Section VI 2026-27 Girls Basketball Handbook

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2026-27 Girls Basketball Calendar

First Practice		Mon, 11/16/26
Practices required to represent school		6 individual practices
Coaches League Meeting	Your League	Thursday 11/12/2026
Rosters on website	https://sectionvibasketball.com/girls	Wed- 11/25/26
Declaration of Non-Participation	AD Opt Out Form	Wed. 2/10/27

League Game Cut Off Date		Monday 2/15/27
Seeding Meeting	Erie 1 BOCES B1	Wed 2/17/27 Noon
ALL- WNY Scholar Athlete	Section VI Scholar Athlete	3/15/2027

Girls Basketball Committee fr 26-27

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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https://sectionvibasketball.com/girls/

2026-27 Rulebook

***Scorebook available for download: www.NCAApublications.com**
Click on NCAA Women's Basketball scorebook Use below Link
https://www.ncaapublications.com/p-4413-ncaa-womens-basketball-scorebook.aspx

***NCAA Women's Basketball Rulebook**
Link available free download for PDF file
https://ncaapublications.com/products/2026-27-ncaa-womens-basketball-case-book-pdf-download

Officiating Point of Emphasis

2026-2027 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 legal.
    b. New rules involving team warnings/team technical and changes in technical foul names.
3. Rule Changes:
    1. Change in the requirement that the game jersey be tucked into the game shorts
    2. Having more than five players legally participating in the game and excessive timeouts are now team technical fouls.
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. The referee has the right to inspect any band-aide or tape. Refusal means the student is not eligible to participate in the contest.
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. Reminder, 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.
10. Points of Emphasis:
    1. Screening
    2. Palming/Carrying the ball
    3. Legal Guarding Position
    4. Post Play/3-seconds
    5. Contact on the ball handler dribbler
    6. Clamping
    7. Sporting Behavior/Conduct

2026-27 Girls Basketball Points of Emphasis for Coaches

1. Rosters on the Website by November 25th (Rosters are restricted to a maximum 15 players **This especially includes Sectionals.)
2. Coaches: please make sure your contact info (especially email) is updated and correct. This info is sent to college coaches for recruiting purposes!
3. ENTER your game score immediately after all games (CRITICAL that the coaches enter scores into WEBSITE ASAP media goes there to look up information).
    a. Stats, division and overall record for both teams.
    b. Coaches have 24 hours to submit stats (Points Rebounds Assists, etc. and Official Evaluations

Seeding Policy 212.9. Approved. AC 1/22/16 Begin Fall 2016
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.

4. Coaches are responsible for following their power points on the website and reporting any discrepancies to their league chairman.
5. The declaration of Non-participation date is Wednesday February 10th . Must Fill Out on Section 6 Website
6. Website officials ratings - Must Rate all games
7. Scrimmages – No limit to the number but must abide by the Definition of a Scrimmage!
8. Admittance Form – required for Semis, Finals and Regionals (2 copies)
9. All Sectionals games must use the Spaulding basketball.

Seeding Tiebreaker - Girls Basketball

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

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, Mark DiFilippo, 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

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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 Policies LINKS

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Winter Scholar Athlete

Coaches and Athletic Directors are encouraged to nominate athletes for selection to the All-WNY Scholar Athlete **Girls Basketball** Team. Applications must be completed on-line. **Deadline 4 PM Mon., 3/15/27** . The team will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News. https://www.section6.e1b.org/SA

Section VI Policy Manual

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Winter Sectional Opt Out Form- ***Must be submitted by your Athletic Director***

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https://www.section6.e1b.org/GOFAN

MEDIA LINK

https://www.section6.e1b.org/officialscontract

2022-2027 Fee Schedule