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New York State Roster Form

Admittance Form

Power Point Rating Form

Statement of Protest

All-American Form

Site Chairman's Financial Report

All-WNY Scholar – Athlete Nomination Form ON-LINE ONLY

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911331227/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=52969>

Boys Lacrosse Calendar

The Section VI approved Boys Lacrosse season is
March 7, 2011 to June 17, 2011

First Practice.....	March 7
First Scrimmage	March 16
First Contest	March 18
NYS Roster Form due	Friday, April 1
Admittance Form due	Friday, June 3
ALL- WNY Scholar Athlete Forms deadline.....	Monday, May 16
Last League Game	Wednesday, May 18
Notice of Non-Participation in Sectionals Due	Prior to Seeding Meeting
Seeding Meeting – Sweet Home HS	May 19
Senior All-Star Contest	TBA

Sectional Competition

Play in round *(if required)*

Friday May 20, 2011 - Higher Seed

Quarter Finals

Tuesday May 24, 2011 - Higher Seed

Semi Finals

Friday, May 27, 2011 - Higher Seed

Finals

Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at All High Stadium

Class C: 3:30 PM

Class A: 5:30 PM

Class B: 8:00 PM

Far West Regionals at Section 5

Saturday, June 4, 2011 at St. John Fisher

Class A: 1:00 pm

Class B: 3:30 pm

Class C: 6:00 pm

West State Semi-Finals

Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at St. John Fisher (Section 5)

Class A: 3:30 pm

Class B: 5:30 pm

Class C: 8:00 pm

State Finals

Saturday, June 11, 2011 Cicero-North Syracuse HS (Section 3)

Class A: 11:00 am

Class B: 1:30 pm

Class C: 4:00 pm

Section VI Boys Lacrosse 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**.

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General Information

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to standardize the practices and procedures for all the schools present and future who participate in the Western New York Lacrosse League. It is also the purpose to keep all participating schools, coaches and athletic directors informed as to the procedures of the W.N.Y. Lacrosse League.

Scope

This document basically incorporates the E.C.I.C. Standards of Conduct, revised 11/3/89 and makes additions unique to the sport of lacrosse in W.N.Y. These rules and procedures apply to all participating schools, present and future. The schools presently participating include:

2011 Boys Lacrosse Classification

New Boys Lacrosse Classification Cut-off numbers below became effective 2010-11

Class A 1050+

Lancaster	ECIC	1489
Lockport	NFL	1314
Frontier	ECIC	1269
Clarence	ECIC	1238
Orchard Park	ECIC	1219
Williamsville North	ECIC	1062

Class B 650-1049

West Seneca West	ECIC	1040
North Tonawanda	NFL	1004
Niagara Wheatfield	NFL	984
Hamburg	ECIC	908
Sweet Home	ECIC	897
Williamsville East	ECIC	830
Grand Island	NFL	775
Williamsville South	ECIC	756
Iroquois	ECIC	739
West Seneca East	ECIC	733
Lake Shore	ECIC	700

Class C 0-649

Amherst	ECIC	639
Lewiston Porter	NFL	588
East Aurora	ECIC	546
Medina	NO	459
Eden	ECIC	452
Akron	NO	403
Wilson	NO	342
Gowanda	CCAA	339
Salamanca	CCAA	302
Silver Creek	CCAA	249

Non-Public Schools

Canisius
St. Francis
St. Joseph's
Timon/ St. Jude
Nichols
St Mary's Lancaster

Independent

Gow

Scheduling for 2011 will have Class A and Class C playing league games on Tues. and Thurs., Class B and Modified on Mon. and Wed., Modified North on Mon. and Wed. and Modified South on Tues. and Thurs.

Heat Index/ Wind Chill

NEW (effective 2010) → Heat Index / Wind Chill Procedure: In May 2010, the NYSPHSAA approved Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures to be used in member school athletic programs. **The Heat Index/ Wind Chill must be checked prior to any contest or practice.** The Heat Index/Wind Chill Procedures are on page 13-14.

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 NYSPHSAA Handbook (p.111-113)** http://www.nysphsaa.org/handbook/pdf/Handbook_1012.pdf , (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. For **LACROSSE:**

A lacrosse scrimmage must have modified time periods and include **one or more** of the following:

- 1) Alternate possessions.
- 2) Start the scrimmage with either a Draw (girls) or a Face-Off (boys)
- 3) Include the following game situations:
 - a) Face-Off/Draws - Boys/Girls
 - b) Clears and Rides - Boys/Girls
 - c) Extra Man and Man-Down – Boys/Girls
 - d) Fast Breaks - Boys/Girls

2011 Boys Lacrosse Major Rule Revisions

All rules are incorporated through the National Federation H.S. Lacrosse Rule Book, except those altered or modified by the N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A Lacrosse Committee.

