



2023 - 2024 Boys Basketball Handbook

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Boys' Basketball Committee

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Message from Section VIII Coordinator Walter Bachman

The Section VIII Boys' Basketball 2023-2024 Handbook is updated annually and distributed as a resource for all persons involved during the basketball season.

The handbook contains important information about the methods and procedures to be applied for the 2023-2024 Season.

Please read it thoroughly.

I would like to thank everyone involved in boys' basketball for all their support and hard work during last season. It was a great year and it could not have been achieved without everyone's cooperation.

I would also be remiss in not thanking the members of the Boys' Basketball Committee. Without their hard work and tireless efforts we would not have the outstanding program that we currently have.

On behalf of the Basketball Committee, I would like to wish you the very best of luck during the season and hope your basketball experience will be both successful and rewarding. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at:

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Lopsided Score Policy

The Section VIII Athletic Council has asked that all sports adopt a lopsided score policy. In the event a team(s) does not adhere to the policy, there will be an investigation and findings brought to a Section VIII lopsided score committee. They will decide if it warrants any type of action like a coach suspension.

The boys basketball committee has come up with the following policy approved by the Athletic Council:

At any time during a Section VIII game (league or non-league) if either team is up by 35 points, BOTH teams must remove their starters. Teams may play second and third string players and the defense must begin at the top of the key of their defensive zone. Each team can play zone or man to man, but cannot trap.

If the losing team gets the score to 20 points or below, starting players may come back into the game. If the score gets back to a 35 points differential, both teams must follow the policy stated above.

All scores that exceed 35 points will be reported to the sports coordinator and an investigation will take place on why this happened. The lopsided score committee, AD's and Coaches from both schools will meet to discuss the possibility of a consequence.

*Thank you,
Walter Bachman
Head Basketball Coach, Jericho High School
Sports Coordinator, Nassau County Boys Basketball*

Score Differential Policy

Philosophy: “Section VIII Athletic Programs are educationally based designed to encourage safety, participation and sportsmanship.” Contributors of Section VIII for all playing levels, (V, JV, JH) feel that this policy will serve to provide a wider range of players with additional playing time while keeping the game competitive.

Guidelines: Each sport coordinator will be charged with writing guidelines, to be included in the sport overview, for coaches to follow while competing during season play. This policy will enforce the written guidelines for each sport.

First Reported Incident: If the score exceeds the written sport guidelines, a report must be submitted online on the SECTION VIII UNSPORTSMANLIKE Behavior/INCIDENT/DISQUALIFICATION REPORT This report is to be completed and submitted by game officials and athletic directors of both schools within 24 hours of the incident and/or violation. The form will include recording the score and a statement to be made by the sender: In your opinion, was this an infraction of the sport guidelines set for the score differential, YES or NO. A notification of this report will be sent to the school's athletic director, principal, and superintendent. If report indicated YES, it will be reviewed by the sport coordinator, coach's association president and office of the executive director and if warranted, a letter of warning will be issued by the office of the Executive Director to the athletic director, principal and superintendent of the offending school.

Second Reported Incident (In the Same Season): A second reported incident involving a coach will be communicated to all the listed above, but the details involved will be addressed by a committee of: Sport Coordinator, Coaches Association President, office of the Executive Director, HSAA President, Sportsmanship Chairperson, and OCC President. The committee will consider evidence (scorebooks, video, written/verbal reports from both coaches and officials) to determine if an adequate attempt was made to mitigate the score. The coach will be suspended during the pending review by this committee, pending appeal from the athletic director. A letter of reprimand with a recommendation of consequences will be issued by the office of the Executive Director to the athletic director, principal and superintendent of the offending schools.

Third Reported Incident (In the Same Season): A third reported incident involving a coach will be referred to the committee that met in the second incident, with an immediate suspension with no appeal from the athletic director until the incident is ruled upon. This may lead to more severe disciplinary action including suspension for the remainder of the season. Such disciplinary action could carry over into subsequent sports seasons. Additional consequences may also be recommended by the office of the Executive Director.

2023-2024 Season Timeline

High School Sport Standards

Maximum number of games (Non-League and League Combined):

20 for Varsity, 19 for JV

Required number of practices prior to first scrimmage/non-league game:

6 (individual)

Minimum time between contest: 1 night

Individual Contest Limitations per Day: 1 contest

Scrimmage limitations per day: 1 scrimmage

Rules: NFHS

Official Ball: Spalding (TF1000 Legacy)

Pre-Season Coaches Meeting -

First Day of Practice - Monday, November 13

First Day to Scrimmage/Non-League Games - Monday, November 20

Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 23

1st set of League Games - Monday-Wednesday, December 11, 12, & 13

Christmas Eve (*No contest or scrimmages*) - Sunday, December 24

Christmas Day (*No contest or scrimmages*) - Monday, December 25

Martin Luther King Jr Day - Monday, January 15

Regents Exams - Tuesday-Thursday, January 23, 24, & 25

Last Day of the Regular Season - Saturday, February 10

End of Season Meeting - *Must attend* - Monday, February 12

Playoffs - (*ALL PLAYOFF DATES ARE TENTATIVE*)

1st Round - February 14, 15 & 16

Quarters - February 17, 20, & 21

Semi-Finals - February 23, 25, 27, & 28

County Championships

“B” - Friday, March 1

“AAA”, “AA”, “A” - Saturday, March 2

Long Island Championships

“B” - Wednesday, March 4

“AAA”, “AA”, “A” - Saturday, March 9

States - March 15-17 - Glens Falls

NFHS Basketball Rules Changes - 2023-24

2-1-3 NOTE (NEW): Requires the shot clock operator to sit at the scorer's and timer's table.

