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2025-2026 Girls Ice Hockey Handbook

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Girls Web Address:

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

Most Up-to-Date Post Season Calendar for Sites/Dates/Times

<http://www.wnygirlshockey.com/> and [Post Season Winter](#)

Brackets: <http://www.wnygirlshockey.com/>

www.nysphsaa.org

<https://nysphsaa.org/tournaments/?id=16&path=>

<https://www.section6.e1b.org/sports/winter-sports/winterHockeyGirls>

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2025-26 Girls Ice Hockey Calendar

Event	Link / Site	Date / Time
Pre-season Coaches Mtg	Williamsville South	Wed 11/5/25 7 PM
First day of practice		Mon, 11/17/25
Number of practices to represent school	6 (individual)	
Rosters due	http://www.wnygirlshockey.com/	before 1st game
Team photo & rosters due	to chair	TBA
Seeding Meeting	Williamsville South HS	Mon. 2/9/26 7 PM
End of regular season		Sun, 2/8/26
All-WNYGVIHF Team Meeting (Seeding Meeting)	Williamsville South HS	Mon, 2/9/26 7PM
All-WNY Scholar Athlete	ONLINE LINK	Mon, 3/16/26 5 PM
Post Season Coaches Virtual		TBA

Regular Season Schedule

Posted on the <http://www.wnygirlshockey.com/>

Post Season Schedule

Most Up-to-Date Post Season Calendar for Sites/Dates/Times

<http://www.wnygirlshockey.com/> and [Post Season Winter](#)

Link from Post season Calendar

Ice Hockey (Girls) Rick Hopkins		http://www.wnygirlshockey.com/	
Last Regular Season Game	seeding 2/9/26		Girls Schedule
Section VI Quarterfinals	Tues. Feb 10	@Buffalo State	4:00 PM, 6:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Section VI Semifinals	Thurs. Feb. 12	@Buffalo State	6:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Section VI Championship	Mon. Feb. 16	@Buffalo State	6:00 & 8:00 PM
NYSPPHSA Quarterfinals V at VI	Wed. Feb. 18	@ TBA	6:00 PM
NYSPPHSA Semifinals	Fri. Feb. 20	Utica Nexus Center	4:00 & 6:00 PM
NYSPPHSA Regionals Link	Sat. Feb. 21	Utica Nexus Center	12:00 PM

NYSPPHSA has to finalize the NYS Championship Schedule. The Committee is waiting for Section Commitments to decide if NYSPPHSA Quarterfinals are required.

For 2025-26 The seeding for the postseason will be determined by the points in the final standings. Teams receive 3 pts. for a regulation win, 2 points for an overtime win, 1 point for an overtime loss, or 1.5 points for a tie. The four quarter-final winners will be re-seeded in the brackets where the highest surviving seeded team will play the lowest seeded team left in one semi-final. The 2nd and 3rd highest survivors will play in the other semi-final.

212.9 Institute the following protocol when contest results (needed for seeding purposes) are not entered on sport specific websites: The sport chairman will contact the athletic director, giving 48 hours, from the time

of contact, to enter the contest results. If the results are not entered within that time frame, The Executive Director, will contact both the athletic director and superintendent giving 48 hours, from the time of contact, to fulfill the website requirement otherwise their school's team will not be able to participate in post season play. Jan. 2016 AC

Girls Ice Hockey Federation Executive Board/ Sport 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." For Ice Hockey, there will be one vote per officer on the Executive Board. The voting members of the committee are indicated below with an asterisk.

