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Commitment to Compete Form – Sectionals
Commitment to Compete - States
All WNY Scholar Athlete Nomination Link to on-line application
Opt Out of Section VI Transportation to Competition Form
Waiver of Minimum Number of Contests for Sectional Competition

2025-2026 Boys Golf Calendar

EVENT	SITE	DATE
Fall- First Practice		
Fall Scholar Athlete Nominations	https://www.section6.e1b.org/SA	
Pre-Season Coaches Mtg	with your league	3/4/26
Spring - First Practice		3/9/26
Notification of Participation in Sectionals	in writing to chair jreimer@barkercsd.net	1 week prior to Event 5/5/26
Lunch Expense form on website	https://www.section6.e1b.org/sports/spring-sports/spring-golf-boys	Bring with payment on 5/12/26 to site
State Qualifier	Shelridge Country Club 10994 Telegraph Rd, Medina, NY 14103	Mon, 5/11/26 rain date Tues, 5/12/26
Spring Scholar Athlete Nominations	https://www.section6.e1b.org/SA	*Tues 5/27/25 5pm
State Championship	Mill Creek Golf Club, Rochester, NY State Website	6/7-6/9

Boys Golf 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 Golf Advisory Committee:

Chair: Jacob Reimer jreimer@barkercsd.net 585.766.4478

The Section VI Boys Golf Committee consists of the Section Chairperson, their assistant (if applicable), and the chairperson of each of the individual leagues:

Chairperson: Jacob Reimer, Barker - jreimer@barkercsd.net				
Buffalo	Chris Gelsomino*			cgelsomino@buffaloschools.org
ECIC	Matt Adams*	Holland	(716) 465-1760	madams@hollandcsd.org
NO	Rob Mucha*	Barker	(716) 795-3201	rmucha@barkercsd.net
NFL	Scott Townsend*	Lew-Port	(716) 912-3900	stownsend@lew-port.com
CCAA I	Jamie Glatz*	Falconer	(716) 665-6624	jglatz@falconerschools.org
CCAA II	Rob Vogtli	Randolph	(716) 640-0022	rvogtli@randolphcsd.org

Section VI Boys Golf Leagues

There are five individual golf leagues within Section VI. These leagues will carry on their day-to-day operations under the guidelines set up by each individual league. The leagues will send their designated players to the Section VI State Qualifier Tournament each Spring. There are 61 participating schools/teams depending on spring combined teams.

LEAGUES (5):

1. **CCAA (One League, Two Divisions):**

   Division I: (10) Chautauqua Lake/Westfield, Sherman/Panama, Dunkirk , Fredonia , Jamestown , Olean , Southwestern, Falconer, Maple Grove, Cassadaga Valley

   Division II : (7) Allegany-Limestone, Catt./ Little Valley, Ellicottville, Franklinville, Portville, Randolph, Salamanca

2. **NO:** (7) Akron, Albion, Barker, Medina, Newfane, Roy-Hart, Wilson.
3. **NFL:** (8) Grand Island, Kenmore East, Kenmore West, Lew-Port, Lockport, Niagara Falls, Niagara Wheatfield, North Tonawanda
4. **ECIC:** (24) Alden, Amherst, Clarence, Depew, East Aurora, Eden, Frontier, Hamburg, Holland, Iroquois, JFK, Lake Shore, Lancaster, Maryvale, Orchard Park, Pioneer, *Springville/WV, Starpoint, Sweet Home, Tonawanda, *W. Seneca East/West, Williamsville East, Williamsville North, and Williamsville South
5. **Buffalo** (5) City Honors, Hutch Tech, McKinley, Olmsted & Performing Arts

Combining of schools 2025-26

West Seneca West	West Seneca East	1427	V	5/14/25 AC	ECIC	5/12/25
Fredonia	SilverCreek, Forestville	667	V	9/17/25 AC	CCAA	1/14/25
Chautauqua Lake	Westfield	367	V	9/17/25 AC	CCAA	5/7/25
Panama	Clymer & Sherman	274	V	9/17/25 AC	CCAA	9/8/25

