



Section VIII

Boys Badminton

OVERVIEW

Varsity 2025 Schedule

Coaches Meeting: Monday, August 25, 2025

Regular Season Start Date: Monday, August 25, 2025

Coaches Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2025

Regular Season End Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Conference Alignment

There are two conferences. Teams will play each team in their conference twice (home & away) for a total of 14 matches in the regular season.

Conference I	Conference II
1. Jericho	1. Great Neck North
2. Plainview-Old Bethpage	2. Long Beach
3. Great Neck South	3. Valley Stream District
4. Syosset	4. Bellmore JFK
5. Herricks	5. Mepham
6. Wheatley	6. Levittown District
7. Manhasset	7. Calhoun
8. Roslyn	8. Hempstead

Regular Season Schedule

9/5	9/8	9/10	9/12	9/15	9/17	9/19
4@2	2@7	5@2	8@2	2@1	6@2	2@3
6@7	3@4	7@4	4@5	4@8	1@4	4@6
1@5	5@6	6@8	3@7	5@7	7@8	7@1
3@8	8@1	1@3	6@1	3@6	5@3	8@5

9/26	9/29	10/3	10/6	10/8	10/10	10/15
2@4	7@2	2@5	2@8	1@2	2@6	3@2
7@6	4@3	4@7	5@4	8@4	4@1	6@4
5@1	6@5	8@6	7@3	7@5	8@7	1@7
8@3	1@8	3@1	1@6	6@3	3@5	5@8

Postseason Schedule

18 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct	21 Oct	23 Oct	TBD
Individuals	1st Round	Quarters	Semis	Finals	LIC

Scrimmages

Coaches are permitted to schedule scrimmages. Please note, scrimmages do NOT count towards a team's regular season record nor an individual player's regular season record. These scrimmages are NOT scheduled in LeagueMinder or NewsdaySportsCentral and no scores are reported.

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Junior Varsity 2025 Schedule

Coaches Meeting: Monday, August 25, 2025

Regular Season Start Date: Monday, August 25, 2025

Coaches Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2025

Regular Season End Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Conference Alignment

There is one conference. Teams will play each team in their conference three times for a total of 9 matches in the regular season.

Conference I
1. Great Neck South
2. Syosset
3. Jericho
4. Plainview-Old Bethpage

Regular Season Schedule

9/5	9/8	9/10	9/15	9/17	9/19
Plainview-Old Bethpage @ Syosset	Syosset @ Great Neck South	Great Neck South @ Jericho	Jericho @Plainview-Old Bethpage	Syosset @ Jericho	Great Neck South @ Plainview-Old Bethpage

9/26	9/29	10/3	10/8	10/10	10/15
Syosset @ Plainview-Old Bethpage	Great Neck South @ Syosset	Jericho @ Great Neck South	Plainview-Old Bethpage @ Jericho	Jericho @ Syosset	Plainview-Old Bethpage @ Great Neck South

***Please note, the above schedule has been created allowing for Home/Away against the Varsity schedule. This gives each JV team 6 games. All JV teams MUST schedule the remaining 3 games on their own.**

Nassau County Badminton Coaches Association Sports Committee

Sport Coordinator	Jenna Cavuto- Plainview Old Bethpage
Coaches Association President	Dan Ortiz- Mepham
Coaches Association Vice-President	Jamie St. John- Syosset
Coaches Association Treasurer	John Zak- Great Neck North
Coaches Association Secretary	Allison Romeo Gottfried- Great Neck South
Coaches Association Secretary	Michelle LaBarbera- Long Beach

General Reminders for Coaching Staff

- A. Teams MUST complete the league schedule as outlined in the Overview.
- If for some reason a match is not played, both coaches MUST immediately contact the Sport Coordinator and their respective Athletic Directors.
Rescheduled matches will be played on the next available date.
- B. Players must participate in a minimum of six (6) team practices prior to competing in their first match.
- C. All players must be dressed in a uniform top & bottom.
- D. The Yonex Mavis 300 Nylon shuttlecock (medium/WHITE) will be used for Section VIII matches.
- The Yonex Mavis 300 Nylon shuttlecock (medium/YELLOW) may be used ONLY if BOTH coaches agree.
 - When traveling to an away site, bring white shuttles in the event the host site only has yellow.
- E. All rules and regulations in this handbook will be followed in addition to Section VIII rules & The Badminton World Federation (BWF) rules.

