

Section IX Softball



SECTION IX SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

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SECTION IX SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, May 17	Point cards due by noon/ Seeding meeting
Tuesday, May 22	Sectional Quarterfinals games begin. If more than 8 teams qualify, the highest seed will host a doubleheader. (i.e. If nine teams qualify the 8 seed plays the 9 seed at the 1 seed - the winner will then play the 1 seed after a short break)
Thursday, May 24	Sectional Semifinal games
Saturday, May 26	Section IX Finals
Rain Date	Sites and Times TBD
Sunday, May 27	Potential Sites are Cornwall High School, Middletown High School, Rhinebeck High School, and Wallkill High School

NYSPHSAA STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Regionals – Thursday, May 31st – Saturday, June 2nd

Class AA

Regional Semi-Final – **Bye** – (5/31 Section I @ Section IV at Union Endicott HS 2:30 PM

Regional Final – Saturday, 6/2 Section IX @ Section I/IV winner

if Section I @ North Rockland 4:00 PM

if Section IV @ Union Endicott 2:00 PM

Class A

Regional Semi-Final – **Bye** – (5/31 Section I @ Section IV at Union Endicott HS 1:00 PM

Regional Final – Saturday, 6/2 Section IX @ Section I/IV winner

if Section I @ North Rockland 1:30 PM

if Section IV @ Union Endicott 11:00 AM

Class B

Regional Semi-Final – Thursday, 5/31 Section IX @ Section I at North Rockland HS 4:00 PM

Regional Final – Saturday, 6/2 Section VIII/XI winner @ Section I/IX winner

if Section I @ North Rockland HS 11:00 AM

if Section IX @ Middletown HS 1:00 PM

Class C

Regional Semi-Final – Thursday, 5/31 Section I @ Section IX at Middletown HS 5:00 PM

Regional Final – Saturday, 6/2 Section I/IX winner @ Section VIII/XI winner

if Section VIII @ Hofstra 12:00 PM

if Section XI @ St. Joseph's 3:00 PM

Class D

Regional Final – Friday, 6/2 Section IX @ Section IV at Union Endicott HS 5:30 PM

State Final Four – Saturday, June 9th @ Town of Moreau Harry J. Betar Jr Recreation Park

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION: A team is eligible to participate in the tournament provided one of the following criteria is met:

1. .500 or better division* record
2. .500 or better overall class record
3. .500 or better division class record
4. .500 or better overall
5. Overall plus points
6. Plus points in division
7. Tournament committee selection (see below)

* There has been some confusion on what games should be considered as "division games", this is explained in detail on the page with enrollments.

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

- A. The respective sports committee must be notified at least 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 has 1 (one) hour to appeal the decision to the Section IX Executive Director or his designee.
- E. The decision of the Section IX Executive Director or his designee shall be final and binding.
- F. 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.

POINT CARD: Please fill out point card with all games on your schedule. If you have games that still must be played, list the opponent and the date. Leave the rest blank. Do NOT do add the totals.

SEEDING: Teams will be seeded based on their point cards. They must be submitted no later than Thursday, **May 17th at noon**. The results of any games played after the submission of the point cards and prior to seeding should be forwarded to Steve Boucher at sboucher@rhinebeckcsd.org or a voicemail can be left at 871-5500 ext. 5535.

Seeding will be done by dividing the number of division points by the number of division games in the regular season

It is imperative that all teams complete their league schedule before the seeding meeting on Thursday, May 17th. If a team fails to complete their league schedule their seed will be determined by the Section IX Softball committee.

The Tie Breaker will be:

1. Head to Head results
2. Overall points divided by overall games.
3. Tournament Committee determination.

RULES: USA fastpitch softball rules will be enforced. A 15 run mercy rule will be in effect throughout Sectional Tournament play, with the exception of the finals in each class. **Please note that Sectional, Regional, and State Tournament games do not need to go a full seven innings to be considered official.** However, everything humanly possible should be done in an effort to play a seven inning game.

SITES: All games up to the finals will be played at the home site of the higher seeded team. Every attempt should be made to play the games on the scheduled dates. Any changes must be approved by the Sectional Committee. In the finals, the higher seeded team is the home team.

If a game is to be canceled due to inclement weather, before it begins, the decision will be made by the home school. If a game is canceled, the home school is responsible for the immediate notification of either Chairperson. Once a game begins, the umpires will have the authority to cancel or suspend the game.