Title:	Name	School	Phone	Email
Chair:	Rick Hopkins	Retired	(716) 631-2906	hopkinsrick5@gmail.com
Assistant:	Matt Miller	Kenmore Middle	(716) 713-5713	mmiller@ktufsd.org
Secretary	TBA			
Financial Coordinator:	Beth Fadeley	Section VI	(716) 821-7365	bfadeley@e1b.org
Discipline /Rules Coordinator:	Vinny Dell'Oso	Starpoin	(716) 210-2304	vdelloso@starpoincsd.org
Officials Liaison:	Chris Mucica*	Williamsville	(716) 626-8400	cmucica@willamsvillek12.org
Executive Board:	Pete Schneider*	MMHSAA	(716) 998-4589	Monsignor.martin.athletics@gmail.com
Statistician:	Matt Miller	Kenmore Middle	(716) 713-5713	mmiller@ktufsd.org

Girls Federation Directory

Emails are hidden onto name & Phones are all (716) Area Code				
School	Athletic Director	Phone	Head Coach	Phone
Amherst (CASH)	Robert Adams	362-3020	Nicola Adimey	949-8830
/Sweet Home	Chris Schiumo	250-1203		
/Clarence	Jason Lehmbeck	407-9043		
Frontier (FLOP)	James Helmicki	983-1706	Bob Klimowicz	TBA
/Orchard Park	David Hack	209-6241		
/LakeShore	Daryl Besant	926-2313		
Kenmore (East/West)	Lindsay Bergman	871-3082	Matt Miller	713-5713
/Grand Island	Brett Banker	773-8813		
/Lockport	Michael Sobieraski	478-4473		

School	Athletic Director	Phone	Head Coach	Phone
Lancaster (LIDA)	Eric Rupp	686-3270 x27031	Kevin Miller	713-0466
/Iroquois	Carrie Vetter	652-3000 x7200		
/Depew	Bob Skoczylas	686-5077		
/ Alden	Jeff Hart New AD	937-9116 x4147		
Monsignor Martin	Pete Schneider	998-4589	Marty Gilano	432-8801

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Starpoint (Nia Co)	Vinny Dell'Oso	417-0046	Gregg Grosskopf	550-0397
/ Niagara-Wheatfield	Matt McKenna	215-3129		
/ Lew-Port	Brad Halgash	286-7865		
/ Niagara Falls	Joe Contento	286-0795		
St. Mary's Lancaster	Zach Weiss	TBA	TBA	TBA
West Seneca (HEWS)	Marisa Fallacro-Dougherty	677-3144	Eric Cooper	364-2589
(East/West)				
/Hamburg	Jim Harrigan	646-3250 x5403		
/Eden	Jason Iwankow	992-3643		
/ Cheektowaga	Greg Witman	686-3659		
Williamsville	Chris Mucica	626-8037	Rick Hopkins	631-2906
(East/North/South)				

2025-26 Girls Ice Hockey Federation & COS

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tQKpPoZpnMsAMwmcOq3_sgr_9VKsXax88qFSF0zYu1s/edit?gid=912734144#gid=912734144&range=G3:J13

Girls Ice Hockey 2025-26 Classifications		
Schools	Team Name	# Class
Starpoint / NF / Nia-Wheat/ Lew-Port	Niag. Co.	3501
Kenmore East / KenWest/ Lockport/ Grand Island	Kenmore	3234
West Seneca West/ WS East / Hamburg/ Cheektowaga/ Eden	HEWS	2931
Lancaster / Iroquois / Depew / Alden	LIDA	2487
Frontier/ Lake Shore /Orchard Park	FLOP	2431
Amherst , Clarence / Sweet Home	CASH	2390
Williamsville South/ Will North / Will East	Williamsville	2245
MMHSAA	MMHSAA	NA
St. Mary's Lancaster	St, Mary's	NA

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tQKpPoZpnMsAMwmcOq3_sgr_9VKsXax88qFSF0zYu1s/edit?usp=sharing

2025-26 Girls Fed. Ice Hockey Playoff Brackets				
Quarter-Finals		Semi-Finals	Finals	
1			*reseed bracket after each round	
		1		
8	Game 1			
4		Game 5		
	Game 2			
5				
			Game 7	Winner
3				
	Game 3			
6				
2		Game 6		
	Game 4			
7				

