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Boys Soccer Handbook

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Boys Soccer Web-Page:
<http://www.sectionalsports.com/>

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Coaches' Directory: Now listed under *Directory* at the [Boys Soccer Website](#)

Sectional Admittance form	All-WNY Scholar Athlete Nomination and Criteria Link
Roster	Powerpoints
Referee Rating	End of Year Report/Records Update
Financial report will be sent to site chair & gate workers by treasurer	

Boys Soccer Calendar 2025 [post season calendar](#)

Event	Details	Date/Time
First Practice		8/18/25
First Scrimmage/Contest	after 6 individual practices	
Pre-Season Coaches Meeting		8/13 see your league
Rosters deadline	sectionalsports.com	before 1st game 9/6/25
Referee Rating deadline	email chair	10/10/25
Deadline to opt out of Sectionals	email chair	Wed, 10/15//25 12 PM NOON
Power PointRating form Deadline	email chair	10/17/25 12 AM Midnight
Last League Game		10/17/25
Seeding Meeting	98 Deerhurst Park Blvd, Kenmore 14217	10/18/25 9:00 AM
End of year records deadline		12/5/25
All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline	On-Line Form Only	12/8/25 4 pm
Play-off Dates	USE POST SEASON CALENDAR LINK	
State Championship	Middletown HS	11/14 - 11/16 See Link to State Web

* B & A Split 1 & 2 will be determined at seeding meeting

All WNY Scholar Athletes

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](#). Deadline **December 8, 4pm**. Those selected will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News.

Section VI League Meetings

- League Pre-Season: The soccer committee chairman or his representative will attend all league coaches' pre-season meetings. League post-season Pre Season Meeting Wednesday August 13, 2025 6:00 Site TBD for each individual league mtg.

Boys Soccer Committee

Communications with the committee will primarily be conducted on the Internet.

Committee voting privileges: As per the Section VI Constitution p.11 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 sports chairperson." The chairperson generally exercises his right to vote when there is a tie. The voting members of the committee are indicated below with an asterisk.

Chairman:	Todd Marquardt -Kenmore
Buffalo:	<i>Dominic Massaro*</i>
CCAA East:	JJ McIntosh (Portville)
CCAA West	Jon Luce (Allegany-Limestone)*
CCAA Central	Jay Walters (North Collins)
ECIC Conf 1	CO- Andrew Gates (Clarence)
ECIC Conf 1	CO- Tony Schiappa (Will East)
ECIC Conf 2	CO- Kevin Beale (East Aurora)*
ECIC Conf 2	CO- Trevor Lawler (Will South)
ECIC Conf 3	J.J. Gabor (Tonawanda))
NFL:	Shane Magaris (Ken-West)*
NO:	Steve Luksch (Medina)*
All-Star Selections WNYHSSCA All-WNY - Kevin Beale- see above Kevin Beale & Tony Schiappa see above	
All-Star Selections NSCAA All- American - Kevin Beale- see above	

NEW 2025

- Mandatory pre game handshake Optional post game handshake.
- ALL Finals will be at neutral site all other rounds at higher seed
- Encouraged to create a twitter team page facilitated by the coach.

State Safety Policies & Procedures For Outdoor Sports

Tornado Policy	https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2022/8/15/Tornado_Policy_2022.pdf?id=2671
Thunder and Lightning Policy	State Policy for Thunder & Lightning on p55 handbook Link may change
Heat Index Procedures	Updated to include web bulb chart 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_005.pdf#page=55

2025 Boys Soccer Classifications

 [2025 Fall BEDS](#) pasted on last page

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WaKmKQmoFsgf5dBy0jevSvYqslxrbnifQhtt-WYs4mo/edit?gid=962288142#gid=962288142>

2025 Boys Soccer COS

 [_STATUS_CombiningSchools.xlsx](#)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1txRjAg3DbrqvBTbfGqJ4KL5sX7bKKpL/edit#rangeid=1918340956>

Coaches Responsibilities: Regular Season

1. TEAM ROSTERS must be sent to the Boys Soccer Chairman (above) before the deadline ([Calendar](#) page 3).
2. The REFEREE RATING REPORT has been modified and must be sent to the Boys Soccer Chairman (above) before deadline ([Calendar](#)).
3. Coaches are required to submit their league wins and losses and ties, along with all cautions and ejections (for league and non-league games) to their soccer committee representative, on a weekly basis. Power Point standings will be posted on the Section website.
4. Make sure referees verify all cautions and ejections before they leave the game site.
5. The end of the season POWERPOINT REPORT must be submitted to the Boys Soccer Chairman (above) before the deadline ([Calendar](#)). Failure to submit the written power point report to the Section chairman by this time and date will disqualify that team from the sectional tournament.
6. Boys Soccer website <http://www.sectionalsports.com/>
In addition to items 1-5 above, each coach is **required** to register and enter his/her **entire school information and roster** on the boys' soccer website by([Calendar](#)) After each game, **both coaches** need to enter all statistics including red and yellow cards, score, goals, assists, goalkeeper stats, etc.

