

SECTION IX SOFTBALL HANDBOOK



2023

Section IX Softball Committee

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Section IX Softball Tournament

- **Thursday, May 18th:** Point Cards due by noon (please send them to **ALL** the members on the softball committee)
- **Saturday, May 20th:** Sectional games may start at the site of the higher-seed.
- **Friday, May 26th & Saturday May 27th:** (Rain date Sunday, May 28th) Sectional IX Finals at:

Section IX Finals Location:

Middletown High School

*****ALL DATES, TIMES, or LOCATIONS MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME**

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION: A team is eligible to participate in the tournament provided 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 record
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

- 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 (Joe DiMattina) and the Section IX Executive Director (Greg Ransom).
- 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 **(one) hour** to appeal the decision to the Section IX Executive Director or his designee shall be final and binding.

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

POINT CARD: Please fill out the 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 add the totals.**

SEEDING: Teams will be seeded based on their point cards. The results of any games played after the submission of the point cards and prior to seeding should be forwarded to Joe DiMattina at Jdimattina@floridaufsd.org or voicemail can be left at 651-3095 ext. **30112**.

*Seeding will be completed 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 seed meeting on **Thursday, May 18th**. 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. 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 team is responsible for the immediate notification to the Chairperson. **Once a game begins, the umpires will have the authority to cancel or suspend the game.**

*Rainouts will be rescheduled 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 sectionals.

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 Chairperson, Joe DiMattina, no later than 8am 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 Chairperson and 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 Championship T-shirts and medals will be awarded for players and coaching staff. 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 people.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

Class AA 965 & up	Class A 500-964	Class B 270-499	Class C 150-269	Class D 149-below
Kingston	Beacon	Chester	Burke	Chapel Field
Middletown	Cornwall	Dover	Millbrook	Eldred
Monroe Woodbury	FDR	Ellenville	Pine Plains	Livingston Manor/Roscoe
NFA	Goshen	Fallsburg	Rhinebeck	Webutuck
Pine Bush	Minisink	Highland	S.S. Seward	Tuxedo
Valley Central	Monticello	Liberty	Sullivan West	
Warwick	New Paltz	Marlboro	Tri-Valley	
Washingtonville	Port Jervis	O'Neill		
	Saugerties	Our Lady of Lourdes		
	Wallkill	Red Hook		
	Rondout/Onteora	Spackenkill		

*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 “crossover” 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.**

Divisions By League

OCIAA I & II (AA)	OCIAA III (A)	OCIAA IV (B)	OCIAA V (C)	OCIAA VI (D)
Kingston	Beacon	Chester	Burke	Chapel Field
Middletown	Cornwall	Fallsburg	S.S. Seward	Eldred
Monroe	Goshen	O'Neill	Sullivan West	Livingston Manor
NFA	Minisink	Liberty	Tri-Valley	Tuxedo
Pine Bush	Monticello			Roscoe
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	Onteora	Millbrook	
Saugerties	Red Hook	Rhinebeck	Pine Plains	
Wallkill	Rondout Valley/Onteora	Spackenkill	Webutuck	
	Our Lady of Lourdes			

Section IX Point System

AA WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)		AA LOSS TO (NEGATIVE)	
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AA	6		6
A	5		7
B	4		8
C	3		9
D	2		10

A WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)		A LOSS TO (NEGATIVE)	
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AA	7		5
A	6		6
B	5		7
C	4		8
D	3		9

B WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)		B LOSS TO (NEGATIVE)	
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AA	8		4
A	7		5
B	6		6
C	5		7
D	4		8

C WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)		C LOSS TO (NEGATIVE)	
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AA	9		3
A	8		4
B	7		5
C	6		6
D	5		7

D WIN AGAINST (POSITIVE)		D LOSS TO (NEGATIVE)	
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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 18, 2023

Name of School: _____ Classification: _____

Overall Record: _____ - _____

Division Record: _____ - _____

Head Coach: _____

Head Coach Email: _____

Home or Cell Phone: _____

School Phone: _____

Athletic Director: _____

AD Email: _____

AD Phone: _____

Coach's Signature: _____

***Please forward this completed form and point cards to Joe DiMattina
(jdimattina@floridaufsd.org)**

SECTION IX SOFTBALL POINT CARD

SCHOOL: _____ CLASS: _____

<u>GAMES:</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DIVISION POINTS (+/-)</u>	<u>OVERALL POINTS (+/-)</u>
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					
17					
18					
19					
20					
		TOTAL POINTS:			
		TOTAL GAMES:			
		POINTS/GAMES:			

SECTION IX PROTEST FORM

DATE: _____ **TEAM FILING PROTEST:** _____

SITE: _____ **TIME OF GAME:** _____

HOME TEAM: _____ **AWAY TEAM:** _____

PROTEST RULE: _____

Coach's Interpretation of incident: _____

SCORE: _____ - _____ **Inning of Incident:** _____ **# of Outs:** _____

of Balls: _____ **# of Strikes:** _____ **Baserunners on** _____

Plate Umpire: _____

Base Umpire: _____

Base Umpire: _____

Coach's Signature: _____

Athletic Director's Signature: _____

NYSPHSAA STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

- **REGIONALS**– May 30th-Saturday, June 3rd
- **STATE FINAL FOUR**: Friday, June 9th @ Moriches Athletic Complex
- **STATE FINALS**: Saturday, June 10th @ Moriches Athletic Complex

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