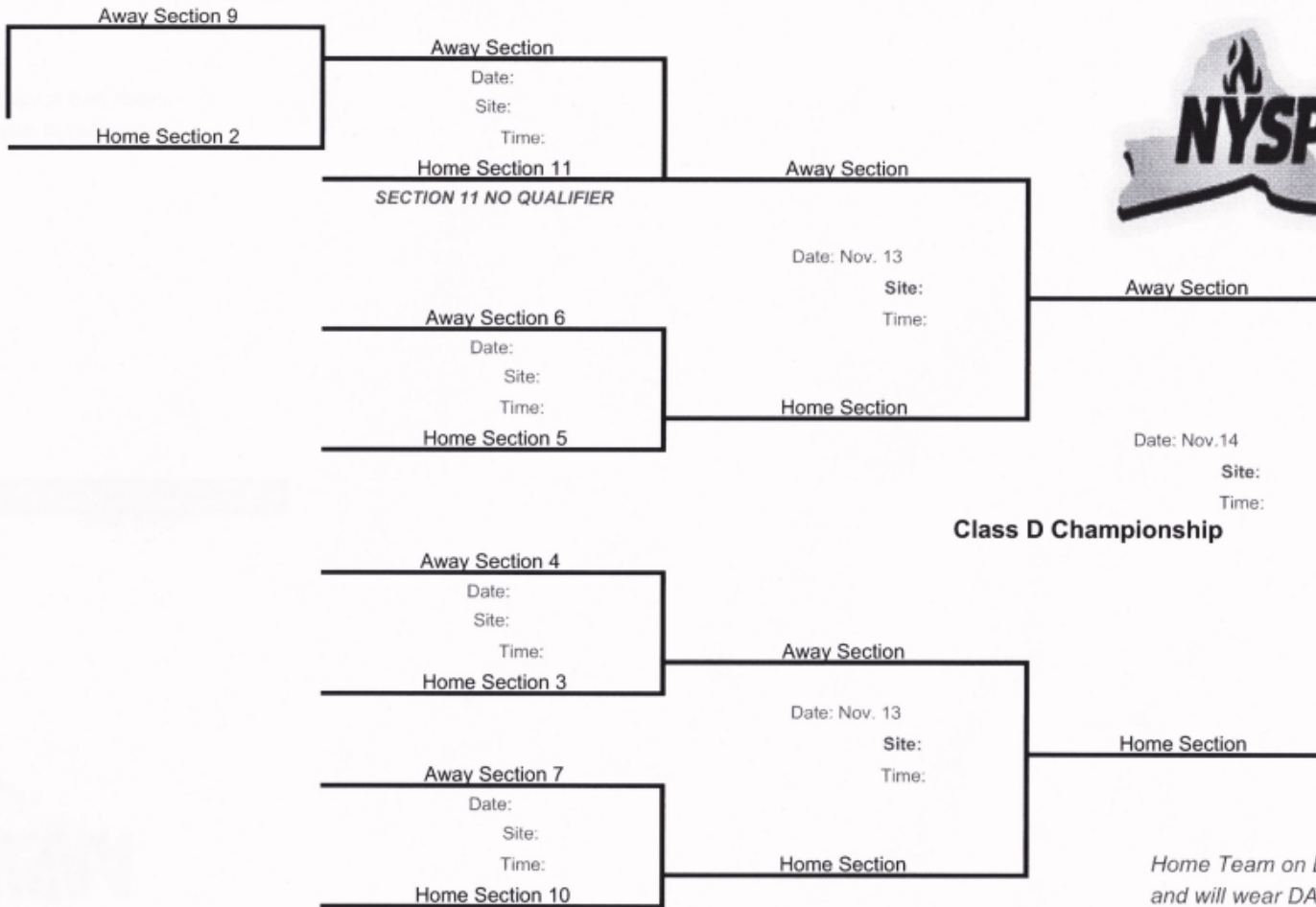
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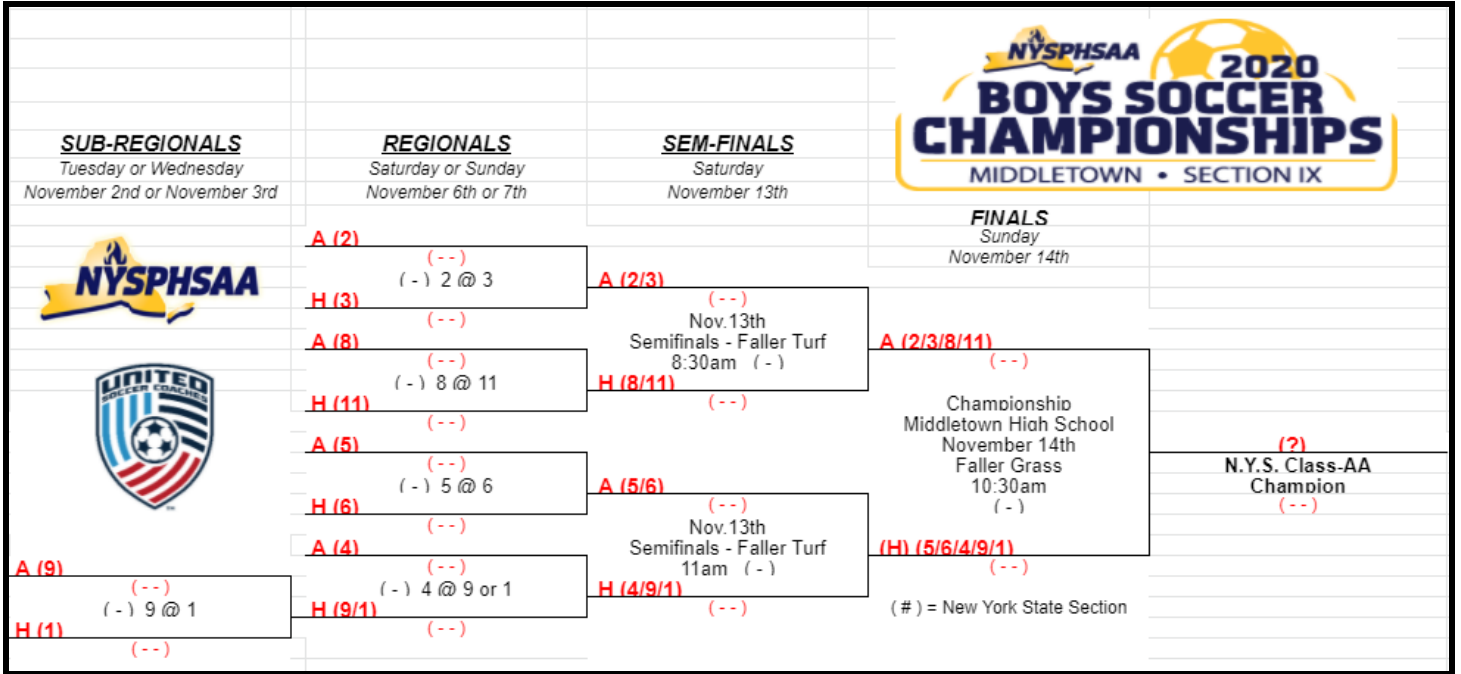