Major Rules Changes

- 1-2-1 A bold white line shall be marked through the center of the field perpendicular to the sidelines. This line shall be known as the center line.
Note: If the field of play has a logo in the center or at any other part of the field of play, that logo should not obstruct the visibility of the required marks. A solid or shadow-bordered line is permissible. A shadow line is a line that designates the continuation of the required line by use of a border or outline lines, at least ¼ inch wide.
Rationale: Officials need to be able to easily determine exactly where the center line is, even if the field has a large logo. Thus, at a minimum, there must a shadow line through the logo, if one exists.
- 1-9-1g 7 Add the following as number 7 and renumber existing number 7 as number 8:
7. Contrasting colored piping not to exceed 1/8 inch wide is allowed.
Rationale: The original problem that necessitated the uniform rule change in 2008 was the contrasting color of the yoke. Contrasting colored piping does not cause a problem for officials.
- 4-28-7 Any suspension of play...An apparently unconscious player is determined by the game officials. The player may not return to play in the game without written authorization from a physician (M.D./D.O.). Any player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the game and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional. (See NFHS Suggested Guidelines for Management of Concussion) This time-out is an official's time-out.....
Rationale: Clarification from NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.
- 5-3-4, 5-3-5, 5-3-6 ART. 4 Blocking of an opponent with the head or initiating contact with the head against an opponent, initiating contact directly to an opponent's head or initiating contact to an opponent's body that then follows through to the head. A one- to three-minute non-releasable penalty will be assessed.
ART. 5 Body-checking of an opponent who has any part of his body other than the feet on the ground.
ART. 6 If a player who is about to be body-checked turns his back, jumps or moves in such a manner to make what started out to be a legal check appear illegal, no foul is committed by the player applying the body check.
Rationale: Given recent information regarding the significant consequences of concussion, the rules should reflect the goal to remove all contact with and to the head from the game.

Major Editorial Changes

1-9-1g-2 Side inserts may be of contrasting color(s) but no more than 3 inches wide and extending vertically no more than armpit to waistband.

Rationale: The previous wording of the rule simply specified that the side trim extended from armpit to waistband. Some were interpreting this to mean that the trim must extend the full length allowed, from armpit to waistband. This revision should make it clear that the trim could be less than armpit to waistband.

1-10-1b Items that, in the opinion of the officials, endanger that individual or other players. Any hard substance in its final form (including but not limited to leather, rubber, plastic, plaster or fiberglass) worn on the hand, wrist, forearm or elbow, is prohibited unless it is necessary to protect an injury. If worn, it shall be directed in writing by a licensed medical physician (M.D./D.O.) and it shall be covered on all exposed surfaces with no less than ½ inch thick, high-density, closed-cell polyurethane or an alternate material of the same minimum thickness and with similar physical properties. Hard and unyielding items (guards, casts, braces, splints, etc.) on the hand, wrist, forearm, elbow or upper arm is prohibited unless it is necessary to protect an injury. If worn, it must be padded with a closed-cell, slow-recovery foam padding no less than ½ inch thick. Knee and ankle braces which are unaltered from the manufacturer's original design/production do not require any additional padding.

Rationale: Clarification from NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

1-11-1 The pregame equipment certification by the head coach shall act as the team warning. The head coach shall certify to the referee before the game that all players are legally equipped by rule.

Add the following note:

Note: "a" through "e" can be covered by the referee asking the head coach: "Coach, are all your players legally equipped by rule?"

Rationale: The present coaches certification is a mouthful...long and hard to remember and hard to recite exactly. Leave a,b,c,d,e but add note just after e.

2-7-2f Too many or too few players on the field.

Rationale: Clarifies that the CBO is not limited to just calling too many players on the field. Makes it consistent with page 42 4-22-Situation B

4-3-5 The official will sound the whistle promptly after readying the ball for play and stating the word "set." For hearing-impaired players a reasonable accommodation for the 'set' command and whistle sound will be provided...

Rationale: Players unable to hear the "set" command and/or the whistle sound are at a decided disadvantage on the face off.

