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2024-25 Girls Basketball Handbook

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Team Roster Enter onto Girls Basketball Website

[All-WNY Scholar Athlete Nominations](#) (on-line only)

2024-2025 Girls Basketball Calendar

First Practice		Mon, 11/18/24
Practices required to represent school		6 individual practices
Coaches League Meeting	Your League	Wed., 11/13, 2024
Rosters on website	https://sectionvibasketball.com/girls/	11/27/24
Declaration of Non-Participation	to chairman in writing by Athletic Director	Sat., 2/15/25
League Game Cut Off Date		Thurs., 2/20/24
Seeding Meeting	Erie 1 BOCES B1	Sat., 2/22/25 9am
ALL- WNY Scholar Athlete	On-Line Forms	Mon., 3/17/25 5PM

***Scorebook available for download:** www.NCAApublishations.com

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***NCAA Women's Basketball Rulebook 2023-24, 24-25**

Link available free download for PDF file

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https://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/ePub_instructions.pdf

[See Page 6 for Girls Basketball Playoff Calendar](#)

For Most Up-to-Date Post Season Calendar for Sites/Dates/Times
www.sectionvibasketball.com and

<https://www.section6.e1b.org/PostSeasonWinter>

Girls Basketball Committee

Committee voting privileges:

As per the Section VI Constitution item 7.6, "The representative members on each sport committee will be appointed by each league and have only one vote per league. Other non-voting members may be selected by the Sport Chairperson. Federated sport representative members that are appointed by their division, league or school will have only one vote. The Sport Chairs of Federated Sports that have divisions will verify that among division representatives each participating league is represented. The Sport Chair may only vote when the vote is tied. A Sport Chair who also represents a league can serve in both capacities but will have only one vote."

The voting members of the committee are indicated below with an **asterisk**.

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CCAA D2	Emily Eckwahl	Sherman		
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2024-25 Section VI Girls Basketball

Point of Emphasis for Coaches

1. Rosters on the Website by See Page 3 (maximum 15 players)
2. Game Reports on the website should be submitted immediately after the game (game score at a minimum). Coaches have 24 hours to submit stats (points and rebounds) and official Evaluations. ***Written comments for officials are necessary!***
3. Coaches are responsible for following their power points on the website and reporting any discrepancies to their league chairman.
4. Declaration of Non-participation date is See Page 3 in writing from Athletic Director submitted to willeastcoach@gmail.com
5. Scrimmages – No limit to the number, but must abide by the Definition of a Scrimmage!
 - a. 6 -10 minutes quarters - running time
6. Admittance Form – for Semis, Finals and Regionals
7. All Sectionals games must use the Spaulding Basketball

Split Classification after opt-out Pilot

Approved at 11/15/23 Athletic Council 6.4.1 Implement a **split classifications after opt-out pilot** for 2 years, 23-24 and 24-25, in the sports of Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Baseball and Softball

Sectional Games Time changes in Pre quarters and Quarters:

Special requests for extenuating circumstances need to be submitted in writing to the Section chair 48 hours prior to the seeding meeting – these requests must include a reason.

Officiating Point of Emphasis

2024-2025 GBB Officiating Reminders:

1. NYS operates under NCAAW rules set for GBB; in conjunction with the [NYS Rule Modifications Sheet](#). (found on page 9)
2. Be sure timers/scorers are aware of the following:
 - a. Numbers 0/00 through 99 are now legal.
 - b. New rules involving team warnings/team technicals.
3. Addition to rulebook of “Faking Being Fouled,” team warning & team technical.
4. Stay diligent with player uniforms and apparel.
5. Jewelry is illegal; a player may NOT tape or cover the jewelry to make it legal.
6. Religious headwear and hair beads (if secured) are legal, per the referee deeming them safe.
7. Coach, player and fan conduct, continue to be a point of emphasis. “Coach and student-athlete behavior should be consistent with an educational environment.”
8. That coaches stay off the floor and within the 28-foot coaching box.
9. Coaches have their teams break timeouts after the 1st horn & players are ready to play, at the 2nd horn.

