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2026 SOFTBALL HANDBOOK

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<https://nysphsaa.org/sports/softball>

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/Softball>

Section VI Softball Website

[Section VI Softball - 2026 - Teams](#)

Will work after March 17, 2025

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Forms <http://www.section6.e1b.org/Softball>

1. Team Roster on Official [Softball Website](#)
2. [Protest Form](#)
3. Site Chairman's Financial Report
4. [Admittance Form](#) [2nd link to Google form](#) both are same form
5. All-WNY Scholar Athlete [On-Line Form](#)

2026 Softball Calendar

The Section VI approved Softball season is **March 09 -June 22**

SOFTBALL Chairperson: Jay Hall C: 481-1587 halljohn4545@yahoo.com https://sectionvisoftball.com		
Coaches Meeting	with your league	Wed 3/4/26 5 pm - section at 6 pm
First Practice	Mon. 3/09	
Rosters on Website	Monday March 23	https://sectionvisoftball.com
Preferred officials form	on website only if you rated umpires for 12 games during regular season	https://sectionvisoftball.com
Opt out Sectionals Notify Chair	By Wed May 13th 2:00PM	AD email chair
Preferred Umpire list	Wed 5/13	Email to chair
League Games Cut-off	Sun 5/17 3:00pm	
Verify Powerpoints correct	Sat 5/16	on Website https://sectionvisoftball.com
Seeding Meeting	Sun 5/17	5:00pm 129 Clinton Street Tonawanda
Sectional Team Rosters due		on Website https://sectionvisoftball.com
Scholar Athlete deadline	Tues, May 26, 2026 5 PM	https://www.section6.e1b.org/ads-coaches/scholar-athlete

SOFTBALL POST SEASON DATES <https://www.section6.e1b.org/PostSeasonSpring>

ABOVE HYPERLINKS are Accurate

Coaches Meeting Wed., 3/04/26 with you League				Opt out Sectionals Wed 5/13 by 2:00pm Softball HB & Forms
League Cut off Date Sun 5/17 3:00pm Dates				Seeding Meeting Sun 5/17 129 clinton street tonawanda 14150
RainDates				
Play-in if needed	All Classes	Mon 5/18	Next Day	at Higher Seed Time 5 pm
Pre-Quarters	All Classes no AAA	Tues 5/19	Next Day	at Higher Seed Time 5 pm
Semi-Finals	AAA	Tues 5/19	Next Day	at Higher Seed Time 5 pm
Finals	AAA	Thur 5/21	Next Day	Best of 3 games 1-Th 5/21, 2- Wed 5/27 3 if needed Sat 5/30 630
Quarter Finals	All Classes	Thur 5/21	Next Day	at Higher Seed Time 5 pm
Semi-Finals	All (not AAA)	Tues 5/26	Next Day	at Higher Seed Time 5 pm
Finals if split	A1/A2, B1/B2	Thurs 5/28	Next Day	@ TBD
Finals	C & D	Fri 5/29	Next Day	@ Olean C-5pm & D-7:30 pm
Finals	A, AA & B	Sat 5/30	Next Day	@ Grand Island AA-11:00 A-130 B-400 AAA630 if needed
Sub Regionals	All Classes	Wed 6/3	Next Day	@ Section V
Regionals		Fri 6/5	Next Day	@ Section V
Regionals		Sat 6/6	Next Day	@ Section V
State Championship Finals		Fri-Sat. June 12-13 Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park, Binghamton 95 Cutler Pond Rd. Binghamton, NY 13905 State Website State SB Brackets		

NOTE: ALL SECTIONAL FINAL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED TO COMPLETION.

Rain dates are the following day (this includes the Memorial Day weekend and Sundays). The higher seeded team will host.

Easter: April 5 **Memorial Day:** May 25 **ACT Exam:** 4/5, 6/14 7/12 **SAT Exam:** 3/8 5/3, , 6/7, 8/30

Regents: 6/9-10 & 6/17-18, 6/22-26

Softball 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.

