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# 2025-2026 Bowling Handbook

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## Forms

Available at [www.section6.e1b.org](http://www.section6.e1b.org)

Opt-Out of Section VI Transportation  
[Bowling Admittance Form](#)

All-WNY [Scholar Athlete Nomination Form](#) (on-line application absolutely no paper)

## 2025-26 Bowling Calendar

| Event   | Site/Location   | Date/Time                      |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| League Coordinators to verify coaches and Divisional Alignments | E-Mail from Matt Todaro. To be completed by 11/13 noon. |                                |
| Pre-season League Meeting                                       | Decided by your league                                  | Wednesday 11/12 5pm            |
| Section 6 Meeting   | Via Google Meet   | Wednesday 11/12 6pm            |
| Onboard Email sent to coaches to enter roster and schedule.     | E-Mail from Matt Todaro                                 | Wednesday, 11/12/2025          |
| First Day of Practice   | 6 Practices Needed before competition                   | Monday, 11/17/2025             |
| Maryvale Kickoff Tournament                                     | AMF Airport Lanes                                       | Monday, 12/1/25                |
| Festival of Lights Tournament                                   | Tonawanda Lanes   | Friday, 12/27/25               |
| Roy Sommer Invitational   | Tonawanda Lanes   | Saturday, 1/10/26              |
| Quaker Invitational   | AMF Airport Lanes                                       | Saturday, 1/31/26              |
| ALL LEAGUE BOWLING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THIS DATE               |   | Thursday, 2/5/26               |
| Line-ups due for Section 6 Tournament                           |   | Thursday, 2/5/26               |
| Section 6 Tournament Boys Division 1                            | AMF Airport Lanes                                       | Monday, 2/9/26                 |
| Section 6 Tournament Boys Division 2                            | AMF Airport Lanes                                       | Tuesday, 2/10/26               |
| Section 6 Tournament Girls Division 1                           | AMF Airport Lanes                                       | Wednesday, 2/11/26             |
| Section 6 Tournament Girls Division 2                           | AMF Airport Lanes                                       | Thursday, 2/12/26              |
| Section 6 Tournament Make-Up Date                               | AMF Airport Lanes                                       | Friday, 2/13/26                |
| NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships                                  | AMF Strike N Spare Lanes                                | Friday 3/13/26 -Sunday 3/15/26 |
| All-WNY Scholar Athlete Deadline                                | <a href="#">Section VI Scholar Athlete</a>              | Mon., March 16, 2026           |

### Section Tournament

(Airport Lanes, 3754 Genesee St, Cheektowaga, NY 14225) [Google Map Link](#)

|                              |                              |  |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 1 - Boys Division 1 2/9/26   | 2 - Boys Division 2 2/10/26  | Airport Lanes 9:00 am to 3:00 pm 8:30 am Coaches Mtg |
| 3 - Girls Division 1 2/11/26 | 4 - Girls Division 2 2/12/16 | Airport Lanes 9:00 am to 3:00 pm 8:30 am Coaches Mtg |

|  |                                    |                        |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| State Championships <a href="#">LINK</a> | AMF Strike N Spare Lanes, Syracuse | Fri 3/13 - Sun 3/15/26 |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------|

Boys D1 2/9/2026, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm 8:30 am Coaches Mtg  
 Boys D2 2/10/2026 9:00 am to 3:00 pm 8:30 am Coaches Mtg  
 Girls D1 2/11/2026, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm 8:30 am Coaches Mtg  
 Girls D2 2/12/2026, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm 8:30 am Coaches Mtg  
 Snow/Cold make-up date Fri. Feb, 13, 2026 9:00 am to 3:00 pm 8:30 am Coaches Mtg

LIVE SCORING during sectionals <https://sectionvibowling.com/>

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

### State Championship

AMF Strike N Spare, Section III 1777 Brewerton Rd Syracuse, NY 13211  
 Friday, March 13, 2026 School Div 2 (Large Schools) See [Schedule on State website](#)  
 Saturday March 14, 2026 2 Sessions Boys am / Girls pm See [Schedule on State website](#)  
 Sunday March 15, 2025 School Div 1 (Large Schools) See [Schedule on State website](#)

Additional information will be listed here when available.