Section VI Girls Basketball Playoff Schedule Calendar Format

Most Up-to-Date Post Season Calendar for Sites/Dates/Times and
<https://sectionvibasketball.com> and <http://www.section6.e1b.org/PostSeasonWinter>

Always check www.sectionvibasketball.com

Sunday	M	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb. 16	17	18	19	20 Last Regularly Scheduled League Game Cut-Off Date	21	22 Seeding Meeting 9am @ Erie Boces
Mon 24 Play-in if needed AA 7pm at Higher Seed		25 PRE 1/4 AA, A, 7pm at Higher Seed	26 PRE 1/4 B, C, D 7pm at Higher Seed	27 QUARTERS AA, A 7pm at Higher Seed	28 QUARTERS C & D 7pm at Higher Seed	1 QUARTERS B Noon at Higher Seed
2	3	Tues 4 SEMIS A2 @ Ken West 5 & 6:30 B2 @ Maryvale 5 & 6:30 AAA @Maryvale 8pm B2 (if 2 CCAA teams in semis) @JCC 5pm (If Class B not Split - same as B2)	Wed 5 SEMIS A1 @ Ken West 5 & 6:30 (poss 3rd game @ 8pm at Ken West if a B1 plays at JCC) B1 @ Maryvale 5 & 6:30 C @ JCC 5:30 & 7pm B1 (if 2 CCAA team in semis) @JCC 8:30pm (If Class A not split - same as A1)	Thurs 6 SEMIS AA @ Maryvale 5 & 6:30 D @ JCC 5:30 & 7pm	7	8 FINALS D & C @ JCC 12 & 2pm
9 FINALS AA, B2, B1, A2, A1, AAA Buffalo State 10:30, 12:15, 2:00, 3:45, 5:30, 7:15	10	11	12 OVERALL FINALS @ Buffalo State 5 & 7	13	14 REGIONALS @ Buffalo State AAA - 5:30 AA - 7:45	15 REGIONALS @ Buffalo State A - 12:00 B - 2:00 C - 4:00 D - 6:00
16	17	18	19	20 STATES @ HVCC (Section 2)	21 STATES @ HVCC (Section 2)	22 STATES @ HVCC (Section 2)

Coaches' Responsibilities

Violation of any of the regulations outlined in this section may not only affect the outcome of any one game but may seriously jeopardize the future of sectional playoffs.

1. **Forms:** (listed on page 2)
2. **Officials Ranking Procedure:** (Coaches print page 6 of handbook for your instructions)
 - Coaches are responsible for rating officials after each game
 - Coaches will need to rate officials for a **ALL GAMES**
3. **Admittance form:** Must be completed and turned in to Neutral site playoff games .
5. **Valuables:** Make definite arrangements for care of team valuables during a contest. Valuables are not to be left unprotected. Section VI will take no responsibility for lost or stolen articles.
6. **Sportsmanship:** The official representative and leader of each team is the certified coach. As such he/she should set the example for spectators with proper conduct and good sportsmanship at all times. The recommendations listed below are to be followed:
 - a. Dress appropriately. Be neat, clean and well-groomed.
 - b. Address all people including officials with respect, courtesy and understanding.
 - c. Do not attempt to influence the decisions of officials, demonstrate against nor intimidate them. This is a rule infraction in basketball.
 - d. Be careful of gestures and mannerisms so as not to incite the crowd.
 - e. Meet with players on the playing floor directly after the game to exchange "congratulations." This creates a good image.
7. Girls Basketball website: <https://sectionvibasketball.com>
Each coach is required to register and enter his/her **entire school information and roster** on the girls basketball website by **See Page 3** After each game, **both coaches** need to enter all statistics and rate officials.

The following was approved at the January 20, 2016 athletic council meeting:

When contest results (needed for seeding purposes) are not entered on sport specific websites: The sport chairman will contact the athletic director, giving 48 hours, from the time of contact, to enter the contest results. If the results are not entered within that time frame, T. Slade, Executive Director, will contact both the athletic director and superintendent giving 48 hours, from the time of contact, to fulfill the website requirement otherwise their school's team will not be able to participate in post season play.

PLEASE NOTE: FAILURE TO ENTER ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION BY THE DEADLINE WILL RESULT IN EXCLUSION FROM THE SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Section VI Girls Basketball Website Instructions

All Instructions will be emailed to every coach by the Website Administrator, Matt Todaro. If you have questions, email Matt at matt@sportamingo.org

Website: www.sectionvibasketball.com

PLEASE NOTE: FAILURE TO ENTER ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION BY THE DEADLINE WILL RESULT IN EXCLUSION FROM THE SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

7 Coaches will also be responsible for rating officials on the website!

Officials rating will be used to rank officials for the sectionals.

Please Rate the officials on the following criteria:

1. Game Management / Knowledge
2. Consistency
3. Attitude

The scale of 1-5 will be used. If a coach rates an official with a 2 or below they must submit a written comment. **Scale:** 5=Excellent, 4=good, 3=average, 2=below average and 1= poor. **A rating of 2 or lower requires comments.**

Reporting games: Coaches must log onto the admin website and do game reports.

