

Draft 2026 Boys Volleyball Handbook

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Official Boys Volleyball Website: <https://sectionvivolleyball.com/>

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	Match Evaluation Form	All WNY-Scholar Athlete
Sectional Admittance Form	Statement of Protest	Sectional Opt Out Form

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..

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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Boys Volleyball Committee

League	Name	School	email
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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 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**
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 Todd Nelson**

Rule Changes 2026

FOLLOW LINK ON NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball WEBSITE

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

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

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** 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** 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, report to the Site Chairperson and fill out a Statement of Protest Form (see [Forms](#) page 2). A protest committee will make a decision at the site.

Sectional Tournament

Those choosing NOT to participate in the tournament **MUST** notify the Section [Chairperson](#) **in writing** by the **DEADLINE** in [Calendar](#) on page 3. Once seeded, a team is expected to participate. Please refer to the Section VI Policy on "[No Shows](#) at Sectionals" on page 13.

"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 3). These names will be given to the officials' organizations prior to assignment **for Sectional competition**.

Section VI Seeding Policy

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

212.9 [Website Protocol](#)

Website Directions

All the following Website instructions are available on website: <https://sectionvivolleyball.com/>

Coach Login: <https://Highschoolsports.org/> (link is in the main menu, top right)

How to [Create Your Coach Account](#):

How to Reset Your Password:

How to [Submit Your Team Roster](#):

How to [Submit Scores](#):

How to [Submit Stats](#):

Website Support & Schedule Updates: Matt Todaro

212.9 [Website Protocol](#) (Section VI Policy Manual)

NOTES:

1. "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)
2. Start times for sectional contest are standardized however, if a legitimate need for a time change arises in 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. See Contingency Plan for Sectional Contests (weather or illness) on page 15
3. League/Division coordinators are responsible for keeping a weekly running account of the seeding points of each team in his league.

NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule

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

**Follow NCAA
Small nose rings**

Section VI Policies

Section VI [Policy Manual](#)

[Section VI AED Policy #430 page 16](#)

[No Shows at Sectionals #211 page 9](#)

[Seeding Policy #212 page 9](#)

[Sectional Opt Out Form To Be Filled Out By AD](#)

[Neutral Sites #221 page 11](#)

[Subdividing a Classification #160 page 7](#)

[Protest Procedure Policy #820 page 38](#)

[At-Large Pathway Determination #222 page 11](#)

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[Sportsmanship Policy #720 page 27](#)

[NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Pledge](#)

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 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.

Section VI Athletic Council Policy Changes which relate to Boys Volleyball

Policy 212.9 Website Results Mandatory for seeding schools must complete website requirements.

Approved. AC 1/22/16 Begin Fall 2016 Details on accessing & using website on page 5

Policy 221.3 Secure a new neutral venue when host school's team is playing in the finals (if possible).

Approved AC 1/22/16 Begin Fall 2016

Policy 160.1 When eighteen (18) or more schools are in a specific classification, the classification must be split. (i.e. A1, A2) Begin Fall 2016

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 Directory](#) (page 10) or 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