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2024 Girls Gymnastics Handbook

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Items in Yellow Highlight are TBA & will be updated once information is available

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Section VI [Girls Gymnastics Score Sheet Template](#)

[Gymnastics Score Inquiry Form](#)

[Download PDF NYSPHSAA Technical Rulebook](#)

[All WNY-Scholar Athlete On-Line Form](#)

Section VI 2024-25 Varsity Girls Gymnastics Calendar

Event	Link or information	DATE & TIME
First Practice		8/26/24
First Scrimmage or Contest	after 10* individual practices	
Pre-season Coaches Meeting	Maryvale HS 11 am in person	8/26/24
Post season Coaches Meeting		TBA
All-WNY Scholar Athlete	ONLINE ENTRY ONLY	12/9 4pm

Google Sheet [Schedule 2024](#)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IZGRLkZsfdcbUkkauapVtBs1V4reWj71udfyArYfjL0/edit?usp=sharing>

September 6, 2024

DATE	Time	Teams	Teams (tri)	Home Team & Site	Arbiter #
Tue, Sep 24	5:30 PM	<u>Lancaster</u>	<u>Orchard Park</u>	@ Clarence	120009
Wed, Sep 25		<u>Williamsville South/Amherst</u>		@ Williamsville East/Sweet Home	120010
Fri, Sep 27		<u>Williamsville North</u>		@ Hamburg MS	120041
Mon, Sep 30	5:30 PM	<u>Lancaster</u>	<u>Williamsville North</u>	@ Williamsville East/Sweet Home	120011
Mon, Sep 30		<u>Frontier/Lake Shore</u>	<u>Maryvale</u>	@ Hamburg	120012
Wed, Oct 2		<u>Frontier/Lake Shore</u>	Maryvale	@ Clarence	120013
Fri, Oct 4		<u>Orchard Park</u>		@ Frontier/Lake Shore	120015
Fri, Oct 4		<u>Williamsville South/Amherst</u>	<u>Williamsville North</u>	@ Clarence	120014
Mon, Oct 7		<u>Frontier/Lake Shore</u>	<u>Maryvale</u>	@ Williamsville East/ Sweet Home	120016
Tue, Oct 8	5:30 PM	<u>Lancaster</u>		@ Hamburg	120017
Wed, Oct 9		<u>Maryvale</u>	Orchard Park	@ Williamsville East/ Sweet Home	120018
Thu, Oct 10	5:30 PM	<u>Lancaster</u>	Williamsville North	@ Clarence	120019
Thu, Oct 10		<u>Hamburg</u>		@ Williamsville South/Amherst	120020
Sun, Oct 13	9 am start	<u>Clarence</u>		@ Orchard Park	120021
Wed, Oct 16		Maryvale	Williamsville North	@ Williamsville South/Amherst	120022
Wed, Oct 16		<u>Williamsville East/SwtHm</u>		@ Clarence	120023
Thu, Oct 17		Orchard Park		@ Lancaster	120024
Fri, Oct 18		Hamburg	Orchard Park	@ Frontier/Lake Shore	120026
Sat, Oct 19	5 pm start	<u>Clarence</u>		@ Williamsville North	120027
Mon, Oct 21		Williamsville East/ Sweet Home		@ Hamburg MS	120028
Mon, Oct 21		<u>Maryvale</u>		@ Williamsville South/Amherst	120029
Tue, Oct 22		Frontier/Lake Shore		@ Lancaster	120031
Wed, Oct 23		Clarence	<u>Maryvale</u>	@ Williamsville South/Amherst	120032
Wed, Oct 23		<u>Frontier/Lake Shore</u>	<u>Orchard Park</u>	@ Hamburg MS	120035
Sat, Oct 26	9 am start	Karen Riker Halloween Invitational- All Schools		@ Hamburg MS	120036
Fri, Nov 15	5 pm start	Sectional Championships	All Schools	@ Lancaster	120037
Friday, February 28 –		State Championships		@ Clarence	
Saturday, March 1					