4-21-2 Make the first paragraph article 1 and add the following as paragraph article 2:

b. If the goalkeeper loses his stick with the ball in it within his goal crease, the whistle shall be blown and the ball shall be awarded to the defensive team laterally outside the goal area.

Rationale: Risk minimization.

5-6-3 Striking an opponent in any part of the face, neck, chest, back, shoulders, groin, or on the head on any part of the body with the crosse (including its cap end)...

Rationale: In the present long list of body parts not to be slashed there is no mention of leg, arm or foot. "Any part of the body" is a simpler, shorter, cleaner way of stating this while also adding what is missing. A player's gloved hand is already covered in the last sentence of the article.

6-5-2b-3 Intentionally kick an opponent's crosse.

Rationale: The rules did not previously include a statement which specifically prohibited a player from intentionally kicking an opponent's crosse although in most situations it was considered illegal to do so. The addition of this statement makes it clear that it is a violation.

Comments on 2011 Rules Revision

1-2-1 In order to effectively and accurately determine offsides as well as the positioning of the ball for faceoffs at the Center faceoff X, officials, coaches and players need to know the exact location of the centerline.

1-9-1 Contrasting piping a maximum of 1/8" will be allowed.

4-28-7 Further clarifies signs and symptoms of a concussion and procedures to be followed for a player exhibiting such behavior. It additionally the rule provider direction for return to play.

5-3-4 Illegal Body Check: This revision specifies that a player who checks an opponent with his head or body checks an opponent to the head area or whose body check rides up to the head area is to be assessed a one to three minute non-releasable personal foul. Blows to the head are a major player safety concern. Officials are urged to make this call for checks with or to the head area and coaches are reminded to teach players that such checks are illegal and should not be part of the game.

Standards of Conduct

1. All coaches must be aware that they are primarily responsible for controlling athletes during pre-game sessions, locker rooms, on the playing field, on buses, or any other time they are representing their school. The conduct of athletes on and off the field is expected to be sportsmanlike. Actions such as taunting, jibes, vulgar language and disrespectful attitudes are not acceptable at any time.
2. The conduct of coaches and school personnel on and off the field is expected to be sportsmanlike. Such actions as taunting, jibes, vulgar language and disrespectful attitudes are not acceptable at any time.
3. Wherever physically possible, all spectator areas are to be separated from player benches and the playing field. This could be as simple as roping off an area.
4. The shaking of hands is strongly encouraged at the end of every contest.
5. Any athlete who is expelled from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to NYSPHSAA penalty.
 - a. In the case of fighting, the player will be automatically expelled from the contest and will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled contest as well. This rule applies to playoff games and sectional games. In the event that the foul occurs in the last game of the season, the offending player or players will not play in the first game of his/her next sports season.
 - b. Officials and coaches shall notify the Athletic Director and section chairman as soon as possible after the event.
6. It is expected that all coaches will take a responsible attitude in not intentionally running up the scores.
7. The announcing of any home contest is expected to be unbiased.
8. It is expected that all officials be skilled in the art of officiating and understand and enforce the league rule regarding unsportsmanlike conduct.
9. Penalties imposed by the league may be considered minimal, but do not prevent schools from imposing their own penalties. Penalties may range from warnings to actions taken, such as censure, removal from competition or in more severe cases, expulsion from league competition for the season.

NOTE: In lacrosse, any expulsion foul (other than five minutes of personal fouls) shall result in that player missing the next scheduled game.

Criteria For Finishes In Section VI Lacrosse

In case of ties at season's end:

1. Head to head W-L record
2. Difference of goals scored head to head
3. Least number of goals allowed in league games
4. Most number of goals scored in league games

Section VI Lacrosse Rain-Lightning Suspensions/Inclement Weather

1. **Section VI Lightning Policy** (*adopted January 20, 1999 - rev. 3/03, 11/04*)

"Thunder and lightning necessitates that all contests be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion - thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning. If lightning and/or thunder is observed, all outdoor activities will be suspended immediately. Players and spectators shall be directed to report to a shelter, a building normally occupied by the public or if a building is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g. bus, van, car). The officials and responsible authorities shall make every reasonable effort to resume and complete the contest, with full consideration of the weather and site conditions (as they affect safety and playing conditions). The official/coaches shall wait 30 minutes from the time the last boom is heard and/or the last strike is seen before starting or resuming play.

CLARIFICATIONS:
PRIOR TO CONTEST

If thunder/lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the officials/ coaches 30 or fewer minutes prior to the scheduled start of that contest, the official/ coaches and the responsible school authorities shall not permit the contest to begin. Before the contest can begin a 30-minute period void of any strike or boom must be observed.