Score Reporting

- A. Within 24 hours of the conclusion of the match, all coaches MUST submit-
- [Newsday SportsCentral](#) (score & highlight)
 - [Google Sheets](#) (summary of match form)
- B. Failure to maintain accurate records will result in the following consequences-
- 1st Offense- Warning
 - 2nd Offense- Notice to Athletic Director
 - 3rd Offense- Ineligible to submit entries to Individual County Championship, Ineligible for Coach of the Year Award & Ineligible for Nassau County Badminton Coaches Association Awards & Scholarships.

Configuration Guidelines

A. Players MUST play in strength on the basis of ability. Coaches are encouraged to have a round-robin type tournament at the beginning of the season to determine strength order.

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| #1 = 1 st singles | #4 & #5 = 1 st doubles |
| #2 = 2 nd singles | #6 & #7 = 2 nd doubles |
| #3 = 3 rd singles | #8 & #9 = 3 rd doubles |
| | #10 & #11 = 4 th doubles |

B. Once the line-up is established, doubles partnerships may shift up or down ONE (1) position to strengthen the higher position.

C. A player may participate in only one legal match per day.

D. All players MUST play in their established singles or doubles positions. If an individual is absent for a match, leave that position open and fill the position with an alternate. **On the Section VIII Match Form, note the absence with "ALT."**

E. If a team consists of less than eleven players, it must fulfill its obligation to the higher seeds first. If necessary, leave the 3rd singles or 4th doubles open depending on odd or even numbers.

F. Failure to place line-up in strength order will be grounds for protest.

Court Markings

A. Markings on the court are to be clearly visible and should be the same color.

B. Sidelines should not be shared.

Coaching

A. Each team may only be coached by coaching staff.

B. Players may be coached between the 1st & 2nd game and between the 2nd & 3rd game provided that the time does not exceed ONE (1) minute and THREE (3) minutes respectively.

C. Players should be coached to call their own "obvious" carries on themselves. An opposing player may not call a carry on their opponent.

D. Players should be coached to watch for a delay of game. A player can get set, but not intentionally walk around the court and off to the side to stall.

E. Players should be coached that the server must strike the shuttle below the waist with the racket head pointing downwards. Players may serve underhand or backhand, however no player is permitted to use a sidearm serve.

- In the case of a discrepancy, a player should be coached to issue a warning. The player plays the shuttle until it is dead before they address the discrepancy. Both coaches will be called to the court before play resumes. The warning will remain throughout the match and the scorekeepers will be responsible for confirming the service faults, when asked.

Student Officials

A. Managers or extra players may be used as scorekeepers.

- All players on a team MUST be familiar with scoring both singles & doubles matches. Any player should be able to flip score & paper score.

B. Only TWO (2) scorekeepers are permitted to sit courtside. The home team supplies the official scorekeeper to paper score, using the [Section VIII scoresheet](#), and the away team supplies a scorekeeper to flip score.

C. Scorekeepers should be competent individuals who must be alert during the entire match.

- Scorekeepers are NOT permitted to have cell phones and/or smart watches with them while sitting courtside.

D. The scorekeeper (flip score) must observe service, specifically in terms of a service fault. A server may not step on the service line while serving.

E. The scorekeeper (paper score) must keep track of rotation. A player must serve and receive from the correct box.

F. Players MUST call their own lines. In the event that they cannot make a call, players MUST call the shuttle in.

- In the case of a discrepancy, a player must be coached to request line judges. Two line judges will be provided, one from each school. The line judges ONLY make calls IF they are asked.