TITLE	Name	School	phone	email
Chairman:	Jay Hall	29 Clinton St., Tonawanda 14150	C: (716) 481-1587	Halljohn4545@yahoo.com
Buffalo	Deborah Matos*	City Honors	C: (716) 316-4839	dmatos@buffaloschools.org
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Div 1				
Div 2	Katherine Yudin	Ch Lake	C- 315-882-6802	kyudin@clake.org
Div 3	Heather Kagelmacher	Catt/LV	C: (716) 713-9627	hkagelmacher@clvschools.org
Div 4	Brianne Hazelton	Forestville	C: (716) 338-6714	bhazelton@forestville.com
ECIC	Dan Seelig	Depew	C: (716) 474-1417	dseelig@depewschools.org
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Div, II	Maria Worthling	Wmsv East	C: (716) 982-6149	maria.taylor304@yahoo.com
Div. III	Vince Fininzio	Lake Shore	C: (716) 949-1659	vfininzio@gmail.com
Div. IV	Jake Domes	springville	c-716-880-6246	Jacob Domes@caboces.org
NFL	Cheryl O'Connor*	Grand Island	C: (716) 525-0070	CherylO'Connor@gicsd.org
NO	Eric Valley*	Medina	C: (585) 729-7204	EValley@medinacsd.org
NO	Marlene Stone	Akron	C: (585)-737-1158	mstone@akronk12.org
At-Large Representatives:				
Chris Durr - new email		Retired	C: (716) 316-3892	willeastcoach@gmail.com
Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty Jeffrey Kryszczuk		West Seneca retired	C: (716) 796-5596 c-716-982-4064	mdougherty@wscschools.org kryszczukjeffery@yahoo.com

2026 Point of Emphasis for Coaches

1. Rosters on the Website **March 23** (maximum 22 players)
2. ALL teams **MUST enter rosters and results** into WEBSITE - Buff News no longer lists scores.
 - a. Stats, division and overall record for both teams.

3. Game Reports on website should be submitted immediately after the game (game score at a minimum). Coaches have 24 hours to submit official Evaluations.
4. Coaches are responsible for following their power points on the website and reporting any discrepancies to their league chairman BEFORE **May 17th**
5. Declaration of Non-participation date is **Wednesday May 13th by 2:00 PM** In writing from Athletic Director submitted to halljohn4545@yahoo.com
6. Website officials ratings - Must Rate a minimum of 12 games to be able to submit a Preferred Official form
7. Preferred officials - MUST RANK officials within Website . 10 names can be sent to Jay Hall by May 13th.
8. Admittance Form – **Bring copy to finals**
9. ALL required forms will be located on the <http://www.section6.e1b.org/Softball> links on page 2
10. All sectionals games must use the DUDLEY - SB12LNDFP (yellow, .47 core, red stitched and .375 compression).
11. NYSPHSAA will follow the ASA non approved bat list with certification stamp”—using the most current list-on the asasoftball.com website, on all levels of play in NYS schools beginning with the 2017 season <https://nysphsaa.org/sports/softball> .
12. Mod Pitcher night of rest between contests from two (2) nights to one (1) night. NYSPHSAA approved 2/2/18.
13. Seeding tie breaker for 3 way ties (Sectional level) on page 7 e. Could add rule for 3 way tie on 3/21/18 Athletic Council Agenda approved at 3/21/18 Athletic Council-
14. **Metal Cleats: Are allowed. Exception - When the home field prohibits use of cleats on their turf field.**
15. **League run Rules**

Buffalo 10 after 5 innings	ECIC 12 after 5 innings	Nia-Orleans -12 after 5 innings
CCA 12 after 5 innings	NFL 12 after 5 innings,	

See page [Page 8 Run rule](#) for For 2025 Season NYS implemented a 12 RUN RULE after 5 innings for all sectionals, regionals & state championship games.

All New Coaches Must send email to Jay Hall Halljohn4545@yahoo.com

Send Jay your name, team, email address & phone number

State Safety Policies & Procedures For Outdoor Sports

Tornado Policy	https://nysphsaa.org/sports/2024/9/20/TornadoPolicy.aspx
Thunder and Lightning Policy	State Policy for Thunder & Lightning on p56 handbook https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_Aug_2025.pdf#page=56
Heat Index Procedures	https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/5/5/Heat_Index_Procedure_5_23.pdf?id=3080
Wind Chill Procedure Policy	https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2021/8/16/Todd_Wind_Chill_Procedure.pdf?id=1859

NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_Aug_2025.pdf#page=55
on page 55

NYSPPHSAA Softball Sports Standard

19. SOFTBALL 2026 page 93

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nyspphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPPHSAA_Handbook_Aug_2025.pdf#page=93

Definition of a Scrimmage

A scrimmage is a practice that is a **SIMULATED CONTEST**. In scrimmages: (a) both squads use the same field simultaneously with both coaches making corrections and giving instructions, (b) **GAME RULES MUST BE ALTERED – SEE SPORT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS NYSPPHSAA Handbook** (c) no official score is kept, (d) time period(s) are defined in the Sport Standards section of the NYSPPHSAA Handbook , (e) no admission is charged. The use of officials would be permitted and encouraged whenever possible for the purpose of instruction regarding the rules and proper application of rules. For *Softball*: see Sports Standards above.