Rationale: Establishes the placement of the shot clock operator for those states utilizing the shot clock and the growing use of video boards that allow tablet control from anywhere in the gym.

3-4-5: Requires uniform bottoms on teammates to be like-colored while allowing different styles of uniform bottoms among teammates.

Rationale: Clarifies that teammates must all wear like-colored uniform bottoms but may wear multiple styles while aligning language with other NFHS rules codes.

3-5-6: Allows undershirts worn under visiting team jerseys to be black or a single solid color similar to the torso of the jersey. All teammates wearing undershirts must wear the same solid color.

Rationale: Allows schools with hard-to-find colors to wear black under visiting team jerseys while continuing to require all team members to match.

4-8-1: Eliminates the one-and-one for common fouls beginning with the seventh team foul in the half and establishes the bonus as two free throws awarded for a common foul beginning with the team's fifth foul in each quarter and resets the fouls at the end of each quarter.

Rationale: Improves flow by providing an opportunity for teams to adjust their play by not carrying over fouls from quarters 1 and 3 to quarters 2 and 4 while significantly reducing the opportunity for correctable errors to occur. Minimizes risk of injury by eliminating the one-and-one and reducing opportunities for rough play during rebounding opportunities.

7-5-2 thru 5: Establishes four throw-in spots (the nearest 28-foot mark along each sideline or the nearest spot 3-feet outside the lane line on the end line) when the ball is in team control in the offensive team's frontcourt and the defensive team commits a violation, a common foul prior to the bonus, or the ball becomes dead.

Rationale: Simplifies throw-in procedure when there is team control in the frontcourt and the defensive team commits a violation.

7-6-6: Allows the official administering a throw-in to the wrong team to correct the mistake before the first dead ball after the ball becomes live unless there is a change of possession.

Rationale: Allows for a correction of an official's mistake in a more reasonable timeframe.

9-3-3: Establishes that a player may step out of bounds without penalty unless they are the first player to touch the ball after returning to the court or if they left the court to avoid a violation.

Rationale: Allows a player to step out of bounds if they gain no advantage and penalizes a team only if they gain an advantage by leaving the court and returning to avoid a violation or to be the first to touch the ball.

2023-24 Basketball Editorial Changes
2-1-1, Shot Clock Guidelines

2023-24 Basketball Points of Emphasis

1. Uniforms, Equipment and Apparel
2. Bench Decorum
3. Throw-Ins – Proper Locations

Section VIII Boys' Basketball Coaching Responsibilities

1. Email complete schedule to Sect8BoysBasketball@gmail.com before the start of game play
 - a. Indicate what league/section non-Section VIII opponents play in
 - b. Examples:
 - i. "Kings Park" - Suffolk - Class A West
 - ii. "Chaminade" - NSCHSAA
 - iii. "Portledge" - PSAA
 - iv. "Cardozo" - PSAL - AA Queens I
 - v. "Pelham" - Section I - Class A

2. Submit scores
 - a. To Newsday <https://sportscentral.newsday.com/login>
 - b. To BOCES using DigitalSports
 - c. To the Google Sheet "2023-24 NASSAU COUNTY BASKETBALL SCORES" for the Point Index System
Link will be emailed

3. Review the Section VIII Sportsmanship Policy with your players, staff and spectators

4. Coach in the spirit of sportsmanship, follow the lopsided score policy

5. Complete regular season games by Saturday, February 10

6. Fill out the officials' ranking for playoffs assignments

7. Attend the end of season meeting on Monday, February 12

Breakdown of Classifications

Classification	Number of Teams	Playoff Bracket
AAA	13	8
AA	24	12
A	17	12
B	4	4
C	1	1

AAA - 13 SCHOOLS (2 Leagues)

League 1

Freeport
 Uniondale
 Syosset
 Massapequa
 Hicksville
 Hempstead
 Oceanside

League 2

Farmingdale
 Plainview OBP
 Port Washington
 Westbury
 Baldwin
 Academy Charter

AA - 24 SCHOOLS (3 Leagues)

League 3

V.S. Central
 East Meadow
 Herricks
 Mepham
 Long Beach
 MacArthur
 Jericho
 Great Neck South

League 4

Sewanhaka
 New Hyde Park
 Great Neck North
 Calhoun
 Garden City
 Elmont
 Carey
 Roslyn

League 5

Division
 Manhasset
 Roosevelt
 South Side
 Glen Cove
 Bellmore - JFK
 Bethpage
 Hewlett

A/B/C - 22 SCHOOLS - 17 A/4 B/1 C (3 Leagues)

League 6

V.S. North
 Mineola
 Floral Park
 Lynbrook
 Plainedge
 Wantagh
 V.S. South

League 7

Clarke
 North Shore
 Lawrence
 Island Trees
 Seaford
 Malverne
 Friends Academy

League 8

Locust Valley (A)
 Cold Spring Harbor (A)
 Wheatley (A)
 West Hempstead (B)
 Oyster Bay (B)
 East Rockaway (B)
 Carle Place (B)
 Evergreen Charter (C)