Badminton Etiquette

A. Know the rules well and abide by their intent as well as their details.

B. The server should always be sure the receiving side is ready to receive before serving. The serve should be clearly legal.

C. Call "let" and replay uncertain or obstructed calls.

D. Players should not cause any undue delays in continuous play.

E. Keep conversation and comments to a minimum, and emotions under control. Compliments, such as "good shot," are fine after a rally.

F. Interrupting or distracting your opponent, or other matches in progress, by shouting or yelling at any point during the match is prohibited and can result in disqualification.

Health & Safety

A. First Aid Kits/Athletic Trainers should be available in the event of an injury.

B. If a player is injured during the course of a match, there will be an "injury time-out" of up to TEN (10) minutes. Once both coaches get to the court, the clock starts. If the injured player cannot continue after the allotted time, that player will forfeit the match.

Guidelines for Game Day

- A. Warm-Up: Each team will be permitted a maximum of 15 minutes to stretch & rally on the courts. It is recommended that the home team completes their warm-up prior to the arrival of the away team. Exchange [line-ups](#).
- B. Pre Game: Home team welcomes away team to site. This includes introducing the facility & reviewing the house rules. Read [Unity Statement](#).
- C. Game: Players report to assigned courts. Players will be permitted a maximum of TWO (2) minutes to rally against their opponent. Players toss to determine service & sides and the player winning the toss exercises the first choice. All scoring courts start the match with a fresh shuttle. Use scoreboard.
- D. Post Game: Both teams line-up and shake hands. Report scores.

Sportsmanship Policy

A. Section VIII has an established policy & guidelines regarding unsportsmanlike conduct for student-athletes. The following sequence of consequences will take place if it is deemed that the policy has been violated-

1. If a player or coach feels an incident has taken place, a coach will be put on the court to observe the match.
2. On the first violation, a warning will be given to a player or players.
3. On the second violation, there will be a loss of serve for that player or a point awarded to the opponent.
4. On the third violation, the player will forfeit the game.
5. On the fourth violation, the player will forfeit the match.

Protest Policy

A. Section VIII has an established policy & guidelines regarding protests. Please reference *Nassau County Public High School Athletic Association/ Section VIII Procedures for Protests of Athletic Events*. Failure to comply with rules and regulations may result in protests and forfeits.

Postseason Guidelines

A. Seeding for the Team Playoffs & the Individual Championship is determined at the Seeding Meeting.

- All regular season matches MUST be completed and all score reports MUST be submitted prior to the meeting.

B. *Team Playoffs*- This is a single elimination tournament that will crown ONE (1) Team County Champion.

- The higher seed will host in all rounds of the playoffs except the finals.
[Conference I](#)- All EIGHT (8) teams qualify for the playoffs earning seeds 1-8.
[Conference II](#)- Top TWO (2) teams qualify for the playoffs earning seeds 9-10, respectively.

- In the event of a tie, the following format will be used to break the tie:
 1. Head to Head record
 2. Total wins in individual matches between tied teams
 3. Total points scored in individual matches between tied teams
 4. Total number of games won against next seeded team
 5. Total points scored in individual matches between next seeded team
 6. Play-off (TBA)

- The Nassau County Team Championship will be played @ POB Middle School.

C. *Individual Championship*- This is a single elimination tournament that will crown ONE (1) singles champion and ONE (1) doubles champion. Semi-final matches will play out to recognize third and fourth place.

- Each team has a specific number of entries guaranteed by conference.

Conference I	FOUR (4) entries per team
Conference II	TWO (2) entries per team

- To be eligible to participate, a player must have competed in 80% of the team's matches and at least 50% in the classification (singles or doubles).
- If a member of a doubles team cannot compete due to an injury, the coach may replace that player with an alternate. A coach is not permitted to replace an injured doubles player with another starting player.
- Seeding is calculated by the total number of regular season wins, plus bonus points. The Seeding Committee will calculate and seed the brackets. Additional bonus points will be granted to returning All-County.

