

## **SECTION VIII PLAYOFF POLICY**

The following formula would be used to establish the number of teams that would qualify for “post-season play” based upon the total number of teams in each classification. The same formula would be used by sports that do not use classifications. The purpose of these changes is to create an equitable and fair number of teams that make the playoffs for each classification.

\* 1 team - Class Representative to Section VIII to  
New York State Regional games

2 teams - 2 team bracket

\*\* 3 or 4 teams - 3 or 4 team bracket

5-8 teams - 4 team bracket

9-12 teams - 6 team bracket

13-16 teams - 8 team bracket

17-24 teams - 12 team bracket (new bracket)

25-32 teams - 16 team bracket

33-36 teams - 18 team bracket

37-40 teams - 20 team bracket

This would allow for a minimum of 50% of the teams/schools that offer a specific varsity sport to qualify for post-season play.

### **1 Team\***

See revision #1 of Section VIII Team Playoff Policy

### **3 or 4 teams \*\***

The recommendation for a semi-final game should come from the sports committee of that specific sport (as per revision #3 of Section VIII Team Playoff Policy).




## **POLICY ON TRANSPORTATION**

- (1) Section VIII will supply transportation to and from State Championships.
- (2) Each and every participant representing Section VIII is required to travel by the transportation provided by the Section.
- (3) No Sports Coordinators (or his/her designee), Coach or Supervisor has the authority to release the student/athlete from traveling on the transportation provided by the Section.
- (4) **Exception** - In the event that a student/athlete requests not to travel by Section sponsored transportation, the following procedure **must be followed**:
  - (a) The student/athlete must submit a written request to be released to the custody of their parent/guardian to his/her coach stating the reason for not traveling with the section and signed by the parent/guardian.
  - (b) If the coach **approves** this request, he/she will submit the request to the District Director, Building Director and Building Principal for their written **approval**.
  - (c) Once the request is approved in writing by those administrators listed in (b), the coach will submit this written approval to the Section Sports Coordinator(s) (or his/her designee) with a carbon copy to the Executive Director.
  - (d) This then relieves the Section and its Sports Coordinator(s) (or designee) of being liable for making a decision he/she cannot control.

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