NASSAU COUNTY SOFTBALL



2025 HANDBOOK

► Nassau County Softball 2025

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Introduction

Dear Coach:

The "Section VIII Softball Handbook" is a resource for coaches. It contains information that you may need to access pertaining to the 2025 softball season including procedures, rules, regulations and important dates. Please read it thoroughly and feel free to call me if you have any questions.

"Teamwork is really a form of trust. It's what happens when you surrender the mistaken idea that you can go it alone and realize that you won't achieve your individual goals without the support of your players."

On behalf of the Softball Committee, I

wish you a season of significance.

Sincerely,

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Committee and Coaches Association **2025 COMMITTEE**

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2025 Conference Coordinators

С	Coach	School	С	Coach	School
О			0		
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1	Christina Castellani	Massapequa	6	Tom Llewellyn	Baldwin
2	Krista Thorn	Bellmore	7	Joe Lores	East Rockaway
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5	Kristyn Sandberg	Wheatley			

Overview/Timeline

2025 Overview:

Class AAA, AA, A, & B

All 57 schools will be seeded based solely on ability from 1 (highest)- 57

Nine Conferences –Each team in conferences 1-8 will play everyone in conference 2X (home & away) and one crossover game(1 cross 2, 3 cross 4, 5 cross 6, 7 cross 8) Conference 9 will play everyone 2x (home & away) Crossover games will count in final league standings for playoff seedings All conferences will have a total of 16 league games.

NON-LEAGUE GAMES available, total games not to exceed:

20 Varsity, 19 Junior Varsity

Conference I-#1-6

Conference II- #7-12

Conference III- #13-18

Conference IV- #19-24

Conference V- #25-30

Conference VI- #31-36

Conference VII- #37-42

Conference VIII- #43-48

Conference IX-#49-57

1	2		
OCEANSIDE	MEPHAM		
MASSAPEQUA	WANTAGH		
SYOSSET	BELLMORE		
FARMINGDALE	MINEOLA		
SEAFORD	GLEN COVE		
MAC ARTHUR	BETHPAGE		

3	4	
CAREY	DIVISION	
CLARKE	HERRICKS	
CALHOUN	EAST MEADOW	
PLAINVIEW	ISLAND TREES	
PLAINEDGE	GARDEN CITY	
CARLE PLACE	HICKSVILLE	

5	6	
LONG BEACH	SOUTH SIDE	
PORT WASH	BALDWIN	
VSN	NORTH SHORE	
LYNBROOK	LOCUST VALLEY	
NHP	FREEPORT	
WHEATLEY	SEWANHAKA	

7	8
E ROCK	ELMONT
OYSTER BAY	GNN
FLORAL PARK	GNS
MANHASSET	JERICHO
ROSLYN	UNIONDALE
CSH	VSS

9	
W HEMP	HEMPSTEAD
HEWLETT	WESTBURY
MALVERNE	VSC
LAWRENCE	
ROOSEVELT	
FRIENDS	

Timeline:

DATES FOR REGULAR SEASON PLAY:

Day one, March 17

Scrimmage/NL Start, March 24

League Play Game one: Mar 27, 2025

Last Game Scheduled Tentatively May 8.

Rain Dates May 9,10

End of Season Meeting for playoffs May 9th (on zoom)

End of Season Meeting for awards May 12th (in person) at EMHS

DATES FOR POST SEASON PLAY:

Rounds as follows:

- -Play in games May 13th
- -Round 1(at higher seed) May 15th, Quarter Finals(at higher seed) May 17th, Semi Finals (best of 3 starting at higher seed) May 19, 20, 22
- -Finals at Neutral Site. Class B May 24th, 25th, 27th

A,AA,AAA May 29th, 30th, June 2nd

Rule changes/updates/reminders and Section VIII/NYSPHAA Policies

For: Section VIII and NYSPHAA

- Softball Regulations
- Waivers
- NYS rules/waivers
- NYS Weather
- Additional NYSPHSAA Policies

ALL FOUND IN FOLDER: ■ NYSPHAA Policies/Officals

JV SOFTBALL GAME PLAY

2025 JV Softball Two-Hour Time Limit and Five Runs Per Inning

Here are some guidelines to make this program work smoothly:

- 1. The time limit starts at the end of the pregame conference, not at the scheduled start time. For example, if the game is schedule for 4 o'clock but the pregame conference does not end until 4:10 then no new inning can start after 6:10.
- 2. When the conference breaks up, the officials will let the coaches know the start time. 3. Once an inning starts it is played to completion, both the top and the bottom of the inning, with one exception when the home team is ahead, the bottom of the inning does not have to be played.
- 4. The new inning starts time wise when the last out is recorded in the previous inning, not when the team takes the field or when the warm ups are completed. 5. When it is getting close to the time limit the officials will let the coaches know how much time is remaining. A good rule of thumb is the officials will let the coaches know somewhere around the ten-minute mark.
- 6. It is unsporting for a team to stall to end the game early.
- 7. If both teams want to not start a new inning at shortly before the time limit, it will be allowed.
- 8. Calling a game for dark, rain, fire, panic or other peril etc. still remains, as rule book referenced.
- 9. Innings 1 6 allow no more than 3 outs or a maximum of 5 runs scored per 1/2 inning. Unlimited runs in the 7th inning. With advance notice, inning 5 or 6 may follow the unlimited runs procedure if getting close to the time limit. Once the fifth run scores in inning 1-6 the inning is over. If 4 runs have already scored and the player hits a three run homerun, only one run counts.