***All meets start at 5pm, unless otherwise noted**

***Non-league Meets are Underlined**

Frontier Home Meets @ Tumble Bee Gym (136 Evans St. Hamburg, NY 14075)

Hamburg Home Meets @ Hamburg Middle School

Lancaster Home Meets @ Lancaster High School Field House

Maryvale Home Meets @ Williamsville South High School

Orchard Park Home Meets @ Gymnastics Unlimited (70 Weiss Ave. West Seneca, NY 14224)

Williamsville East Home Meets @ Williamsville South High School

Committee Section VI Girls Gymnastics

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 Girls Gymnastics Committee consists of one representative from each of the 9 participating teams. Each representative has one vote.

Chair	Joe Buscaglia	Starpoint	(C) 716-228-0340 (W) 716-210-2386	jbuscaglia@starpointcsd.org
D1 Chair	Chris Watson	Kenmore	(C) 716-308-4814	cwatson@ktufsd.org
D2 Chair	Kathy Nardini	Will South	(C) 716-984-9847	knardini1055@gmail.com

2024-25 Point of Emphasis for Coaches

Sectional Championship Qualifying: Decrease the number of sectional qualifiers from 50 to 45. The top 45 scorers from each event will qualify for Sectionals

Jewelry Rule:

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NO RULE CHANGES

Once the schedule is finalized and emailed out to coaches, if a team drops out of a tri-meet then the other teams will count the scores as a tri-mee

GYMNASTICS NYSPHSAA SPORTS STANDARD from [Handbook](#) page 78

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_004.pdf#page=78

NYSPHSAA TECHNICAL RULEBOOK

8th Edition technical rulebook can be downloaded at below link

https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Gymnastics_Technical_Handbook_2023_8th_Edition.pdf

Participating Schools and Coaches Directory

Clarence: Red/Black "Red Devils"

Breanna Hummel 585-813-1153 (C)

bhummel@clarenceschools.org

Frontier/ LakeShore: Royal Blue/white "Falcons"

Jill Wierzba 716-649-1525 (W) 716-868-1525 (C)

(off season) jillwier@hotmail.com
(in season) frontierymnastics@hotmail.com

Hamburg: Purple and white "Bull Dogs"

Tim Nyhart 716-941-0160 716-949-1099 (C)
Assistant Coach: Amy Nyhart

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Lancaster: Black and red "Legends"

Dave Rine 716-553-4472 (C)
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rinesgymnastics@gmail.com
amanda6harry@gmail.com

Maryvale: Maroon and white "Pegasus"

Margaret Buscaglia 716-228-0342 (C)
Assistant Coach: Shanna Buscaglia

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Orchard Park: Maroon and white "Quakers"

Chelsea Skalski 716-480-9743 (C)
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Williamsville East /Sweet Home Red and yellow "Flames"

Joe Buscaglia 716-228-0340 (C) 716-210-2386 (W)
Lisa Stumpf 716-830-3257 (C) 716-634-4401 (W)

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acrobot@aol.com

Williamsville North: Green and gold "Spartan"

Patrick Goldsmith 716-628-8907 (C)

plgniagara@gmail.com

Williamsville South/ Amherst: Blue and white "Billies"

Kathy Nardini 716-694-5669 (H) 716-984-9847 (C)
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Divisional Alignments 2024-25

Division I – Chair: Chris Watson

Frontier/**Lakeshore**
Hamburg
Lancaster
Orchard Park
Williamsville East /**Sweet Home**

Division II - Chair: Kathy Nardini

Clarence
Maryvale
Williamsville North
Williamsville South/ **Amherst**

2024-25 **COS approved**

***Frontier** is combined team of Frontier & Lake Shore 3/20/24 AC

***Williamsville East** - & Sweet Home approved 5/15/24 AC

***Williamsville South** & Amherst approved 5/15/24 AC

Division Chairperson's Responsibilities

Division chairpersons will be appointed by the Section Coordinator. Their duties are to handle division concerns before proposing them to the Section Coordinator, to participate in seeding for sectional competition, and to be members of the protest committee.

