

**SECTION IX SOCCER
COACHES HANDBOOK
2025**



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SEASON REMINDERS

Max Number of Games in Regular Season: 16 games

First Scrimmage/Game: 6 practices completed

Eligibility for Post-Season Play: 6 games played

Key Dates

Pre-Season Coaches Meeting	TBA Zoom	
First Day of Practice	August 18, 2025	
Last Day to Play	October 22, 2025 **** BOYS C 10/20****	
Committee Selection Request	24 hours before the Seeding Meeting	
Point Cards Due	Boys 10/20 Class C ONLY , all others 10/22	Girls 10/23 by 10 AM
Seeding Meeting	Boys 10/21 Class C ONLY , all others 10/22	Girls 10/23

Reminders

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

Scrimmage Rules

1. A soccer scrimmage **may not exceed a total of 100 minutes** and unlimited substitutions are permitted.
2. The length of time for the **periods of play is to be determined by the coaches**, not to exceed 40-minutes in any one period: halves, three-quarters or quarters.
3. **Scoreboards may be used for timekeeping only.**
4. The clock will begin with the goal keeper in possession of the ball. When a goal is scored, **play will be restarted with goalie possession.**
5. The goalie can restart play with a goal kick, goalie throw or goalie punts.

Point Cards and Seeding

- **The Point Card can be downloaded [HERE](#).**
- Return your season log to the Soccer Coordinator and your listed Chairperson **by the due date above.**
- **If your season ends earlier, send in your point card ASAP**

Postseason Recognition

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. 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. You will be given a time period to return this information. If you miss this deadline your Athletic Director (AD) will be notified.

2025-2026 RULES CHANGES

3-3-1,2,3 2c (NEW)	<p><i>Removes redundant language and permits substitutions during a temporarily suspended game.</i></p> <p>Rationale: Eliminates redundant language and allows substitutions during a temporarily suspended game. In hot weather, state associations often authorize stoppages within a half for water breaks. Under this change, teams would now be permitted to make substitutions during these stoppages.</p>
3-3-2b(2)	<p><i>Clarifies that an injured player must leave the field if the referee beckons a coach or appropriate health-care provider.</i></p> <p>Rationale: The rules change clarifies the current rule that if an official beckons a coach or appropriate health-care provider for any injured player, including the goalkeeper, that player must leave the field regardless of the reason the clock is stopped.</p>
4-1-2	<p><i>Clarifies that a number is required on the front of the jersey and/or the shorts.</i></p> <p>Rationale: This language supports the rule prior to the reorganization of Rule 4 and adds clarification to the overall interpretation to clarify that a number is required on the front of the uniform which may be on the jersey and/or the shorts.</p>
7-2-4 (NEW)	<p><i>Prohibits a coach or team personnel other than the team captain from speaking with a referee during interval between periods, unless beckoned by a referee.</i></p> <p>Rationale: The time between periods of play is designated for rest for all participants, not for engaging with officials. This rule change introduces specific language and penalties for coaches who confront officials during these intervals, aiming to reduce unnecessary disputes and maintain a respectful game environment.</p>
12-4-4	<p><i>A misconduct penalty may be given to the head coach if team or bench misconduct occurs.</i></p> <p>Rationale: To encourage and support sporting and positive bench decorum, the rule change reinforces the head coach's responsibility for the conduct of their team and bench personnel within the team area. It provides officials with additional tools, allowing them to warn, caution, or eject the head coach if any bench personnel engage in misconduct.</p>
Rule 18	<p><i>Elimination of Rule 18. Incorporating the definitions into their corresponding rules while expanding the index to serve as a quick reference tool to streamline the rules, improve clarity, remove unnecessary duplication and eliminate conflicting definitions.</i></p> <p>Rationale: This change relocates definitions into their corresponding rules, streamlining the rules book by reducing redundancies and contradictions. The expanded index at the back of the book continues to serve as a helpful quick reference tool, while definitions were updated and aligned in context with appropriate rules.</p>