DURING THE CONTEST

If thunder/lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the officials during the playing of the contest, the official/coaches shall immediately cease play for 30 minutes. Play may not resume until there has been a period of at least 30 minutes in which a boom or strike has not been observed. The rules of the particular sport shall determine whether the contest is 'official' or must be resumed at a later date."

2. Once the game is started, officials have final say in determining whether delay is necessary or suspension of play.
3. Safety of players and all concerned is the determinant officials will use.
4. If game is suspended before halftime, game is rescheduled by mutual consent of both schools at designated time. Division games must be rescheduled.
5. If game is suspended past the halftime mark, remainder of game is played with score, time and situation reinstated at time of suspension and played to completion, on agreed upon date.
6. **Playoff games** stopped by the officials due to weather will be continued from that point in time and score on the next possible date. This will be done from any point in time and until the game is played in its entirety.

Rosters

Coaches should submit Varsity and JV rosters to all teams prior to the first game. A copy should also be sent to the Section VI Chairman. A numerical copy should be sent to the opposing coaches at least one week prior to your games with those schools. PLEASE USE STATE FORMAT FOR ROSTERS. (see forms page 1)

Fields

- All playing fields should be properly marked. This includes the sideline areas for the team and penalty boxes. SPECTATORS SHOULD BE KEPT IN PROPER AREAS FOR CROWD CONTROL AND SAFETY. Fans should not be in a position to be hit by shots or passes by players.
- The field should be checked and cleared of broken glass, protruding sprinkler heads and other forms of debris. All holes should be filled in and level. All holes, drains and other potential hazards along the sidelines and endlines should be covered and or removed.

Timekeepers

It is recommended that an adult be used as the timekeeper for all contests.

Publicity

Coaches provide as much assistance to the sport and players of lacrosse when they give game scores and individual information to the Buffalo News and other publications. Unless other arrangements are made, the HOME team coach is asked to call in the results of the contest. (Both coaches should call to ensure that results are reported)

Bee Group – 204-4904

Tonawanda News - 693-1000 x117

Buffalo News - 800-777-8610

Time Warner Cable Sports(David Dee) - 558-8268

Refer to:

- The Section VI Directory, page 10 for additional media contacts and phone numbers.
- www.section6.e1b.org Under General Information, click on Media
- <http://www.section6.e1b.org/11391041014336120/lib/11391041014336120/media.pdf>

Referees

Coaches are requested to evaluate game officials in ArbiterSports. Officials will then get a fair rating based on the maximum number of evaluations and have the opportunity to work contests at the proper level. The top rated officials are presented to the coaches whose teams are in the playoffs. These coaches are allowed to reject one official before assignments are made, only if they have used the arbiter to evaluate officials throughout the season.

TO EVALUATE OFFICIALS Go to the ArbiterSports website → <https://www.ArbiterSports.com/>
In the boxes next to Sign-in (upper right), enter your email address (first box) and your password (second box) and click GO. **If you forgot your password**, click on ***Forgot password?*** Arbiter will email it to you.

- Click on the tab called EVALUATIONS at the top
- Click on Boys Lacrosse Officials Evaluation
- Enter the date range you are interested in (on the left). Click GO. Note: This can only be done for games that have already been played.
- Click on the "A+" symbol for the official on the game you are evaluating.
- Use the drop down box next to each category to score the official. Enter comments if desired.
- When done, click SUBMIT (click SAVE only if you wish to return later to finish or change your evaluation).

Questions? Contact the assigner Tom Sutton tom.sutton@el Paso.com (c) 472-3015 or call **ArbiterSports tech support 801-576-9436** Mon-Thurs. 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 10am-4pm EST!
Complete instructions are on the Section VI website:
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/11391049112849960/lib/11391049112849960/Arbiter/Contacts%20Instructions.pdf>

Regular Season: Three (3) officials will be assigned for regular season games (varsity only).

Sectional Playoffs: Three (3) officials will be assigned to the Semi-Final and four (4) will be assigned for Finals. Three (3) officials will be on the field and the fourth (4th) official will work from the box area. Duties should coincide with those described in the Nat. Fed. HS Lacrosse Rulebook with NYSPHAA modifications for this year. Section VI will pay for four (4) officials.