	1st Singles	2nd Singles	3rd Singles	1st Doubles	2nd Doubles	3rd Doubles	4th Doubles
Conference I	9 points	5 points	0 points	9 points	5 points	0 points	0 points
Conference II	5 points	3 points	0 points	5 points	3 points	0 points	0 points

- The Seeding Committee will make every effort to- down seed to avoid same conference matchups in the first round & down seed to avoid teammates competing against one another prior to the semifinals.
 - In the event of a tie, the following format will be used to break the tie:
 1. Total points
 2. Position
 3. Conference
 4. Head to Head Record
 5. Total points scored in individual matches between tied individuals
 6. TBA
- Players MUST be accompanied by their coach in order to participate in the championship. In the event that a coach is unable to attend, an assistant coach and/or supervisor MUST be sent in their place. Submit written approval from the Athletic Director to the Sport Coordinator at least 24 hours in advance.
- The Individual Championship will be held @ POB Middle School.

Awards & Scholarships

The Nassau County Badminton Coaches Association looks forward to recognizing players, teams and coaches for their performances on the court, as well as their contributions to our program. These awards and scholarships will be distributed at the banquet in May 2026.

In order to be eligible to receive awards & scholarships, players, teams and coaches must be in good standing within the Nassau County Badminton Coaches Association.

Team Awards

- Sportsmanship Award: One team in each conference
- Conference Championship: Top team in each conference
- County Championship: Top team in Nassau County
- Long Island Championship: Top team on Long Island

Individual Awards

- Unsung Hero: a student-athlete who works hard behind the scenes and whose contributions might otherwise go unnoticed
- Team Spirit: a student-athlete with extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit demonstrated through exceptional partnership and teamwork
- All-County: student-athletes who advance to the quarterfinals at the tournament OR lose in the Round of 16 & win the "wrestle back"
- All-County Honorable Mention: student-athletes who advance to the Round of 16 at the tournament
- All-Conference: student-athletes who win a minimum number of games during the regular season
 - Conference I- 6 or more wins
 - Conference II- 7 or more wins
- All-League: student-athletes who participate in the Individual Championship.

Coach of the Year Award

- Coach of the Year Award: a coach who demonstrates character, integrity, leadership and dedication to their team, as well as Nassau County Badminton

Scholarships

- Exceptional Senior: a senior who demonstrates excellence in badminton and serves as a role model for their teammates
- The Love of The Sport: a senior who exemplifies courage, dedication, determination, and commitment to the sport of badminton

Match Sites

School	Location	# of Courts
Bellmore JFK	<i>Bellmore JFK High School</i> 3000 Bellmore Avenue, Bellmore	3
Calhoun	<i>Brookside Junior High School</i> 1260 Meadowbrook Road, Merrick	6
Great Neck North	<i>John L. Miller Great Neck North High School</i> 35 Polo Road, Great Neck	6
Great Neck South	<i>William A. Shine Great Neck South High School</i> 341 Lakeville Road, Great Neck	3
Hempstead	<i>Hempstead High School</i> 201 President Street, Hempstead	4
Herricks	<i>Herricks High School</i> 100 Shelter Rock Road, New Hyde Park	6
Jericho	<i>Jericho High School</i> 99 Cedar Swamp Road, Jericho	4
Levittown	<i>Levittown Memorial Education Center</i> 150 Abbey Lane, Levittown	4
Long Beach	<i>Long Beach Middle School</i> 239 Lido Boulevard, Long Beach	3
Manhasset	<i>Manhasset High School</i> 200 Memorial Place, Manhasset	4
Mepham	<i>Wellington C. Mepham High School</i> 2401 Camp Avenue, Bellmore	4
Plainview-Old Bethpage	<i>Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School</i> 121 Central Park Road, Plainview	7
Roslyn*	<i>Roslyn High School</i> 475 Round Hill Road, Roslyn Heights <i>Roslyn Middle School</i> 375 Locust Lane, Roslyn	4
Syosset	<i>Syosset High School</i> 70 South Woods Road, Syosset	5
Wheatley	<i>Wheatley High School</i> 11 Bacon Road, Old Westbury	4
Valley Stream	<i>Memorial Junior High School</i> 1 Kent Road, Valley Stream	4