REGULATIONS:

1. Each individual league will follow a format of play of its choice. The format must follow U.S.G.A. guidelines, and must be either match or stroke play. No league can play a format that is a combination of match and stroke play.
2. Teams from one league can play teams in another league, but each team can only qualify it's players for the Section VI tournament within the one league that they are members. No team can try to qualify players in two or more leagues.
3. Local rules, such as when to play "winter rules," or how to set up individual courses for play, are up to the individual leagues. But, these rules cannot supersede the U.S.G.A. rules.

4. Students in grades 7 & 8 must meet all NYSPHSAA rules in order to participate in golf on the varsity golf team. These students must be in the top 8 golfers on a team after the completion of the tryouts. Students that cannot make one of the top 8 spots cannot play on the team. 7th and 8th graders do not have to meet any other minimum physical regulations. Students who move into the school district and want to participate on the golf team must meet all NYSPHSAA rules, in order to compete. See the **NYSPHSAA Handbook.**

Below is Note from the #26 Representation on page 43 in **NYSPHSAA Handbook**.

NOTE: for individual, individual/ team sports, when a school district does not have a team designated for each singular gender, the Section Executive Director may grant a waiver of the Representation Standard for Sectional Competition when a student has met the qualifications for participation in the current school year's NYSPHSAA Championship event. The waiver request must be submitted to the Section Executive Director before the start of Sectional Competition. The athlete must meet all eligibility standards, to receive the waiver.

TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION:

1. Each league receives one spot in the Section VI State Qualifier Tournament for each team it has in its league, plus an alternate. Unless notified by the sport chair, alternates will play.

2. Leagues cannot trade Qualifier spots with one another. Each league is to fill its spot with its own players.

3. If a qualified player from a league cannot make it to the Section VI tournament, that players' spot is to be filled by the alternate from that league. The vacant spot cannot be filled by a player from another league.

4. Players who are in their Junior year in high school, or below, and who qualify for the Section VI State Team, will be invited back to the qualifier for the next year, and will not count in the total number of spots provided to each league.

5. In addition to the standard number of Sectional Qualifiers represented each year, each of the four (4) Section VI League Team-Champions (ECIC, NO, NFL, CCAA) will send five (5) players to Sectionals for the purpose of conducting a Section VI Team Championship.

The players from each League-Champion-Team who have already qualified for Sectionals as individuals, WILL count against the total number of players who will represent that 5-player team in the Section VI Team-Championship-event.

In the event there are more than 5 players from a League-Champion-Team who qualified for Sectionals, the League Champion Coach will have the freedom to declare which 5 already qualified players will be considered for the Team-Championship-event BEFORE the event begins.

Players representing League-Champion-Teams who have not qualified for Sectionals as individuals via their League Qualifier, will be simply added to the field for the purpose of conducting a Sectional Team Championship.

Out of the five (5) players entered into the Team-Championship-event, only those players who qualified as individuals (for Sectionals) from their League Qualifiers, will be eligible to

a) contend for the Section VI Individual Champion Title and

b) qualify for States as an individual.

League-Champion-Teams may also send 4 players (instead of 5) and forfeit the ability to drop one (1) high score from their overall team-score. Any League-Champion-Team that can't field a minimum of 4 players, automatically forfeits for the Section-Team-Championship event.

6. ELIGIBILITY FOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Players who did not qualify as individuals for Sectionals, but will be added to the field for the purpose of conducting a Sectional Team Championship, must have been on their team's roster from the time of his/her team's first league match and remain on their roster in good standing, until the end of their regular season-of-play (either Fall or Spring).

- The Section VI Boys Golf Committee will assist the Section VI Chairman in verifying player eligibility.