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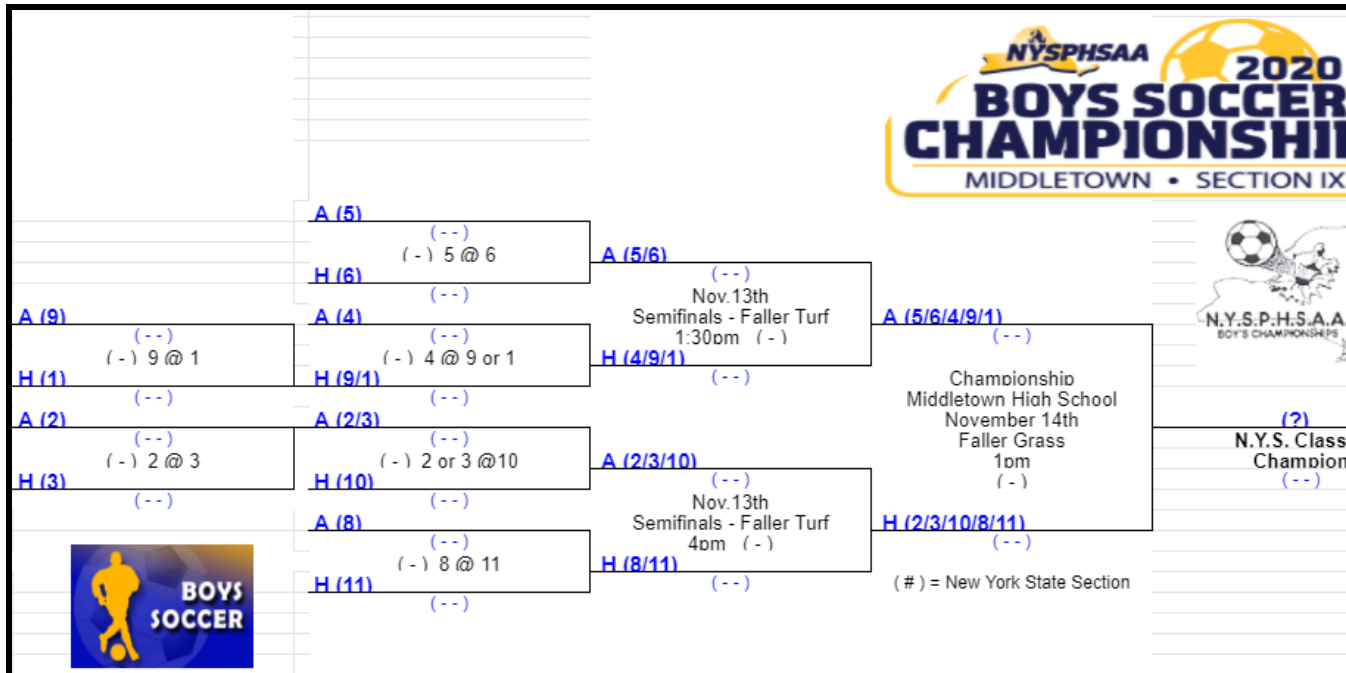