Section VI 2024-25 Girls Basketball Classification

School Girls Basketball	League	BEDS	School Girls Basketball	League	BEDS
Class AAA 1090+			Class B 229-377		
1 Niagara Falls	NFL	1608	1 Tonawanda	ECIC 4	377
2 Lancaster	ECIC 1	1187	2 <u>Tapestry/WNY Maritime</u>	ECIC 4	372
3 Jamestown	ECIC 1	1104	3 Frederick Olmsted	Buffalo	369
Class AA 666-1089			4 HSCS	Buffalo	357
1 Lockport	NFL	1083	5 Alden	ECIC 5	357
2 Orchard Park	ECIC 1	1052	6 Fredonia	CCAA 1	332
3 Frontier	ECIC 1	992	7 Medina	NO	330
4 Williamsville North	ECIC 1	930	8 LJ Bennett	Buffalo	327
5 Hutch Tech	Buffalo	914	9 Akron	NO	317
6 Clarence	ECIC 1	897	10 Newfane	NO	317
7 McKinley	Buffalo	822	11 Southwestern	CCAA 1	309
8 <u>I-Prep Lafayette</u>	Buffalo	817	12 <u>Middle Early College/ ResLab</u>	Buffalo	304
9 West Seneca West	ECIC 2	815	13 Cleveland Hill	ECIC 5	290
10 Niagara Wheatfield	NFL	798	14 Bflo Arts Academy	Buffalo	288
11 Kenmore West	NFL	791	15 JFK	ECIC 5	287
12 Sweet Home	ECIC 2	780	16 Royalton-Hartland	NO	285
13 North Tonawanda	NFL	750	17 East Community	Buffalo	281
14 Starpoint	ECIC 2	737	18 Leonardo da Vinci	Buffalo	279
15 Hamburg	ECIC 2	725	19 MST	Buffalo	272
16 Williamsville East	ECIC 2	696	20 Salamanca	CCAA 1	264
17 <u>Buffalo Culinary/Emerson</u>	Buffalo	672	21 Eden	ECIC 5	258
Class A 378-665			22 Allegany-Limestone	CCAA 1	245
1 Amherst	ECIC 2	654	23 Wilson	NO	240
2 Kenmore East	NFL	651	24 Riverside	Buffalo	237
3 Grand Island	NFL	626	25 Falconer	CCAA 3	233
4 Williamsville South	ECIC 3	618	26 Portville	CCAA 3	233
5 West Seneca East	ECIC 3	614	Class C 126-228		
6 South Park	Buffalo	587	1 Silver Creek	CCAA 2	227
7 Charter/ Applied Tech.	NFL	560	2 Gowanda	CCAA 2	216
8 <i>Cheektowaga</i> [^]	INDEP [^]	516	3 Randolph	CCAA 3	209
9 Lake Shore	ECIC 3	503	4 Catt/Little Valley	CCAA 3	198
10 Iroquois	ECIC 3	491	5 Global Concepts	Indep	198
11 Pioneer	ECIC 3	482	6 Chautauqua Lake	CCAA 2	192
12 City Honors	Buffalo	459	7 Frewsburg	CCAA 3	182
13 Dunkirk	CCAA 1	458	8 Holland	ECIC 5	167
14 Lackawanna	ECIC 3	458	9 Cassadaga Valley	CCAA	162
15 Lewiston Porter	NFL	458	10 Barker	NO	159
16 Maryvale	ECIC 4	446	11 Maple Grove	CCAA 2	147
17 Albion	NO	434	12 Westfield	CCAA 2	144
18 Olean	CCAA 1	423	13 Brocton	CCAA 2	143
19 Depew	ECIC 4	410	14 Franklinville	CCAA 4	134
20 East Aurora	ECIC 4	393	15 Ellicottville	CCAA 4	132
21 Springville Gl	ECIC 4	393	Class D 0-125		
22 Burgard	Buffalo	378	1 North Collins	CCAA 4	125
23 Buffalo Acad Science CS	Indep	378	2 Panama	CCAA 2	110
			3 Forestville	CCAA 4	98
			4 Pine Valley	CCAA 4	98
			5 Clymer	CCAA 2	89
			6 Sherman	CCAA 2	81
			7 West Valley	CCAA 4	59

[^] Cheektowaga is Independent

2024-2025 COS Girls Basketball

Host School	Combined	Levels	BEDS	Class	approved	League	
<u>I-Prep</u>	Lafayette	V, JV	817	AA	5/15/24 AC	Buffalo	12/20/23
<u>Buffalo Culinary Arts</u>	Emerson	V, JV	672	AA	5/15/24 AC	Buffalo	12/20/23
<u>Tapestry</u>	WNY Maritime	V, JV	372	B	9/18/24 AC	ECIC	9/16/24
<u>MEC</u>	Research Lab	V, JV	304	B	5/15/24 AC	Buffalo	12/20/23

2024-2025 Girls HS Rule Modifications

Rule 1-7.1 Three Point Field Goal Line- The three-point field-goal line shall be a distance of 19 feet 9 inches.