Playing Sites

Name	Phone	Address
Buffalo State Ice Rink	878-4198	1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, 14222
Cornerstone Ice Rink	438-7698	1 Grigg Lewis Way, Lockport, NY 14094
Hamburg Ice Rink	649-8771	2982 Lakeview Rd, Hamburg, 14075
Hockey Outlet	695-1055	3385 Niagara Falls Blvd, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Holiday Twin Rinks	685-3660	3465 Broadway, Cheektowaga, 14227
Leisure Rinks	675-8992	75 Weiss Rd., Orchard Park, 14127
Paddock Ice Arena	693-3505	251 Brompton., Tonawanda, 14150
Niagara University - Dwyer Arena	286-8782	5795 Lewiston Rd. Niagara University, 14109
Northtown Center* at Amherst (Former Pepsi Center)	631-7555	1615 Amherst Manor Dr., Williamsville, 14221
Riverside Ice Arena	875-4820	41 Riley St., East Aurora, 14052
Tacoma Ice Rink	873-8481	156 Tacoma Ave., Buffalo, 14216
West Seneca Ice Rink	558-2292	1250 Union Rd., West Seneca, 14224

Section VI ADMISSION Cashless Tickets

<https://www.section6.e1b.org/sectionals/gofan-tickets>

Children (5 & Under) No charge

Sectional Finals: \$7.00

States: \$10.00

GoFan for Section VI Finals and Regionals Hosted at Section VI [Section VI-Ticket Links](#)

All Tickets are * Cashless on-line only purchases or at events with credit or bank card, google pay, apple pay

For NYSPHSAA Championships <https://gofan.co/app/school/NYSPHSAA>

NYSPHSAA ICE HOCKEY SPORTS STANDARD

From Page 81 of 2025 NYSPHSAA Handbook <http://www.nysphsaa.org>

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_Aug_2025.pdf#page=81

2025-26 NFHS Ice Hockey Rule Changes

<https://nfhs.org/resources/sports/ice-hockey-rules-changes-2025-26>

2025-26 NFHS Points of Emphasis ONLINE

Commitment Rule

All players must be rostered and must participate in 6 regular season contests to be eligible for playoffs.

Rosters

Team rosters shall be limited in size to a total of 30 players, 25 rostered, 5 practice players. All players must be rostered with the Federation at the start of the season in order to be eligible to participate. Any additions or deletions must be registered with the Sectional Chair and League Statistician prior to any participation.

7th & 8th Graders

May participate upon successful completion of the **NYS Advance Placement Process**.

Emergency Goalkeeper

Each team may designate an emergency goalkeeper at the start of the season, to be approved by the Executive Committee of the Federation. This player must appear on the original roster, and be properly designated. The emergency goalkeeper must abide by NYSPHSAA rules, but shall be exempt from the commitment rule.

8 Goal Rule

In the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play there will be an eight goal rule with a running clock. If a team goes ahead by eight goals, from that point the clock will be a running clock for the rest of the game or until the score goes below an eight goal difference. The running clock will be started at the beginning of play after the eighth goal is scored.

Overtime

If during league play there is a tie at the conclusion of the game, there will be a 5-minute overtime period. If teams are still tied at the end of the overtime period the score will remain tied. Each team will be awarded a point for a tie at the end of regulation. An additional point will be awarded to a team that is victorious after overtime.

Referees

Referees are assigned by the Federation. Only NIHOA enrolled referees shall be hired for high school games. Referees are paid in accordance with fees established by Section VI. Referees shall report their arrival to the school official who is present as "Site Manager" and in charge of the contest. Referees must be certified in NFHS Official Rules. NIHOA shall be responsible for certifying officials in New York. Referees will receive a copy of the WNY Girls Ice Hockey Federation Handbook and NYSPHAA Ice Hockey Rules. A Two-Man Referee System will be used for all regular season, sectional, and state games.

Remember that:

- A bench penalty can be called for inappropriate fan behavior after one warning.
- The mouth piece and neck guard rules should be enforced.
- The "above the shoulder" stick violation is a major penalty, except where a minor penalty applies for incidental contact.

