

Section IX Softball



SECTION IX SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

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SECTION IX SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, May 18th Point cards due by noon/ Seeding meeting

Friday, May 20th Sectional games may start at site higher seed.

Friday, May 27th & Saturday, May 28th (Rain Date Sunday, May 29th) Section IX Finals
Potential Sites are Cornwall High School, Middletown High School,
Rhinebeck High School, and Wallkill High School

NYSPHSAA STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Regionals – Tuesday, May 31st – Saturday, June 4th

Class AA

Regional Semi-Final – Wednesday, 6/1 **Section IX @** Section I at Arlington HS 4:00 PM

Regional Final – Section IV **@** Section I/IX winner
if **Section IX** Saturday, 6/4 **@** Middletown HS

Class A

Regional Semi-Final – Thursday, 6/2 **Section IX @** Section I at Lakeland HS 4:00 PM

Regional Final – Saturday, 6/4 Section IV **@** Section I/IX winner
if **Section IX** Saturday, 6/4 **@** Middletown HS TBA

Class B

Regional Semi-Final – **Section IX @** Section I TBD

Regional Final – Section I/IX winner **@** VIII/XI
if Section VIII **@** TBD
if Section XI **@** TBD

Class C

Regional Semi-Final – Wednesday, 6/1 Section I **@** **Section IX @** Middletown HS 5:00 PM

Regional Final – Section VIII/XI winner **@** Section I/IX winner
if **Section IX** Saturday, 6/4 **@** Middletown HS TBA

Class D

Regional Final – Saturday, 6/4 **Section IX @** Section IV at Union Endicott HS 3:00 PM

State Final Four – Saturday, June 11th @ Moriches Athletic Complex (Section XI)

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", especially in Class AA. 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 Wednesday, **May 22nd 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

It is imperative that all teams complete their league schedule before the seeding meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd. 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 12-run mercy rule will be in effect throughout Sectional Tournament play (including the finals)** 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

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 Medals will be awarded to the players of each of the championship teams. Finalist Medals will be awarded to the 2nd place team.

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 965 & up	Class A 500 – 964	Class B 270-	Class C 150-	Class D 149 & below
Kingston	Beacon	John S. Burke	Chester	Chapel Field
Middletown	Cornwall	Dover	Millbrook	Eldred
Monroe Woodbury	FDR	Ellenville	Pine Plains	Livingston Manor
NFA	Goshen	Fallsburg	Rhinebeck	Roscoe
Pine Bush	Minisink Valley	Highland	S.S. Seward	Tuxedo
Valley Central	Monticello	Liberty	Sullivan West	
Warwick	Port Jervis	Marlboro	Tri-Valley	
	Saugerties	New Paltz	Webutuck	
	Wallkill	James I. O'Neill		
	Washingtonville	Onteora		
		Red Hook		
		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.

Division Games are league assigned matches against the schools in your division. These are the games that should be entered in the **Division Point Column** on your Sectional Card.

OCIAA I & II (AA)	OCIAA III (A)	OCIAA IV (B)	OCIAA V (C)	OCIAA VI (D)
Kingston	Beacon	Burke	Chester	Chapel Field
Middletown	Cornwall	Fallsburg	S.S. Seward	Eldred
Monroe-	Goshen	O'Neill	Sullivan West	Livingston Manor
NFA	Minisink Valley	Liberty	Tuxedo	
Pine Bush	Monticello			
Valley Central	Port Jervis			
Warwick	Washingtonville			
MHAL I (A&B)	MHAL II (B)	MHAL III (B&C)	MHAL IV (B&C)	
FDR	Highland	Ellenville	Dover	
New Paltz	Marlboro	<i>Onteora</i>	Millbrook	
Saugerties	Red Hook	Rhinebeck	Pine Plains	
Wallkill	Rondout Valley	Spackenkill	Webutuck	

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 Wednesday, May 18, 2022

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 +/- DIVISIO N POINTS	ENTER +/- OVERAL L POINTS
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				Total Points	
				Total Games	
				Points/Game	

