



SECTION IX BY LAWS

Section IX Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rule

Sportsmanship: The NYSPHSAA and Section IX recognizes and appreciates that the influence and responsibility of the school administration with regard to good sportsmanship extends to all levels of competition. However, it must also be seen that the NYSPHSAA AND Section IX has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all contests under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily. This standard applies to all regular season and post schedule play.

I. Coach:

1. Any coach excluded by a certified official from an interschool competition for unsportsmanlike conduct is ineligible to coach any interschool 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. NOTE:** “Not being physically present at the site” means the disqualified coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game/meet.
2. 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, and fan) shall be expelled immediately and banned from further participation or coaching in all sports for one year from the date of the offense.
3. The coach of the player(s) who 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 to confirm that the player(s) will not be allowed to participate in the school’s next scheduled game/games as above.

II. Player:

1. Any member of a squad ruled out of a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct or for a flagrant foul will have the following occur:
 - A. First Ejection – 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.
 - B. Second Ejection – 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.
 - C. Third Ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in any remaining scheduled contests for the remainder of that sports season. 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.

Please note: Disqualified from one season carry over to the next season of participation.

2. 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. **NOTE:** “Member of the squad” includes player, manager, scorekeeper, timers, and statisticians.

III. Official:

1. Unprofessional conduct on the part of official 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. 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.
2. 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). The League Coordinator shall notify the Athletic Director of the offending school.

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 his 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 or abusive manner. No negative comments in 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.
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.

Section IX Spectator Code of Conduct

Section IX Athletics recognizes the importance of behavior and personal character in our student athletes. As such, we ask our spectators to:

1. Demonstrate a high degree of sportsmanship.
2. Show team support by making only positive comments.
3. Show respect for the judgment of coaches, officials, and referees.

4. Acknowledge fields, courts and equipment as the player's domain during contests.
5. Monitor the safety of children in the bleachers and stands.
6. Respect the law. All public schools and Section IX venues are smoke-free, substance free environment.
7. Athletic contests home, away or at a neutral site are an extension of the classroom. Therefore, all school rules are in effect.
8. Spectators will respect and obey all school officials, supervisors and site personnel at contests.
9. There will be no ringing of bells, sounding of horns, or other noise makers at indoor contests.* Outdoor use will be at the discretion of the site personnel.

*This does not apply to spirit groups including school approved pep bands or cheerleaders.

10. The throwing of debris, confetti, or other objects from the stands is prohibited. Offending individuals will be asked to leave the premises.
11. Exceptions to this behavior will lead to ejection from the event.

***Please note that individual schools may have more stringent policies. ***

Section IX 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 school will determine if weather conditions are safe enough for travel and competition. The Sports Chair for the contest in question 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 respective 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.

SECTION IX VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

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SECTION IX VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT DATES

Tuesday, October 29 Sectional Point cards due

Wednesday, October 30 Seeding Meeting (Committee Only)

Saturday, November 2- Sectional matches begin. Preliminary matches at site of higher seed.
Friday, November 8 3 out of 5 with all matches beginning at 5 PM unless mutual agreement by
Schools involved.

Sectional Championships will be held between Saturday, November 9th and Sunday, November 10th
Saturday, November 10th at Bard College Times Class D 12 PM & Class B 2:30 PM
Sunday, November 4th at Mount Saint Mary’s College Class C 10 AM, Class AA 12:30 PM, & Class A 3 PM

NYS Regional Semi-finals

Class AA – Section I @ **Section IX** Wednesday, November 13th 5:30 PM @ Kingston HS
Class A – Section I @ **Section IX** Wednesday, November 13th 7:30 PM @ Kingston HS
Class B – Section I @ **Section IX** Tuesday, November 12th 5:30 PM @ Kingston HS
Class C – Section I @ **Section IX** Tuesday, November 12th 7:30 PM @ Kingston HS
Class D – Bye