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Boys - Class AA UPDATED 2/21






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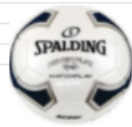

Boys - Class B UPDATED 2/21


		<b>A (3)</b> (--) (-) 3 @ 4							
<b>A (1)</b> (--) (-) 1 @ 9	<b>H (4)</b> (--)	<b>A (3/4)</b> (--) Nov. 13th Semifinals - Faller Grass 8:45am (-)							
<b>H (9)</b> (--)	<b>A (1/9)</b> (--) (-) 1 or 9 @ 11 or 8	<b>H (1/9/11/8)</b> (--)				<b>A (3/4/1/9/11/8)</b> (--)		Championship Middletown High School November 14th Faller Turf 10am (-)	
<b>A (11)</b> (--) (-) 11 @ 8	<b>H (11/8)</b> (--)	<b>A (5/6)</b> (--) Nov. 13th Semifinals - Faller Grass 11:15am (-)							
<b>H (8)</b> (--)	<b>A (5)</b> (--) (-) 5 @ 6	<b>H (2/7/10)</b> (--)				<b>A (5/6)</b> (--)		N.Y.S. Class-B Champion (2)	
<b>A (7)</b> (--) (-) 7 @ 10	<b>H (6)</b> (--)	<b>A (2)</b> (--) (-) 2 @ 7 or 10						(#) = New York State Section	
<b>H (10)</b> (--)	<b>A (7/10)</b> (--)	<b>H (5/6/2/7/10)</b> (--)							

Boys - Class C UPDATED 2/21


		<b>A (3)</b> (--) (-) 3 @ 4								
		<b>H (4)</b> (--)	<b>A (3/4)</b> (--) Nov. 13th Semifinals - Faller Grass 1:45pm (-)							
<b>A (9)</b> (--) (-) 9 @ 1	<b>A (11)</b> (--) (-) 11 @ 9 or 1	<b>H (9/1)</b> (--)	<b>H (11/9/1)</b> (--)				<b>A (3/4/11/9/1)</b> (--)		Championship Middletown High School November 14th Faller Turf 12:30pm (-)	
<b>H (1)</b> (--)	<b>A (5)</b> (--) (-) 5 @ 6	<b>H (6)</b> (--)	<b>A (5/6)</b> (--) Nov. 13th Semifinals - Faller Grass 4:15pm (-)						N.Y.S. Class-C Champion (2)	
<b>A (7)</b> (--) (-) 7 @ 10	<b>A (2)</b> (--) (-) 2 @ 7 or 10	<b>H (7/10)</b> (--)	<b>H (2/7/10)</b> (--)				<b>H (5/6/2/7/10)</b> (--)		(#) = New York State Section	
<b>H (10)</b> (--)										

# Boys - Class D UPDATED 2/21


A (9) (--) (-) 9 @ 11	A (2) (--) (-) 2 @ 9 or 11	A (2/9/11) (--) Nov. 13th Semifinals - Twin Towers 9:15am (-)	
H (11) (--)	H (9/11) (--)	H (3/4) (--)	A (2/9/11/3/4) (--)
	A (3) (--) (-) 3 @ 4	H (4) (--)	Championship Middletown High School November 14th Faller Turf 3pm (-)
	A (5) (--) (-) 5 @ 6	A (5/6) (--)	H (5/6/7/10) (--)
	H (6) (--)	H (7/10) (--)	
	A (7) (--) (-) 7 @ 10		
	H (10) (--)		



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