Seeding Policy 212.9. WEBSITE PROTOCOL approved 1/20/16

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 frame, the 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.

7. Heat Index / Wind Chill Procedure: In May 2010, the NYSPHSAA approved Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures to be used in member school athletic programs. The Heat Index/ Wind Chill must be checked prior to any contest or practice. The [State Safety Procedures](#)

2025 NFHS Soccer Rules Changes

By NFHS March 5, 2025 <https://nfhs.org/resources/sports/soccer-rules-changes-2025-26>

SOCCER NYSPHSAA SPORT STANDARD

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_005.pdf#page=90

https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1754335901/section6e1borg/vburibhy0nxq2epbtuy3/2023_SectVISportsmanshipcard.pdf

Sportsmanship Policy

Approved Athletic Council March 2011*

Upon a review of the 3-year composite report of sportsmanship incidents in boys and girls soccer, the Section VI Soccer Committees in conjunction with the Section VI Athletic Council developed a more stringent policy to monitor the cautions and ejections in boys and girls soccer.

This policy will be used for all levels of play. All Coaches and officials are required to report their red and yellow cards. Varsity coaches must submit an accurate team roster with jersey numbers to the **Section VI Soccer Website prior to the team's first scheduled contest.** <http://www.sectionalsports.com/> Varsity coaches are required to report their red and yellow cards on the boys' soccer web sites immediately after each game.

Red Cards will be reported to the Section office by the officials. Yellow Cards are to be reported on the boys soccer website by the coaches.

RED CARD POLICY

- 1st Red Card - One Game Suspension
- 2nd Red Card - Two Game Suspension
- 3rd Red Card - Suspension for the remainder of the Season (including Sectionals & States)

YELLOW CARD POLICY

- 3 Yellow Cards - One Game Suspension
- Each Additional Yellow Card- One Game Suspension

Double Yellow Cards will not count for the overall total, as it results in a Red Card. The player will have already been suspended through the Red Card Policy.

The cumulative card total is for all games, regular season only* – 16 games maximum. The process will start over for Sectionals, Regionals and States. Any penalty awarded during one level of play will carry over to the first game of the next level of play. (Example: A player received his/her 3rd Yellow Card in the last regular season game, then the player will sit out the 1st sectional game; if received in the last sectional game, then the player sits out the regional game.)

For Officials: Effective 2011

1. All Red Cards issued must be reported to Section VI using the ON-LINE DQ form in www.Arbitersports.com . This form is automatically emailed to Section VI Executive Director. Instructions:
 - In Arbitersports, click on the tab LISTS, then the sub-tabs FORMS. Or click here [DQ Form](#)
2. All Yellow Cards issued must be reported by the lead official in the Game Report. Instructions:
 - In Arbitersports, click on the tab SCHEDULE, then click on the red R in the Notes column next to the Game number. To see previous games, click on SHOW ALL under Display on the left.
 - Enter the name/ number of the athlete and brief description of the yellow card in the comments field.
 - The DQ Form can also be accessed from the Game Report.
3. The lead official must complete the Game Report in www.arbitersports.com after each game even if no cards were issued. (See item 2 for instructions)

Section VI Tournament

1. OPEN TOURNAMENT: All schools may choose to participate in Sectional play. Those schools choosing **NOT** to participate in the tournament **must** notify the Section VI Soccer [Chair](#) before **NOON on the deadline listed on [Calendar](#)**
2. Scheduled time and/or field conflicts: It is expected that the Athletic Directors involved would come to a mutual agreement regarding the resolution of any scheduling conflicts. Please keep in mind that with a tight schedule, changes can only be made with the permission of the Soccer Chairman or his designee.
3. Start times for sectionals 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 **48 hours before** the seed meeting. After the seeding meeting, time changes will only be considered in extenuating circumstances and must be approved by the Executive Director and the Sport Chairperson

Section VI Seeding Policy

Policy #212 in the [Section VI Policy Manual](#) on the website. Updated: 1/15/14

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

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 (center insert) **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.