<https://nysphsaa.org/tournaments/?id=6&path=>

## Bowling Advisory 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.

### Sport Chair

#### **BOYS**

**Dan Kaplan\***

Retired

(C) 868-5051

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#### **GIRLS**

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### Committee Members:

#### **BOYS**

**Bflo:** Ray Farrell - MST 716-400-5232  
**CCAA 1:** Peggy Harris\* - Jamestown 716-969--7353  
**CCAA 2:** Peggy Harris- Jamestown  
**CCAA 3:** Nicole Nellist\*- Gowanda (716) 864-5534  
**ECIC** Joe Biondo\*- (C) 479-2736  
 Bill Morrissey (H) 674-2427  
**NFL:** Bob Howard\* - Kenmore 716-909-2113

#### **GIRLS**

Ray Farrell  
 Peggy Harris- Jamestown  
 Peggy Harris- Jamestown  
 Nicole Nellist- Gowanda  
 John Seeley\* (C) 479-1863  
 Bob Howard- Kenmore

## Bowling 2025-2026 Classifications

This is a version with all classes A - D listed next to each other

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tQKpPoZpnMsAMwmcOq3\\_sgr\\_9VKsXax88qFSF0zYu1s/edit?gid=34432802#gid=34432802&range=L4](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tQKpPoZpnMsAMwmcOq3_sgr_9VKsXax88qFSF0zYu1s/edit?gid=34432802#gid=34432802&range=L4)

 [\\_2025-26 Winter BEDS Section6](#)

### Combining of Schools 2025-26 Boys BEDS

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tQKpPoZpnMsAMwmcOq3\\_sgr\\_9VKsXax88qFSF0zYu1s/edit?gid=34432802#gid=34432802&range=AC4](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tQKpPoZpnMsAMwmcOq3_sgr_9VKsXax88qFSF0zYu1s/edit?gid=34432802#gid=34432802&range=AC4)

|        |                           |                       |      |    |       |               |         |         |
|--------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------|----|-------|---------------|---------|---------|
| COS 01 | <b>Kenmore East</b>       | Kenmore West          | 1522 | D1 | V, JV | 5/14/25 AC    | NFL     | 4/20/25 |
| COS 02 | <b>West Seneca West</b>   | West Seneca East      | 1133 | D1 | V     | 5/14/25 AC    | ECIC    | 5/12/25 |
| COS 03 | <b>Allegany-Limestone</b> | Olean, Portville      | 662  | D1 | V     | 9/17/25 AC AC | CCAA    | 6/16/25 |
| COS 04 | <b>Culinary Arts</b>      | Emerson               | 514  | D2 | V     | 6/18/25 AC    | Buffalo |         |
| COS 05 | <b>Frewsburg</b>          | Southwestern          | 365  | D2 | V     | 10/15/25 Exec | CCAA    | 10/7/25 |
| COS 06 | <b>Hinsdale</b>           | Cuba-Rush, Friendship | 232  | D2 | V     | 5/14/25 AC    | CCAA    | 4/2/25  |
| COS 07 | <b>Clymer</b>             | Sherman               | 148  | D2 | V     | 5/14/25 AC    | CCAA    | 4/30/25 |

## Reporting Scores 2025 - 2026

All Section VI Bowling rosters, results, scores, statistics, and standings will be available at the same website as previous

<https://highschoolsports.org/new-york/nysphsaa/section-6/boys-bowling>

<https://highschoolsports.org/new-york/nysphsaa/section-6/girls-bowling>

If you coached bowling the prior year, your login and passwords will remain the same.

If you are new to bowling you will be prompted to create an account.

### New Coaches

To receive access to website contact

Boys Chair Dan Kaplan\* [kapumpbowl@gmail.com](mailto:kapumpbowl@gmail.com) (C) 868-5051 or

Girls Chair Joseph Biondo\* [biondo@opschools.org](mailto:biondo@opschools.org) (C) 479-2736 (School) 209-6213

- All coaches are required to enter their home schedules, rosters and match scores via an online portal provided by Matt Todaro (sectionvibowling.com) **The portal will be open on 11/12/25** (Coaches who have an account can begin entering their home schedules if they want to.)

*\*\*\*All rosters and schedules should be entered on the website no later than Friday, November 21st.*

- It will be up to the home team coach (or the agreed coach) to enter the score on the portal by midnight on the day of the match. The away team coach (Or opposing coach) should verify the score sheet within 24 hours of the match.