League Overview “AAA” Classification & Schedules - League 1

13 Teams in 2 Leagues (1 & 2)

- 7 Teams in League 1
- 6 Teams in League 2
- Play everyone in league Home/Away
 - League 1: 12 League Games - 8 Non-League Games
 - League 2: 10 League Games - 10 Non-League Games

League 1

- 1 - Freeport
- 2 - Uniondale
- 3 - Syosset
- 4 - Massapequa
- 5 - Hicksville
- 6 - Hempstead
- 7 - Oceanside

7 TEAM CONFERENCE – 12 Games

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Thurs</i>
<i>12/11</i>	<i>12/14</i>	<i>12/20</i>	<i>12/22</i>	<i>1/5</i>	<i>1/8</i>	<i>1/11</i>
1 @ 2	3 @ 4	6 @ 2	7 @ 5	3 @ 1	5 @ 4	7 @ 3
4 @ 7	1 @ 7	4 @ 1	2 @ 3	4 @ 2	2 @ 7	1 @ 5
5 @ 6	2 @ 5	5 @ 3	1 @ 6	6 @ 7	3 @ 6	4 @ 6
3 BYE	6 BYE	7 BYE	4 BYE	5 BYE	1 BYE	2 BYE
<i>Tues</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Fri</i>
<i>1/16</i>	<i>1/20</i>	<i>1/27</i>	<i>1/31</i>	<i>2/3</i>	<i>2/6</i>	<i>2/9</i>
2 @ 1	4 @ 3	2 @ 6	5 @ 7	1 @ 3	4 @ 5	3 @ 7
7 @ 4	7 @ 1	1 @ 4	3 @ 2	2 @ 4	7 @ 2	5 @ 1
6 @ 5	5 @ 2	3 @ 5	6 @ 1	7 @ 6	6 @ 3	6 @ 4
3 BYE	6 BYE	7 BYE	4 BYE	5 BYE	1 BYE	2 BYE

League Overview “AAA” Classification & Schedules - League 2

13 Teams in 2 Leagues (1 & 2)

- 7 Teams in League 1
- 6 Teams in League 2
- Play everyone in league Home/Away
 - League 1: 12 League Games - 8 Non-League Games
 - League 2: 10 League Games - 10 Non-League Games

League 2

1 - Farmingdale

2 - Plainview OBP

3 - Port Washington

4 - Westbury

5 - Baldwin

6 - Academy Charter

6 TEAM CONFERENCE – 10 Games

<i>Fri</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>1/5</i>	<i>1/8</i>	<i>1/11</i>	<i>1/17</i>	<i>1/20</i>
1 @ 5	3 @ 1	2 @ 1	1 @ 4	2 @ 5
2 @ 3	4 @ 2	3 @ 6	5 @ 3	4 @ 3
4 @ 6	6 @ 5	5 @ 4	6 @ 2	1 @ 6
<i>Fri</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Fri</i>
<i>1/26</i>	<i>1/31</i>	<i>2/3</i>	<i>2/6</i>	<i>2/9</i>
5 @ 1	1 @ 3	1 @ 2	4 @ 1	5 @ 2
3 @ 2	2 @ 4	6 @ 3	3 @ 5	3 @ 4
6 @ 4	5 @ 6	4 @ 5	2 @ 6	6 @ 1

League Overview “AA” Classification & Schedules - Leagues 3, 4 & 5

24 Teams in 3 Leagues (3, 4 & 5)

- 8 Teams in each League
 - Play everyone in league Home/Away
- 14 League Games - 6 Non-League Games

League 3

- 1 - V.S. Central
- 2 - East Meadow
- 3 - Herricks
- 4 - Mepham
- 5 - Long Beach
- 6 - MacArthur
- 7 - Jericho
- 8 - Great Neck South

League 4

- 1 - Sewanhaka
- 2 - New Hyde Park
- 3 - Great Neck North
- 4 - Calhoun
- 5 - Garden City
- 6 - Elmont
- 7 - Carey
- 8 - Roslyn

League 5

- 1 - Division
- 2 - Manhasset
- 3 - Roosevelt
- 4 - South Side
- 5 - Glen Cove
- 6 - Bellmore - JFK
- 7 - Bethpage
- 8 - Hewlett

8 TEAM CONFERENCE – 14 Games

<i>Tues</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Fri</i>
<i>12/12</i>	<i>12/15</i>	<i>12/18</i>	<i>12/21</i>	<i>1/6</i>	<i>1/9</i>	<i>1/12</i>
2 @ 1	3 @ 4	6 @ 2	5 @ 7	1 @ 3	4 @ 5	7 @ 3
4 @ 7	1 @ 7	4 @ 1	2 @ 3	4 @ 2	2 @ 7	1 @ 5
6 @ 5	5 @ 2	3 @ 5	6 @ 1	7 @ 6	3 @ 6	6 @ 4
8 @ 3	8 @ 6	7 @ 8	8 @ 4	5 @ 8	8 @ 1	2 @ 8
<i>Tues</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>1/16</i>	<i>1/18</i>	<i>1/27</i>	<i>1/30</i>	<i>2/2</i>	<i>2/7</i>	<i>2/10</i>
1 @ 2	4 @ 3	2 @ 6	7 @ 5	3 @ 1	5 @ 4	3 @ 7
7 @ 4	7 @ 1	1 @ 4	3 @ 2	2 @ 4	7 @ 2	5 @ 1
5 @ 6	2 @ 5	5 @ 3	1 @ 6	6 @ 7	6 @ 3	4 @ 6
3 @ 8	6 @ 8	8 @ 7	4 @ 8	8 @ 5	1 @ 8	8 @ 2