NYS Regional Championship

Class AA – Section I/IX winner @ Section IV @ Corning HS 10 AM
Class A – Section IV/IX winner @ Section IV @ Corning HS 12 PM
Class B – Section IV/IX winner @ Section IV @ Corning HS 2 PM
Class C – Section IV/IX winner @ Section IV @ Corning HS 4 PM
Class D – Section I/XI winner @ **Section IX** Friday, November 15th 6 PM @ O’Neill HS

NYS Final Four

Cool Insuring Arena – Glens Falls

Saturday, November 23rd Pool Play
Sunday, November 24th State Championship Matches

SECTIONAL VOLLEYBALL

CLASSIFICATIONS

- AA – 950 – Up
- A – 598 – 949
- B – 368 – 597
- C – 221 – 367
- D – 220 & Below

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE: All matches up to finals will be played at the higher seed home court. The host school will be responsible for providing a scorekeeper, Libero tracker, security and any other necessary personnel to secure safe environment. The home school will assume payments of officials while the traveling school will assume bus responsibility. The visiting school will also send chaperones to supervise their fans. All Finals will be played at a neutral site determined by the committee.

TEAM SELECTIONS: A team is eligible to participate in the tournament provided and point card has been submitted and 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. The Athletic Director is the official and only voice for each school in this matter.

POINT CARD: Please fill out point card with all matches on your schedule. If you have matches that still must be played, ***list the opponent and the date. Leave the rest blank. Do NOT do add the totals.*** Please send point cards to both Chairpersons by email (sboucher@rhinebeckcsd.org & debra.crowe@hffmcsd.org) do not fax entry forms.

SEEDING: Teams will be seeded based on their point cards. They must be submitted no later than Tuesday, October 29th 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.

The 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 Wednesday, October 30th. If a team fails to complete their league schedule their seed will be determined by the Section IX Volleyball committee.

The Tie Breaker will be:

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

SECTIONAL GAME PROCEDURES

1. All volleyball games are to be played according to current NCAA rules and NYSPHSAA waivers.
2. The Official Ball for all Sectional, Regional, and State Level games is the Spalding TF-VB5 Navy/Silver/White (Item # 72-1358)
3. Home schools are responsible for providing the following for **play-in rounds, quarterfinals and semifinals**:
 - Providing warm up balls for both teams
 - Providing Official Game Balls – Spalding VB5 (Navy/Silver/White)
 - Providing an official scorer and libero tracker
 - Providing chaperones
 - Assuring net is set up at least 30 minutes prior to game start
4. Visiting Schools **must** provide chaperones to all matches.
5. Winning schools are responsible for notifying the media of the results. All three newspapers (Daily Freeman, Poughkeepsie Journal, and Times Herald Record) must be notified.
6. At the **SECTIONAL FINALS** Section IX will provide:
 - Official Game balls for warm ups and the match.
 - An Official Scorer
 - An Official Libero Tracker
 - An announcer
7. The Standard Operational Procedures will be used for Section Finals, Regionals, and the State Championship. It is recommended that this protocol be used during sectional play as well as the regular season for Varsity Matches.

Official warm up is 22 minutes. (4 minutes together, 9 minutes serving team, 9 minutes receiving team.)

Officials meet with team representatives and will signal when to start clock for warm up.

Visible Clock	Protocol
23-19	4 minutes shared time (whistles will be 19:15 and 19)
19-15	Visiting team exclusive court use (whistles will be 15:15 and 15)
15-11	Home team exclusive court use (whistles will be at 11:15 and 11)
11-6	Visiting team exclusive court use (whistles at 6:15 and 6)
6-1	Home team exclusive court use (whistles at 1:15 and 1)
1-0	Pick-up volleyballs and team huddle

National Anthem and Introductions

Match Begins

GAME OFFICIALS: Will be assigned by Section IX Committee in conjunction with the assigner.

TICKETS

1. Admission for Sectional Finals and Regional Contests hosted by Section IX will be as follows:

Sectional finals	Adults \$6.00 per person	Students \$4.00 per person
Regional semis/finals	Adults \$7.00 per person	Students \$5.00 per person
2. Section IX Passes will not be honored throughout the tournament.
3. Athletic Director will provide a gate list of no more than twenty (20) to both by email (**josbornesection9@gmail.com, sboucher@rhinebeckcsd.org, debra.crowe@hffmcsd.org**) at least 48 hours prior to the contest. If a gate list exceeds twenty the school will be billed for the additional guests. Parents of players may not be on the gate list.
4. All expenses incurred by the Volleyball Committee will be underwritten by Section IX.