NEW**** 10. REMOVE THE 5 RUNS PER INNING-----if you are playing an opponent for the second time and the game was competitive the first round, the coaches and notify the official that there are not restrictions with runs per inning. *2 hour time limit will stay!

Turf fields

NO METAL CLEATS HERE!!!
South Side
Seaford
Floral Park
Port Washington
East Rockaway
Hewlett
Roslyn
Hicksville
Wantagh
VSN
VSS
CSH
Plainedge
Manhasset

Regular Season Schedule

NASSAU COUNTY SOFTBALL 2025 REGULAR SEASON PLAY (AS OF 12/17)

ODD NUMBER (1,3,5,7) CONFERENCES ARE NUMBERED

March 27	March 29	April 2	April 4	April 7
2 @ 1	3 @ 4	6 @ 4	4 @ 1	5 @ 6
3 @ 6	6 @ 1	2 @ 3	5 @ 3	1 @ 3
4 @ 5	2 @ 5	1 @ 5	6 @ 2	4 @ 2

EVEN NUMBER (2,4,6,8) CONFERENCES ARE LETTERS

March 28	April 1	April 3	April 5	April 8
B @ A	C @ D	F@D	D @ A	E@F
C @ F	F@A	В @ С	E @ C	A @ C
D @ E	B @ E	A @ E	F @ B	D @ B

CROSSOVERS

April 9	April 11	April 15	April 17	April 23	April 25
1@A	1@F	E@1	D@1	C@1	1@B
2@B	2@A	F@2	E@2	D@2	2@C
3@C	3@B	A@3	F@3	E@3	3@D
April 10	April 14	April 16	April 22	April 24	April 26
4@D	4@C	B@4	A@4	F@4	4@E
5@E	5@D	C@5	B@5	A@5	5@F
6@F	6@E	D@6	C@6	B@6	6@A

ODD NUMBER (1,3,5,7) CONFERENCES ARE NUMBERED

April 28	April 30	May 2	May 5	May 7
1@2	4@3	4@6	1@4	6@5
6@3	1@6	3@2	3@5	3@1
5@4	5@2	5@1	2@6	2@4

EVEN NUMBER (2,4,6,8) CONFERENCES ARE LETTERS

April 29	May 1	May 3	May 6	May 8
A@B	D@C	D@F	A@D	F@E
F@C	A@F	С@В	C@E	C@A
E@D	E@B	E@A	B@F	B@D

CONFERENCE 9

March 28	March 29	April 1	April 4	April 7	April 8	April 11	April 14	April 16
8@6	9 @ 7	1 @ 9	2 @ 9	5 @ 3	1 @ 8	3 @ 1	7 @ 5	4 @ 2
9 @ 5	1 @ 6	2 @ 8	3 @ 8	6 @ 2	2 @ 7	4 @ 9	8 @ 4	5 @ 1
1 @ 4	2 @ 5	3 @ 7	4 @ 7	7 @ 1	3 @ 6	5 @ 8	9@3	6@9
2 @ 3	3 @ 4	4 @ 6	5 @ 6	8 @ 9	4 @ 5	6 @ 7	1 @ 2	7 @ 8
7-bye	8-bye	5-bye	1-bye	4-bye	9-bye	2-bye	6-bye	3-bye

April 17	April 22	April 24	April 26	April 28	May 1	May 2	May 5	May 8
6@8	7@9	9@1	9@2	3@5	8@1	1@3	5@7	2@4
5@9	6@1	8@2	8@3	2@6	7@2	9@4	4@8	1@5
4@1	5@2	7@3	7@4	1@7	6@3	8@5	3@9	9@6
3@2	4@3	6@4	6@5	9@8	5@4	7@6	2@1	8@7
7-bye	8-bye	5-bye	1-bye	4-bye	9-bye	2-bye	6-bye	3-bye

	CONFERENCE 1		CONFERENCE 2		CONFERENCE 3		CONFERENCE 4
1	OCEANSIDE-AAA	Α	МЕРНАМ-АА	1	CAREY-AA	Α	DIVISION-AA
2	MASSAPEQUA-AAA	В	WANTAGH-A	2	CLARKE-A	В	HERRICKS-AAA
3	SYOSSET-AAA	С	BELLMORE-AA	3	CALHOUN-AA	С	EAST MEADOW-AA
4	FARMINGDALE-AAA	D	MINEOLA-A	4	PLAINVIEW-AAA	D	ISLAND TREES-A
5	SEAFORD-A	E	GLEN COVE-AA	5	PLAINEDGE-A	E	GARDEN CITY-AA
6	MAC ARTHUR-AA	F	BETHPAGE-AA	6	CARLE PLACE-B	F	HICKSVILLE-AAA