2025-26 Editorial Changes

3-3-2b(5), 3-3-3b(4), 3-3-3c(2), 3-3-3d(3), 3-3-7 4-1-1c, 4-1 Notes, 5-1-2, 13-1-5

2025-26 Points of Emphasis

1. Education Based High School Athletics
2. Courage, Character and Consistency
3. Team Areas and Bench Decorum
4. Player Uniform Equipment and Safety

SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT DATES

<i>Boys Tournament</i>	Date	Class	Location
Outbracket	10/23	A, B	Highest Seed
Section Quarterfinals	10/23 10/25	C AAA, AA, A, B	Highest Seed
Section Semifinals	10/25 10/27 10/28	C A, B AAA, AA	Highest Seed
Section Finals	10/28 10/29 10/30	C (5pm), D (7:30pm) B (5pm), A (7:30pm) AA (5pm), AAA (7:30pm)	Goshen High School Goshen High School Middletown High School
NYSPHSAA Sub-Regional Online Brackets	TBA TBA	C: 9@1 or 9@11 D: 11@9	TBA TBA
NYSPHSAA Regional	TBA 11/8 11/8 11/8 TBA TBA	AAA: 9 @ 4 AA: 1/4 @ 9 A: 4 @ 9 B: 4 @ 9 C: 1/9 @ 8/11 or 9/11 @ 1 D: 11/9 @ 2	TBA Marlboro HS Marlboro HS Marlboro HS TBA TBA

<i>Girls Tournament</i>	Date	Class	Location
Outbracket	-	-	-
Section Quarterfinals	10/27 10/28 10/29	C A, B AA	Highest Seed
Section Semifinals	10/29 10/30 10/31	C, D A, B AAA, AA	Highest Seed
Section Finals	11/1 11/3 11/4	C (11am), D (1:30pm), A (4pm) AA (5pm), B (7:30pm) AAA (5pm or 7:30pm)	All finals at Wallkill HS
NYSPHSAA Sub-Regional Online Brackets	TBA 11/4	C: 9 @ 1 D: 11 @ 9 (5pm)	TBA Wallkill HS
NYSPHSAA Regional	TBA 11/8 11/8 11/8 TBA TBA	AAA: 9 @ 4 AA: 1/4 @ 9 (5pm) A: 4 @ 9 (12pm) B: 4 @ 9 (2:30pm) C: 9/1 @ 8/11 D: 11/9 @ 2	TBA Wallkill HS Wallkill HS Wallkill HS TBA TBA

Disclaimer: Section IX tournament times and sites are tentative. The Sports Committee will finalize the tournament at the Seeding Meeting. Regional and State tournament dates may change due to weather, travel and site availability. In addition, the time listed is the default time. Ultimately, the two athletic directors representing the teams can move the times of the games if needed.

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 coaches 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.
 1. 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:
 - i. **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.
 - ii. **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.
 - iii. **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.
- c. "Member of the squad" includes player, manager, scorekeeper, timers, and statisticians.
- d. **Communication Responsibilities regarding Red Card(s):**
 - i. The coach of the player(s) who was/were ejected will notify his/her Athletic Administrator by 12 noon the following day.
 - ii. 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.

- i. 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).
 - i. The League Coordinator shall notify the Athletic Director of the offending school.

CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES

Sectional Tournament Play

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:
 - i. .500 winning percentage in Division.
 - ii. .500 winning percentage in Class.
 - iii. .500 winning percentage Overall.
 - iv. Committee Selection
 1. 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 will be made up of equal reps from both leagues. It will be selected from league Presidents, Section IX Officers, and League Coordinators. Send request to Jim Osborne josbornesection9@gmail.com
 2. The school MUST APPLY to the committee 24 hours prior to the stated sport seeding meeting date.
 3. The decision of this Committee will be how a school can gain entry via Committee Selection and its decision could be appealed by the Executive Director.
3. Seeding
 - a. Point Cards will be submitted online based on a deadline set by each sports committee.
 - i. Seeding is based on either your division points divided by the number of division games OR your overall points divided by the number of overall games played.
 - ii. The highest index of the two must be used.
 - iii. Any division in either league with less than four teams when the division games begin will only use their overall index.
 - b. Points will be earned for a win based on the Section IX Point System ([Appendix E](#)) 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.
 - i. **There are no negative points.**
 - c. The tie-breaker for seeding is:
 - i. Head to Head.
 - ii. Class points divided by the number of class games played.
 - iii. Overall points divided by the number of overall games played.
 - iv. Coin Toss.
 - d. In a three 3 way or greater tie, 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.
 - e. 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.
 - f. Section IX Point System
 - i. [See Appendix E](#)
 - g. Tournament Criteria List and Season Log
 - i. [See Appendix F](#)

- ii. This can be returned to Pete Ferguson (berry037@aol.com), Tony Martelli (amartelli@hvc.rr.com), Diane Wanser (wand9@hvc.rr.com) or any boys or girls soccer committee person.
 - 1. You may Download, **Print**, and Submit the form via Email
 - 2. 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.
 - d. If a site is not available for the Final game it will be played on the field of the higher seed.
- 5. Tournament Card Accumulation Policy
 - a. Yellow Cards
 - i. 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.
 - ii. 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
 - i. 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:
 - i. No Noise makers
 - ii. No Signs
 - iii. No Horns, radios, music boxes, bells, et
 - iv. 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 approved Section rate.
 - d. Uniforms
 - i. Higher seeded teams will wear dark uniforms
 - ii. 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. Overtime Procedures

- a. Game will be played with two (2) halves consisting of forty (40) minutes each
- b. If at the conclusion of the second half and the score is tied:
 - i. Overtime will be two (2) fifteen (15) minute sudden victory periods.
- c. If at the conclusion of overtime the score still remains tied, penalty kicks will commence following rules laid out in the National Federation Rule Book.

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

Sectional Tournament Set-up

1. **Game Dates** - Refer to Sectional Tournament Dates for the official list.
 - a. 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)
 - a. Ticket prices at the entrance gate will be as follows:
 - i. Sectionals
 1. \$6.00
 2. No Charge for children under the age of 10
 - ii. Regionals
 1. TBA in July.
 2. No Charge for children under the age of 10
 - b. 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)
 - c. All expenses incurred by the Soccer Committee will be underwritten by Section IX.
3. Awards
 - a. Plaques - A championship plaque will be awarded in each class to the champion.
 - b. Medals - Section IX Athletic Medals will be awarded to the participants of the final game in each class.
4. NYSPHSAA Program
 - a. 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 - Current Classification of Schools

Boys Soccer

Class	School
AAA 1096+	Kingston, Middletown, Monroe-Woodbury, NFA, Pine Bush.
AA 691-1095	Valley Central, Warwick, Washingtonville, Minisink Valley, Goshen, Cornwall, FDR, Wallkill.
A 407-690	Monticello, Beacon, Port Jervis, Liberty, Saugerties, Lourdes, New Paltz, Marlboro, Rondout Valley, Red Hook.
B 247-406	James I. O'Neill, Fallsburg, Sullivan West, Highland, Dover, Spackenkill, Ellenville, Onteora, Mount Academy.
C 143-246	Chester Academy, Burke, Tri-Valley, S.S. Seward, Rhinebeck, Pine Plains, Millbrook, Webutuck.
D 142 max.	Chapel Field, Eldred.