League Overview “A/B/C” Classifications & Schedules - Leagues 6 & 7

22 Teams in 3 Leagues (6, 7 & 8)

- 7 Teams in League 6 & League 7
- 8 Teams in League 8
- Play everyone in league Home/Away
 - League 6 & 7: 12 League Games - 8 Non-League Games
 - League 8: 14 League Games - 6 Non-League Games

League 6

- 1 - V.S. North
- 2 - Mineola
- 3 - Floral Park
- 4 - Lynbrook
- 5 - Plainedge
- 6 - Wantagh
- 7 - V.S. South

League 7

- 1 - Clarke
- 2 - North Shore
- 3 - Lawrence
- 4 - Island Trees
- 5 - Seaford
- 6 - Malverne
- 7 - Friends Academy

7 TEAM CONFERENCE – 12 Games

<i>Wed</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>12/13</i>	<i>12/16</i>	<i>12/19</i>	<i>12/22</i>	<i>1/4</i>	<i>1/10</i>	<i>1/13</i>
1 @ 2	3 @ 4	6 @ 2	5 @ 7	3 @ 1	4 @ 5	7 @ 3
7 @ 4	1 @ 7	4 @ 1	2 @ 3	4 @ 2	2 @ 7	1 @ 5
5 @ 6	2 @ 5	5 @ 3	1 @ 6	7 @ 6	6 @ 3	6 @ 4
3 BYE	6 BYE	7 BYE	4 BYE	5 BYE	1 BYE	2 BYE
<i>Wed</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Thurs</i>
<i>1/17</i>	<i>1/19</i>	<i>1/26</i>	<i>1/29</i>	<i>2/1</i>	<i>2/5</i>	<i>2/8</i>
2 @ 1	4 @ 3	2 @ 6	7 @ 5	1 @ 3	5 @ 4	3 @ 7
4 @ 7	7 @ 1	1 @ 4	3 @ 2	2 @ 4	7 @ 2	5 @ 1
6 @ 5	5 @ 2	3 @ 5	6 @ 1	6 @ 7	3 @ 6	4 @ 6
3 BYE	6 BYE	7 BYE	4 BYE	5 BYE	1 BYE	2 BYE

League Overview “A/B/C” Classifications & Schedules - League 8

22 Teams in 3 Leagues (6, 7 & 8)

- 7 Teams in League 6 & League 7
- 8 Teams in League 8
- Play everyone in league Home/Away
 - League 6 & 7: 12 League Games - 8 Non-League Games
 - League 8: 14 League Games - 6 Non-League Games

League 8

1 - Locust Valley (A)

2 - Cold Spring Harbor (A)

3 - Wheatley (A)

4 - West Hempstead (B)

5 - Oyster Bay (B)

6 - East Rockaway (B)

7 - Carle Place (B)

8 - Evergreen Charter (C) *No Home Court - All Games on the Road

8 TEAM CONFERENCE – 14 Games

<i>Wed</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>12/13</i>	<i>12/16</i>	<i>12/19</i>	<i>12/22</i>	<i>1/4</i>	<i>1/10</i>	<i>1/13</i>
1 @ 2	3 @ 4	6 @ 2	7 @ 5	3 @ 1	5 @ 4	7 @ 3
7 @ 4	1 @ 7	4 @ 1	2 @ 3	4 @ 2	2 @ 7	1 @ 5
5 @ 6	2 @ 5	5 @ 3	1 @ 6	6 @ 7	3 @ 6	6 @ 4
8 @ 3	8 @ 6	8 @ 7	8 @ 4	8 @ 5	8 @ 1	8 @ 2
<i>Wed</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Thurs</i>
<i>1/17</i>	<i>1/19</i>	<i>1/26</i>	<i>1/29</i>	<i>2/1</i>	<i>2/5</i>	<i>2/8</i>
2 @ 1	4 @ 3	2 @ 6	5 @ 7	1 @ 3	4 @ 5	3 @ 7
4 @ 7	7 @ 1	1 @ 4	3 @ 2	2 @ 4	7 @ 2	5 @ 1
6 @ 5	5 @ 2	3 @ 5	6 @ 1	7 @ 6	6 @ 3	4 @ 6
8 @ 3	8 @ 6	8 @ 7	8 @ 4	8 @ 5	8 @ 1	8 @ 2

Playoff Information

Qualifying Standard (to get into postseason tournament)

- Each team, in all classes, ***must go at least .500 in league play in order to qualify for postseason.***
- If there are still allotted playoff spots available, then the next team(s) based on index score will fill those spots.
- The lone Class “C” school must finish .500 in league to be the County Representative in LIC Game.