Rule 1-8.1 Restricted Area- The restricted area is that area of the playing court located directly underneath each basket. NY State HAS NOT adopted this new rule.

Rule 1-9.1 Coaching Box- The coaching box shall extend from the sideline to the back of the team bench and shall be bounded by the end line extended and not farther than the 28-foot line.

Rule 1-16.2 The Ball- A game may be played with a "non-orange" ball. A pink ball is permissible for Breast Cancer Awareness games.

Rule 1-25.7 Players Equipment- Hair adornments, which include beads, may be worn provided they are secured tightly to the head and do not pose a safety hazard to the player, teammates, or opponents.

Rule 2-4.2 Officials' Jurisdiction- All officials shall arrive on the floor 15 minutes before the start of the game and all officials must remain on the floor once jurisdiction begins.

Rule 2-11.Art 6c.2. Duties of Shot-Clock Operator- (Rule 9-6) An intentionally kicked or fisted ball that occurs with 14-seconds or less remaining on the shot clock will reset to 15-seconds.

Rule 2-11.Art 6d.2a Duties of the Shot Clock Operator- The shot clock is reset to 30 seconds when the ball strikes the ring or flange, a change in possession and all fouls. Exception: double fouls which the shot clock time remains.

Rule 5-6.1 Length of Quarters- Playing time for JV and Varsity games shall consist of (4) 8-minute quarters, with 1-minute intermission between 1st and 2nd quarters and 3rd and 4th quarters. 10-minute intermission between 2nd and 3rd quarters.

Rule 5-9.3.4 Overtime- Overtime shall be 4-minutes in length.

Rule 5-14.9.a Timeouts Granted and Charged- Each team is entitled to (4) full timeouts and (2) 30 second timeouts. If overtime is needed each team is awarded an additional 30 second timeout.

Rule 11-1.1 Replay Equipment- Replay equipment or a Courtside monitor will not be used in any NYSPHSAA Girls basketball regular season or playoff contest. In a NYSPHSAA State tournament Semi-Final or Final contest if the monitor is available, it may be used to determine if a last second shot in the 4th quarter or any overtime shall count.

NYSPHSAA Sports Standard

3. Basketball Girls

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https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_004.pdf#page=60

NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_004.pdf#page=54

General Regulations

School's Responsibilities

1. Athletic Directors (or designees) of participating schools are responsible for assigning adequate faculty supervision for all their students attending playoff games. The general rule is one supervisor for every fifty (50) presale tickets sold. The financial responsibility of these assignments lies with the participating schools.
 2. Five (5) supervisors will be allowed at neutral sites for semi-finals, finals and special playoffs. Supervisors will be issued a game ticket at the site.
 3. These supervisors are to report to the Game-Site Chairperson for their supervisory assignment.
 4. Athletic Directors (or their designees) shall instruct faculty supervisors and students that the following items are NOT ALLOWED at any playoff game:
 - a. Sirens, noise makers, whistles, megaphones, or any other distractive device
 - b. Confetti, streamers.....
- NOTE: THESE REGULATIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!

5. Band members must have game tickets.

Cheerleader Advisors' Responsibilities

1. The number of cheerleaders admitted to playoff games will be limited to sixteen (16).
2. The names of all cheerleaders must be on the Admittance Form in order to be admitted to the playoff-site without charge.
3. Cheerleaders will not be admitted unless they are in uniform.
4. All Cheerleading teams must adhere to the regulations in Section VI Safety Policy on Cheerleading on Page 14. Site chairs will be stopping squads that are not following this policy for post-season play.
5. Both cheerleading squads will have the option to perform at half time at all sectional contests.

Tickets- CASHLESS-

(Preschool children are admitted free)

OPENING ROUNDS, PRE-QUARTERS AND QUARTERS at a home school site: All expenses (Administrative and officials fees) will be incurred by home school and admission charge is optional

Semi-Final and Final rounds. Purchase tickets on line & pay price below, if you bring cash all tickets will be \$10 Semi-finals to Regionals

Watch HOW TO Video guide <https://get.gofan.co/digital-ticketing-guide>

SEMI-FINAL (Neutral Site)	On-line ONLY BUY tickets	\$7.00
FINAL (Neutral Site)	On-line ONLY BUY tickets	\$7.00
REGIONALS (Neutral Site)	Section V BUY tickets	ask Section 5
*STATES Purchase Tickets on-line https://nysphsaa.org/tournaments/?id=5&path=		\$11.50

NOTE: All persons attending playoff games must have tickets in accordance with Section VI regulations. See Section VI Pass Policy ([Page 36 of Section VI Directory](#))

