

Section One Boys Golf Booklet 2025



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IMPORTANT DATES

First Practice permitted March 17, 2025

First Scrimmage/Game Training/Course availability

Last Day to Play May 15, 2025

Maximum Number of Contests 16

Coaches Meetings

Pre-Season - 3/6/25 - Fox Lane HS

Last Day to Play - 5/15/25

Seeding - 5/16/25

Executive Committee- Golf Chair, President of Coaches, VP of Coaches, Treasurer of Coaches, Secretary of of Coaches, Reps

SECTION ONE OPEN

Dates, Times and Locations are still TBD. Booklet will be updated as soon as possible.

Individual Tournament- Rd1 **Top 60 plus Ties**

- Rd. 1 - Monday, May 19th- Waccabuc CC
Rain date- Tuesday, May 20th
 - Rd. 2 (FINALS) - **Rd. 2 Field Cut in Half (with Ties)**
 - Wednesday May 28th- Sleepy Hollow CC- 10am
- Rain date - Monday June 2nd or June 3rd

SECTION ONE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The top four teams with the lowest team differentials (based on both Course Rating and Course Slope) will play for the Section One Team Championship.

- Top 4 teams based on lowest team differential
- Week of TBD- Location/Date TBD by team with lowest differential

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

[NYSPHSAA Boys Golf Championships](#) June 7th, 8th and 9th, 2025 **Mill Creek Golf Club- Churchville - Rochester, NY**

Each district with a golfer at states, must have district representation(coach, chaperone etc) for the entirety of the state tournament.

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ELIGIBILITY

26. Representation Rule:

Minimum Number of Contests To be eligible for sectional, intersectional or state competition, a team must have completed in **six (6)** school scheduled contests which occurred on **six (6)** different dates during the season.

Team/Individual and Individual Sports: An individual must also have represented their school in **six (6)** scheduled contests during the season to be eligible. These required contests must occur on **six (6)** different dates and must be conducted prior to the conclusion of the team's regular schedule.

2024 SECTION ONE SEEDING MEETING GUIDELINES

1. The Executive Committee will meet to select the qualifiers for the Section I Open. The top 60 players plus ties based on their differential will qualify for the Tournament. Coaches must submit Individual Scores weekly via the Google Golf Scoring Sheet. Final scores must be submitted by 9pm on Friday 5/12.
2. Selection:
 - a. Players will be ranked by the 75% differential average, and the lowest 30 differentials and ties will qualify for the Section I Open.
 - b. All-league awards will be allotted as per the Section I All League formula used in all sports.
 - c. All Section Honorable Mention honors will be granted to any player advancing to the Section One Open.
 - d. All Section honors will be granted to the top 20 players and ties in the Section I Open.

QUALIFICATION FOR THE SECTION ONE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The following criteria will be used to evaluate a player to qualify for the Section I Open:

I. Course Differential Rating (based on Course Rating and Slope)

The following formula will be used to determine a player's differential for each round played.

$$(\text{Attested Score} - \text{Course Rating for Holes Played}) \times 113 / \text{Slope Rating for Holes Played}$$

The top 75% differentials (using the above formula) will be used to calculate the player's average differential for qualification to the Sectional Tournament. Below is a summary of matches played and the number of matches that would have to count toward qualification (75%).

<u>Matches</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>Matches</u>	<u>75%</u>
6	5	12	9
7	5	13	10
8	6	14	11
9	7	15	11
10	8	16	12
11	8		

Example:

<u>Holes</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Course Rating</u>	<u>Slope Rating</u>	<u>Differential Rating</u>
9	39	36.3	118	2.58
9	43	35.2	122	7.22
9	41	36.8	118	4.02

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9	46	32.9	132	11.21
9	40	33.8	128	5.47
9	50	36.4	130	11.82**
54	259			6.10

** drop highest (75% rule)

30.5 divided by 5 = 6.10 Differential Rating Average

The differential rating average shall determine a player's ranking at the Conference seeding meetings.

QUALIFICATION FOR THE SECTION ONE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP continued

- Only 9-hole match scores can be used in the calculation of a player's differential average. Practice and/or alternate scores cannot be used in this calculation. Only 1 score may be used for an individual golfer per match, regardless of the number of opponents. All nine hole scores played in matches between competing schools shall count toward a player's "differential" average.
- Schools can only play 16 matches. Tri-matches can only be used once in the qualification procedure for qualification procedure for sectional play.
- More than one match a day is permitted provided the match is not played on the same 9 holes.
- Alternate scores only count for girls if the match is contested by an opponent.