***CONFIRM site location prior to match**

Varsity Coaches Directory

School	Head Coach	Phone Number	E-Mail Address

JV Coaches Directory

School	Head Coach	Phone Number	E-Mail Address

Modified Boys Badminton

Nassau County now runs a modified badminton program for boys. These combined teams (7th & 8th grades) play at the middle school level during the fall season. The schools listed below currently participate in the program. The expansion at the modified level is imperative as we continue to grow our sport at the high school level. If your Athletic Director is interested in participating in this modified program, please contact the President of Nassau County Modified Athletics, [Cathleen Dnyprowsky](#).

Great Neck South
Hempstead
Herricks
Jericho
Levittown (Wisdom Lane & Salk)
North Shore
Plainview-Old Bethpage (Mattlin)
Roslyn



Nassau County Section VIII Policies & Procedures



HEAT INDEX PROCEDURES

Administration of Heat Index Procedures:

- Feels Like Temperature (Heat index) or THI using a Wet Bulb indicator on the field will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 80 degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher.



WIND CHILL PROCEDURES

Administration of Wind Chill Procedures:

- Feels Like Temperature (Wind Chill) will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 39 degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into www.weatherbug.com.
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line.
- If the Feels Like temperature (wind chill) is 10 degrees or below, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like (wind chill) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like (wind chill) temperature is -11 degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower, the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:

	Feels Like Temp (wind chill) above 40 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
R E C O M M E N D	Wind Chill Caution: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 39 degrees to 20 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing.
	Wind Chill Watch: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 19 degrees to 10 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss.
	Wind Chill Warning: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 9 degrees to -10 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss. Consider postponing practice to a time when the Feels Like temp is much higher. Consider reducing the amount of time for an outdoor practice session.
	REQUIRED Wind Chill Alert: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) -11 degrees or lower	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held.

Special Note: Alpine Skiing will be exempt from this policy and will follow the regulations of the host ski center where the practice or event is being held.

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- player/team was cited for misconduct.
2. Athletic Directors must file reports with the Office of the Executive Director within 24 hours of any disqualification, ejection or incident of unsportsmanlike behavior.
3. Officials must file reports with the Office of the Executive Director within 24 hours of any disqualification, ejection or incident of unsportsmanlike behavior.

C. Reporting Procedure:

1. All unsportsmanlike incidents are to be reported by the coach (or by both coaches) to their respective athletic directors immediately following the contest.
2. The Athletic Directors of both schools involved are to file reports with the office of the Executive Director as soon as possible, but no later than the morning following the contest/incident (or the next school day).
3. The Officials assigned to the contest are to file a report with the Office of the Executive Director as soon as possible, but no later than the morning following the contest/incident (or the next school day).
4. The Office of the Executive Director will forward copies of all reports to the Sportsmanship Committee Chairperson, Sport Coordinator and the appropriate VP of Male/Female Sports.

D. Committee Actions:

1. All member schools including individuals representing member schools who are involved in unsportsmanlike conduct are subject to consequences deemed appropriate by the Sportsmanship Committee.
 - a) The Sportsmanship Committee may recommend action in instances of unsportsmanlike conduct and is authorized to recommend consequences which may include, but are not limited to: Censure, Reprimand, Suspension, Loss of Eligibility, or any other actions that are deemed appropriate by the Sportsmanship Committee.
2. All recommendations of the Sportsmanship Committee will be filed with the Office of the Executive Director and forwarded to the Athletic Director(s) of the school(s) involved.
3. All actions of the Sportsmanship Committee are subject to review by the respective Athletic Director(s). *Schools may impose additional consequences.*
4. Copies of all reports of the Sportsmanship Committee shall be kept on file with the Sportsmanship Chairperson, the Executive Director and the Sports Coordinator.