2026 Softball Website

<https://sectionvisoftball.com> Will work after March 9, 2026

Coaches will receive an email to register team

- **New coaches Please send an email Jay Hall** Halljohn4545@yahoo.com
- your name, team, cell phone & email address

Seeding 2026

- All teams will qualify for sectional play. A school may choose not to have their team participate and must notify the Sectional Softball Chairman by e-mail (halljohn4545@yahoo.com) by noon on Wed 5/6,
- The higher seeded team will be the home team and bat last in all pre-quarterfinal, quarterfinal, and semifinal games. Host teams will assume responsibilities of site chairman.
- The Section VI softball chairpersons has the power to move the site of sectional games in order to facilitate the completion of the sectional tournament.
- Each participating school **MUST use Softball Website** to submit the roster form and report scores and rank official before the end of league play on **Sat, May 17**.
- If you must play a league game on the date of the seeding meeting, please report scores on website and text your score to **Jay Hall before 7:00 pm Sat, May 17**. **SECTION VI POLICY** (approved Jan.17, 2007): Any school who has not submitted adequate information to the Section Chairman in time for the seeding meeting will be excluded from the sectional tournament.

Seeding for Sectionals/Section VI Seeding Policy

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

All teams qualify for Sectional Playoffs. Seedings in each class will be by the grid system.

212.1 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 prior to the seeding meeting. (Website Protocol see 212.9 below)

212.2 Team power ratings are determined by dividing total league/division points accumulated by the total number of league/division games originally scheduled.

Total League/division Points Accumulated

Power Rating = _____

Total Number League/division Games Originally Scheduled

- 212.3 Total league/division points are determined by applying the point chart. Teams receive points for league/division victories. Points are earned for ties in Boys and Girls Soccer and Field Hockey.

POINT CHART
Winning Points

	AAA	AA	A	B	C	D
AAA	+5.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0
AA	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0
A	+6.0	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0
B	+6.0	+6.0	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0	+4.0
C	+6.0	+6.0	+6.0	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0
D	+6.0	+6.0	+6.0	+6.0	+6.0	+5.0

- 212.4 If teams have identical power ratings, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:
- a. Winning percentage of league or division games scheduled (independents all games)
 - b. Head to head if same league or division
 - c.. Runs allowed between teams tied if same league or division
 - d. Coin toss
 - e. **A toss of a coin will determine the higher seeded team.**
Approved at 3/21/18 Athletic Council Meeting
 - f) **If 3 or more teams are tied, teams will be drawn out of a hat.**
 - a. **1st draw is the highest seed**
 - b. **2nd draw is the next seed**
 - c. **Last draw is the next seed**
- 212.5 A team who is seeded is required to participate. See "No shows at Sectionals" Policy #211.
- 212.6 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.
It is mandatory that each school must complete website requirements in specific time frames as outlined in the sport specific handbook, throughout the season and prior to the seeding meeting. See 212.9
- 212.7 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.**

- 212.8 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 that the school has been assigned by the section in which they participate.
- 212.9 Website Protocol:**
Results required 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, 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.

Cancellation/Rescheduling Policy

Section VI policy for [Contingency Plan for Sectional Competition \(weather or illness\)](#)

- **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.** Sectional games will only be allowed to be moved to a later date due to inclement weather, and assuming that all other ways to play the game have been exhausted. (This may mean that the home school has to travel to the visiting school.) In the case of a postponement because of inclement weather, the game must be played on the next available date, **which includes Sundays and Memorial Day**. If a game from one round is postponed into the next scheduled round, the next scheduled round will be delayed until the completion of the previous round. This may mean that some “brackets” of the tournament advance at a quicker pace than others. The whole tournament will not be held up for one game to be completed, but schools will not be forced to play two games in the same day, unless failure to do so would mean that the sectional tournament would not be completed before the start of regional play.
- **Site Change Example: Inclement weather at one site should dictate moving to another site.** If it is raining in Williamsville where a game is to be played and the field is not playable, Williamsville may choose to find a neutral site that is playable. The neutral site is to be no further away from the opposing school. If they cannot find a neutral site, and their opponent’s field is playable, the game will be moved to their opponent’s field. The higher seed will still be the home team. Decisions regarding location changes should be made at the earliest possible time, **but no later than 1:00 PM**. If a game is canceled (no available field is playable) because of weather, it is to be rescheduled (See date change above).
- Please review the [Section VI Contingency Plan for Sectional Competition](#) on page 15. Please remember that with inclement weather, it may become necessary to play sectional games on a holiday (Memorial Day) or on a Sunday.