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

- 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.

Winning Points All 6 Class Sports							Tie Points (Soccer)						
	AAA	AA	A	B	C	D		AAA	AA	A	B	C	D
AAA	+5	+4	+4	+4	+4	+4	AAA	+2.5	+2	+2	+2	+2	+2
AA	+6	+5	+4	+4	+4	+4	AA	+3	+2.5	+2	+2	+2	+2
A	+6	+6	+5	+4	+4	+4	A	+3	+3	+2.5	+2	+2	+2
B	+6	+6	+6	+5	+4	+4	B	+3	+3	+3	+2.5	+2	+2
C	+6	+6	+6	+6	+5	+4	C	+3	+3	+3	+3	+2.5	+2
D	+6	+6	+6	+6	+6	+5	D	+3	+3	+3	+3	+3	+2.5

- If teams have identical power ratings, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:
 - The team with the most league/division wins will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
 - The team with the fewest league/division losses will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
 - 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:
 - If teams are in the same league/division, use head-to-head results. If still tied:
 - A toss of a coin will determine the higher seeded team.
- A team who is seeded is required to participate. See "[No shows at Sectionals](#)" Policy#211
- 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.
- 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.
- Seeding of Charter Schools with approved Independents. As per past practice, Charter Schools that have competed with an approved Independents 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.

NOTES:

- Team receives points for league wins and ties.
- The date of the Seeding meeting is posted in the [Calendar](#) . **Results of this meeting are FINAL.**

Sectional and State Tournament Details

Pre-game Protocol if PA system is available

Seven (7) minutes before kick-off, the referee and AR's will lead teams to midfield; referee to center spot, AR's leading their respective teams around the center circle, meeting the referee in the center. Team rosters will be introduced subs first, then starters.

[Sportsmanship Statement:](#) will be read by the announcer followed by the National Anthem or Pledge to the Flag.

- Two 40-minute halves will be played.
- If the score is tied:
 - In regular season: Two ten-minute sudden victory periods will be played to determine the winner. (approved AC 5/20/09).
 - in Sectional, Regional and State play: Two fifteen-minute sudden victory periods will be played.
- If the score is still tied, penalty kicks will be used to determine which team progresses to the next round. The Procedure is in the National Federation rulebook. When a winner is determined by penalty kicks, add one goal to the score of the winning team to indicate the official team score. In tournament progression, an asterisk may be placed by the name of the team advancing on penalty kicks to indicate that the advancement was the result of a tie-breaker system.

4. In the state championship game and sectional finals, co-champions will be declared if the score is still tied after the sudden victory periods. N.B. In the sectional final, penalty kicks will determine who proceeds to the state tournament.
5. Suspended games

In the event a game must be suspended because of conditions (see "[State Lightning Policy](#)", which make it impossible to play, the head referee shall declare it an official game if one (1) complete half or more of the game has been played and one team is ahead in the score. If less than one half has been played, the game will resume from the point of suspension. If the game is tied in the second half, the game will resume from the point of suspension.

Situations:

Score: Team A - 2, Team B - 1 at the 32 minute of the game.

The game will resume at the 32 minute.

Score: Team A - 2, Team B - 1 at the 62 minute of the game.

Team A is declared the winner and advances.

Score: Team A - 2, Team B - 2 at the 62 minute of the game.

The game will resume at the 62 minute.

6. Protests: In sectional games, there is a protest procedure established by Section VI. Coaches make sure you are aware of the proper procedures. In post-sectional games, an on-site committee handles any protests.
7. Practice at Championship Venues Upon the completion of the regular season, teams are not allowed to practice on the field that their respective Class semi-final or final game will be played on.
8. A referee who issues a red card must report it within 24 hours using the on-line [DQ Form](#) in Arbitersports.com.
9. The lead referee must complete the Game Report in Arbitersports.com after each game, entering the game score and all yellow card information.
10. Please review the Section VI Policy on [Travel to State Competition](#)

Selection of Officials for Sectional Competition

Officials for sectional contests will be assigned by the Section VI Soccer Committee in Arbitersports.com. Varsity officials who have the potential to work sectional contests must have their availability up-to-date in Arbitersports before the seeding meeting. An official's ranking for sectional assignment will be based upon the [REFEREE RATING FORM \(see forms\)](#) as well as input from the Boys Section VI Soccer website. Complete this form and forward to Section VI Soccer Chair before the deadline listed on calendar.