- Any penalty after a whistle shall include a misconduct on the penalized player(s).
- Disqualified players must be reported on the appropriate WNYVHF Ice Hockey form. Failure of a referee to “write-up” a disqualification may result in a suspension from officiating WYNVHF school sponsored hockey games for a period not to exceed one year. Game disqualification penalties should be reported immediately on the WNYVHF forms, which should be available from the off-ice official. (Referees are encouraged to have extra copies of this form in their possession.)

It is further recommended that Referees:

- Conduct an “off-ice” session with players and coaches prior to the season to explain new rule changes, to promote good sportsmanship, and to explain the role of a high school ice hockey referee. It is also strongly recommended that school officials (principal, athletic director, site manager, off-ice game officials) attend this session, in order that a positive dialogue be developed.
- Call a tight, appropriately played, game of ice hockey as is desired by member schools of the WNYVHF. Officiating should be in accordance not only with NFHS/WNYVHF rules, but with the educational philosophy desired in high school, as opposed to youth, college or professional ice hockey. It is recommended that federation develop an evaluation procedure for officials which incorporates evaluations by AD’s and coaches. Referees are “in charge” and should demand an appropriate HIGH SCHOOL game of ice hockey. Interscholastic sport is justified only because it is a school activity where education occurs. Exceptionally good sportsmanship should be demanded of players, coaches and fans.
- Be the first on the ice to “greet” players, check equipment, urge a good game, and meet coaches. It is required that referees remain on the ice until all players have left the ice either between periods or at the end of the game.
- Have the team captains meet at center ice before the game to discuss desired sportsmanship and shake hands. (It is suggested that introductions be conducted with helmets removed).
- Not allow players to bang sticks on the ice or on the boards after a goal, for opponent penalty, etc
- Discourage the throwing of sticks, piling on, etc. after a victory or goal.
- Not tolerate inappropriate language, taunting gestures and provocative behavior by players or coaches.

Off-Ice Game Officials

Official Time, Score, Penalty Box

Qualified persons should be assigned to keep the official time, WNYGVHF score sheet, and to supervise the penalty boxes. At least one adult, preferably either a game official or school official, should be designated as responsible for these functions. It is recommended that this designated adult, sitting as a scorekeeper/ timekeeper/ penalty box supervisor, be considered a secondary game official. He/she will work closely with the on ice officials, assisting in the identification of fan misbehavior and alerting officials of inappropriate behavior, language or gestures by players serving time in the penalty box.

Public Address Operator

The public address operator should come under the jurisdiction of an adult and should display the same positive goal desired in all interscholastic competitions.

Score Keeper

The scorekeeper shall prepare the WNYVHF recommended game report, and appropriately transit the copies to the “Site Manager.” Said game sheet then will be filed with the statistician, and will include the number of minor penalties and major penalties. Names of players who receive game disqualifications or too many penalties in one game resulting in that game disqualification, will be maintained by the rules and discipline chairman. In order to promote improved sportsmanship it is recommended that periodically the rules and discipline chairman share this summary information with the league officials. It may be requested that a summary of penalties be filed with the WNYVHF on a weekly basis by the following Tuesday of each week

Emergency Cancellation Policy

Only actual emergencies will cause game cancellations. It is incumbent on the respective AD’s to make sure that all dates assigned to your school can meet your schedule. There will not be any cancellations or rescheduling except for emergencies (i.e. weather emergencies, school closings, etc.). The following policy will be adhered to for cancellations:

1. Cancellations will be made ONLY AD to AD of the schools involved.
2. Home AD will contact the sectional chair. Chairman will contact:

a) referees	b) minor officials
c) security	d) facility

e) Section VI Executive Director (for post-season play)

3. Home AD will contact:
 - a) Media
 - b) Treasurer
4. The AD of both schools involved will re-schedule with sectional chair.
 - a) President will contact:
 - referees
 - minor officials
 - security
 - b) AD's are responsible for
 - facility
 - treasurer