- The Section VI Boys Golf Committee will approve player eligibility for any player who was added to their team roster after their first match or did not complete their season due to extenuating circumstances.

7. CCAA (NO, NFL and ECIC plays in the Fall, CCAA plays in the Spring): The potential arises for the CCAA League to be unable to declare one league Team-Champion by the time Sectionals occurs each year (Spring) due to inclement weather and course conditions.

   In this case:
   If it is not possible to choose the CCAA League-Champion on the field of play before Sectionals, then the Section VI Boys Golf Committee will make the choices. This should happen only if the weather makes it impossible to play the requisite number of matches to declare a league Team-Champion. The selection(s) should be based only on the play of the golfers during league matches held that year. The Boys Golf Committee should try and pick the strongest team in each league (as necessary) based on the Top-5 players from each school roster only, regardless of the regular match format for that league. The CCAA League Chairperson(s) will make their recommendations to the committee, and the Section VI Boys Golf Committee will discuss and vote on the recommendations before Sectionals.

8. Leagues or teams that do not follow USGA Rules, or all rules subscribed to by the NYSPHSAA and Section VI, cannot participate in the Qualifying Tournament or in the State Championship Tournament.

9. Individual leagues that have a player(s) qualify to go to the State Championships, are **required** to provide supervision for that player while at the State Tournament. This supervision should come from the player's own coach. The individual schools will be responsible for the costs incurred by the coaches at the State Tournament.

Section VI Chairperson Responsibilities

The chairperson will be appointed to the position by the Section VI Athletic Council, for a term of three years. The chairperson will follow all of the rules and regulations set forth by Section VI and the NYSPHSAA.

Responsibilities:

1. The chairperson is responsible for calling at least two meetings a year of the Advisory Committee. One of those meetings is to take place at the Section VI State Qualifier Tournament.
2. It is up to the chairperson to submit to the Athletic Council of Section VI a Preseason report and a Postseason report each year.
3. The chairperson is to act as the lead person in securing a course each year for the Section VI State Qualifier Tournament.
4. All costs encountered while holding the State Qualifier, attending the State Championships, and attending the mandatory Chairperson meeting in Albany are the responsibility of the chairperson. The chairperson will submit all such claims to the Treasurer of the Section.
5. The Chairperson will act as the head official at the State Qualifier, and will make all rulings at said tournament along with the Advisory Committee.
6. The Chairperson will act as the chief hearing officer at any hearing involving the Section VI Golf Advisory Committee.
7. The yearly State Chairpersons meeting, held the first weekend in May, in Albany, and the State Championships held the first weekend in June, will be attended by the Section Chairperson.
8. The chairperson has the right to appoint an assistant, with the guidance of the Advisory Committee and approval of the Section, to help with the annual responsibilities of the job.
9. Along with the Advisory Committee, the chairperson has the responsibility to keep all members and coaches appraised of all pertinent information.

Rules of the Game

A. **UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION:**

All league and tournament play within the State of New York will be conducted following strict adherence to the rules of golf as set forth by the USGA. No league or tournament is permitted to follow any other rules. No league or tournament can adopt their own rules that would run counter to the rules of golf set forth by the USGA. All league and tournament play must follow current USGA rules. Section coaches, league officials and players should be provided with the current USGA rule book at the

beginning of each year, and should be aware of any and all changes to those rules that have taken place.

