2026 Boys Volleyball Handbook

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Official Boys Volleyball Website: https://highschoolsports.org

Section VI Webpage Handbook & forms

NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball

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Forms

Available at Boys Volleyball Handbook page https://www.section6.e1b.org/sports/fall-sports/fall-volleyball-boys

Team Roster on website only	Preferred Officials form	Financial Report - will be sent to required individual by Treasurer
Powerpoints on website only		All WNY-Scholar Athlete
Sectional Admittance Form	Statement of Protest	Sectional Opt Out Form

2026 Boys Volleyball 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.

Boys Volleyball Chairperson Section VI

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ECIC Exec Director	Jim Graczyk	ECIC Office	jgraczyk@e1b.org

Fall 2026 Coaches Point of Emphasis

1. Spaulding Boys TF-VB5 red, white and blue ball for Sectional/ State Competition
2. **Must Use New Website https://highschoolsports.org Winning coach reports score and statistics after every game on website. The Buffalo News no longer reports game score/results ALL INFORMATION entered into Website**
3. **NCAA Rulebook LINK:** download available for free pdf, epub https://indd.adobe.com/view/f27fc70f-e33f-4e78-b718-67b4ff2af0e0

4. ONLY single-colored headbands allowed with no tail

Fall 2026 Coaches Point of Emphasis continued from previous page

5. Double contact on the first contact of a rally is still legal including a ball directed over the net. Double on second contact is now legal unless the ball is directed over the net. Double on the third contact is not legal in any circumstance. Pursuit is allowed but on playing surface pre-determined by the officials based on available space and player safety
6. Centerline violation returns to the entire foot or body part over regardless of body part and location in reference to the play.
7. NO WAIVERS on NEW uniforms. Schools have been given notice on compliance since 2016. If a school was granted a waiver, it will be allowed to be extended but waiver proof must be shown
8. Regional contests (example section 5 vs section 6) have been eliminated. Section champions in each division will advance to a two day state tournament (location rotates on a 3 year contract)
9. Training for new officials will be online – Contact Steve Tuhovac

2026 Boys Volleyball Calendar Fall

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 48 hours before the seeding 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

Event	Link or information	DATE & TIME
Pre-season Coaches Meeting	in person with your league	Wed., 8/19 5:00 6 pm Sectional Meeting
First Practice		8/24/26

Number of practices to represent school in contest. 6* individual

Rosters on website	**https://highschoolsports.org**	before 1st game
Deadline Notification of Non-Participation in Sectionals	Fill Out Sectional Opt Out Form	Thur 10/22//26
Preferred officials Form	Email form to chair	Wed 10/28/26
League Play Ends		Wed 10/28/26
Verify website powerpoint & ratio	**https://highschoolsports.org**	prior to seeding meeting
Seeding Meeting		Thurs 10/29/26 6pm
WNY Scholar Athlete	ONLINE ENTRY ONLY	Mon 12/7/26 5 PM
LINK TO POST SEASON CALENDAR	**https://www.section6.e1b.org/postseasonfall**	

Rule Changes 2026

FOLLOW LINK ON NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball WEBSITE
https://nysphsaa.org/sports/mvball - this link needs to be updated by state association

Boys follow NCAA Women's rules (With modifications) which can be found at the link below
https://www.ncaa.org/championships/playing-rules/womens-volleyball-playing-rules/ (NCAA womens 26-27)
Boys timeouts are 1 minute

VOLLEYBALL NYSPHSAA SPORTS STANDARD

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_005.pdf#page=102
Waiting for NYSPHSAA to post new 2026-27 Handbook - new link will be updated