Contingency Plan for Post Season 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 1 or 2 days prior to the seeding mtg., allowing for a make-up league contest(s) prior to the seeding meeting if necessary. The storm in Feb. 2006 that closed schools the day before the seeding mtg. bears this point out.
- 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)

Promoting Good Sportsmanship by Spectators

It is recognized that the promotion of proper response and cheerleading will be most difficult given the sometimes improper examples evident at professional and other levels of ice hockey contests. Positive school spirit is, however, an objective that all WNYVHF schools share. Because the ice rink is most often "off campus," it is urged that WNYVHF posters and easily identified school sponsored signs be posted which clearly outline the expected behavior and desired sportsmanship.

The following is recommended:

- Rinks should provide designated – separate areas for fans of opposing teams. School personnel and security should actively monitor these areas and the parking lots— before, during, and after the game.
- No banners or signs are allowed, except for an official school banner (permanently affixed).
- Whistles, megaphones, horns, and other noise makers are forbidden.
- Student cheering sections should NOT be in back of the team bench, especially the opposing team bench (whenever possible).
- Mascots, and cheerleaders are not allowed on the ice, on the bench, or in player areas.
- Spectators may not bring cans or bottles to the game arena. Alcohol and other controlled substances are not allowed in the arena. Violators must immediately be removed from the facility and appropriately disciplined.
- Hats, paper wads, confetti, and other objects are not to be thrown on the ice. This undesired action is dangerous to players. Persons guilty of this misbehavior should be immediately removed from the rink and appropriately disciplined. (Schools are encouraged to restrict admission of spectators whose behavior is inappropriate.)
- Fans should not be permitted to leave a facility and return.

- Fans should be seated and not leaning over the glass or rink boards. AT NO TIME should police or supervisors allow a fan to pound on the glass boards or to grab and lean over said boards. Failure to abide by this rule should result in immediate removal of the individual from the rink.
- The first row behind the boards be vacant and serve a “buffer zone”.
- The use of profanity, objectionable cheers or gestures is strictly forbidden. Taunting (i.e. “you, you, you”) —slang which resembles profanity or any actions that maybe insulting to others must be prohibited.

Responsibilities of the Athletic Director / “Site Manager”

By WNYVHF constitution, the Athletic Director or his/her designee, shall be present at all interscholastic home contests. These school officials are supervisors who are seeking desired objectives, be they spectator behavior, team sportsmanship or facility conditions and environment. The home team’s AD or designee (not a member of the hockey staff) should be the “Site Manager”. The site manager, working with rink personnel - other school personnel - police and the coaching staff, will:

- Oversee enforcement of rules for spectators.
- Assure that game officials, proper medical personnel and other conditions are in order before authorizing the start of the game.
- Be in possession of game rules, game suspension forms and the recommended WNYVHF Game Sheet. (Remember, the site manager is responsible for initiating the reporting of game suspensions).
- Be in charge and responsible for all “off ice” functions and activities associated with the game (e.g. players sent to the locker room should be accompanied by a member of the school staff).
- Represent the interests of the host school and seek those goals and objectives shared by WNYVHF member schools.
- Forward to appropriate home and away school personnel and statistician, the game score sheet and misconduct reports. (The WNYVHF Game Sheet facilitates this process)

Responsibilities of the Athletic Director / “Site Manager” Continued

- Meet with the referees, proctors, security personnel and ticket takers, sellers. In case of an emergency everyone is known to the Site Manager.
- Ensure that: SCORESHEETS OR COPIES FROM ALL GAMES PLAYED (INCLUDING TOURNAMENT AND EXHIBITION GAMES, ETC.) WILL BE TURNED IN TO STATISTICIAN OF LEAGUE.
- Verify that the Financial Procedure for Girls Ice Hockey (page 15) is followed by all parties.

In accordance with NFHS rules and the WNYVHF rule book, the Site Manager and coaches may be involved with game officials to make a judgment regarding the termination of a game – given conditions such as unruly behavior of spectators and/or players.