The United States Golf Association will have the final say in any and all rule disputes that surface within the Section. All questions about rulings should be directed to:

United State Golf Association Golf House, Far Hill, New Jersey 07931, 1-800-223-0041 1-908-234-2300

B. LEAGUE PLAY:

The NYSPHSAA has ruled that all leagues within the State can choose their own method of competition for league matches. Leagues have two choices for competition match play or stroke play. Within that parameter, the following rules apply:

1. All matches within a league must be conducted using the same format.
2. Leagues cannot use a format that is a combination of match play and stroke play.
3. Tournaments held within leagues may follow rules that are different than those followed for regular league play.
4. Teams playing from different leagues must determine the scoring method to be used prior to the beginning of the match. Such matches will have no standing within the individual leagues.
5. The NYSPHSAA has ruled that leagues that do not follow the above rules cannot participate in the State Championships.
6. Individual leagues should have an established group to handle all rulings in question, during league and tournament play.
7. Team coaches can coach players and play anytime during league matches. There will be no coaching of players in the sectional qualifier or the state championship during tournament play.
8. The use of range finders or apps that measure distance will be allowed. The slope feature may not be used.

It is recommended that the local rule be stated as it is for Sectionals and/or States (below).

a. Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points:
   Anywhere between:
   i. A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
   ii. A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).
   But with these limits:
b. Limits on Location of Relief Area:

i. Must be in the general area, and
ii. Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

c. Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:
   i. The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
   ii. This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of **Local Rules (USGA):**

*In effect all season long (by default), for all Section VI Boy's Golf events unless otherwise noted. Individual League's (ECIC, NO, NFL, CCAA, Buffalo) reserve the right to waive or add to these local rules as needed, contact your league chairperson for clarification.

iii. Lost Ball, OB (USGA Local Rule E-5)
   1. When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.
   2. For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):
   3. Two Estimated Reference Points:
      a. Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have:
         i. Come to rest on the course, or
         ii. Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
      b. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.
   4. For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less.
   5. If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

iv. the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

d. But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:
    i. That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
    ii. The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).
e. A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.
f. Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

2. Aeration (USGA Local Rule E-4)
    a. If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:
        i. Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.
        ii. Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.
    b. But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.
3. Personal audio or video devices (Rule 4.3a(4), Local Rule G-8):
    a. During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device - this includes but is not limited to cell/mobile devices, <u>unless used for distance measuring or scoring.</u> Penalty for first breach from single act or related acts: General Penalty (2 Strokes). Penalty for second breach unrelated to first breach: Disqualification.

C. **<u>SECTION VI TOURNAMENT:</u>**

The State Qualifying Tournament held by Section VI in May of each year, will be played following USGA stroke play rules. The Rules Committee for this event will likely be:

Section VI Chairperson
The League Directors
The Golf Professional(s) of the host club.
Any local or State Golf Association Rules Official

All decisions will be based on current USGA Rules. If a decision cannot be made the tournament will not be deemed to be official until the final ruling is

handed down by the USGA. Posting of scores by the competitors will not constitute an official tournament. The tournament can only be declared official by the above Rule Committee of Section VI.
Tournament play within Section VI will follow the following parameters:

1. Any league director with a player involved in a rules dispute, will excuse him/ herself from the rules committee for that particular ruling.
2. Any league director who is not present during the tournament, will not have his/ her spot filled on the rules committee.
3. Each league receives one spot in the State Qualifier for each team in the league. If a player is absent from the tournament, the player's spot can only be filled by another player from the same league.
4. All players must have completed the same 9 holes during the tournament in order for the tournament to be declared official.
5. Any ruling made by the Rules Committee must be based on the USGA Rules of Golf. If a ruling is in doubt, the USGA must be consulted by phone or in writing before the tournament can be declared official.

Tournaments

Section VI is responsible for the State Qualifying Tournament each spring, and is also obligated to assist at the NYSPHSAA Championship Tournament in the Spring. The six individual leagues are responsible for any and all of the tournaments schools provide.

State Qualifying Tournament *(*and Individual Championship)

The Section VI State Qualifying Tournament will be held each spring, during the first three weeks of May, to choose the 9 golfers that will represent Section VI in the NYSPHSAA Championship Tournament. Refer to the calendar (see page 3) for date/location of this year's tournament.