Code of Conduct

Coaches, participants, spectators and administrators are expected to be familiar with and abide by the CODE OF CONDUCT published by Section VI of NYSPHAA. (See page 15) The [NYSPHAA Code of Conduct Form](#) can be downloaded from the Section Website www.section6.e1b.org click on Forms.

Number of Games Allowed

Teams will be allowed a maximum of **sixteen (16)** games in the **2011** season. This does not include Section VI Playoff games.

Sectional Playoff Policies and Procedures

- Section VI will determine the classification of each school based on Section enrollment policy.
- OPEN TOURNAMENT:** After regular season play is ended, there will be a public school qualifying tournament with a quarter-final, semi-final and final game to determine the Section VI representatives from each Class for the NYSPHAA Lacrosse Championships. All public school teams can participate in this open tournament format. A school **may choose NOT to participate, but must notify the Section Boys Lacrosse Chairman prior to the seeding meeting.**
- REMINDER: Any school who has not submitted adequate information to the sportchair in time for the seeding meeting will be excluded from the sectional tournament.
- Class A teams will play each other once (5 games) which will count towards seeding.
Class B teams will play each other once (10 games) which will count towards seeding.
Class C teams will play each other once (9 games) which will count towards seeding.
Private schools will play each other twice (10 games) which will count towards seeding.
- The winning team from the Class A, Class B and Class C playoffs will advance to the NYSPHAA Far West Regionals against Section V representatives.
- A neutral site will be used for the Class A, Class B and Class C Finals whenever possible. (see Section VI Policy on Neutral Sites on page 10)
- Start times: Sectional contests are standardized, however if a legitimate need for a time change arises within a district, a request must be submitted in writing to the chairperson **before the seeding meeting**

8. Admission: Pre-school children No charge

Sectional Semis: \$3.00
Sectional Finals: \$5.00
Regionals: \$5.00
States: \$8.00

9. NOTE: Section VI will provide ticket sellers/takers for sectional contests at neutral sites.

Section VI Policy No Shows at Sectionals

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:

- a. 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:

One year ineligibility for sectional play in that sport with the ability to appeal to the Athletic Council. Appeal must occur within 60 days of the completion of sectional play.

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

2011 Boys Lacrosse Coaches Directory

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Section VI Policy All-WNY Scholar Athlete Boys Lacrosse

Coaches and Athletic Directors are encouraged to nominate athletes for selection to the **All-WNY Scholar Athlete Boys Lacrosse Team**. The criteria for selection are listed on-line:

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911331227/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=52969>

Applications must be completed on-line. All paperwork must be mailed or e-mailed to the Section VI office before **May 15**. The team will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News.

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 post-season contests held at **neutral sites**. **Note:** If a school suffers loss or damage to an AED that is being used for post-season contests, the Section will be financially responsible.

Regulations Regarding Senior All-Star and Outside Agency Contests

(updated April 2009)

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 no more than one approved senior all-star athlete contest in the same sport during the school year.

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 Under General Information, Click on *Forms and Information*, or call the Section office 821-7365.

Section VI Safety Policy on Cheerleading

If your school is considering allowing cheerleaders to accompany your sports team to post season play, refer to the Section VI Safety Policy on Cheerleading found on the Section VI website, www.section6.e1b.org, click on Forms & Information then Safety Policies or call the Section VI office at 821-7299.

NOTE: Both cheerleading squads will have the option to perform at half time at all sectional contests.

Section VI Policy on Neutral Sites

For finals, no team shall compete on its home site if multiple sites have been scheduled. The exception: if the home field is the only field that's playable.

NEW 2010 → 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.

Section VI Travel to State Competition Policy

(Approved by Section VI Athletic Council 3/21/07. Revised; 3/19/08, 1/21/09, 9/16/09, 1/20/10)
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/11391049112849960/lib/11391049112849960/Travel%20Policy.pdf>

Summary for Team Sports

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.

SUPERVISION:

Effective 1/21/09, 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:

- a) Schools will make their own transportation arrangements for their athletes involved in state competition in team sports. Schools will be responsible for all transportation costs.
- b) Section VI will apply to NYSPHSAA for the allowed reimbursement of **\$1.30*** per mile on the state grid (for one bus per team) and will forward this reimbursement to the schools upon receipt of funds from the state.

LODGING:

The Sportchair will advise participating schools if accommodations are to be arranged by the state or by the schools. School will be responsible for all lodging costs.

MEALS:

Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition.