Players, coaches and spectators: To ensure proper behavior, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND PRINCIPALS should:

- Insist that referees demand exceptional behavior of participants.
- Plan to have more than one school/official monitoring spectators at all home hockey games.
- Conduct a preseason meeting with local security, and demand that assigned security work those games, both inside and outside the rink.
- Remind coaches that it is imperative to keep players under control, especially in the last minutes of a one-sided contest.
- Insist that coaches remove players from games whose behavior or language is unacceptable (even if not observed or penalized by the referee).
- Demand that referees officiate consistently and not according to the score . . . and that all violations are penalized.

Facility / Rink Issues

- School Rules: Most high school teams lease time at rinks away from the school campus for their ice hockey games and practices. High school hockey is one of the few school activities whose contests and practices take place off campus. Wrongfully, some players and fans consider this facility outside the jurisdiction of the school and the school’s rules, regulations and codes of behavior. School rules (and WNYVHF rules) apply and should be enforced as if the event were being held on the school campus. The fact that the game and practices are school functions should be known by news releases, public address announcements, and the visible presence of school personnel.
- Lease: In the lease agreement with the facility, the school should demand a safe and healthy environment for its players and fans. The agreement should clearly state the financial arrangements as they pertain to rental fees and gate receipts. A contract should include more than just the financial considerations. It should also include specific references to necessary and expected services, and facility conditions. If the

agreement includes the hiring of personnel by the rink management (such as security, ticket takers, etc.) and the right of the rink to sell refreshments, the school should emphatically demand that local and WNYVHF codes of spectator behavior be enforced (see section on spectators on page 9).

- **Advertisements:** *It is strongly recommended that advertisements for alcohol be removed or covered at the rink and must not be included in a printed hockey program.*
- **Parking:** Excellent lighting and monitoring of the parking area should be provided by the rink.
- **Loitering** before and after games should not be permitted. Players should not exit from locker rooms until fans have departed from the rink. Whenever feasible, exits should be used that are away from locker room areas. Separate exits should be utilized for spectators from each school.
- The **scoreboard** should be functional, preferably with not only game time and score, but also noting penalty minutes.
- A **public address system** should be available for game and emergency announcements.
- **Music:** The home team may provide music for games, as long as it is played at a reasonable level. The visiting team to provide music at games only by mutual consent of the coaches.
- **Emergency medical procedures** should be planned in advance and supplies readily available (See Emergency Medical Procedures on page 12).

A close working relationship between rink management and school administration (athletic director or high school principal) is a must. The communication link between the rink and school should not be solely dependent on the coaching staff. Periodically, there should be reports as to the conditions of the locker room (before and after practices) and facilities. With the assistance of rink management, the school administration should develop a procedure for handling student-fan misbehavior, monitoring adult spectators, and visiting team fans. Also the two parties should define what problems are to be handled by school officials and what problems are to be handled by the rink personnel or security. A good "model" is that practiced at home basketball games.

Responsibilities of Coaches

Coaches are employees of the school and community and should subscribe to the rules, philosophy and procedures desired by the school, its administration, the athletic department and the WNYVHF. The behavior and attitude of the coach sets the tone!

- **Behavior:** Inappropriate language or behavior is not permitted on the bench or around the rink area. Any member of the coaching staff who receives two game misconducts and/or disqualification penalties during the season shall not participate in Sectionals.
- **Rules:** Coaches should be familiar with the WNYVHF and NFHS rules.
- **Bench:** There is no maximum number of players dressed on the bench. If the coach is removed from the bench, the assistant coach will be in charge. Only employees or official representative of the school district may serve as a coach. In addition to the players, only a coach, asst. coach, school trainer, and student manager are permitted on the bench. Coaches should accompany their players from the locker room to the bench before each game and between periods.
- **Player Eligibility:** Every player must have eight varsity practices to be eligible. Club practices do not count. Players must play nine league games to be eligible for playoffs. Exception will be injured players and players off for medical reasons. Those games missed due to above reasons will count towards the nine games. No player should appear on any game sheet unless the player is dressed to play.
- **Equipment:** The coach must be certain that all players are properly equipped, by the rules of high school ice hockey.
- **Rosters:** Coaches are required to email their rosters on the Team Roster Form (see page 2) to the Section VI Chairman Rick Hopkins at hopkinsrick5@gmail.com by **TBA See page 3**
- **Interaction with Officials:** COACHES SHOULD BE COOPERATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WHEN SPEAKING WITH OFFICIALS. CRITICISM OF A REFEREE SHOULD BE WRITTEN AFTER A GAME AND FORWARDED TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND SECTIONAL CHAIR.
- **Evaluation of officials:** Coaches are expected to evaluate their own game officials throughout the year using ArbiterSports.com. Instructions are posted on the Section VI website: click here for **Instructions for Contacts**. Coaches will also be emailed prior to their first game regarding this process.