Admittance POST SEASON, Semi-finals, Finals, and Regionals)

1. Each Athletic Director (or designee) of a participating team will submit the Admittance Form to the Game-Site Chairperson. The Admittance Form will contain:
 - a. Name, address, phone number of school
 - b. Names of Principal, Athletic Director, Coaches
 - c. Names and/or number of supervisors
 - d. Names of players (maximum 15)
 - e. Names of cheerleaders (maximum 16)
 - f. Names of statisticians and managers (maximum 4)
 - g. Names and/or number of bus drivers

USE THE ADMITTANCE FORM (see Forms page 2) and MAKE COPIES FOR LATER USE.
2. The bench will be reserved for coaches, dressed players, managers, statisticians, A.D., principal and superintendent. Under no circumstances shall the number of persons on the bench exceed twenty-five (25).

Team Eligibility

1. No team may have more than 15 players in uniform.
2. After semi-final and final playoff sites have been determined, participating team may not practice on the courts assigned. Violation of this regulation will result in sanctions against violating team.
3. If a higher seeded teams' gymnasium is determined to be inadequate by the Basketball Committee, that school may select an adequate facility as its home court and will be allowed to practice on it. Girls may use the site through semi-finals.

Site Information

1. If a gymnasium is inadequate, that school must inform its basketball representative prior to **See Page 3** so that it may select the site it wants as its home court. Once this selection is made, the school may practice on this court prior to Opening rounds and quarter-finals only. If a school does not notify its basketball representative the game will be scheduled at the discretion of the basketball Chairperson. NOTE: Adequate site: Court Dimensions: 43' x 84'
2. All opening round through quarter final games are to be **scheduled for 7:00 p.m.** Each school involved is asked to reserve their gym for these games.

Evaluation Reports

This report only to be filled out if there were problems of any kind at the games.

1. The Basketball Committee asks that evaluation reports be filed by the following people:
 - a. Athletic Director or coach of participating teams
 - b. Game-Site Chairperson
 - c. Game Officials
2. These reports will evaluate the conduct of the:
 - a. Crowd
 - b. Coaches
 - c. Players (specific number and/or name)
 - d. Game Officials
3. These report forms will be provided by the Game Site Chairperson and should be returned to him/her.

Postponement

See Section VI Contingency Plan for Sectional Competition (weather or illness) on Page 15.

Basketball Committee Responsibilities

Qualifiers

Each Basketball Committee League Representative will enter the teams schedule on the website at the beginning of the season.

Seeding

All teams may take part in Sectional play. A school may choose not to have their team participate and must notify the Sectional Basketball Chairman in writing before **Sat 2/15/25**. The seeding will be done according to the teams' power rating of league games. If tied, see the tie-breakers on the next page. Once seeded, a team is expected to participate. See Section VI Policy on "No Shows at Sectionals" Page 15. Refer to the calendar on Page 3 for the date of the Girls Seeding Meeting.

Play-off Procedure

1. All brackets and games will be on the Section VI Girls Basketball website: <https://sectionvibasketball.com>
2. Coaches should consider the following:
 - a. Place of the game
 - b. Opponent for his league representative
 - c. Time of game
 - d. Admittance Policy
 - e. Supervision responsibilities
 - f. Equipment- Including play-off ball
 - g. Game jersey- Coaches should come prepared with two sets in case of emergency. *Note: The highest seeded team shall be the home team and will wear the light colored uniforms!
3. Please refer to the Section VI policy on "No shows at sectionals" Page 14.

Section VI Seeding Policy

Policy #212 in the Section VI [Policy Manual](#) on the website.

1. A team's power rating is the sole method of determining where a team is seeded. Each team is required to submit a Power Point Rating Form (see Forms page 2) prior to the seeding meeting.
2. Team power ratings are determined by dividing total League/Division points accumulated by the total number of League/Division games originally scheduled.

$$\text{Power Rating} = \frac{\text{Total League/Division Points Accumulated}}{\text{Total Number League/Division Games Originally Scheduled}}$$

3. Total League/Division points are determined by applying the point chart. Teams receive points for League/Division victories.