* State approved 5/09

Section VI Financial Procedure

SECTION VI FINANCIAL PROCEDURE

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

*** PLEASE NOTE UPDATE TO PROCEDURE 9/07 ***

For Pre-quarters and Quarters:

Expenses and revenues are the responsibility of the home school.

For Semi's at a home-school site:

Schools are expected to charge admission. Home school pays administrative expenses. Section VI will reimburse the school for administrative expenses only if gate receipts are collected.

Officials will be paid by the Section VI office only if gate receipts are collected.

Schools that fail to charge admission will be responsible for ALL EXPENSES including payment to officials.

The Game-Site Chairperson will submit *within 5 business days*:

1. The completed Financial Report (see Forms page 1) and
2. A check for total gate receipts payable to **Section VI, NYSPHSAA, Inc.**

Mail to: **Treasurer, Section VI, 355 Harlem Rd., W. Seneca, NY 14224**

For Finals, Contests at Neutral Sites or Contests in tournament format:

Section VI will pay all personnel, both administrative and officials. All personnel must have **Name, Complete Address, Social Security Number, Duty and Signature.**

The Game-Site Chairperson will submit *within 5 business days*:

1. The completed Financial Report (see Forms page 1) and
2. A check for total gate receipts payable to **Section VI, NYSPHSAA, Inc.**

Mail to: **Treasurer, Section VI, 355 Harlem Rd., W. Seneca, NY 14224**

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

NOTE: Officials are to be paid as per the Officials Agreement 2010-2013, Fee Schedule or www.section6.e1b.org click on Officials, Fee Schedule. Officials assigned outside their "Geographic Area" will receive a \$20.00 premium for all Sectional Games.



Heat Index Procedures

Administration of Heat Index Procedures:

- Hourly RealFeel Temperature (Heat index) 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.
- STEPS TO OBTAIN HOURLY REALFEEL TEMPERATURE:
 - Log onto **AccuWeather.com** by using the association website, www.nysphsaa.org, we recommend saving this site to your computer or phone.
 - Once you have entered the zip code for your practice or contest site you will see the home page for the local forecast. **DO NOT USE THE REALFEEL TEMPERATURE** on this page.
 - Click onto **Hourly Forecast**, and you will be linked to a chart. Please use the current hour RealFeel temperature for your zip code to take the appropriate action for your practice or contest.
- If the Hourly RealFeel temperature (heat index) is 90 degrees or above, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Hourly RealFeel (heat index) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Hourly RealFeel (heat index) temperature is 96 degrees (Fahrenheit) or more, the contest will be suspended.

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

	Hourly RealFeel (Heat Index) under 79 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
R E C O M M E N D E D	Heat Index Caution: Hourly RealFeel (Heat Index) 80 degrees to 85 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session.
	Heat Index Watch: Hourly RealFeel (Heat Index) 86 degrees to 90 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when ReelFeel temp is lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time).
	Heat Index Warning: Hourly RealFeel (Heat Index) 91 degrees to 95 degrees	Provide ample water and water breaks every 15 minutes. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when the Hourly RealFeel temp is much lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time). Light weight and loose fitting clothes should be worn. For Practices only Football Helmets should be worn. No other protective equipment should be worn.
REQUIRE D	Heat Index Alert: Hourly RealFeel (Heat Index) 96 degrees or greater	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held. Inside activity should only be held if air conditioned.

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Wind Chill Procedures

Administration of Wind Chill Procedures:

- Hourly RealFeel 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.
- STEPS TO OBTAIN HOURLY REALFEEL TEMPERATURE:
 - Log onto **AccuWeather.com** by using the association website, www.nysphsaa.org, we recommend saving this site to your computer or phone.
 - Once you have entered the zip code for your practice or contest site you will see the home page for the local forecast. **DO NOT USE THE REALFEEL TEMPERATURE** on this page.
 - Click onto **Hourly Forecast**, and you will be linked to a chart. Please use the current hour RealFeel temperature for your zip code to take the appropriate action for your practice or contest.
- If the Hourly RealFeel temperature (wind chill) is 10 degrees or below, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Hourly RealFeel (wind chill) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Hourly RealFeel (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:

	Hourly RealFeel (wind chill) above 40 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
R E C O M M E N D E D	Wind Chill Caution: Hourly RealFeel (wind chill) 36 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: Hourly RealFeel (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: Hourly RealFeel (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 Hourly RealFeel temp is much higher. Consider reducing the amount of time for an outdoor practice session.
REQUIRED	Wind Chill Alert: Hourly RealFeel (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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SECTION VI - NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Philosophy & 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.”