The tournament should be as follows:

1. The Section VI Qualifying Tournament will follow USGA Rules.
2. At the conclusion of each league qualifier, it is the responsibility of the league coordinator(s) to contact the Section VI coordinator with the names, schools, grade of each qualifier plus an alternate. This should be done at the same time the results are reported to the media.
3. Any participant in the tournament that cannot attend must be replaced only by an alternate from the same league.
4. The tournament will begin with a general review of all rules for the coaches, participants, and spectators. The Section VI Code of Conduct will also be presented to all participants at that time.
5. The Tournament will follow USGA stroke play rules. It will consist of 18 holes after which the field will be trimmed to the top 20 scorers and ties,

and another 9 holes will be played. All qualifying scores will be based on 27 holes total, if possible.

6. Whenever possible, the tournament will begin with a shotgun start. After all players have completed the same 9 holes, the tournament can be declared complete. Only the Tournament Rules Committee can declare the tournament complete and official.
7. Pairings will be created by the Section VI Chairman. Two or more players from the same school will not be paired together for the first 18 holes, however, players will be grouped solely by rank after the first 18 holes - for the final 9 holes of the qualifier. This may mean that a school may have two or more players in the same group for the final 9 holes. In the very unlikely scenario where one school may have 3-4 players ranked back to back, the chairman will be responsible for making sure at least one other school is represented in that group. At no time will coaches be allowed to mark for groups that contain players from their own team for any of the 27 holes.
8. The 9 players with the lowest scores will represent Section VI in the State Championships. The player with the 10th best score will be the alternate. Players within the top 9 spots will not playoff for position. But, if a tie for the 9th spot exists, the players tied at the end of regulation will play a sudden-victory playoff for the final spot. If it is impossible for the players to have a sudden-victory playoff, then the final spot will be determined by matching player's cards, beginning with the number one handicap hole, then proceeding to the number two handicap hole, etc.
9. Each group of players will be accompanied by a coach or Section VI representative during play, who will act only as a marker. Said coach or representative will not make any rulings. All rulings must be made by the Rules Committee. Players in a difficult spot will be encouraged to follow USGA Rule 3.3 - Doubt as to Procedure, if they are not sure about a rule or ruling.
10. No participant will be allowed to play unless accompanied to the tournament by a coach or school representative.
11. The Section will provide a remuneration to the golf course for allowing the Section to use the course.
12. All scores will be reported by the Section Chairman to the local news outlets. (See Media page 9) -
13. If it is not possible to choose the Section VI team on the field of play, then the Section VI Golf Advisory Board, with input of all the coaches, will make the choices. This should happen only if the weather makes it impossible to hold the qualifying tournament. The selections should be based only on the play of the golfers during the leagues held that year. The

Advisory Board should try and pick the 9 best players in the Section, without consideration for the leagues they played in.

14. Players may elect to use Push/Pull Carts for League/Sectional/State play (NYSPHSAA Boys Golf).

Sectional Team Championship Tournament

In addition to the Section VI State Qualifying Tournament, individual scores will also be used to calculate aggregate team scores for all four (5) League Champion Teams represented (5-player teams). A Sectional Team-Champion will be declared after 18 holes of medal play.

1. The Section VI TEAM Championship will be an 18 hole medal play event. Count the four (4) lowest scores per 5-player team, drop the (1) highest score per 5-player team. The aggregate of the four (4) lowest 18-hole scores will constitute that team's overall score. The lowest team score wins the Section VI TEAM Champion Title.
2. Players will be paired as individuals in the same way non-Team-Championship players are paired.
3. Ties will be broken by comparing the lowest single score from each tied-team – low score wins the tie-breaker. If the teams are still tied, add the 2nd lowest score. If they are still tied after adding in the two (2) lowest scores, then add in the 3rd lowest scores, etc. etc. until the tie is broken.
4. All State Qualifying and Individual Championship tournament-rules also apply to players participating in the Sectional Team Championship.