Practice Sites: No team other than the host school team may practice at a championship venue more than once during the post-season. Schools that host sectionals will be encouraged to monitor practice at their site so that practice time is equally available.

Rule Book/Run Rule: For 2024 Season NYS implemented a 12 RUN RULE after 5 innings for all sectionals, regionals & state championship games.

Admittance Form: bring to all final games - link to form below

<https://www.section6.e1b.org/cms/lib/NY19000854/Centricity/domain/20/springhb/forms/SB6AdmittanceForm.xlsx>

Bench Area: 24 people are allowed in the dugout. Names must be on the Admittance Form – max 20 players and 4 coaches. If a coach feels that additional support personnel are necessary, then the names and duty of said persons must be submitted to the Coordinator prior to the start of the Tournament. The coach is solely responsible for the personnel in the dugout. Each individual over the 24 maximum must pay admission and show proper ID when it is requester.

Pitching Distance: NYSPHSAA approved moving the pitching distance to 43 ft. for all high school programs beginning Spring 2011. Modified pitching distance can be 40 or 43 feet. This is a league decision. While the committee recommends that modified softball be pitched from 40 feet, leagues may choose to pitch modified at 43 feet.

Coin Flip: There is no coin flip. Higher seed has the choice between home or visitor. Exception: In Crossover Final, when both schools have equal seeding then coin flip will be used.

Arrival Time/Practice: Each team should arrive at the designated site with ample time to complete all necessary tasks. Each team will be given fifteen (15) minutes for infield practice. The **HOME** team will

take infield practice first. Batting practice on the diamond area and the hitting of softballs against the fences is **PROHIBITED**. PLEASE review the Section VI Policy on [No Show at Sectionals](#) on Page 14.

Section VI Policy on Start Times: See [NOTE under Seeding Policy listed above](#).

Equipment: Bats and helmets will be checked prior to each game by the assigned umpires. Bats that are found to be illegal or altered will be removed from the dugout area and will remain with the site coordinator or his/her designee for the duration of the competition. Teams are responsible for picking them up at the end of the competition. **Metal Cleats: Are allowed. Except if the Home field prohibited use on their turf field.**

Disputed Plays: In case of a disputed play or decision, the teams' **HEAD COACH** or **CAPTAIN** may consult umpires. The other players and coaches are to be kept out of the discussion.

Game Balls: At sectional and regional play the **home team** is to supply the plate umpire with two (2) softballs. It is recommended that they be DUDLEY - SB12LNDFP(yellow, .47 core, red stitched and .375 compression). At the state tournament the DUDLEY - SB12LNDFP(yellow, .47 core and .375 compression) softballs will be provided.

Finals: ALL FINAL SECTIONAL GAMES in ALL CLASSES (AAA, AA, A, B, C, and D) will be played to completion. If a FINAL game is postponed because of weather, it will be RESUMED the next day from the exact point at which it was stopped.

[Thunder and Lightning- page 5/ Neutral Site Policies - page 5](#)

Scorekeepers: At sectional games the **HOME** team is the official scorekeeper. In the Sectional Finals, Regionals, and the State Tournament there will be OFFICIAL scorekeepers assigned to all games.

Ineligible Player/Team: Participation by an ineligible player or team in any post season tournament game will result in forfeiture of said game/s. At the time of discovery the school declared ineligible will be disqualified from the tournament immediately, and their last opponent will advance in their place. Schools eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter the tournament competition.

Protests: Pre-quarters, quarterfinals, and semifinals games that are protested will be handled within twenty-four hours. The protest form (see forms page 2) should be completed and e-mailed to Jay Hall the evening of the protested game. Protest at the sectional final games will be handled on site by the protest committee. Please notify both chairpersons of any protest in a sectional game.