Coaches' Responsibilities: Sectionals/ State

1. Upon the completion of the regular season, teams are not allowed to practice or scrimmage on the field that their respective Class semi-final or final game will be played on.
2. After the last game of the season, all coaches must send their end-of-the-year information to the section [Soccer Chair](#).
3. The winning coach in sectional games should call the local media with game scores, full names of all goal scorers and goalkeepers on both teams, records of both teams, and any other significant details (especially for the News). Complete Media information is listed on the Section VI Directory or on the Section 6 website: [MEDIA LINK](#).
4. The higher seeded team is the home team and is responsible for providing a clock, horn, game balls, 4 ball boys, etc. If both teams have ball boys available, each should provide 3 (2 on each sideline and one behind each goal).
5. Finalists must submit the official Section VI Team Roster **ON WEBSITE**
6. Coaches whose teams advance beyond the State quarterfinals will contact the Section Chairman for details.
7. Coach must complete and submit the Admittance Form (see Forms)

Need to STRESS importance of reporting results of all games immediately on website-, so media can look up information on boys soccer website

<http://www.sectionalsports.com/>

Site Chairperson Responsibilities

1. Check on goals, nets, corner flags, and field markings. Field must meet minimum dimensions: 65 yds. by 110 yds.
2. Make available: Team benches, table and 3 chairs for time and scorekeepers.
3. Arrange for supervisors, and security personnel (if required). NOTE: [Section VI](#) will provide ticket sellers/takers for sectional contests at [neutral sites](#).

4. Have phone numbers of local ambulances, police, and rescue squad or fire department.
5. Submit Section VI Financial Report as indicated in Section VI [Financial Procedure](#)
6. Please note: For sectional semis and finals, Section VI will pay only the administrative expenses listed on the financial report (Site Chair, Ticket, Timer/scorer, Announcer and up to 2 Supervisors if needed). Payment for additional personnel requires justification and prior approval from the Section office.

Admission: TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED on GOFAN

CASHLESS ticketing only

(Preschool children are admitted free 5 & Under)

OPENING ROUNDS, PRE-QUARTERS through Quarters 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) GATE: \$7.00 [Buy Tickets here](#)

Regionals Hosted by Section VI \$8

STATES On-line price \$ TBA GATE: digital payment only - no cash

*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>

Section VI Policies [Policy Manual](#)

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1754335010/section6e1borg/b5hvac0zvqhrhraere9e/PolicyManual_Jun2025.pdf

Section VI AED Policy #430

Found in Policy Manual - [Policy Manual](#)

No Shows at Sectionals #211

Found in Policy Manual - [Policy Manual](#)

Neutral Sites #221

Found in Policy Manual - [Policy Manual](#)

Travel to State Competition Policy #310

Found in Policy Manual - [Policy Manual](#)

Senior All Star

<https://nysphsaa.org/sports/2021/6/8/all-star-game.aspx>

[Thunder and Lightning Policy – NYSPHSAA Link to Website](#)

above link is page 55 of the current NYSPHSAA handbook

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 canceled. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is a site contracted by Section VI available for practice when a competition is canceled.
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 and/or safety threat, confirmed or unconfirmed will supersede any existing policy and will be up to the discretion of the involved member school approved 11/13/19 AC Mtg*

Section VI Financial Procedure Boys Soccer

(Adopted 9/97, updated 6/06, 9/07)

For Pre-quarters and Quarters **and Semi's at Higher Seed (5/15/24 AC Semi-finals moved to Higher Seed)**
Expenses and revenues are the responsibility of the home school.

For Finals at Neutral Sites

Section VI will collect all gate revenue and pay all personnel, both administrative and officials.

The Game-Site Chairperson will provide Section VI gate personnel with the completed financial report.
Financial Report shall be signed by all officials and all personnel.

To be paid, all personnel must include:

Name, Complete Address, Social Security Number, Duty and Signature

Click for [Section VI Admission Prices](#) [See GoFan Online Ticket information](#)

NOTE:

Officials are to be paid as per the [Officials Agreement 2022-2027](#)

Fee Schedule on <http://www.section6.e1b.org/officialscontract>

Sportsmanship Standard & Pledge

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

History of Soccer Champions

[History of Boys Soccer Championships](#)

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Open the link above