Distance Measuring Devices & Cell/Mobile Devices (USGA):

1. Distance Measuring Devices
    a. The USGA's current default position on DMD's is:
        i. Rule 4.3 Players may use DMDs to measure distance.
        ii. But a Committee may adopt a Local Rule prohibiting such use of DMDs.
    b. The Section VI Boy's Golf default position on the use of Cell/Mobile phones and/or multi-functional devices is:
        i. Cell/Mobile phones will be allowed for the primary purposes of 1) Live Scoring (via the NYSPHSAA or other golf scoring app) and/or 2) the utilization of DMD/GPS Golf Apps as per USGA Rules.
        ii. The Section VI Boy's Golf position on DMD's is limited to the Section VI Boy's Golf Championship (only). Leagues within

Section VI reserve the right to establish their own policies regarding the use of DMD's.

c. The USGA (and subsequently Section VI Boy's Golf) default position on DMD's including Cell/Mobile phones, aligns the USGA Rules with the reality that golfers of all ages increasingly expect to be able to use electronic devices on the course for other purposes that are allowed by the Rules such as looking up a Rule of Golf or checking the weather (safety).
d. Embracing and encouraging the use of all DMDs which includes cell/mobile devices, should also benefit pace of play as has been the USGA's experience and understanding at most amateur championships and clubs that have allowed the use of all DMDs.

Guidelines for the Markers Section VI State Qualifier

1. Introduce yourself to the competitors. Ask for the brand name of the golf ball they are playing and stress that it be marked for identification. Also stress that if they play a second ball anytime during the round, it needs to be identified, and the number or marking must be different than that of the original.
2. Record the competitor's scores on your scorecard. It is the official card that needs to be turned in immediately after the cards are signed.
3. Be familiar with the different landing areas of the golf holes and be a "fore caddy" at these holes. (see back) Please stay with your group and help them as much as possible. Please don't use this time to go looking for golf balls in the woods, etc; Each foursome should receive the same service from the markers.
4. Please assist in looking for lost balls. Do not lift a ball or mark its position. Do not attend the flag stick.
5. Markers may not make rulings, and should not give advice. However, be familiar with Rule 3-3, doubt as to procedure, and try and encourage the competitor to use it if he or she is doubtful as to their procedure.
6. Most rulings will be handled "after the fact," because of the nature of this tournament. Therefore, again, encourage the players to use rule 3.3. If you have a ruling that needs to be made at the end of the tournament, see the rules committee before having the players sign the scorecard, and before you hand the card in at the scorer's table.
7. Encourage players to replace all divots, fix all ball marks, and rake all traps.
8. Encourage play to keep moving, especially if a group falls behind a hole.
9. Handle unsportsmanlike conduct, such as club throwing and swearing, immediately with a verbal warning. If the conduct persists, tell the

competitors you will be reporting the facts to the golf committee. Make a note on paper what was demonstrated by the competitors, the time and the place.

10. At the end of the round, after all rules questions are taken care of, and after everyone in your group is satisfied with the hole by hole scores, have them sign the official score card.
11. Please refrain from using any alcoholic beverages or tobacco products anywhere around this tournament.
12. All tobacco products and alcoholic beverages are prohibited for use by the players, and their use will result in disqualification.

NYSPHSAA Championships:

The NYSPHSAA Championships are usually held the first weekend in June at a site to be announced annually. Refer to the calendar for the date and location of this year's tournament. Each section sends 9 players to represent it. The following are the Sections' responsibilities at the tournament.

1. Each Section Golf Chairman will have various responsibilities at the State Tournament. Each school representative will also have various responsibilities while at the tournament.
2. The State Championships will follow USGA stroke play rules. The winning team will be determined by taking the best daily 7 scores from each section, and adding them up. The Section with the lowest two-day total will be the winner.
3. The State All-Star Team will consist of the 20 players with the lowest two-day total score.
4. The Individual State Medalist will be the individual with the lowest two-day total score. Ties will be broken by having the players who are tied for 1st. They will normally play a sudden-victory playoff, as conditions allow.
5. Please review the Section VI Policy regarding Travel to State Competition.