Supplementary Discipline

1. All major penalties result in an automatic Disqualification.

2. During the WNYVHF Regular season and Playoffs, a player receiving a game Disqualification for fighting or abuse of officials will be suspended for his next 2 games. A player receiving his first major penalty is suspended to play in the next game, according to the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules.
3. Every subsequent Disqualification or game misconduct, results in a cumulative suspension of 1 game for each game the player has been suspended. Example: Player A receives his second game Disqualification of the season; therefore, he is suspended for 2 games.
4. During the WNYVHF Regular Season and Playoffs, a player receiving his third game disqualification, third game misconduct, third major penalty in the WNYVHF Regular season or playoffs is suspended for the remainder of the season and playoffs upon the review of the discipline committee.
5. During the WNYVHF Regular Season and Playoffs, a player receiving his fourth misconduct is awarded a game Disqualification. Said player is then suspended to play in the next game or games, dependent on whether he had incurred any previous game Disqualification. A violation of rule #1 and rule #3 in the same game will constitute two violations. If the disqualified player is a senior, and it is his last game of the season, the incident will be referred back to the offending player's school for disciplinary action.
6. During the regular season and playoffs, a member of the coaching staff who receives a game disqualification/game misconduct penalty is ineligible to coach in the next two (2) games of his team, upon review of the executive committee. A member of the coaching staff receiving a second game disqualification/game misconduct penalty is ineligible for the remainder of the season, upon review of the executive committee, and the member school.
7. These penalties will carry over to the next season should the violation occur in the final game of the season, upon review of the discipline committee. Additionally, a player receiving a game disqualification penalty in a WNYVHF Playoff Game may not be eligible for post-season awards.
8. The WNYVHF Sport Handbook monitors league games only, but penalties carry over to non-league games. Non-league games shall follow NYSPHSAA and NFHS rules regarding penalties & suspensions.
9. Coaches must submit all non-league and tournament score sheets and report any suspensions to the league statistician 24 hours prior to their next league game.
10. A team receiving its third minor penalty in a game for an illegal body check, and every illegal body check thereafter, will be assessed a 3 minute double minor penalty.

Emergency Medical Procedures

1. It is imperative that all coaches be knowledgeable of and adhere to American Red Cross recommended procedures for administering first aid.
2. Where situations warrant (example: head, neck, back injuries, suspected broken bones, etc.) or when in doubt, the First Aid Squad should be summoned.
3. Doctor, Trainer, or Coach will administer first aid. If further immediate aid is indicated, this person will direct the head proctor to summon the First Aid Squad. If injury occurs during practice, the coach will summon the First Aid Squad. In either case, a person shall be assigned to direct the squad to the location of the emergency. This call may be made at telephones located in coach's office or Physical Education office, or the hockey arena.
4. The head proctor or proctor assigned the responsibility must identify himself/herself to both head coaches, as well as doctors or trainer if present.
5. Parent(s) must be notified by proctor or coach prior to transportation to the emergency room. In cases of non-serious injuries where no additional immediate medical aid is indicated, parent is to be notified by the coach at earliest convenience (i.e.: immediately following contest).
6. Regardless of the seriousness of the injury, transportation home or to the hospital is to be provided ONLY by ambulance, parent, or when absolutely necessary, by a coach or proctor. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE INJURED ATHLETES TO BE TRANSPORTED BY ANOTHER STUDENT!** An adult, preferably a parent, coach or proctor, should accompany the student. In the case where only one coach is present and no other adult can be found, the coach must remain with remainder of the team but must follow-up on student's condition as soon as possible.
7. Accident report must be completed as soon as possible for all injuries, regardless of extent.
8. **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.