Sectionals: A sectional committee member or his/her designee will coordinate and conduct the protest. **THERE IS NO APPEAL.**

Regionals: A state committee member or his/her designee will coordinate and conduct the protest. **THERE IS NO APPEAL.**

State Tournament: The N.Y.S.S.O.O. state rule interpreter, one (1) state committee member. And the state coordinator will coordinate and conduct the protest. **THERE IS NO APPEAL.**

Admission: TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED on GOFAN CASHLESS ticketing only

(Preschool children are admitted free 5 & Under)

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

CASHLESS ticket sales ONLY. Purchase tickets on-line & pay price below, if you insist on paying with cash all tickets will be \$10. Watch HOW TO Video guide

<https://get.gofan.co/digital-ticketing-guide>

FINAL (Neutral Site) [On-line ONLY BUY tickets](#) GATE: \$7.00

Regionals Hosted by Section VI \$8

STATES On-line price \$11.50 no cash sales at GATE

*state link will be added when available see [state website](#)

All Section VI Finals will have the GOFAN Box Office ticketing device to allow spectators to purchase tickets with bank/credit/Apple pay or Google pay at the door.

Section VI Admission Prices: <https://www.section6.e1b.org/Admission>

Financial Procedure/ Admission for Sectionals:

1. There will be NO admission charged for pre-quarters, quarterfinals, or semifinals.
2. Admission for ALL SECTIONAL FINALS will be \$5. Pre-school children 5 & under-are free
3. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS TO INFORM THEIR SUPPORTERS THAT THERE IS A CHARGE FOR SECTIONAL FINALS. ONLY SECTIONAL PASSES WILL BE HONORED.
4. PLEASE REVIEW the Section VI [Financial Procedure for Sectionals](#) on page 16. Host schools will remain responsible for ALL costs throughout and including the SEMI-FINALS. The Sectional co-chairmen will be responsible for sectional finals.

Selection of Umpires for Sectionals:

1. Umpires wishing to work Sectional Contest must work a set number of games in their given sport at the varsity level. (e.g. An umpire becomes eligible to work a sectional softball contest when he/she works 8 varsity softball contests. If an umpire wishes to work both baseball and softball he must have worked eight-varsity contests in each sport). The Section Chairmen have the obligation to supersede the minimum number of games in case of extenuating circumstances. Each "Umpiring Board" must sub in mit their list of umpires who have done at least eight games to the Section Chairman prior to the seeding meeting. Name of umpires who have 'extenuating circumstances' must also be submitted prior to the seeding meeting.
2. Coaches who have ranked at least 12 games on the Softball website will be allowed to submit a Softball Preferred form. See website instructions on page 6.

*Coaches will need to rate officials for a minimum of 12 games (all games if play less than 12)
Coaches who rate officials in 12 games or more will then be able to submit a preferred form. **IF A COACH FAILS TO RATE THE MINIMUM #, THEN THEY FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO HAVE THE PREFERRED FORM USED.***
3. All final (AA, A, B, C, and D), Regional, and State Tournament games will be officiated by the highest rated umpires available, regardless of board association. These umpires will be assigned at the sectional meeting in collaboration with the umpires and chief from the various boards. Games through the semi-finals will be assigned on a geographical basis providing that umpires from said board have met all previous stated criteria. If there is no umpire available who meets the qualifications, then a member of another board, who does meet the qualifications will be assigned. Section chairmen are to make sure that umpires are not assigned to the same teams in classifications for multiple games. (e.g. Umpire "A" works a quarterfinal in Class B. He/she should not be assigned another Class B game involving the same team.)

4. The Sectional Baseball and Softball Committees reserve the right to assign the highest rated umpires. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of umpires that are being assigned will be made available to the Section Baseball or Softball Chairmen in each sport and the Section office.
5. Umpiring boards who fail to cooperate with this procedure face the risk of being excluded from sectional playoffs in succeeding years.

Publicity:

At the conclusion of a game, **BOTH coaches MUST update the results on the WEBSITE** Each participating school should contact their own local newspaper.

For a complete list of media contacts [click here](#)

WGRZ (TV2)	849-2219	WIVB (TV4)	879-4994
WKBW (TV 7)	840-7799	WGR Radio	843-0600 x404
LCTV	434-1733	TW Cable Sports	558-8268
TW Cable 8 (Jamestown)	450-0410	YNN (9)	574-2595

Each participating school should contact their own local newspaper:

Buffalo News no scores	800-777-8610	Bee Group	204-4904
Chautauqua Star	430-9477	Dunkirk Observer	800-836-0931
Jamestown Post Journal	487-1111 x248	Lockport Union Sun	439-9222 x6247
Medina Journal Register	585-798-1400 x8228	Olean Times Herald	800-722-8812 x276