PROTEST PROCEDURE FOR SECTIONALS, REGIONALS AND FINALS

1. No protest based on officials' judgments will be heard by the committee.
2. The protest committee will be composed of the members of the Volleyball Committee.
3. Any coach lodging a protest will immediately notify one of the game officials that he or she is playing the game under protest and follow the following procedure:
 - A. The protesting coach will write a complete statement outlining the reasons for the protest. The written protest should be submitted to a member of the Volleyball Committee. If no committee member is present, the officials are to accept the protest and notify the Chairman immediately. The officials and Chairman (if available) will rule on the protest immediately.
4. The Protest Committee's decision will be final in all instances.

SUPERVISION AND GAME CONTROL: All participating schools shall be required to send the appropriate number of school personnel to supervise the spectator's actions. Serious violations of good sportsmanship may lead to the individual(s) being suspended from all further games. **Spectators are not permitted to bring/use signs or noisemakers of any type.** The following are not permitted at the games: Athletic Directors please inform your parents and student body:

1. No noise makers.
2. No Signs.
3. No horns, radios, music boxes, etc.
4. No bands
5. No body paint

Athletic Directors, coaches, and spectators should be aware that for regional contests the host sections have different rules and regulations.

All supervisors/chaperones of tournament teams will report to the score table before the match and are required to wear an armband or identifying jacket.

TOURNAMENT SITE PRACTICE

Tournament teams are not permitted to practice at neutral sites assigned for the Sectional tournament games once the regular season has concluded.

REGIONAL/STATE INFORMATION

NYSPHSAA provides awards for 15 players at State level play. Please plan accordingly.

NYSPPHSAA HANDBOOK

Waivers of NCAA Volleyball Rules:

1. Two score keepers are permitted with a home score book as the official score book. (Feb. 2008)
2. With Section approval, the use of lines people during league play may be waived. (May 2007)
3. Teams can warm-up behind or adjacent to the court during the warm-up period. (May 2005)
4. If uniform specifications are not compliant, these procedures will be followed:
 - a. Notify the coach of the team at fault of the violation. The team will attempt to legalize the uniform of the team member(s) in question.
 - b. If the uniform fault cannot be legalized, meet with the opposing coach to determine whether a protest will be filed.
 - c. If no protest is filed at this time, no future protest will be accepted on this issue.
 - d. If no protest is filed, follow protest procedure and play the match.
 - e. The libero uniform is exempt from this modification.
5. The time length of all time outs is 60 seconds. (Aug. 2009)
6. Waiver of rule 1.5.4 – referee stand in Boys and Girls Volleyball.
7. Waive the NCAA Challenge Review System. (July 2016)
8. Waiver of NCAA court striping (Rule 1.2.2.1); the interrupted solid boundary line. (May 2019)

NYSPPHSAA Girls Volleyball Rules:

1. A contestant (or team) may participate in a maximum of two (2) matches in a day.
2. A Match shall consist of sets in a best of 3 out of 5 formats, all 25-point games;
3. A tournament is 4 or more teams that participate in a pool play and bracket format is not a match. A bracket can consist of best 2 out of 3 or single set rounds. Scoring options are starting at 0-0 or 4-4 going until 25 points or a cap. The total number of tournament games played in one day shall not exceed fifteen (15) games. An additional 15- point game is permitted only to break ties in pool play to advance to finals as per tiebreaking procedures.
4. In tournament play, volleyball teams shall have at least ten-minutes of rest between matches.
5. All games will be played according to NCAA Rules with all games played to 25-points.
6. Teams will be permitted eighteen (18) substitutions and will switch at 13-points in the deciding game.
7. Girls Volleyball – Standard Operating Procedures for Regionals, Semifinals, and Finals. Revised (May 2019)

Volleyball Scrimmage Rules:

1. No champion can be crowned, cannot be bracketed and no win/loss record kept. (July 2018)

A volleyball scrimmage must include one or more of the following:

1. Each server shall serve 3-5 consecutive serves regardless if the point was scored before the other team would get the ball. (rotate)
2. Games would start at point 4 all and end at point 25 **or** a game could be timed with no point cap.