POINT CHART

Winning Points All 6 Class Sports						
	AAA	AA	A	B	C	D
AAA	5	4	4	4	4	4
AA	6	5	4	4	4	4
A	6	6	5	4	4	4
B	6	6	6	5	4	4
C	6	6	6	6	5	4
D	6	6	6	6	6	5

4. If teams have identical power ratings, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:
 - a. The team with the higher winning percentage of games scheduled will be the higher seeded team. Determined by total League/Division wins divided by total League/Division games scheduled.
If still tied:
 - b. The team with the most League/Division wins will be the higher seeded team.
If still tied:
 - c. The team with the fewest League/Division losses will be the higher seeded team.
If still tied:
 - d. If teams are in the same League/Division, use head-to-head results.
 - e. A toss of a coin will determine the higher seeded team
5. If a team is seeded, they are required to participate as per the “No shows at Sectionals” Policy.
6. Any school who has not submitted adequate information to the sport chair in time for the seeding meeting will be excluded from the sectional tournament (approved January 2007)
7. *Changes to the seeding are not allowed after the conclusion of the seeding meeting*
- NOTE:** *Start times for sectional contests are standardized, however if a legitimate need for a time change arises within a district, a request must be submitted in writing to the chairperson before the seeding meeting.*
8. *Seeding of Charter Schools with approved Independent Schedules. As per past practice, Charter Schools that have competed with an approved independent schedule in a team sport will have the entire schedule counted towards seeding. Power Points will be calculated based on the classification of the school they have defeated. The Classification used will be the classification the school has been assigned by the section in which they participate.*
9. **WEBSITE PROTOCOL**
Results required for seeding purposes are not entered on sport specific websites: The chairman will contact the athletic director, giving 48 hours from the time of contact to enter the contest results. If the results are not entered within that time from, Executive Director, will contact both the athletic director and superintendent giving 48 hours, from the time of contact to fulfill the website requirements otherwise their school's team will not be able to participate in post season play.

Publicity & Media

1. Media request for approval -all radio/TV stations must fill out and submit a media contract from website media link <http://www.section6.e1b.org/Media> to the Section VI Media Chairman, Timm Slade.
2. At the conclusion of the game, the winning coach must give results to radio and television and then notify Sports' Department Collect. Please make certain of this. Each year, sportswriters and sportscasters criticize Section VI for lack of cooperation in reporting game results. Media are listed on Page 10 of the Section VI Directory or on the section 6 website <http://www.section6.e1b.org> Under General Information, click on Media or click here [Media](#)

Game-Site Chairperson

General Responsibilities

1. The Game Chairperson will make himself/herself accessible and visible to supervisors, coaches, players, spectators, and officials by wearing identifiable insignia.
2. He/she will station all supervisory personnel assigned to the game.
3. He/she should greet supervisors at the door and make assignments immediately.
4. He/she will assign the following adults:
 - a. Scorekeeper

- b. Timekeeper
 - c. Ticket sellers & takers. (For Events at neutral sites, gate personnel will be provided by the Section VI office).
 - d. Police
 - e. Others as necessary
5. NOTE: The visiting team scorebook is designated as the official scorebook in the opening round through the quarter-finals.
6. **Warm-up BALLS:**
- Opening rounds and Quarter Finals: Provided by the home team
 - Semi-finals, finals and special playoffs: Provided by the site
- Game Ball – Sectionals must be Spaulding TF1000 (Semis & beyond provided by Section VI.)**
7. He/she shall collect the Admittance Forms (see Forms page 2) from participating Athletic Directors (or their designees). No one is to enter the gymnasium unless his/her name appears on this form.
8. At the gate, he/she shall check the names that appear on the "Admittance Form" with the participating Athletic Directors (or their designees).
9. The Game-Site Chairperson is to destroy the tickets at the end of the game.
10. SAFETY: During post-season play, the site chairperson will be responsible for:
- a. Enforcing the Section VI Safety Policy on Cheerleading on Page 14 by stopping squads that are performing stunts which are prohibited.
 - b. Securing an AED for the certified trainer's use as per the AED policy on Page 14.

Supervisors

1. All supervisors are to report to the Game-Site Chairperson for supervisory assignments. This includes supervisors from both participating teams as well as host school supervisors.
2. Supervisors are to display insignia (ribbons) that will make them readily visible and to the Game-Site Chairperson.
3. It is highly recommended that each school participating in sectionals provide supervision to assist Section VI supervisors as needed.
4. If more participating school supervisors are available, they will be stationed discriminately throughout "their" stands.
5. The Game Chairperson will also station his host school supervisors with discretion.
6. Unless necessary, supervisors are strongly admonished NOT to sit together.

Special Responsibilities

1. The Game-Site Chairperson will inform participating coaches that there will be at least 15 minutes pre-game warm-up time for Opening rounds and quarter finals. There is no maximum time requirement to be on the court for opening rounds through Quarterfinals. **For Semis and finals warm-up time will be no less than 15 minutes and no more than 1 hour, as long as both teams are present and agree.**
2. Provision shall be made for a simple "Flag Ceremony" or Star-Spangled Banner prior to game time.
3. Starting teams and game officials should be introduced to the spectators.
4. Each Game-Site Chairperson will fill out the Financial report and send a copy to the Section office.