	CONFERENCE 5		CONFERENCE 6		CONFERENCE 7		CONFERENCE 8
1	LONG BEACH-AA	Α	SOUTH SIDE-AA	1	SEWANHAKA-AA	Α	ELMONT-AA
2	PORT WASHINGTON-AAA	В	BALDWIN-AA	2	EAST ROCKAWAY-B	В	GREAT NECK NORTH-AA
3	VALLEY STREAM NORTH- A	С	NORTH SHORE-A	3	FLORAL PARK-A	С	GREAT NECK SOUTH-AA
4	LYNBROOK-A	D	OYSTER BAY-B	4	MANHASSET-AA	D	JERICHO-AA
5	NEW HYDE PARK-AA	Е	LOCUST VALLEY-A	5	ROSLYN-AA	Е	UNIONDALE-AAA
6	WHEATLEY-A	F	FREEPORT-AAA	6	COLD SPRING HARBOR-B	F	VALLEY STREAM SOUTH-A

Conference 1 plays everyone 2x (one home, one away) *cross and play conf 2 once
Conference 2 plays everyone 2x (one home, one away) *cross and play conf 1 once
Conference 3 plays everyone 2x (one home, one away)*cross and play conf 4 once
Conference 4 plays everyone 2x (one home, one away)*cross and play conf 3 once
Conference 5 plays everyone 2x (one home, one away)*cross and play conf 6 once
Conference 6 plays everyone 2x (one home, one away)*cross and play conf 5 once
Conference 7 plays everyone 2x (one home, one away)*cross and play conf 8 once
Conference 8 plays everyone 2x (one home, one away)*cross and play conf 7 once

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	CONFERENCE 9	
1	WEST HEMPSTEAD-A	
2	HEWLETT-AA	
3	MALVERNE-A	
4	LAWRENCE-A	
5	ROOSEVELT-AA	
6	FRIENDS ACADEMY-B	
7	HEMPSTEAD-AAA	
8	WESTBURY-AAA	
9	VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL-AA	

Conference 9 plays everyone 2x (one home, one away)

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Nassau County- Section VIII Softball Sectional, Sub Regional and Regional Calendar 2025 FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE SOFTBALL FIELD

DATE	TIME	GAME TITLE/DESCRIPTION		
Sat 5/24	10:30 AM	Class B Nassau County Championship- Game 1		
Sun 5/25	10:30 AM	Class B Nassau County Championship- Game 2		
Mon 5/26	10:30 AM	Class B Nassau County Championship- RAIN DATE		
Tues 5/27	5:00 PM	Class B Nassau County Championship- Game 3 (if necessary)		
Wed 5/28	5:00 PM	Class B Nassau County Championship- RAIN DATE		
Thurs 5/29	1:30 PM	Class AAA Nassau County Championship- Game 1		
	4:30 PM	Class AA Nassau County Championship- Game 1		
	7:30 PM	Class A Nassau County Championship- Game 1		
Fri 5/30	1:30 PM	Class AA Nassau County Championship- Game 2		
	4:30 PM	Class A Nassau County Championship- Game 2		
	7:30 PM	Class AAA Nassau County Championship- Game 2		
Sat 5/31		NO GAMES		
Sun 6/1	10:30 AM	Class A Nassau County Championship- RAIN DATE		
	1:30 PM	Class AAA Nassau County Championship- RAIN DATE		
	4:30 PM	Class AA Nassau County Championship- RAIN DATE		

Mon 6/2	1:30 PM	Class A Nassau County Championship- Game 3 (if necessary)
	4:30 PM	Class AAA Nassau County Championship- Game 3 (if necessary)
	7:30 PM	Class AA Nassau County Championship- Game 3 (if necessary)
Tues 6/3	1:30 PM	Class A Nassau County Championship- RAIN DATE
	4:30 PM	Class AAA Nassau County Championship-RAIN DATE
	7:30 PM	Class AA Nassau County Championship- RAIN DATE
Wed 6/4	5:00 PM	Class B Sub Regional- Long Island Championship
Thurs 6/5	4:00 PM	Class AA Regional- Long Island Championship
	7:00 PM	Class B Sub Regional- Long Island Championship-RAIN DATE
Fri 6/6	1:30 PM	Class AA Regional- Long Island Championship- RAIN DATE
	4:30 PM	Class AAA Regional- Long Island Championship
	7:30 PM	Class A Regional- Long Island Championship
Sat 6/7	11:00 AM	Class B Regional- (8 vs 11) vs Winner of (1 vs 9)
	2:00 PM	Class AAA Regional- Long Island Championship- RAIN DATE
	5:00 PM	Class A Regional- Long Island Championship- RAIN DATE
Mon 6/9	4:00 PM	Class B Regional- RAIN DATE

NYSPHAA Championship

- More details provided to those that qualify from the coordinator to the schools coach and athletic director
- Link to the folder with Regional and NYS Championship details:

■ Regional & State Championships