

SECTION IX SOFTBALL HANDBOOK



2024

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Section IX Softball Tournament

- **Thursday, May 16th:** Point Cards due by noon (please send them to **ALL** the members on the softball committee)

***Please use this link to submit your entry into Sectional Play:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IB0s0rIVzJjoG8747rLR7yyqZ7uzheyMbFdmvGny5n8/copy>

- **Saturday, May 18th:** Sectional games may start at the site of the higher-seed.
- **Friday, May 24th & Saturday May 25th:** (Rain date Sunday, May 28th) Sectional IX Finals at:

Section IX Finals Location:

TBA

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

Qualifying Standards

To qualify a team must achieve one of the standards listed below:

1. 500 winning percentage in Division
2. 500 winning percentage in Class
3. 500 winning percentage Overall
4. Committee Selection

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 would be made up of equal reps from both leagues. It would be selected from league Presidents, Section IX Officers, and League Coordinators. **The school must apply to the committee 24 hours prior to the stated sport seeding meeting date.** The decision of this Committee will be how a school can gain entry via Committee Selection and its decision could be appealed by the school to the Executive Director.

Seeding Criteria

1. Point Cards will be submitted on line based on a deadline set by each sports committee
2. Seeding is based on either your division points/# of division games or your overall points/ # of overall games played
3. The highest index of the two must be used.
4. Any division in either league with less than **four teams** when the division games begin will only use their overall index.
5. Points will be earned for a win based on the chart below 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.
6. **There are no negative points.**
7. The tiebreaker for seeding is:
 - a. Head-to-head
 - b. Class points/# of class games played.
 - c. Overall points/# of overall games played.
 - d. Coin toss
 - e. In three 3 way or greater ties, 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.
8. 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.

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COMMITTEE SELECTION

If a school fails to qualify but wishes to get in by committee selection they must contact the Section IX Committee Selection group which is headed by Jim Osborne. The AD must contact Jim 24 hours prior to the seed meeting and present to Jim's group the reasons they should be considered. There must be extenuating circumstances for the request to be considered. A school may appeal the committee's decision directly to the Executive Director. Jim Osbourne: josbornesection9@gmail.com

POINT CARD: Please fill out the online 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**.

*It is imperative that **ALL** teams complete their league schedule before the seed meeting on **Thursday, May 16th**. If a team fails to complete their league schedule their seed will be determined by the Section IX Softball Committee.

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: Once a team protests, a protest committee will be formed and a decision will be completed prior to the end of the game. Once the game is completed there will be **NO** protest.

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. If the site chooses to charge for entry:

2. Athletic Directors may submit a gate list **NOT** to exceed 20 people.

Section IX Point System

AAA WIN AGAINST	(POSITIVE)	AAA Tie
AAA	6	3
AA	5	2.5
A	4	2
B	3	1.5
C	2	1
D	1	.5

AA WIN AGAINST	(POSITIVE)	AA Tie
AAA	7	3.5
AA	6	3
A	5	2.5
B	4	2
C	3	1.5
D	2	1

A WIN AGAINST	(POSITIVE)	A Tie
AAA	8	4
AA	7	3.5
A	6	3
B	5	2.5
C	4	2
D	3	1.5

B WIN AGAINST	(POSITIVE)	B Tie
AAA	9	4.5
AA	8	4
A	7	3.5
B	6	3
C	5	2.5
D	4	2

C WIN AGAINST	(POSITIVE)	C Tie
AAA	10	5
AA	9	4.5
A	8	4
B	7	3.5
C	6	3
D	5	2.5

D WIN AGAINST	(POSITIVE)	D Tie
AAA	11	5.5
AA	10	5
A	9	4.5
B	8	4
C	7	3.5
D	6	3

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NYSPHSAA STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

- **REGIONALS:**

***Semi-Finals:** May 28th- at TBA (if Section IX is the Host);
May 29th—Rain Date

***Regional Finals:** May 31st-June 1st will be played

at

Monroe-Woodbury High School (if Section IX is the Host)

- **STATE FINAL FOUR:** Friday, June 7th @ Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park in Binghamton
- **STATE FINALS:** Saturday, June 8th @ Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park in Binghamton

Link to Complex:

<https://www.gobroomecounty.com/parks/softball>

Park Rules Flyer:

<https://www.gobroomecounty.com/sites/default/files/dept/parks/pdfs/Broome%20County%20Softball%20Complex%20Rules%20Flyer%20PDF.pdf>

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