For Seeding (once a team has qualified)

- ***Once a team has qualified for postseason play,*** all points based on wins along with bonus points due strength of schedule will determine seeding.
- Winning percentages and points are determined from all games played in New York State.
- All games played outside of the state are not counted.
- Seeding will be done by a point index*.

Point System

- Wins = 4 points from all games played against any school in New York State
- Bonus points are earned for both wins and losses:
 - Determined by the winning percentage of opponent’s entire schedule
 - Overall winning % (.500 - .749) = 1 bonus point
 - Overall winning % (.750 or great) = 2 bonus points

Points are only earned for games against teams in New York State

Updated standings and points will be available in a view only Google Spreadsheet

Link will be emailed

** Bonus Points for Non-Section VIII opponents will not be added until the end of the regular season*

***Calculation of Index for Seeding:**

- Take the total number of points obtained in the seeding process (wins & bonus points)
- This value is divided by the number of games played vs. New York State Schools

Example 1: Team A has a 16-4 record vs. New York State Schools

- 16 wins X 4 points = 64 points
- Bonus points based on win % (for example) = 12 points
- Index $64 + 12 = 76$ points
- $76 \text{ points} / 20 \text{ games played} = 3.800$ index score

*Example 2: Team B has a 14-4 record vs. New York State Schools
(2 games played outside of the state)*

- 14 wins X 4 points = 56 points
- Bonus points based on win % (for example) = 12 points
- Index $56 + 12 = 68$ points
- $68 \text{ points} / 18 \text{ games played} = 3.778$ index score

TIE BREAKER CRITERIA (for when teams have the same point index)

1. Head-to-Head
2. Common opponent
3. Overall average of bonus points earned by the number of games played in New York ^
4. Winning percentage
5. Total number of wins (in Section)
6. Total number of wins against qualifying teams in your respective classification
7. Total number of wins against top 4 seeds in classification (or of those teams above you)
8. Committee Decision

When three or more teams are tied, the criteria above will be followed until the first tie is broken that separates a team from the top or bottom at which point the tie breaker system begins back at Criteria #1 for the remaining teams.

^ 10 bonus points in 16 games in NYS = $10/16$ ($10/16 = .625$ average bonus points per game) 10 bonus points in 18 games in NYS = $10/18$ ($10 \text{ divide } 18 = .555$ average bonus points per game) $.625$ is greater and would win tiebreaker vs. $.555$

Tentative Basketball Playoff Schedule 2024 – Updated 10/25/23

DATE	DAY	START TIME	GAMES	VENUE	
Feb	14	Wednesday	TBD by Higher Seed	AAA 1st Round (if Needed)	Higher Seed
Feb	15	Thursday	TBD by Higher Seed	AA – 1 st Round	Higher Seed
Feb	16	Friday	TBD by Higher Seed	A - 1st Round	Higher Seed
Feb	18	Saturday	TBD by Higher Seed	AAA – Quarters	Higher Seed
Feb	20	Tuesday	TBD by Higher Seed	AA - Quarters	Higher Seed
Feb	21	Wednesday	TBD By Higher Seed	A – Quarters	Higher Seed
Feb	23	Friday	6:30 8:30	B Semi-Finals	SUNY FARMINGDALE
Feb	25	Sunday	4:00 6:15	AAA Semi-Finals	SUNY FARMINGDALE
Feb	27	Tuesday	6:00 8:00	AA Semi-Finals	SUNY FARMINGDALE
Feb	28	Wednesday	6:00 8:00	A Semi-Finals	SUNY FARMINGDALE
Mar	1	Friday	8:00	B Finals	SUNY FARMINGDALE
Mar	2	Saturday	12:00 2:00 4:00	A, AA, AAA County Finals	SUNY FARMINGDALE
Mar	4	Monday	4:00	B LIC (sub-regional)	Center Moriches
Mar	9	Saturday	TBD	B Regional	Section I or IX
Mar	9	Saturday	A 1:00 AA 3:00 AAA 5:00	A, AA, AAA LIC	SUNY FARMINGDALE
Mar	15-17	Friday – Sunday		States	Glens Falls

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

1. List teams and their records, both league and non-league, that have qualified for the playoffs.
2. If necessary, fill allotted playoff spots available, with the next team(s) based on index score.
3. Review qualified teams' Point Index scores
4. Seed teams by their point index score.
5. In necessary, break ties based on Tie Breaker Criteria
6. If the tournament director and his assistant are available, they will select a third neutral member to create the three-man protest committee. If they are not available, the tournament director or his designee and the athletic directors of the two schools shall formulate the committee. If both Athletic Directors are present the protest committee is comprised of both Athletic Directors and the tournament director's designee. However, if either one or both athletic Directors are not present the protest committee will be solely manned by the tournament director or his designee.
7. The Protest Committee will be available to hear any alleged protest that does not involve an official's judgment by using the following format:
 - a) The coach will notify the game official immediately if, in his opinion, there is a violation of a written rule.
 - b) The official will stop the game and notify the Tournament Representative.
 - c) The committee will meet and render a decision so that the game may continue under the conditions set forth by the committee.
 - d) Under no circumstance will a game be rescheduled since in Tournament Play the winner must advance on an established schedule.