E. Penalties:

1. Player Expulsion:

Any player who commits a serious violation of game rules or takes part in flagrant misconduct during play shall be subject to ejection from the contest and disciplinary action. Ejection from a contest results in mandatory one (1) game suspension from the next regularly scheduled contest, including post-season play. Disqualifications from one season will carry over to the player's next season of participation. Any player suspended from participation may not be on site or involved in any capacity (spectator, timekeeper, scorekeeper, etc.) on the day of suspension. Failure to comply will result in additional sanctions being levied against the individual, coach and/or team.

2. Second Occurrence of Misconduct:

In the same sport – NYSPHSAA requires a two game suspension for the second (2nd) ejection and a third (3rd) ejection in the same sport will result in the loss of the season.

Any person (coach, player, spectator, school official, etc.) who is ejected from a second contest in the same sport for unsportsmanlike conduct shall require the Sportsmanship Committee to review the matter. This may lead to more severe disciplinary action including suspension for the remainder of the season. Such disciplinary action could carry over into

be referred to the Section for further action. If the coach is involved in the NYSPHSAA play-offs, the matter will be referred to the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA.

7. Intentional Physical Contact:

A coach who strikes, shoves, kick or makes other physical contact with the intent to annoy, harass or intimidate another person (e.g. official, another coach, player, fan) shall be expelled immediately and banned from further participation or coaching in all sports for a period of time to be determined by the section not to exceed one year from the date of the

**NASSAU COUNTY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION/SECTION VIII
PROCEDURES FOR PROTESTS OF ATHLETIC EVENTS**

Approved June 2017

1. The protesting coach will inform the referee and the opposing coach at that point in the game immediately following the situation protested.
2. The time, score and situation will be identified in the scorebook (if applicable) or recorded, by an official or both coaches, as soon as the protest is announced to the officials and opposing coach.
3. A subsequent protest in the same game will be required to be announced and recorded, using the same procedures described above for each specific point of protest.
4. The protesting coach is required to notify the sport coordinator within 24 hours of the contest.
5. The athletic director of the protesting school is required to file a written protest giving specific details of the situation, time and score to the Office of the Executive Director within 24 hours of the contest. The report must be accompanied by \$75.00 check payable to the Section VIII Athletic Council. The protest will require the signatures of the coach, athletic director and principal of the school.
Copies of the protest must be sent to the sport coordinator, the protest chairperson and the opposing coach within 24 hours of the contest by the protesting school.
6. The Section VIII sport coordinator will notify the Executive Director of Section VIII who in turn will notify the game officials involved and direct that a written statement from the game officials be filed with the sport coordinator within 24 hours.
7. The sport coordinator will arrange for a meeting as soon as possible. The following should be included or be represented:
 - a. The protesting coach
 - b. The opposing coach
 - c. A rules interpreter
 - d. Sport Coordinator of that sport
 - e. Office of the Executive Director
8. Attendance of the game officials involved in the protested contest will be mandatory, unless extenuating circumstances preclude their attendance.
Protest Committee Options:
 - a. To deny the protest
 - b. To uphold the protest and direct that the game be replayed from the point of protest.
 - c. To uphold and protest and direct that the game be replayed in its entirety.
 - d. To deny the protest and recommend some further action by the High School Association.
 - e. To uphold the protest and recommend some further action to the High School Association.
9. An appeal of the decision of the Protest Committee may be made. This request must be filed within 72 hours of notification of this decision to the Section VIII Appeals Committee upon submission of a \$75.00 fee (a second \$75.00 fee if original protestor).
10. In the case of a protest or an appeal that is upheld, the fee will be returned.