In addition, the division chairperson will be responsible for accumulating their division's score sheets from the home teams competition.

Division standings and individual teams high team totals (to be ranked statewide) will be forwarded by the coaches to their division chairperson.

Site Chairperson's Responsibilities-Sectionals

- Equipment acquisition and set-up
- Head Table
- Judges Tables (4) / Chairs for Judges, runners, flasher & timer at each event.
- Computer
- Copy machine/paper/stapler for Meet Results
- Personnel: Supervision, Computer Scorer (1), Manual Scorers (2)

NOTE The Section VI office will be responsible for assigning ticket takers/ sellers for Admission.

- Officials' Room
- Team Signs / Sectional Banner
- Refreshment Stand: Parents, boosters, cheerleaders
- Any decorating
- Sound System: National Anthem and floor music
- Guest Speaker: Welcome

Sectional Host

2024 Lancaster
2025 Clarence
2026 Will South / East
2027 Lancaster

Invitational Host

2024 Hamburg
2025 Will South / East
2026 Lancaster / Clarence
2027 Hamburg

Competition Format

- Order of Events:
 - Vault
 - Uneven Bars
 - Intermission
 - Balance Beam
 - Floor Exercise
- Change in warm up format for regular season meets:
Intermission has been eliminated - Warm-up/compete on Beam & Floor with bump touch will be implemented
- Line Up: Can be changed at any time. Two minute touch or warm-up period must be given.
- Number of Competitors: 6 gymnasts per event
- Exhibition competitors: No exhibition gymnasts will be allowed. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Scoring: TOP 5 scores from each event are added together for each team's total.
- Scorers Table:
 - ✓ Each school should have a representative at the scorer's table.
 - ✓ Event totals should be checked at the end of each event.
 - ✓ Final scores should not be announced until all scorers are in agreement.
 - ✓ Score sheets should have competitors first and last names and scores written to two decimals
 - ✓ Pen should be used.

8. Award Ceremonies and March In should start prior to the scheduled time of the meet.
9. Results are final after 24 hours
10. Head Coaches may talk to Head Judges Only!

2024 Season, the rulebook is [NYSPHSAA Technical Handbook – 8th Edition can be downloaded](#)

General Rules

1. Official Rules: FIG - Federation of International Gymnastics
USA Gymnastics: Level 9 Rules (modified)
2. Difficulty Requirements: 3A @ .10 = 0.30 4B @ .30 = 1.20 1C @ .50 = 0.50
* No D or E acrobatic elements may be performed unless a spring floor is used! The exercise will be voided.
* D and E elements are not encouraged. If performed, these elements will only receive C value part credit. They may fulfill value part requirements and Special Requirements, and act as a C in Special Connection Bonus.
3. Meet Changes: Notify Section Coordinator
4. **Jewelry Rule Change: on page 54 in state handbook**
https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_004.pdf#page=54
In 2023 The NYSPHSAA Committee voted to abide by the national governing body (i.e., USAG) jewelry rule. With this action, students will not be permitted to wear jewelry while participating in gymnastics (USAG – stud earrings).
5. Clothing: The wearing of tights, pantyhose, large tee shirts, boxer shorts, loose sport shorts etc., and leotards hanging down by the waist are NOT PERMITTED Sports bras must be the same color as the leotard.
6. Eligibility Standards: Practices: Scrimmage/Contest: 10
Sectional Meet: Individual = 6 meets
Team = 6 meets
7. Two officials will be assigned for each meet. Splitting officials is up to the coaches. Recommend split for tri-meet.
8. Meet scheduling is done by the Section Coordinator
9. Floor exercise music must be put on CD/ipod/iphone.
10. Inquiry Policy: Head coach can only submit a written inquiry up to 5 minutes after the event. Inquire only about: Start value, Special Requirements, Bonus, Value parts, Neutral Deductions, Unusual Occurrences.
11. Only School Board Approved Coaches can spot their gymnasts.
12. Falls: Conversation is permitted between gymnast and coach.
13. Officials Fees: Refer to the [Officials Contract](#) available on the Section VI Website: www.section6.e1b.org click on Officials.
14. If a meet is changed (location, date, or time), and an official is not notified and shows up, you must pay the official.
15. Tri-meets may not be judged with only one official, the meet must be rescheduled.
16. Bump touch for regular season meet warm-up
17. Computer weekly scoring program with Google Drive: Coaches input their team scores within 24hrs of meet
18. If needed Sectional Meet Judges with Team Affiliations will judge the Sectional Meet