Match vs. Tournament Clarification

Approved for Girls Volleyball by the July 2016 NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting the following definition of a match so there is clarification between a match and tournament:

- A match should consist of sets in a best of 3 of 5 format, all 25 point games. Dual and tri matches are consistent with the definition of a match.
- A tournament is 4 or more teams that participate in a pool play and bracket format is not a match. A bracket can consist of best 2 of 3 or single set rounds. Scoring options are starting at 0-0 or 4-4 going until 25 points or a cap.

2019 Volleyball Classification

School Enrollments

Class AA 950 & up	Class A 598-949	Class B 368-597	Class C 221-367	Class D 220 & below
Kingston	Cornwall	Highland	John S. Burke	Mount Academy
Middletown	FDR	Liberty	Chester	Pine Plains
Monroe Woodbury	Goshen	Marlboro	Dover	S.S. Seward
NFA	Minisink Valley	Port Jervis	Ellenville	Tuxedo
Pine Bush	Monticello	Red Hook	Fallsburg	Webutuck
Valley Central	New Paltz	Rondout Valley	Millbrook	
Warwick	Wallkill	Saugerties	James I. O'Neill	
Washingtonville			Onteora	
			Rhinebeck	
			Spackenkill	
			Sullivan West	

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 in the Division Point Column on your Sectional Card.

SECTION IX VOLLEYBALL ENTRY FORM

MUST BE RECEIVED BY Noon on Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Name of School: _____

League: _____ Classification: _____

Matches Won Overall: _____ Matches Lost: _____

Division Record: _____ Division Standing: _____

LIST ALL MATCHES ON VOLLEYBALL POINT CARD

Head Coach: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

Athletic Director: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

Signature: _____

Please forward this completed form and point cards to the Steve Boucher (sboucher@rhinebeckcsd.org) and Debra Crowe (debra.crowe@hffmcsd.org) by noon, Tuesday, October 29, 2019

SECTION IX VOLLEYBALL POINT CARD

School _____

Class _____

Match #	Date	Opponent	Class	Enter +/- DIVISION POINTS (see next page for points)	Enter +/- OVERALL POINTS (see next page for points)
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2					
3					
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19					
20					
				Total Points	
				Total Matches	
				Points/Match	

Section IX Tournament Seeding 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 TOURNAMENT

VISITING SCHOOL – GATE LIST/SUPERVISION LIST

Boys / Girls Sport: _____ Year: _____

- A. Each school is permitted 20 people only.
- B. Please indicate which 20 people are chaperones.
- C. If more than 20 people are needed on your list the school district will be billed accordingly.
- D. Please list one person per line.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
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10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
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15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Fax to: _____

Signature of Athletic Director

School

New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.
NYSPHSAA High School
Sport Record
Reporting Form

A records database for all sports conducted by the NYSPHSAA has been compiled and is held in the NYSPHSAA office. It has been updated by input from state and section sport coordinators. If there is a correction to this database or if there is a new record please complete this form and submit to:

NYSPHSAA Sports Record Database
88 Delaware Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054

518-439-8873

Fax: 518-475-1556

www.nysphsaa.org

Sport _____
(i.e. Baseball, Boys Track, Girls Lacrosse)

Record Category _____
(i.e. Career Points / event – 1600 m relay / Coaching Wins 200 +)

Athlete or Coach or Team Name _____

Athlete or Coach or Team School _____

Record _____
(i.e. career, season, game strike outs / career, season, game points / # coaching wins)

Status (date(s) of record – or for coaching wins: active / retired) _____

Name of person submitting record _____

Phone number of person submitting record _____

Comments / Additional Information _____

Date submitted _____