- For Sectionals: Only teams with a .500 winning records and above will advance to sectionals.

- State Championships will be held at Strikes and Spares Lanes in Syracuse, NY see page 3 dates

Admission: Section VI will provide officials to work the gate at AMF Airport Lanes. Spectators will be require to purchase GOFAN Tickets to the Section VI Tournament.

## Sectional Competition

### General Information:

Section VI is composed of five leagues, only 4 have bowling. Each league sets its own schedule of matches, with its own eligibility rules providing they correspond to state and section rules. Each league governs its starting date for practices and matches. Each league can determine whether to have boys teams, girls teams or boys teams with girl participants according to New York State rules. Boys teams with girl participants must follow NYSPHSAA mixed competition rules. Bowling sectionals will be held in a large Western New York bowling center the second week of February. The NYSPHSAA Tournament will be held the first weekend of March.

In the morning session of the Sectional Tournament, all schools will be in one lane draw based on their team average. In the afternoon session, the teams will be paired based on the results of the morning session of their division. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will be paired together, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams and so forth. No team will be placed on the same lanes in the afternoon that they competed on in the morning session.

All Teams will bowl six-games at the Section VI Tournament, using a 6-person format, with 3 on each pair. Note: Some pairs may contain less than 6 bowlers, but no less than 5.

No team is allowed to practice on the lanes on the day of the tournament.

Section VI follows the eligibility rules as stated in the NYSPHSAA Handbook LINK and USBC rule #400. A contestant or team may participate in no more than 20 interscholastic bowling contests prior to participation in sectional, regional and state championships as well as Section VI approved All-Star Senior contests. USBC rules will be used for scoring purposes only with the exception of USBC rule #400

pertaining to amateur status. Any violation of USBC rule #400 will result in a one (1) year suspension from the date of the infraction. This mirrors the penalty for violating Eligibility Standard #2 as found in the NYSPHSAA Handbook . No practice bowling will be allowed in the state tournament bowling center after midnight of the day preceding the state championship. Violations of this rule will result in individual or team disqualification. It is recommended that training should precede the state competition and that all competitors be in their school team uniform. The foul line rule shall never be set aside.

### **Admission: TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED on GOFAN CASHLESS ticketing only**

CASHLESS ticket sales ONLY. Purchase tickets on-line & pay price below, if you insist on paying with cash tickets will be \$10 Watch HOW TO Video guide <https://get.gofan.co/digital-ticketing-guide>

|                      |  |                      |
|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| FINAL (Neutral Site) | <a href="#">On-line ONLY BUY tickets</a> | GATE: \$7.00 no cash |
| STATES               | On-line price \$11.50                    | 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.

## **Qualification for Sectional Competition**

Each league in Section VI is eligible to send teams to the Sectional Tournament. To qualify, a team must achieve a league record of .500 or better. Each bowler on the team must compete in at least 50% of the league matches during the regular bowling season in order to bowl sectionals.

Also, each league may send individual boy bowlers with an average of 185 or better and individual girls with an average of 150 or better. All individual bowlers must have an average reflecting 50% of their team's league games. (i.e. If your league has 12 matches with 3 games per match, then the qualifying bowler must have bowled in at least 18 games.)

### **Sectional Alignments:**

Schools will continue to be split into four "classes" (A, B, C, D) based on school size provided by the Section VI office. Due to the State Championship format, Classes A and B will now contain all of the "Large Schools" (BEDS 600+) and Classes C and D will contain all of the "Small Schools" (BEDS under 600). Based on BEDS numbers, we will rank all schools from largest to smallest. The top half of the large schools will comprise Class A, the bottom half of the large schools will make-up Class B. After ranking the small schools by size, this same procedure will be used to create Classes C and D.

## **Qualifications for State Competition-**

### **Team:**

The school team (one boys and one girls) with the highest six game total pinfall will be declared the overall champion and will represent Section VI at the state tournament. The school team will comprise seven bowlers. In addition, an All Section team (two boys and two girls) will comprise the top six pool bowlers who bowl the highest individual six game total pinfall in their respective bracket. (\*\*If a non-pool bowler finishes 1st overall, then they take one of the slots) Bowlers may bowl on their respective teams and the composite teams if they qualify. If there are any ties (team and/or individual) then there will be a one game roll off on lanes that neither team and/or individual bowled on during the tournament.