Sectional Qualifications

1. Eligibility: Gymnast must compete in a minimum of 6 meets. Team must compete in a minimum of 6 meets.
2. Procedure: The top 45 scorers from each event will compete at Sectionals. All ties at the 45th position will qualify for Sectionals. There is no qualifying event score for Sectionals. Effective for 2019 season: A gymnast who scores at least a 32.00 all-around at a regular season meet will qualify to sectionals on all four events.
3. Results of Sectionals are final after 24 hours.
4. Seeding for Sectionals are lowest to highest in each rotation group.
5. Admission to Sectionals: \$5.00

6. Officials for sectionals: Appointed by Officials' Assignor and approved by Section VI Chairperson.

Section VI ADMISSION Cashless Tickets

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED on GOFAN CASHLESS ticketing only

(Preschool children are admitted free 5 & Under)

CASHLESS ticket sales ONLY. Purchase tickets on-line & pay price below, if you insist on paying with cash all tickets will be \$10. Watch HOW TO Video guide <https://get.gofan.co/digital-ticketing-guide>

FINAL (Neutral Site) [On-line ONLY BUY tickets](#) GATE: \$7.00

Regionals Hosted by Section VI \$8

STATES On-line price \$ TBA GATE: digital payment only - no cash

*state link will be added when available see [state website](#)

All Section VI Finals will have the GOFAN Box Office ticketing device to allow spectators to purchase tickets with bank/credit/Apple pay or Google pay at the door.

No Shows at Sectionals (Section VI Policy - adopted 11/98)

A school team that does not show or refuses to play in a Sectional contest after the seeding meeting spoils the integrity of the tournament. The following Section VI policy was adopted by the Athletic Council 11/98:

- 211.1 Schools shall declare their intent to play or not play prior to sectional seeding, as per the sport specific sectional handbook. Schools failing to fulfill their pre-tournament commitment shall be subject to the following sanction:

"Ineligibility for sectional play in that sport during the next season. An appeal of this sanction must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of Section VI within sixty (60) days of the competition of sectional play."

- 211.2. The Section Chairperson must notify the Executive Secretary of the occurrence and the Section office will notify the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director of the sanction.

REPRESENTATION RULE

To be eligible for sectional, intersectional or state competition, a team must have competed in six (6) school scheduled contests which occurred on six (6) different dates during the season. Forfeits do count towards a student meeting the representation rule.

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/21/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_004.pdf#page=42

State Qualifications

1. **Procedure:** Top 3 All-Around gymnasts and the top 3 individuals on each event at the Sectional Competition will represent Section VI at State Competition.
2. State Competition: (see calendar on page 3). [On STATE Website](#)
4. **Coaches:** Effective 1/21/09, coaches are required to travel with the athletes to state competition. Please read the updated travel policy on page 12.
5. **Meals:** The following was approved by the Section VI Athletic Council (Jan 2013) Budget Line item Encumbered for State Championships to cover the following costs for state competition. **Trial basis for 2016-17** 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

Halloween Invitational

The philosophy of the Invitational is to provide an exciting competition for the lower caliber gymnast. A large percentage of our gymnasts will not compete at Sectionals. The invitational gives the gymnasts the experience of a large competition.