PROTEST PROCEDURE

- A player lodging a protest will immediately notify the marker for his group that he intends to file a protest and indicate the reason for the protest.
- The marker will make a notation of the infraction and notify a member of the Rules Committee as soon as possible.
- The referee will evaluate the rules infraction with the Rules Committee and determine a ruling.
- The Rules Committee will make the final decision in all protests. The Rules Committee will be selected by the Sports Chairperson prior to the start of the match. It will consist of five Committee Members.
- Representatives of the schools involved will not vote on any final decision.

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THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME

Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the

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Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

Safety

Players should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like when they make a stroke or practice swing.

Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.

THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME continued

Players should always alert green-staff nearby or ahead when they are about to make a stroke that might endanger them.

If a player plays a ball in a direction where there is a danger of hitting someone, he should immediately shout a warning. The traditional word of warning in such a situation is "fore."

No Disturbance or Distraction

Players should always show consideration for other players on the course and should not disturb their play by moving, talking or making any unnecessary noise.

Players should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course does not distract other players. On the teeing ground, a player should not tee his ball until it is his turn to play. Players should not stand close to or directly behind the ball, or directly behind the hole, when a player is putting. Players should play at a good pace (2 hours and 20 minutes for nine holes). The Committee may assess a penalty for slow play. Players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn. When playing on or near the putting green, they should leave their bags or carts in such a position which will enable quick movement off the green and towards the next tee. When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

Lost Ball

If a player believes his ball may be lost outside a water hazard or is out of bounds, to save time, he should play a provisional ball. They can search for three minutes before they are required to play the provisional ball.

Priority on the Course

Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, priority on the course is determined by membership and a group's pace of play. Any group playing with a member is entitled to pass a high school match.

Bunkers

Before leaving a bunker, players should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by them and any nearby ones made by others. If a rake is within reasonable proximity of the bunker, the rake should be used for this purpose.

Repair of Divots, Ball-Marks and Damage by Shoes

Players should carefully repair any divot holes made by them and any damage to the putting green made by the impact of a ball (whether or not made by the player himself). On completion of the hole by all players in the group, damage to the putting green caused by golf shoes should be repaired.

Preventing Unnecessary Damage

Players should avoid causing damage to the course by removing divots when taking practice swings or by hitting the head of a club into the ground, whether in anger or for any other reason.

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Players should ensure that no damage is done to the putting green when putting down bags or the flagstick.

In order to avoid damaging the hole, players and caddies should not stand too close to the hole and should take care during the handling of the flagstick and the removal of a ball from the hole. The head of a club should not be used to remove a ball from the hole.

Players should not lean on their clubs when on the putting green, particularly when removing the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before players leave the green.

THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME continued

Conclusion Penalties for Breach

If players follow the guidelines in this Section, it will make the game more enjoyable for everyone.

If a player consistently disregards these guidelines during a round or over a period of time to the detriment of others, it is recommended that the Committee consider taking appropriate disciplinary action against the offending player. Such action may, for example, include prohibiting play for a limited time on the course or in a certain number of competitions. This is considered to be justifiable in terms of protecting the interest of the majority of golfers who wish to play in accordance with these guidelines.

In the case of a serious breach of Etiquette, the Committee may disqualify a player under Rule 33-7.

During the regular season matches, the coaches are the acting officials and must report any unsportsmanlike behavior to the Director of Athletics and the Golf Chairperson immediately after the match.

Pace of Play

Please make sure you are respectful of your opponents by keeping up with the pace of play. According to the NYSPHSAA Handbook competitors are allowed to use non-motorized push or pull carts during league, sectional and NYSPHSAA Championship competition.

COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. A coach or school representative must accompany and remain with the team for matches and/or tournaments. Playing dates and times should be confirmed in advance to avoid conflicts.
2. The Home team must provide an **Automated External Defibrillator** for the match.
3. Coaches shall bring six players to a match, unless they have arranged with the home coach to bring more or less. The number of coaches and alternate players will be confirmed by contacting the host school before the match date (Tri-matches usually can only accommodate 6 players/team).
4. Coaching players during a match is permitted by one designated coach. Coaching should not slow down the pace of play.
5. Coaches should be present at the finishing holes for proper supervision of the teams at the completion of the match. Score sheets should be reviewed and agreed upon by both coaches before leaving the course.
6. If a competing team has less than 6 players, coaches should arrange pairings so each group has a mix of players from each school.
7. Coaches are responsible for the conduct and dress of their team. It is the responsibility of the visiting coach to contact the home coach to verify the dress code of the host course. All course regulations and rules must be strictly followed. No metal spikes are allowed. Shorts may be worn for matches, if allowed by the host course. They must be knee length, and in accordance with the dress code of the host course. Denim shorts or cut-off jeans are prohibited, as are cargo pants of any kind. Players must tuck their shirts in and be presentable anywhere on the club grounds. Hats must be worn with the brim in front. Improper dress may lead to exclusion or disqualification.