### **Individuals:**

#### **Procedures to Qualify for the All-Section (composite) Team (boys or girls):**

1. There will be a composite team for D-1 Boys & Girls as well as D-2 Boys and Girls. The top 6 POOL BOWLERS will represent Section VI on the composite team. Unless the top overall individual is a non-pool bowler, then that bowler gets one of the 6 spots on the team.

**Qualification for the “Pool”:**

The bowlers who have the highest league average at the end of their league’s season will be placed in a separate pool at their respective sectional tournament. Each league will be allowed to have representation based on an agreed upon formula. \* Buffalo – 10, CCAA – 15, ECIC – 20, NFL - 6

**Number of Individual “Pool” Representatives from Each League:**

The number of **guaranteed** “pool” representatives from each league will continue:

| # of Teams in Division | # of “Pool” Representatives |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5 or less              | 2 + 2 extra                 |
| 6 or 7                 | 3 + 2 extra                 |
| 8 or more              | 4 + 2 extra                 |

**Individual Pool “Wild Cards” Rule Change (NEW 2019-2020):**

In addition to the guaranteed pool representatives indicated above, three (3) “wild card” bowlers shall be added to the pool based on the following: Wild Card bowlers will be the highest per game average bowlers in the Section (based on division games) who have not already qualified for the pool as a representative from his/her division/league. In order to qualify as a wild card, the athlete must have bowled at least 2/3 of his/her team's games over the course of the season in order to qualify

**Tie Breaking Procedure**

**Team Ties:**

In the event of a team tie of two or more teams by Division (Either Division 1 or Division 2) to qualify as the Section 6 representative at the NYSPHSAA State Championships.

**In the event of a tie between two or more teams in the same Division at the end of the sixth game:**

There will be a 1 game Baker format roll-off to determine who represents section 6 at the state tournament. If there is still a tie after the first Baker game, teams will roll a second Baker format game. This will continue until a winner has been determined.

*(This should not be confused with teams who tie as Class Champions. Teams tied as class champions will both be awarded as co-champions in their class. It is possible for co-champions in the same class to roll-off to be the state representative in their respective division, however.)*

**Individual Ties:**

In the event that there are individual ties to represent Section 6 on the sectional All-Star team at the NYSPHSAA State Championships.

**In the event of a tie between 2 or more bowlers who are non-pool bowlers that finish in either second or third place at the end of the sixth game:**

**OR**

**In the event of a tie between 2 or more bowlers who are pool bowlers that finish in either fifth or sixth place at the end of the sixth game:**

There will be a one game roll-off to determine who represents the section at the state tournament. If there is still a tie after the one game roll-off then individuals will roll off a ninth and tenth frame to determine the winner. The ninth and tenth frame roll-off will continue until there is a winner.

*(In the event of a tie for third place between a non-pool bowler and a pool bowler the non-pool bowler will take the third place position and the pool bowler will assume the first pool bowler spot. There will not be a roll-off in this case.)*

## Coaches' Responsibilities

1. It is the responsibility of the winning coach of each division match to report the score to the appropriate media. Media are listed on page 10 of the Section VI Directory or on Section VI website:

<http://www.section6.e1b.org> On the Main page under Shortcuts, click on Media or click here [MEDIA LINK](#)

2. Each coach must bring the completed Admittance Form to Sectional competition. (see Forms page 2)

## Schools' Responsibilities

Schools participating in Sectionals must:

1. Notify your sectional chairperson as soon as your team achieves a .500 season record.
2. Furnish transportation to and from site.
3. Arrive at the site no later than one half hour before the scheduled tournament.
4. Be responsible for the behavior of all persons on your team.

## NYSPHSAA Bowling Sports Standard

Below is found on Page 61 of NYSPHSAA 2025-26 Handbook page 65

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA\\_Handbook\\_Aug\\_2025.pdf#page=65](https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_Aug_2025.pdf#page=65)

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA\\_Handbook\\_Aug\\_2025.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_Aug_2025.pdf)

## United States Bowling Congress Official Rule Book: [2024-25 USBC Rules](#)

### 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 NYSPHSAA HANDBOOK**, NYSPHSAA Handbook LINK (c) no official score is kept, (d) time period(s) are defined in the Sport Standards section of the NYSPHSAA 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.