Athletes **cannot** compete in both the Halloween Invitational and Sectionals. If a gymnast qualifies in one or more events for Sectionals they cannot compete in the Halloween Invitational.

- *Halloween Invitational entry fee: \$150*
- *Halloween Invitational will award Div 1 and Div 2 Individual Place Finishers*
- *Halloween Invitational will have a team competition and award a Div 1 and Div 2 Team Champion - total of top 3 scores on each event*

Bottom 5 qualifiers in each event are able to choose to compete in either the Halloween Invitational or Sectionals. *Chris Watson must be notified within 24 hours with gymnast choice once sectional qualifiers are posted...If Chris is not notified by the coach within the 24 hour window then the gymnast must compete in Sectionals.

Media and "Top Ten"

The Buffalo News will post the "Top Ten" gymnasts for each event (vault, bars, beam, floor, and all-around) on a weekly basis throughout the season. It is up to the coach to input their meet scores into their Google scoresheets promptly. The Top Ten is automatically pulled and ranked based on those files. The scores will then be emailed or faxed in to the News by Jill Wierzba.

Deadline: Fridays by noon

Refer to the Section VI Directory p.10 for a complete Media listing or the website: [Media Link](#)

Newspapers

Bee Group 204-4904
 Buffalo News- **no more scores** 800-777-8610
 E-Mail: sports@buffnews.com Fax 849-4587
 Hamburg Sun. (x236) 649-4040
 Niagara Gazette (x2255) 282-2311

Television

Channel 2 WGRZ 849-2219
 Channel 4 WIVB 879-4994
 Channel 7 WKBW 840-7799
 Super 7 Hotline 840-7795
 Spectrum (9) Buffalo 574-2596

Code of Ethics

1. A coach is required to have their own updated rulebook.
2. A Head coach having a complaint should address the Head official.
3. A coach or gymnast should not harass any official regarding scores.
4. The gymnast should present herself to the Head official before and after her routine.
5. The gymnast should wait for a signal from the Head official before beginning her routine.
6. A coach will treat each player, opposing coach, official, parent, and administrator with respect and dignity.
7. A coach will do his/her best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching and evaluation of techniques, and strategies of the sport.
8. A coach will become thoroughly familiar with the rules of the sport.
9. A coach will become familiar with the objectives of the program with which affiliated. The coach will strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to the players and the parents.
10. The coach will uphold the authority of the officials who are assigned to the contests in which they coach, and will assist in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests.
11. The coach will learn the strengths and weaknesses of the gymnasts, to then place them into situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
12. The coach will conduct practices and games so that all players have the opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.
13. The coach will communicate to the gymnasts and parents the rights and responsibilities of individuals on the team.
14. The coach will cooperate with the administrator of our organization in the enforcement of rules and regulations, and will report any irregularities that violate sound competitive practices.

Equipment Specifications & Time Requirements

A. Vault:

1. Height – Maximum Height – 135 cm (+/- 1cm) Minimum Height 100cm (+/- 1cm)
2. The height of the table is determined by measuring the distance from the floor to the top of the table.
3. The runway should be a maximum of 25 meters (82') and a minimum of 23.8 meters (76')
4. Gymnast has 30 seconds to begin vault after green flag is raised. Failure to do so is a void vault.

Mats: Landing area is 8' x 18', and must be matted with a minimum of 1 1/4" base mat plus a 4" landing mat.