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8. USGA Rules will be used for all matches and tournaments. Local rules in play must be noted before the start of the match. Questions shall be settled by the Tournament Committee. Its decisions shall be final.
9. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used, the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification.
10. Boys and Girls will play from the same tee area in all matches and tournaments.
11. Players must carry their own bag; exception to this rule requires Conference or Sectional approval.

COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES continued

12. Any player picking up his/her golf ball and not completing a hole shall be disqualified. That score must be used as one of the “dropped” scores in the calculation of the player’s differential average.
13. The use of alcohol, tobacco, Vaping or non-prescription drugs is not permitted at any time during a golf match. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification of the individual player from that match and must be reported to the Director of Athletics and Golf Chairperson.
14. On the day of a match, a player may not practice or play on any of the holes that will be used in competition.
15. Subject to approval of both schools, match dates may be altered as conditions permit due to postponements, availability of courses, etc. League matches have priority in scheduling. Every effort should be made to play matches when scheduled. If postponement seems likely, the responsibility for communication shall be on the Home Team. A 1:00 p.m. deadline is recommended as the latest time for notifying the visiting team of a cancellation. The Home Team determines inclement weather.
16. Spectators are not allowed on the course to follow individual matches. Spectators may be allowed to follow players in tournaments where markers are present to provide proper supervision and enforce the rules of etiquette for golf with the approval of the host course.
17. Scoring:
 - a. The Home Team coach shall act as the referee for the day.
 - b. Matches will be 9 holes, based upon stroke play.

In the case of inclement weather or darkness, a match is considered completed if a minimum of the same 5 holes is completed by all players (6, 7, or 8 holes are used if all players have completed that hole). The low 5-man team score (aggregate score) for each competing team shall determine the winner. In the event of a tie, the 6th score from each team shall be added and the best 6 player aggregate score used to determine the winner. If a match is shortened that score can not be used for sectionals. If any player does complete all 9 holes then that score can be used for sectionals.

TOURNAMENT MARKER GUIDELINES

1. Introduce yourself to the competitors. Ask for the brand name of the golf ball they are playing and stress that it may be marked for identification.
2. Move the players off the green at the end of each hole. Announce the score of each player and review any discrepancies before starting the next hole. Record the scores on your scorecard.
3. Try to fore caddy on holes with difficult landing areas to help speed up play.
4. Markers may not make rulings. Be familiar with Rule 3, Section 3, and encourage the competitor to use this rule when they are in doubt as to their procedure.
5. Assist in looking for lost balls.
6. Do not lift a ball or mark its position.
7. Do not attend the flagstick.

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8. Encourage that divots be replaced, ball marks fixed and traps raked.
9. Encourage play to keep moving, especially if a group falls a hole behind.
10. Handle unsportsmanlike conduct immediately with a verbal warning. If the conduct persists, tell the competitors you will be reporting the facts to the Golf Committee. Make a note on paper what was demonstrated by the competitors, the time and place.

Leagues

2024-2025

Conference I - North Conference Double Round

League A	League B	League C	League D
Arlington John Jay EF <i>Pawling</i> Poughkeepsie Roy C. Ketcham	Fox Lane Horace Greeley John Jay CR Somers Yorktown	Brewster Carmel Mahopac North Salem	Haldane Hendrick Hudson Lakeland/Panas Putnam Valley

Conference II - Rockland/Lower Westchester Conference Double Round

League A	League B	League C	League D
Albertus Magnus Nanuet Nyack Pearl River Tappan Zee	Clarkstown North Clarkstown South Ramapo North Rockland Spring Valley Suffern	Mamaroneck New Rochelle Scarsdale White Plains	Byram Hills Eastchester Harrison Pelham Rye

Conference III Double Round

League A	League B	League C	League D
Rye Neck Croton-Harmon Ossining Pleasantville Westlake	Blind Brook Bronxville Edgemont Briarcliff	Ardsley Dobbs Ferry Hastings Irvington Sleepy Hollow	Leffell Tuckahoe Valhalla Woodlands <i>Yonkers</i>

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