Rain outs will be rescheduled for the **NEXT** day.

UMPIRES: The umpires will be selected and assigned according to the guidelines approved by Section IX. All games prior to the finals will use two umpires. The finals will use 3 umpires.

GAME BALLS: Each team is responsible for providing **3** new game balls for each game played. The **DUDLEY SB12LRFY-FP-NFHS (optic yellow-red stitch)** is the only ball that can be used for sectional games.

TEAM DROPPING OUT OF TOURNAMENT: Any team dropping out of the tournament will not be replaced. Their opponent will be awarded the forfeit and advance.

PROTESTED GAME DURING SECTIONAL PLAY: Protests must be lodged in accordance with USA rules. A formal protest must be **in writing** and forwarded to the Sectional Co-Chairperson, Tom Cassata, no later than 8:00 A.M. of the day following the protested game. A protest form is located at the end of the handbook. A protest committee will be set up consisting of the League Chairpersons and a State Rules Interpreter. All decisions of this committee will be final

REPORTING GAME RESULTS: Coaches of the **HOME** team are required to contact local newspapers with game results and other pertinent information.

AWARDS: 1. A championship plaque will be awarded in each class
2. Section IX Champions T-Shirts and Athletic Shields will be awarded to the players of each of the championship teams.

TICKETS: 1. Ticket prices - Sectional Finals - \$2.00 for students and \$3.00 for adults.
Regionals - \$5.00 per person
2. Athletic directors may submit a gate list **not to exceed 20**.

School Enrollments

Class AA 910 & up	Class A 480 - 909	Class B 280-479	Class C 170-279	Class D 169 & below
FDR	Cornwall	Chester	Millbrook	Chapel Field
Kingston	Goshen	John S. Burke	Pine Plains	Eldred
Middletown	Monticello	Dover	S.S. Seward	Livingston Manor
Minisink Valley	New Paltz	Ellenville	Sullivan West	Roscoe
Monroe Woodbury	Port Jervis	Fallsburg	Tri-Valley	Tuxedo
NFA	Red Hook	Highland		Webutuck
Pine Bush	Saugerties	Liberty		
Valley Central	Wallkill	Marlboro		
Warwick		James I. O'Neill		
Washingtonville		Onteora		
		Rhinebeck		
		Rondout Valley		
		Spackenkill		

What is a "Division Game"?

Section IX is made up of two leagues, each having divisions based on enrollment. The Orange County League (OCL) has six divisions while the Mid-Hudson Athletic League (MHAL) has four divisions.

With the exception of OCL Division I and OCL Division II (all Class AA Schools) only **division games** are used for seeding. In the OCL Division I and OCL Division II the "cross over" games (Division I vs Division II) are also used.

These are the games that should be entered on your Division Point Card.

Section IX Point System

AA WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)

AA LOSS TO (NEGATIVE)

AA	6	6
A	5	7
B	4	8
C	3	9
D	2	10

A WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)

A LOSS TO (NEGATIVE)

AA	7	5
A	6	6
B	5	7
C	4	8
D	3	9

B WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)

B LOSS TO (NEGATIVE)

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

C WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)

C LOSS TO (NEGATIVE)

AA	9	3
A	8	4
B	7	5
C	6	6
D	5	7

D WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)

D LOSS TO (NEGATIVE)

AA	10	2
A	9	3
B	8	4
C	7	5
D	6	6

SECTION IX SOFTBALL ENTRY FORM

MUST BE RECEIVED BY Noon on Thursday, May 17, 2018

Name of School: _____

League: _____ Classification: _____

Games Won Overall: _____ Games Lost: _____

Division Record: _____ Division Standing: _____

LIST ALL SCORES ON SOFTBALL POINT CARD

Head Coach: _____

Home Phone: _____

School Phone: _____

Athletic Director: _____

Home Phone: _____

School Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Coach's Home Phone: _____

School Phone: _____

Coach's Email: _____ Fax Number: _____

Please forward this completed form and point cards to the Steve Boucher (sboucher@rhinebeckcsd.org)

SECTION IX SOFTBALL POINT CARD

School _____

Class _____

Game #	Opponent	Date	Class	ENTER +/- DIVISION POINTS	ENTER +/- OVERALL POINTS
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
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16					
17					
18					
19					
20					
				Total Points	
				Total Games	
				Points/Game	