Value of Yurchenko only (no flip) on vault table: VALUE RAISED to 7.6 (Effective 2018)

Vaulting runway minimum for salto vaults will be changed to 65 feet from 70 feet. (Effective 2018)

B. Uneven Bars:

1. High bar 230cm (92 - 1/32").
2. Low bar 155cm (61 - 1/32").
3. Distance between the bars, minimum 60cm (23 -5/8") maximum 105cm (41 - 1/3").
4. Bars may go closer than 60cm, but any bar used in competition must close to at least 60cm (23-5/8"). Bars may go further than 105cm, but any bars used in competition must open to at least 105cm.

5. The vertical measurements are from the floor to the top of the bar.
6. Gymnast has 45 seconds to remount after a fall. Head official can and will stop the routine if the gymnast is injured and should not continue for her own safety.

Mats: Matted area under the bars must be 42'6" by 7'6". Landing area minimum is 6' by 36'. Mat thickness should be 12cm (4") over an 1 1/4" base mat.

Flyaway on bars- B (without the free hip or giant)- APPROVED (Effective 2018)

No deduction for not having a kip on bars- APPROVED (Effective 2018)

C. Balance Beam:

1. Height 120cm (47 -1/4").
2. The measurement is from the floor to the top of the beam.
3. Time :30 - 1:30 (Warning at 1:20)
4. Falls - gymnast has 30 seconds to remount.
Mats: Landing area minimum 6' by 12' at each end, and a minimum of 12' wide by 15 1/2' long matted area under the beam. 12cm (4") mat thickness is required with a 1 1/4" base mat.
5. Back tuck vault to be a B as dismount- (9.105) APPROVED (Effective 2018)
6. Gainer off side of beam to be a B value (9.106) APPROVED (Effective 2018)
7. Split Leap (2.100) is now a B value part (previously an A) APPROVED (Effective 2018)
8. Acro Series: Back walkover to Back Handspring is now a flight series (only one flight). It could be any walkover to a flight - like front walkover to BH, or cartwheel to Roundoff (if there is flight in roundoff) (Effective 2018)

D. Floor:

1. Dimensions - 12 meters x 12 meters (39' 4 7/16" x 39' 4 7/16")
2. The measurement is from the outside of the tape or where the carpet changes color. The floor surface must be a minimum of 1 1/4" thick to a maximum of 7" thick. The top of the mat must be joined into one continuous level surface. It is strongly recommended that a spring type floor be used at Level 8 and below. A resolute or wrestling mat type surface is permitted.
3. Time: No minimum time limit
4. Aerial to count as a salto requirement on floor. Example: aerial to roundoff back tuck fulfills SR of double salto pass- or aerial to aerial (Effective 2018)

[Girls Gymnastics History & Records Link](#)

All-WNY Scholar Athlete

Coaches and Athletic Directors are encouraged to nominate athletes for selection to the All-WNY Scholar Athlete **Girls Gymnastics** Team. Applications must be completed on-line. All required forms are attached to the only form before **December 9, 2024 5 pm**. The team will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News. Click for the [selection criteria and on-line application](#)

Section VI AED Policy

(Effective Feb. 2003) The game site-chairperson will be responsible for securing an AED for the certified trainer's use at all sectional contests, and at all regional and state contests that are hosted by Section VI. The certified trainer will be provided by an orthopedic group contracted by Section VI, at all 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.

Regulations regarding Senior 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.

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 canceled. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is a site contracted by Section VI available for practice when a competition is canceled.
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.
8. Any health or safety threat, confirmed or unconfirmed will supersede any existing policy and will be up to the discretion of the involved member school. (approved AC 11/13/19)

Section VI Policy on Travel to State Competition Policy

For the complete policy click on #310 in the [Policy Manual](#)

Summary for Individual Sports

Transportation / lodging/ meals is not needed March 2025 Section VI is hosting at Clarence High School

The following was approved by the Section VI Athletic Council (Jan 2013) Budget Line item Encumbered for State Championships to cover the following costs for state competition. 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. 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, where the athletes are housed, at the state competition site and all related events.