Media Coverage:

1. It is important that every coach calls the results of every game into their hometown papers, radio, and television stations. See page 10 for phone numbers.
2. As media coverage is encouraged, the following guidelines must be adhered to: Photographers assigned to the game must be in foul territory and CANNOT be stationary. They MUST be mobile and are under the direction of the umpires. If a live ball strikes a photographer assigned to the game, the ball is live and in play.
3. Television and Radio Contests: Any request by stations involving television or radio coverage must be reviewed and approved by the Director of NYSPHSAA Contract forms will be distributed through the NYSPHSAA office. Games may not be broadcast from the playing field and cameras and/or video equipment may not be stationed on the playing field.

Umpires:


It is the direct responsibility of each sectional softball coordinator to select and assign the umpires for regional and state tournament play. The best umpires are to be selected. The use of the umpire application form is encouraged.

Players/Coach/Spectator Conduct:

Any New York State Championship must achieve a standard of excellence which places it beyond criticism either from an organizational or educational point of view. In essence, each championship represents all of New York Scholastic Sports. The New York state Softball Tournament Committee insists that ALL participants and spectators at the State Championship Tournaments adhere to the standard of behavior implied in the above statement. The key phrase to remember is "standard of excellence." No conduct by player, coach or spectator below such a standard will be permitted. Specifically, the Committee assumes exemplary behavior on the part of each coach and his/her team. In addition, the committee insists that each team provide adequate supervision for team members and spectators. Furthermore, the supervisors should identify themselves to the Tournament Committee prior to the start of each contest and be available to


identify spectators exhibiting disruptive behavior. Once the spectators have been identified, the Tournament Committee will initiate appropriate action to terminate the negative behavior.

Softball Classification 2026

 __2026 Spring BEDSSection6

ALWAYS USE above link for Classifications

Softball COS 2026

 _STATUS_CombiningSchools.xlsx

Section VI Softball Champions History

Use the LINK FOR Champions

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_hNGeE1Ea9hmeosWUmaby3cl8WCu_ioB/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109555149419838497371&rtpof=true&sd=true

Class (A & B) Splits will be determined at the seeding meeting

Section VI Policies

All-WNY Scholar Athlete

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](#). All Only to **completed online application**, before **Tues, May 26, 2026** Those selected will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News.

Section VI Policy on Neutral Sites

[Policy Manual](#)

- 221.1 The section expects that Sportchairs will charge admission to recoup the costs of the venue.
- 221.2 For finals, only site(s) approved in a pre-season report by the Athletic Council will be used. Exception: Weather / Emergencies.
- 221.3 Secure a new neutral venue when host school's team is playing in the finals (if possible).
Approved AC 1/22/16

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 Secretary of the occurrence and the Section office will notify the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director of the sanction.

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.

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 post-season contests held at **neutral sites**. **Note:** If a school suffers loss or damage to an AED that is being used for post-season contests, the Section will be financially responsible.

Subdividing a Classification Policy 160

- 160.1 When eighteen (18) or more schools are in a specific classification, the classification must be split. (i.e. A1, A2)
- 160.2 When subdividing a class, if there are an odd number of schools, the school in the middle (bubble school) will be placed in the bracket that its enrollment is closest to. If the discrepancy in enrollment above the bubble school is the same as below, the bubble school will be placed in the lower classification.

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.

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 for

SECTION VI FINANCIAL PROCEDURE

Baseball and Softball

(adopted 9/97, updated 6/06)

For Pre-quarters, Quarters and Semi's: [Admission Prices](#)

Expenses and revenues are the responsibility of the home school.

For Finals, Contests at Neutral Sites or Contests in tournament format:

Section VI will pay all personnel, both administrative and officials. All personnel must have **Name, Complete Address, Social Security Number, Duty and Signature.**

The Game-Site Chairperson will submit *within 5 business days*:

1. The completed Financial Report (center insert) and
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**

The Game-Site Chairperson will mail a copy of the Financial Report to the Sport Chairperson.

NOTE:

Officials are to be paid as per the Officials Agreement Fee Schedule click on [Officials Contract, Fee Schedule](#).

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 **\$1.35*** 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 Sport chair 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

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 Pledge

https://nysphsaa.sharepoint.com/:w/g/EVGjngEDr6VPqWsm20yF_rMBqv35ehAHbGm5Kcbk6zMiPA?e=Nc3xWs

Page 40 in above link which is the Sports Coordinator Manual for 2025-26