Section VI Policies

See [Policy Manual](#)

Pass Policy

For the complete policy click on #710 in the [Policy Manual](#)

1. Section VI passes are good at any contest in Section VI. Home school may refuse pass for admission at tournaments.
2. Section passes are good for two admissions.
3. Some conditions may require the use of all passes be suspended by the Section President or Executive Director. Example: Ralph Wilson Stadium Playoffs.
4. Transferred passes shall be confiscated and returned to the Section VI Executive Director.
5. The above four items should appear on the back of the pass.
6. Faculty and League passes shall not be honored at Section VI activities.
7. Each school in Section VI will be allocated five (5) passes – Chief School Officer, Principal, Athletic Director and two Coaches.
8. Section VI committees shall determine how athletes, managers, varsity cheerleaders, coaches, bus drivers, supervisors, and game management personnel shall be admitted.
9. The press and scouts must call and make previous arrangements for admittance or buy a ticket.
10. Section VI passes shall be issued to the following individuals:

- a. Section VI officers
- b. Section VI League Representatives to the Section VI Athletic Council
- c. Section VI Committee Chairpersons
- d. Chief School Officers
- e. School Principals
- f. School Athletic Directors
- g. School Coaches (2 per school)
- h. Section VI Service Award Recipients - 20 year pass

No Shows at Sectionals

A school team that does not show or refuses to play in a Sectional contest after the seeding meeting spoils the integrity of the tournament. The following Section VI policy was adopted by the Athletic Council 11/98:

- a. Schools shall declare their intent to play or not play prior to sectional seeding, as per the sport specific sectional handbook. Schools failing to fulfill their pre-tournament commitment shall be subject to the following sanction:
One year ineligibility for sectional play in that sport with the ability to appeal to the Athletic Council. Appeal must occur within 60 days of the completion of sectional play.
- b. The Section Chairperson must notify the Executive Director of the occurrence and the Section office will notify the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director of the sanction.
- c.

All-WNY Scholar Athlete Girls Basketball Team

Coaches and Athletic Directors are encouraged to nominate athletes for selection as an All-WNY Scholar Athlete. Applications must be completed on-line. Click here for [The criteria for selection and the Nomination Form](#). before **March 17, 2025**. Those selected will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News.

Section VI AED Policy (effective Feb. 2003)

The game site-chairperson will be responsible for securing an AED for the certified trainer's use at all sectional contests, and at all regional and state contests that are hosted by Section VI. The certified trainer will be provided by an orthopedic group contracted by Section VI, at all postseason contests held at **neutral sites**. **Note:** If a school suffers loss or damage to an AED that is being used for postseason contests, the Section will be financially responsible.

Section VI Policy on Neutral Sites

To see complete Policy # 221 [Policy Manual](#)

221.2 For finals, only sites approved in a preseason report by the Athletic Council will be used. Exception: Weather / Emergencies.

Regulations Regarding Senior All-Star & Outside Agency Contests

(Updated October 2013 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee)

1. All Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests MUST be approved by Section VI. In addition, Senior All-Star contests must be approved by NYSPHSAA. The forms required are posted on the section website*
2. All Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests must be conducted within the season dates approved by the Section VI Athletic Council for that sport. The calendar of approved season dates for all sports is posted on the section website*
3. Only seniors who have completed their secondary school eligibility in that sport may compete in these contests.
4. *A contestant **may participate in any approved senior all star athlete contest in the same sport during the school year.** (approved October 24, 2013, NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting).*

NOTE: A Senior All-Star contest by NYSPHSAA standards, is one in which an athlete's participation is based solely on outstanding performance as a member of a high school team. If open-tryouts are held, the contest is NOT a NYSPHSAA All-Star contest.

*www.section6.e1b.org Click on *Forms* Scroll down to *Senior All Star*, or call the Section office 821-7581.

Policy on Travel to State Competition for Team Sports

For the complete policy click on #310 in the [Policy Manual](#)

Summary for Team Sports

Member schools participating in state competition will be responsible for all costs related to that participation. Section VI responsibility for member school participation in state championships is outlined below.

SUPERVISION:

Effective 1/21/09, one or more certified coaches are required to travel with the student athletes from **their school** and must be present on any Section VI contracted bus, as well as the location where the athletes are housed, state competition where the athlete(s) will compete and all related events.

TRANSPORTATION:

- a) Schools will make their own transportation arrangements for their athletes involved in state competition in team sports. Schools will be responsible for all transportation costs.
- b) Section VI will apply to NYSPHSAA for the allowed reimbursement of **\$1.30*** per mile on the state grid (for one bus per team) and will forward this reimbursement to the schools upon receipt of funds from the state.

LODGING:

The Sportchair will advise participating schools if accommodations are to be arranged by the state or by the schools. School will be responsible for all lodging costs.