Transportation:

Individual Sports Group 1: Alpine Skiing, Rifle, Golf, Tennis, Gymnastics, Wrestling

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

Individual Sports Group 2: Bowling, C.Country, Ind.Track, Track & Field, Swimming

a) The Section VI office will contract bus transportation for the athletes. There are two choices for the school:

- 1) A school may choose to have its athlete(s) travel to state competition on the Section contracted bus. The following rules apply:
 - The athlete (and coach) must use the lodging and meals if pre-arranged by the sport chair.
 - The athlete (and coach) must remain with the Section until the completion of the athlete's competition. The athlete will not be released prior to completion of competition.
 - When competition is completed, the athlete may be released to parents/coach for return home on alternate transportation if the Section release form is completed before the state meet
- 2) A school may choose to have its athlete(s) travel to state competition in an alternate manner under the following stipulations:
 - A school that opt-outs of Section transportation will be responsible for arranging their own lodging and meals.
 - The request to opt-out of travel on the Section VI bus must be submitted in writing to the sport chair and the Section VI office by the date specified in the sport handbook.
 - The school must submit all required release forms to the sport chair by the specified date.
 - The school must arrange for the athlete to rendezvous with the sport chair (or designee) at a pre-designated time

and place prior to the competition.

b) Transportation expenses will be billed to Section VI.

c) Section VI will apply to the NYSPHSAA for the allowed reimbursement of \$1.35 per mile on the state grid.

Lodging:

Individual Sports: 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 individual sports in Group 1 (see 310.2). For individual sports in Group 2, 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 for the remaining rooms in the reserved block until the rooms are exhausted or choose their own lodging. Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition with the exceptions indicated in item 1, 2, 3 above.

Meals:

Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition with the exceptions indicated in item 1, 2, 3 above.. For some individual sports, the Section will facilitate meal handling by paying meal expenses and invoicing the schools per participating athlete. This plan, if used, will be listed in the sport handbook.

Section VI – NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Philosophy and Code of Conduct

Philosophy

1. We believe that interscholastic athletics is an important part of education and support the ideals and values embodied in good sportsmanship.
2. We believe that sportsmanlike behavior is essential if interscholastic competition is to contribute usefully and constructively to the broad goals of education and to the quality of life of those involved.
3. We pledge ourselves individually and collectively to encourage and support the development and maintenance of a sportsmanlike atmosphere for athletic competition.

Code of Conduct

1. A genuine interest in and enjoyment of interscholastic competition requires conduct that reflects the understanding that contests as a part of an overall school program are intended to be enjoyed. Behavior that reflects a winning at all cost attitude violates this standard.
2. Interscholastic competition provides valuable lessons and learning experiences that are not possible in the regular classroom setting. All involved must support the need to develop the ability to compete with enthusiasm and to accept winning with grace and losing with dignity.
3. Coaches, players, and fans should know that participation is an honor and privilege which requires them to conduct themselves in a manner that brings honor and pride to their school and community.
4. Respect for the cultural and ethnic diversity of one's opponents, their school, and community is a fundamental tenet of wholesome athletic competition. This standard suggests that planned activity is needed to demonstrate a warm and friendly welcome, mutual respect, and a genuine readiness to participate in a sportsmanlike manner.
5. Players should demonstrate both knowledge of the rules and respect for game officials and their decisions. Coaches and school officials have the responsibility to teach and encourage these attributes.

******* Sportsmanship Statement Reminder *******

The following statement will be read over the public address system just prior to the pledge to the flag. If there is no public address system, the statement will be read to both teams by the site chairperson or his representative:

“Welcome to Section VI (name of sport). Athletic competition can provide everyone with a sense of accomplishment and pride, if all of us - players, coaches and spectators - abide by the rules of good conduct. We ask that you enjoy the performance of our outstanding athletes in a spirit of sportsmanship and appreciation of competition.”

UPDATED Sportsmanship Standard & Pledge

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2022/8/2/2022_23_Sport_Coordinator_Manual_FINAL.pdf#page=50

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