TOURNAMENT RULES, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

I. QUALIFYING FOR TOURNAMENT

- Each team, in all classes, must go at least .500 in league play in order to qualify for postseason.
- If there are still allotted playoff spots available, then the next team(s) based on index score will fill those spots.
- No School is compelled to enter.
- All Games up to and including the Quarterfinals will be held at the higher seed.
- Semi-finals & Finals will be held at a neutral site to be determined.

II. COMPLETION OF LEAGUE GAMES

- It is mandatory that all league games be completed by Saturday, February 10, 2024
 - This will allow the Basketball Committee to seed all teams that qualify for the playoffs on Monday, February 12, 2024 at noon @ BOCES
- Any game played after the mandatory completion date shall not count unless extremely unusual circumstances exist.
- Only the Basketball Committee shall determine extremely unusual circumstances, and their decision shall not be subject to appeal.

III. INFORMATIONAL MEETING

- An informational meeting for all participating schools will be held on:
 - Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7 p.m. @ TBD
- Qualifying schools will be expected to have a representative at the Monday night meeting to obtain the following information:
 - Your playoff seed within your classification
 - Site and time of your game
 - Contact your opponent to determine the site and time.

IV. WITHDRAWAL

- If a school withdraws after the Tournament Bracket is determined, or while the Tournament is in progress, the opposing team will receive a forfeit win and automatically advance to the next round with the appropriate placement on the bracket.

V. PLAYOFF SITES

- At the higher seed school's gymnasium:
 1. If this gymnasium is not available, the opponent's gymnasium shall be used, not an alternate gymnasium. The lower team becomes the home team.
 2. If neither gymnasium is available, a neutral site will be selected by the Tournament Committee at some expense to both schools.
 3. At neutral sites, the upper bracketed team will be designated as the home team and wear white or light-colored uniforms.

VI. BANNERS/SIGNS, ETC.

- Banners, signs and any other paraphernalia may not be posted at either end of the court. Only the side to which a school is assigned may be used for this purpose.

VII. GAME TIME

- The host school shall determine the game time. **No game should be scheduled before Noon.**

VIII. PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (Semi-Final & Final Rounds)

- After Regional Play, five classifications winners will travel to Glens Falls to play at the Glens Falls Civic Center on Friday, March 15, 2024 through Sunday, March 17, 2024 in the semi-final and final rounds to determine the New York State Public High School Classifications Champions.
- Section VIII will provide round-trip bus transportation for section VIII teams that make it to the New York State Championship round. Each School needs to contact the BOCES office to confirm all travel arrangements. Hotel accommodations for 18 people will also be provided by Section VIII. Winning coaches at the Regional playoffs will receive a packet of information containing further details.
- Section VIII Treasurer will present a check for meal money for the official 18 people before each team leaves for Glens Falls. Should the team win the first round game, additional money will be provided on site by the section VIII Coordinator to pay for additional meals during the time a team remains in Championship competition. **ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSES, INCLUDING TELEPHONE, EXTRA SNACKS, ETC. WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO INCUR THE CHARGES.**
- Participating schools shall not be responsible for any expenses within the limits prescribed by the State Operations Guide, i.e. a maximum number of twenty-one persons will comprise a total representative body. However, Section VIII shall be financially responsible for 19 members. Since there are four to a room the individual arrangements (cheerleaders, fans, administration, etc.) shall be the responsibility of the individual or the schools. Careful consideration must be given to female members of the group.

- Each school participating at Glens Falls will be expected to conform to guidelines in the state published brochure. These include, but are not limited to, uniform and home team guidelines, protest procedures, team supervision and discipline, code of conduct, cheerleaders, etc. It is the responsibility of the coach and other school personnel to make sure the state guidelines are followed.

IX. TICKET PRICES

- The Section VIII Athletic council has approved the following prices for the games:
- First Round games at Host Schools will be no charge.
- Quarter-Final games at neutral sites will be no charge.
- Semi-Final and Final games at neutral sites will be \$TBD per session.
- Regional games in the Section will be \$TBD per session.
- Regional games played in other Sections are subject to that Section's Rules.
- State games are priced as shown in the brochure.

X. GATE LIST

- Participating schools shall be required to submit a gate list to the person in charge of admissions for all post-season contests. This list will include: statisticians, supervisors, Board of Education members, school press, photographers, etc.
- Boys' Varsity Basketball Coaches plus one assistant coach (assistant coach must be with the varsity coach at the time of entry) from Nassau County Public High Schools will be admitted free of charge to all Nassau County Boys' Basketball Playoff games. This **does not** include the Long Island Championship games.

XI. PASSES

- The N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A.- Section VIII White or Gold (retirees) passes will be honored at all section games. **NO PASSES WILL BE HONORED AT REGIONAL GAMES.** This is a State Association ruling. Sections I & XI are obliged to follow the same rule. Any members of the working press must have credentials and make prior arrangements regarding admission and table space. Under **NO** circumstances will a Conference Pass be honored.

XII. GAME BALL

- The coach of the higher seeded team (home team) will determine the basketball to be used that must be approved by the game official. First, Second, Quarters, Semi-finals, Finals and Regional games will use a Spalding ball supplied by the coordinator.