Girls' Soccer

Class	School
AAA 1065+	Kingston, Middletown, Monroe-Woodbury, NFA, Pine Bush
AA 681-1064	Valley Central, Warwick, Washingtonville, Minisink Valley, Goshen, Cornwall, Monticello, FDR, Wallkill.
A 382-680	Beacon, Port Jervis, Liberty, Saugeries, Lourdes, New Paltz, Marlboro, Rondout Valley, Red Hook, Highland.
B 237-381	James I. O'Neill, Fallsburg, Sullivan West, Chester Academy, Dover, Spackenkill, Ellenville, Onteora, Millbrook/Webutuck(merged), Mount Academy.
C 129-236	Burke, Tri-Valley, S.S.Seward, Rhinebeck, Pine Plains.
D 128 max.	Eldred, Livingston Manor/Roscoe, Chapel Field.

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 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

APPENDIX E - Section IX Point System

Class	Opponent	Win Against	Tie
A A A	AAA	6	3
	AA	5	2.5
	A	4	2
	B	3	1.5
	C	2	1
	D	1	0.5

Class	Opponent	Win Against	Tie
A A	AAA	7	3.5
	AA	6	3
	A	5	2.5
	B	4	2
	C	3	1.5
	D	2	1

Class	Opponent	Win Against	Tie
A	AAA	8	4
	AA	7	3.5
	A	6	3
	B	5	2.5
	C	4	2
	D	3	1.5

Class	Opponent	Win Against	Tie
B	AAA	9	4.5
	AA	8	4
	A	7	3.5
	B	6	3
	C	5	2.5
	D	4	2

Class	Opponent	Win Against	Tie
C	AAA	10	5
	AA	9	4.5
	A	8	4
	B	7	3.5
	C	6	3
	D	5	2.5

Class	Opponent	Win Against	Tie
D	AAA	11	5.5
	AA	10	5
	A	9	4.5
	B	8	4
	C	7	3.5
	D	6	3

APPENDIX F - Tournament Seeding, Season Log, and State Tourney

1. Season Log

- a. **Download your Season Log [HERE](#)**
- b. Return your season log to the Soccer Chairperson and your listed representatives.
- c. **Girls Teams: Return your season log by 10 AM on Thursday October 23rd. Boys Teams return Class C October 20th, all others October 22 immediately following your game.**
 - i. **If your season ends earlier, send in your season log ASAP**
- d. **Girls Soccer**

Send all to Diane Wanser wand9@hvc.rr.com. 845-239-1097
AAA/AA Dave Doulin ddoulin@necsd.net 845-728-1681
A Jason Pavlich jpavlich@rhcsd.org 845-399-5133
B Kristin Leska Kristin.leska@hffmcsd.org 845-551-2536B
C/D Joe Dimattina jdimattina@floridaufsd.org 845-825-9938
- e. **Boys Soccer**

Send all to Pete Ferguson Berry037@aol.com 845-554-4990 and Tony Martelli
lggi@warwick.net amartelli@hvc.rr.com
AAA Matt Iorando mji62166@gmail.com 845-926-0519
A Steve Sutton ssutton@rhcsd.org 845-750-7216
B Max Mead mead03@hotmail.com 845-551-8320
C/D Bill Steele wilroy20@yahoo.com 607-765-0562

2. Seeding Meeting

- a. The seeding Meeting for Boys Class C is October 21st, all others October 22nd. **GIRLS seeding will be October 23. 7:00 PM**
- b. **Late Season Logs hold up the entire bracket**

3. Final Four

- a. **TEAM LODGING FOR ALL STATE TOURNAMENT GAMES MUST BE MADE USING THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP HANDBOOK.**
- b. **SCHOOLS ARE NOT TO MAKE THEIR OWN TEAM RESERVATIONS.**
- c. **ROOMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN RESERVED.**

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APPENDIX H - 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>
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Athletic Director or Principal (signature):

Date:

NYSPHSAA Staff Approval:

Date:

APPENDIX I - Regional Gate List

Section IX Athletics Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Regional Gate List

School: _____

Superintendent: _____

Principal: _____

Athletic Director: _____

Sport: _____

Gate List

(List reserved for supervisors, chaperones, and school personnel)

All names listed must show Photo ID at the gate

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

***** Completed forms should be sent to the Sport Chair and/or host site.**