Media – Reporting Results

At the conclusion of the game, the winning coach must report results to radio, television and website. Please make certain of this. Each year, sportswriters and sportscasters criticize Section VI for lack of cooperation in reporting game results. Additional media are listed on page 10 of the Section VI Directory & . [MEDIA LINK](#) or go For Media requirements for post season play see Sectional Competition below. SUPER SEVEN (Athlete of the Week) 840-7798 Leave score on answering machine

Sectional Competition

Admission: Semi-Finals & Finals \$5 (5 and under free)

Brackets: (see page 4)

Team Photos and Rosters:

Coaches are required to email their team photos and updated roster for post-season play on the Team Roster Form (see page 2) to the Section VI Girls Chairman Rick Hopkins at hopkinsrick5@gmail.com by **TBA see page 3**.

Media:

Radio and TV stations must secure approval from the local school, officials, the Section VI Girls Ice Hockey Chairman (see page 4) and the Section VI Media Chairman, Mark DiFilippo. A contract which includes the general provisions for telecasting/ broadcasting Section VI contests must be signed and appropriate fees submitted prior to the event being broadcast.

Selection of Officials:

The selection of officials for sectional and regional play will be based on coaches' evaluations during the regular season. Coaches must evaluate game officials in Arbitersports.com (see Evaluation of Officials on page 12). At the conclusion of the regular season, evaluations will be reviewed by the assigner Dan Murphy and Section VI Sport Chair Rick Hopkins. Selections will be based on those evaluations. At the post season meeting, coaches will also be asked to provide their preferred list of officials as well as their non-preferred list officials. This form will be issued to them prior to that post season 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. **online application deadline March 16, 2026**. Those selected will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News.

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.

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

Regulations Regarding Senior All-Star & Outside Agency Contests *(updated April 2009)*

(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.

Financial Procedure for Section VI Girls Ice Hockey

(effective 9/16/09)

Gate receipts collected at each ice hockey venue will be deposited directly into the Section VI Girls Ice Hockey Account by the Federation appointed venue staff within 24 hours of the event, or transferred to the Section VI Treasurer to deposit within 24 hours of the event. The Federation Financial Coordinator will submit the deposit slip reflecting gate receipts *within 5 business days to:*

Treasurer, Section VI, 355 Harlem Rd., W. Seneca, NY 14224

Section VI will pay all personnel, both administrative and officials. All personnel must indicate Name, Duty, Amount Due and Signature on the Financial Report (see Forms Page 2). The Federation Financial Coordinator will submit the completed Financial Reports *in a timely manner to:*

Treasurer, Section VI, 355 Harlem Rd., W. Seneca, NY 14224

Individuals will be paid monthly from the reports submitted by the close of the month. Payment will be made no later than the fifteenth of the following month. All checks will be issued by the Section office from the Girls Ice Hockey Account.

The Federation Financial Coordinator will mail a copy of the Financial Report to the Sport Chairperson.

Click for ☐ [Section VI Admission Prices](#) **NOTE:** Officials are to be paid as per the [Officials Agreement 2022-2027](#)

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

Officials assigned outside their "Geographic Area" will receive a \$20.00 premium for all Sectional Games.

Section VI - NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Philosophy and 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 page 40 of below link

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Link to History of Girls Ice Hockey Champions

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dirssFwvoiDnnYMa7msM9zKesbblxzF7/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109555149419838497371&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Also on <https://www.wnygirlshockey.com/history.html>