XIII. SECTIONAL AWARDS

- The following plaques will be provided by Section VIII:
- Section VIII Classification Championship Teams
- Section VIII Classification Finalist
- 18 Individual Awards (maximum) to the 1st Place Team in each Classification
- 18 Individual Awards (maximum) to the 2nd Place Team in each Classification
- MVP and All-Tournament Team Awards will be given in all classifications

XIV. ARRIVAL TIME

- The host school will establish the starting time. It is expected that the visiting team will allow enough time to arrive, dress, warm-up and be ready to play five (5) minutes before the scheduled time.
- In the event you are unavoidably detained, you must be ready to play thirty (30) minutes after your arrival at the site. In this case, please make arrangements to call ahead and notify your opponent of your delay.
- It is the responsibility of each participating school to have a working telephone number in order to notify your opponent of a delay, or to send a representative to the site to notify the appropriate individuals of the problem. If, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, a reasonable effort is not made to comply with this rule, the forfeit rule will be applied.

XV. SPORTSMANSHIP

- Section VIII has adopted a Sportsmanship Policy. All aspects of this policy will be in effect during every game of the Tournament regardless of the site or round. Participating and Host Directors are required to report any violations of this policy to the Tournament Director, and the chairman of the Sportsmanship Committee.

XVI. CODE OF CONDUCT

- A Code of Conduct form must be signed by each athlete and his parent or guardian before the athlete can participate in N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Regional or Championship competition. The Code of Conduct forms will be distributed to the winners of the Semi-Final Round in each classification. It will then be the responsibility of the Athletic Director to have these forms completed and given to the Tournament Director or his designee prior to the Championship Game.

DUTIES OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

ARRIVAL TIME:

Arrive at the game site no earlier than one hour before game-time. You will not be permitted on the floor until thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start.

GAME-TIME:

All higher seed games will begin at the time set by the Director of the host school. Neutral site game times will be determined by the Basketball Committee. Coaches will terminate warm-ups in order to have their teams ready to begin five minutes before game-time.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

For higher seed games, if there is some doubt as to whether the game will be played, the participating Directors will contact each other to make a decision. The home team (host school) will notify officials when the game is postponed, and the rescheduled date and time. The game must be rescheduled at the next available playing date. It is assumed that the next day is available. In any case, the game must be replayed before the next scheduled round. For neutral site games the tournament director will make the decision.

HOME TEAM:

The team that is the higher seed is the home team. That team will contact the opposing school to eliminate the possibility of a conflict in the color of uniforms. The home team will make the decision based upon standard procedure.

WINNING TEAM:

The winning team shall call the game and individual scores to Newsday @ (631) 843-2820

BENCH:

The home team will determine the location of each team's bench.

BASKET:

Each team's basket for the team's warm-up and for the first half shall be the basket further from its bench.

PRACTICES:

No visiting team should request to practice or scrimmage on a host school's court. Neither team should request to practice on any neutral court to be used in the tournament.

SCOREKEEPERS:

MUST BE ADULTS! Each school should supply a scorekeeper. The visiting team will be the official scorer and the home team (at its court) will run the clock. At neutral sites, the timer and the official book will be provided by Section VIII.

CLOCK OPERATOR:

The host school will supply the clock operator. He or she must be an adult, and from the school at which the game will be played. If other arrangements are to be considered, the Participating Directors and the Host Director have the authority to appoint the official clock operator.

CHEERLEADERS:

*Cheerleading squads are instructed to report to the host director upon arrival.

*Only cheerleaders in uniform will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by a school advisor. Advisors are expected to sit in the area used by the cheerleaders and actively supervise them throughout the game. A maximum of twelve (12) cheerleaders will be admitted and/or permitted to cheer on the floor.

*Schools are requested to limit each cheering session to one cheer.

*Cheering is not to be performed during foul shots.

*Pyramids will not be permitted for safety reasons.

*Cheerleaders will not be admitted until the gates are open to the general public, and we regret that we cannot offer any facilities for special use by cheerleading teams. In facilities where spectator sight line is affected, we may have to limit cheering during play to "bench cheers."

*There are no seats reserved for cheerleading teams at any of the tournament sites.

*Arrival approximately 30 minutes before game-time will insure cheerleading teams of front row seats. Teams arriving later than this time cannot expect the Host Director to move paying spectators already seated in the bleachers.

*NOTE: Section VIII has adopted the State executive Committee's regulations relative to cheerleading. These rules will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply will result in the following:

1. Expulsion of the squad for the remainder of the contest;
2. Exclusion of the squad from participating in subsequent games;
3. Notification of the infraction will be sent to the building principal for appropriate action.

NOISEMAKERS:

No noise makers are permitted at any game. No radios, tape players, or other electronic devices will be permitted in the gym. Signs and other paraphernalia may NOT be posted on either end of the gymnasium. Use only side walls for banners, signs etc. This will be strictly enforced.

CROWD CONTROL:

Control of the crowd is the responsibility of the Participating Directors and the Host Director. Each school must provide a minimum of five (5) supervisors. It is their responsibility to supervise the conduct of the students from their school. Please arrange to have responsible people available for this important assignment. They should be easily identifiable by wearing a school jacket, or sweater. Each school must make its own provisions for reimbursing these staff members. Also, keep in mind that problems often arise after the game, outside the gymnasium and in the parking fields, etc. This remains the responsibility of the participating schools.