NYSPHSAA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS STANDARD CHART

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_005.pdf#page=54

2026 Boys Volleyball Classifications

2026 Boys Volleyball Combining of Schools

History of Section VI Volleyball Champions Link

Coaches' Responsibilities for Sectional Play

1. Read Boys Volleyball Handbook carefully which contains a detailed list of coach and school responsibilities.
2. **EVERY COACH** is asked to complete:
   a. **Roster into website Mandatory https://highschoolsports.org ALL ROSTERS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 1st game**
   b. **Power Point Rating form Enter All Games results into website Mandatory for both coaches winning & losing https://highschoolsports.org** Tournaments and non-league games are not used in power point rating form.
3. Report to the Section Chairperson the names of any officials that you want for your sectional matches by CALENDAR
4. Teams should arrive at the site no later than thirty minutes prior to the scheduled match.
5. All players must wear jerseys numbered on the front and back with no duplicate numbers.
6. Participating teams must bring:
   a. Practice balls. To be secured during the match.
   b. Personal towels, locks, med. kit, etc.
   c. Team roster ENTER On Website
   d. Section VI admittance form (see Forms page 2) should be given to the site chairperson upon arrival.
7. U.S.V.B.A. Jr. Rules will govern tournament play.
8. Be responsible for the behavior of all persons listed on your roster. This includes behavior on the bench, in the locker rooms and anywhere else on the sectional site.
9. The winning and losing coach in sectional matches must post the match results:
   - Report all Scores ONLY on THE WEBSITE **highschoolsports.org**

- See additional media listings on page 16 or the Section VI website: MEDIA LINK

10. **Protests**: In the event of a protest, stop play, a protest committee will make a decision at the site.

Sectional Tournament

For teams not participating in post season play, your Athletic Director must complete Sectional Opt Out Form before Opt out date see calendar Please refer to the Section VI Policy on **No Shows at Sectionals #211 page 9**

"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" (AC decision Jan.07)

Selection of Officials for Sectionals

Coaches may submit the names of 5 officials preferred for sectional competition to the Boys Section Chair Page 3 Calendar using the Preferred Officials Form (see Forms page 2) . These names will be given to the officials' organizations prior to assignment for Sectional competition.

Section VI Seeding Policy

Seeding Policy #212 page 9

212.9 Website Protocol found on page 11 of Seeding Policy #212

Boys Volleyball Sectional Playoffs Tie Breaker Procedure

Power point ratios (points accumulated as defined by contests between classifications within your league) divided by the number of league play contests remains the first factor in deciding sectional seeding.

If the power point ratios are identical (as posted on the **https://highschoolsports.org** Website), the following criteria will be used to break the tie.

a. The team with the higher league win percentage will be the higher seeded team.
b. The team with the head to head advantage within your league will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
c. The team with the higher head to head set percentage within your league will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
d. The team with the head to head NON-LEAGUE advantage will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
e. The team with the higher win percentage within their respective class (D1 or D2) Will be the higher seeded team: If still tied:
f. A toss of a coin will determine the higher seeded team.

Website Directions

All the following Website instructions are available on website:**https://highschoolsports.org**

Coach Login: **https://highschoolsports.org** (link is in the main menu, top right)
How to Create Your Coach Account:
How to Submit Your Team Roster:
How to Submit Scores:
How to Submit Stats:

Website Support & Schedule Updates: Matt Todaro

NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_005.pdf#page=55

Follow NCAA
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Section VI Policies

Section VI Policy Manual

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Neutral Sites #221 page 11

Travel to State Competition Policy #310 page 12

Subdividing a Classification #160 page 7

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Sportsmanship Policy #720 page 27

NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Pledge

All-WNY Boys Volleyball Scholar Athlete Team

Coaches and Athletic Directors are encouraged to nominate athletes for selection to the All-WNY Scholar Athlete **Boys Volleyball** Team. Applications must be completed on-line only. All paperwork is attached online with the nomination. Deadline **4 pm Monday December 7, 2026** The team will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News. Click for the selection criteria and on-line application

Section VI Financial Procedure Boys Volleyball

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

For Pre-quarters, Quarters & Semi's at 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 GOFAN tickets

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

NOTE:
Officials are to be paid as per the Officials Agreement 2022-2027

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

Media Information

A complete list of Media can be found in the Section 6 website: MEDIA LINK

Newspaper	
Bee Group	204-4904
Dispatch/Centennial/Tribune	773-7676
East Aurora Advertiser	652-0320
Hamburg Sun	(x236) 649-4040
Lockport Union Sun	(x247) 439-9222
Niagara Gazette	282-2311

Television	
Channel 2 WGRZ	849-2219
Channel 4 WIVB	879-4994
Channel 7 WKBW	840-7799
Spectrum /Charter	558-8268
Radio	
WGR	843-0220
WJTN Jamestown	487-1151
WLVL Lockport	433-5944