MEALS:

Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition.

* State approved 5/09

Contingency Plan for Sectional Competition (weather or illness)

1. Contests will be postponed only if a participating school is officially closed due to weather or illness.
2. It is the responsibility of the Athletic Director (or designee) to notify the Sport Chairperson that the school has been closed due to weather conditions (or illness) as soon as he/she becomes aware of such action. Officials and the media will be notified by the Chairperson (or designee).
3. In the event that a school is closed on the day its playoff contest is scheduled, the decision to play shall rest with the District Superintendent.
4. In the event that weather conditions reverse themselves prior to game time, the game may be played with the mutual consent of the participating Athletic Directors and the approval of the Sport Chairperson.
5. When a contest is at a non-school site: If the competition facility and the roads to that destination are open, then the competition will go on as scheduled. If either the roads or the facility are closed, then the competition will be cancelled. ***Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is a site contracted by Section VI available for practice when a competition is cancelled.***
6. The Sport Chairperson will notify the Executive Director of any postponements.
7. **PLEASE NOTE:** It is up to the individual leagues to recognize the potential for snow days, power outages, etc. that may cause cancellations and problems. The individual leagues should schedule their last league contest at least one or two days prior to the seeding meeting, allowing for a make-up league contest(s) prior to the seeding meeting if necessary. The storm in Feb. 2006 that closed schools the day before the seeding meeting bears this point out.
8. Any health or safety threat, confirmed or unconfirmed will supersede any existing policy and will be up to the discretion of the involved member school. (approved AC 11/13/19)

Section VI Financial Procedure

Section VI Financial Procedure for Girls Basketball

(adopted 9/97, Updated 2/22)

For Play-in, Pre-Quarter and Quarters at a home school site: All expenses (Administrative and officials fees) will be incurred by home school and admission charge is optional.

For Semi-Finals & Finals (Contests at Neutral Sites): Section VI Admission Prices Section VI will pay all personnel, both administrative and officials as established and approved by the Athletic Council. All personnel must have Name, Complete Address, Social Security Number, Duty and Signature. The Game-Site Chairperson will submit within 2 business days:

1. The completed Financial Report Form to treasurer
2. A check for total gate receipts payable to Section VI, NYSPHSAA, Inc. Mail to: Treasurer, Section VI, 355 Harlem Rd., W. Seneca, NY 14224

Officials are to be paid as per the Officials Agreement [Officials Contract & Fee Schedule](#) on the Section website: www.section6.e1b.org click on Officials, Fee Schedule.

SECTION VI - NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Philosophy & Code of Conduct

Philosophy

1. We believe that interscholastic athletics is an important part of education and support the ideals and values embodied in good sportsmanship.
2. We believe that sportsmanlike behavior is essential if interscholastic competition is to contribute usefully and constructively to the broad goals of education and to the quality of life of those involved.
3. We pledge ourselves individually and collectively to encourage and support the development and maintenance of a sportsmanlike atmosphere for athletic competition.

Code of Conduct

1. A genuine interest in and enjoyment of interscholastic competition requires conduct that reflects the understanding that contests as a part of an overall school program are intended to be enjoyed. Behavior that reflects a winning at all cost attitude violates this standard.
2. Interscholastic competition provides valuable lessons and learning experiences that are not possible in the regular classroom setting. All involved must support the need to develop the ability to compete with enthusiasm and to accept winning with grace and losing with dignity.
3. Coaches, players, and fans should know that participation is an honor and privilege which requires them to conduct themselves in a manner that brings honor and pride to their school and community.
4. Respect for the cultural and ethnic diversity of one's opponents, their school, and community is a fundamental tenet of wholesome athletic competition. This standard suggests that planned activity is needed to demonstrate a warm and friendly welcome, mutual respect, and a genuine readiness to participate in a sportsmanlike manner.
5. Players should demonstrate both knowledge of the rules and respect for game officials and their decisions. Coaches and school officials have the responsibility to teach and encourage these attributes.

***** Sportsmanship Statement Reminder *****

The following statement will be read over the public address system just prior to the pledge to the flag. If there is no public address system, the statement will be read to both teams by the site chairperson or his representative:

"Welcome to Section VI (name of sport). Athletic competition can provide everyone with a sense of accomplishment and pride, if all of us - players, coaches and spectators - abide by the rules of good conduct. We ask that you enjoy the performance of our outstanding athletes in a spirit of sportsmanship and appreciation of competition."

UPDATED Sportsmanship Standard & Pledge

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/8/x2023_24_Sport_Coordinator_Manual_FINAL.pdf#page=41

Girls Basketball Championship History

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15R1EH4SIkivHmhbl3ZYaBxXMbuJVmxtV/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109555149419838497371&rtpof=true&sd=true>