RESPECT OF PROPERTY:

Coaches and Athletic Directors are urged to impress upon players and spectators the necessity of respecting the property of the schools that are hosting the tournament games. It has become increasingly difficult in recent years to obtain school facilities for tournament use. Coaches are requested to arrange a clean-up of the dressing rooms after the teams have finished using them. Every coach has a responsibility to remind the players of the need to respect the facilities that have been made available for their use.

DAMAGE

- * Each participating school is responsible for any damage done to the host school.
- * Any damage incurred must be reported to Wally Bachman, the Tournament Director @ cell (516) 965-9215 or home (516) 933-0710

SEATING:

Whenever possible, the home team spectators will sit on the same side as the scoring table. The team and cheerleaders will sit at the right side of the table (facing the court). Visiting team spectators will sit opposite the scoring table along with their cheerleaders.

DUTIES OF THE HOST DIRECTOR

1. Be at the game site 1 ½ hours prior to starting time in order to set up for a regular game.
2. Appoint a timer and scorekeeper who are adults. The visiting team's book will serve as the official scorebook.
3. Appoint the necessary personnel to supervise the entire site. Please be sure to have the outside of the gym secured as well. Assign supervision to the visiting teams bus.
4. Provide a private place for the Section VIII Representative(s) to count money and complete financial forms.
5. Make a telephone and a Public Address system available. Have a person available to use the system in case of emergency. Have a room and a stretcher available in case of emergency. Whenever possible, secure an athletic trainer for the game.
6. Make scoring table arrangements: place a timer, a person on the books from each school, space for newspaper reporters on the table. Please have a manual clock available in case of a malfunction of the electric clock.
7. An AED must be available at the games.
8. Provide a boat horn to end quarters in case there is too much noise in the gymnasium for the players and officials to hear the regular horn.
9. Please provide a separate room for officials. Post someone to see that they have privacy within the room and easy access before, during halftime, and after the game.
10. Have a flag in your gymnasium. Start the game with the National Anthem and/or the Pledge of Allegiance.
11. Announce the Tournament Rules as listed in this handbook, and insert your own local rules for the benefit of visitors.
12. Insert the names of the participating schools on the scoreboard if possible. If not, announce which terms represent home or away on the board.
13. Plan seating arrangements as per the handbook. Post signs at the entrance of the court to direct spectators to their seating. Do not mix crowds by closing a side. This is a sure way to invite trouble.
14. Be sure to supply a game ball to the officials, and remind them to return the ball at the conclusion of the game. It's always wise to have a pump available.
15. Only the N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. – Section VIII White, or Gold Retiree's passes are acceptable. These are good for the bearer and a guest. Varsity Coaches are listed in this book. Please extend the courtesy of admission.
16. The teams are required to supply a Gate List filled-out to the specification in the Section VIII Handbook.

PRE-GAME GUIDE FOR HOST DIRECTOR

1. Spectators are an important part of the game and shall at all times conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behavior.
2. Spectators shall at all times respect officials, coaches, and players, and extend all courtesies to them.
3. Wholesome cheering is encouraged.
4. Stamping of feet, taunting, foul and abusive language, inflammatory remarks, and disrespectful signs and behavior are not acceptable.
5. Spectators shall observe and obey the rules and regulations of the school concerning smoking, food and beverage consumption, use of lavatory facilities, and parking of cars.
6. New York State Laws prohibit alcoholic beverages of any kind on school property, and further prohibit any person under the influence of alcohol to be on school property.
7. Spectators shall respect and obey all school officials, supervisors, and police at all athletic contests. **VIOLATORS OF THIS CODE ARE SUBJECT TO EVICTION FROM THE SITE**
8. Announce the starting line-ups and introduce the coaches and referees.

TOURNAMENT GUIDE FOR OFFICIALS' DUTIES

1. If you are in doubt about the location of the gym, call the Athletic Director of the school where the game is to be played. Also, confirm the time of the game. **ARRIVE EARLY!**
2. The referee of the game will be determined by an agreement of the two officials. Association seniority should serve as a guide.
3. The officials and coaches will agree upon the ball to be used.
4. The Official Scorebook is supplied by the VISITING TEAM. (The scorer must be an adult)
5. Officials are to return the game ball to the Tournament Committee Representative of the Host Director.
6. Each official must bring a rulebook.
7. If the spectators are creating too much noise and are interfering with the game when either team is on the foul line, stop the game. Confer with the Host Director and request an announcement be made to desist. Do not resume play until there is compliance. Do not hesitate to call a technical foul on the crowd if you feel it is necessary.
8. The referee of the game will call together the captains of each cheering squad to determine if they have coordinated their cheering procedure to the game. Only one cheer per timeout will be permitted. Squads will alternate time outs.
9. Please use a boat horn if the gym is too noisy for the conventional buzzer. Check to see if such a device is available. If in doubt, use the device.
10. All officials are to be dressed and on the floor one-half-hour before game time. This is different from regular league play. The alternate official will assume the role of game official and supervise the court at half-time until the game officials return to the floor. **PLAYERS SHOULD NEVER BE ON THE FLOOR WITHOUT AN OFFICIAL PRESENT.**
11. If you have any questions, please direct your call to the Executive Director, at B.O.C.E.S. Office: (516) 396-2488. To send documents, use this fax – (516) 997-2916.
12. We welcome any suggestions or recommendations.
Contact Wally Bachman cell (516) 965-9215