Media Information

Coaches provide as much assistance to the sport of golf and golfers when they give game scores and individual information to the media. The coach is asked to call in the results of the match to the media. For a complete list of media in WNY refer to:

➢ Media LINK

Media Fax Example – Local

Attention: Section VI Golf Event
To: Local Media
From: Jacob Reimer, Section VI Boys Golf Chairperson

What: The Section VI All-Section Tournament and State Championship Qualifier.
Where: Golf Club, Town, NY.
When: May 12, 2025, Tee off at 8 am.
Who: The Top High School Golfers in Western New York

Note: The top 9 players, after 27 holes, will represent Section VI at the NYSPHSAA golf championships held at Mill Creek Golf Club in Rochester NY on May 31-June 2, 2025

NYSPHSAA Safety Policies and Procedures for outdoor sports

Tornado Policy (July 2022)

Thunder and Lightning Policy

Heat Index Procedures

Wind Chill Procedure Policy

NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule

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Section VI Policies

Regulations Regarding All-Star & Outside Agency Contests

(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.

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 orthopedics 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 Boys Golf Team

Coaches and Athletic Directors are encouraged to nominate athletes for selection to the All-WNY Scholar Athlete Boys Golf Team. Applications must be completed on-line see Section VI website before **Fall December 8, 2026 and Spring May 26, 2026 *Tuesday** . The team will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News. Click for the selection criteria and on-line application

We will award winners in Fall and Spring. Coaches must submit your application in the season you complete.

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. The storm in Feb. 2006 that closed schools the day before the seeding meeting bears this point out.
8. *Any health and/or safety threat, confirmed or unconfirmed will supersede any existing policy and will be up to the discretion of the involved member school (approved at 11/13/19 AC Mtg.)*

Section VI Policy on Travel to State Competition

For the complete policy click on #310 in the → Policy Manual

Approved at the Athletic Council Meeting 1/20/16: 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.

The following was approved by the Section VI Athletic Council (1/20/16) for 2017-18 and beyond. Section VI will use the newly established Dedicated Fund in the Fund Balance to cover the following costs for state competition:
1) Transportation, lodging and meals for Cross Country, B&G Swim, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Bowling.
2) Lodging and meals for 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 above for 2017-18. 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, as well as the location where the athletes are housed, state competition where the athlete(s) will compete and all related events.

TRANSPORTATION:
Small Scale Individual sports and Wrestling: Rifle, Golf, Tennis, Gymnastics and Wrestling.

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

LODGING:
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 small scale sports. For large scale sports 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 from the remaining rooms in the reserved block until the rooms are exhausted or choose their own lodging.

MEALS:
Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition with the exception indicated in item 1,2,3 above for Trail Years for 2017-18. For some individual sports, the Section will facilitate meal handling by paying meal expenses and possibly invoicing the schools per participating athlete. This plan if being used will be listed in the sport handbook.
NOTE: Both Boys and Girls Golf will arrange for meals at the state championships. Athletes
*** State approved 5/09**

GOLF Sports Standards NYSPHSAA

NYSPHSAA Handbook Page 79 of 2025-26 HB
https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_Aug_2025.pdf#page=79

Above Hyperlink to the state sport standard will be updated with corrected information, once state handbook is available

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** *Shown above* **NYSPHSAA Handbook.** (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. A golf scrimmage must include ***one or more*** of the following:

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1. Use different tees.
2. Play multiple shots and multiple putts.
3. Play two (2) or three (3) balls.
4. Alter playing format: match play, Ryder Cup, or best ball format.

UPDATED Sportsmanship Standard & Pledge

Found on 2025-26 sport coordinators handbook page 41 link below

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Boys Golf History

Boys_Golf_History_Champions.xlsx

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."