“In a bowling scrimmage any format may be used and substitutions may be made at any time. No official scores may be kept; therefore, scores may not be used in calculating season average or for qualifying for sectional or state tournaments. Scores may not be used toward league or non-league standing.”

## Bowling History Champions & Results

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14nBqMn6C-abeJGmAY6DeiY5-q8SUyW78/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109555149419838497371&rtpof=true&sd=true>

## Section VI Policies

### 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 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.

### 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 ONLY.** ABSOLUTELY NO PAPER. [Section VI Scholar Athlete](#) Deadline is March 16, 2026 Those selected will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News.

### Regulations Regarding Senior All-Star & Outside Agency Contests

(updated April 2009)

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 no more than one approved senior all-star athlete contest in the same sport during the school year.

**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](http://www.section6.e1b.org) Under General Information, Click on Forms and Information, or call the Section office 821-7365.

# Section VI Policy on Travel to State Competition Policy

(Revised Jan 2016 for 2016-17)

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

## Summary for Individual Sports

The following was approved by the Section VI Athletic Council (Jan 2013) Budget Line item Encumbered for State Championships to cover the following costs for state competition. The following costs for state competition

- 1) Transportation, lodging and meals for Cross Country, B&G Swim, Indoor and Outdoor Track
  - 2) Lodging and meals for **B & G Bowling**, G Gymnastics, B&G Golf, B & G Tennis and Alpine Skiing
  - 3) Lodging for wrestling
- and will discontinue year-end reimbursement to districts for these costs.

Member schools participating in state competition will be responsible for all costs related to that participation with exception of items 1,2,3. Section VI responsibility for member school participation in state championships is outlined below.

### **Supervision:**

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, where the athletes are housed at the state competition site and all related events.

### **Transportation:**

**Individual Sports Group 1:** Alpine Skiing, Bowling, Rifle, Golf, Tennis, Gymnastics, Wrestling

The schools will be responsible for transporting their athletes to state competition and all associated transportation costs.

**Individual Sports Group 2:** C. Country, Ind. Track, Track & Field, Swimming

a) The Section VI office will contract bus transportation for the athletes. There are two choices for the school:

- 1) A school may choose to have its athlete(s) travel to state competition on the Section contracted bus. The following rules apply:
  - The athlete (and coach) must use the lodging and meals if pre-arranged by the sport chair.
  - The athlete (and coach) must remain with the Section until the completion of the athlete's competition. The athlete will not be released prior to completion of competition.
  - When competition is completed, the athlete may be released to parents/coach for return home on alternate transportation if the Section release form is completed before the state meet
- 2) A school may choose to have its athlete(s) travel to state competition in an alternate manner under the following stipulations:
  - A school that opt-outs of Section transportation will be responsible for arranging their own lodging and meals.
  - The request to opt-out of travel on the Section VI bus must be submitted in writing to the sport chair and the Section VI office by the date specified in the sport handbook.
  - The school must submit all required release forms to the sport chair by the specified date.
  - The school must arrange for the athlete to rendezvous with the sport chair (or designee) at a pre-designated time and place prior to the competition.

b) Transportation expenses will be billed to Section VI.

c) Section VI will apply to the NYSPHSAA for the allowed reimbursement of \$1.35 per mile on the state grid.

### **Lodging:**

**Individual Sports:** The sport chair will be responsible for reserving a block of rooms for all athletes (4 per room). The block will include rooms for coaches (2 per room) for individual sports in Group 1 (see 310.2). For individual sports in Group 2, the block will be increased by 50% to allow for coaches. (e.g.: If XC needs a block of 40 rooms for athletes and supervisors, they will now reserve a block of 60 rooms) When the qualifiers have been determined, the sport chair will register all athletes and coaches who are using Section transportation from the block of reserved rooms. Schools that opt-out of Section transportation are responsible for registering their own athletes and coaches. They may register for the remaining rooms in the reserved block until the rooms are exhausted or choose their own lodging. Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition with the exceptions indicated in item 1, 2, 3 above for above.

### **Meals:**

Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition with the exceptions indicated in item 1, 2, 3 above for above. For some individual sports, the Section will facilitate meal handling by paying meal expenses and invoicing the schools per participating athlete. This plan, if used, will be listed in the sport handbook.

## 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

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