

**NASSAU COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL  
BASEBALL HANDBOOK  
SPRING, 2026**



Coaches,

The Section VIII Baseball Committee is providing this information to better coordinate the upcoming Spring, 2026, baseball season in Nassau County. This handbook should be helpful to all coaches, Athletic Directors, and umpires throughout the county.

***Please read the enclosed materials carefully.***

Anything that is not covered in this manual can be found in the Section VIII Directory. Additional information related to Nassau County Public High School baseball can also be found at the following links:

<https://nysphsaa.org/sports/baseball>

<http://www.secviii.org/>

All coaches should be familiar with the NFHS Baseball Rulebook, NYSPHSAA Handbook and Section VIII Directory as it pertains to baseball.

***Unusual situations, not specifically included in this handbook, will be ruled on by the Baseball Committee.***

I would like to thank the members of the Baseball Committee for all of their hard work in putting together this handbook and for their tireless dedication to Nassau County High School Baseball.

On behalf of the Baseball Committee, I want to wish our schools, players, coaches, and umpires the very best this upcoming season.

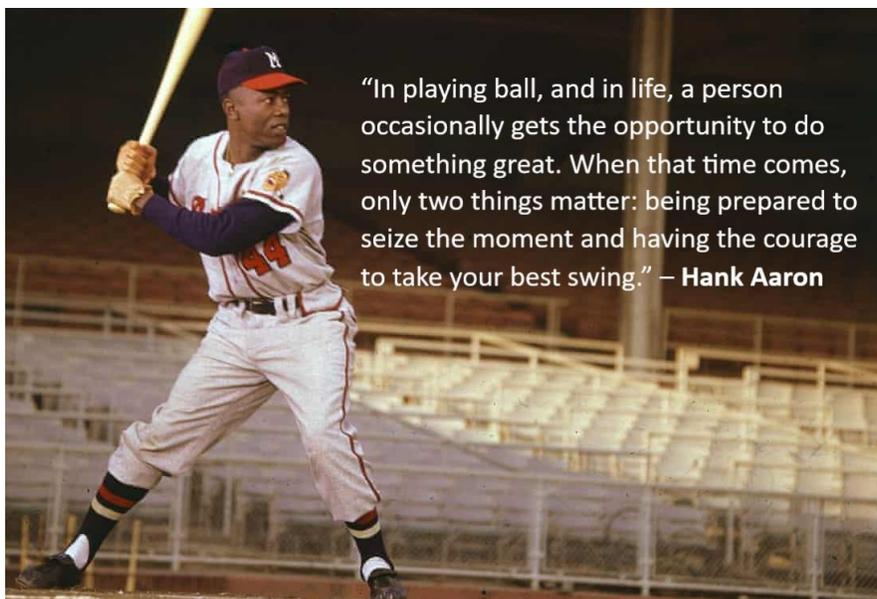
***Play Ball!***

Sean Burns

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Island Trees School District



“In playing ball, and in life, a person occasionally gets the opportunity to do something great. When that time comes, only two things matter: being prepared to seize the moment and having the courage to take your best swing.” – **Hank Aaron**

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**2026**

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<b>A Conference</b>	Keith Sachs	Wantagh
<b>B Conference</b>	Stephen Laurino	Carle Place
<b>County Wide</b>		

## Section VIII League Regulations- 2026

# of practices prior to first....	First Practice	First Possible Scrim/Contest	Min. Time Between Contests or Scrimmages	Ind. Contest Limitations per day	Max # Contests	No games or scrimmages
Scrimmage: 6 Game: 10	3/9	First scrim: 3/16 First game: 3/20	1 Night	2 C	20 for V 19 for JV	<u>4/2*</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Passover <u>4/3</u> Good Friday <u>4/5</u> Easter

\*Student-Athletes must be able to be home by 6:00 pm on 4/1, in observance of Passover

### 1. Starting Time

- A. Due to ongoing bus issues throughout Section VIII, most games have either a 4:45 or 5:00 starting time when played on school days. Games may start earlier upon agreement of both schools and availability of umpires.
- B. Visiting coaches should inform the hosting coach if they will be late due to bus issues.
- C. The regular season high school baseball schedule includes Spring Break. Teams and coaches should expect that games will be scheduled during this time period and rescheduling games for vacation purposes is not a legitimate reason to do so.

### 2. Official Game Definitions

- A. **Regular Season-** An official game is 5 innings or 4 and one-half if the home team is ahead. If a winner can be determined or is tied and no more baseball can be played that day, the game is over and a winner is declared or ends in a tie. The game does not have to go 7 innings. See Suspended Games rules on page 24 for additional clarifications.
- B. **Playoffs-**
  - **Sectional Games (through Nassau County Championship)-** All Sectional playoff games are to be played the full 7 innings (unless the run rule is achieved or home team is ahead after 6 and one-half innings).
  - **Regional Games (Long Island Championship and beyond)-** All Regional playoff games will follow the NYSPHSAA rule defining official games:  
*“An official game is 5 innings or 4 and one-half if the home team is ahead. If a winner can be determined and no more baseball can be played that day, the game is over and a winner is declared. The game does not have to go 7 innings.”*
- C. **Run Rule-** Games will end and be declared official with a run differential of 10 runs or more after 5 innings or 4 and one-half if the home team is ahead. The home team is always entitled to equal number of at bats if the visiting team goes up by 10 or more runs.

### 3. Postponed Games

Games that are not official, must be played on the next rain makeup date (current series to take precedence over games from earlier series). If the game to be played is the first or second game of a series, the site should be changed, if the original home field is unplayable. If, however, a team cannot play their home game or games on their own field, they will be the home team on the opponent’s field. If there is another game scheduled in that series the following day, every

attempt must be made to finish the previous game and then start the next one. This will mean ending the first game at the location of the second game. Full responsibility rests with the home team to complete details for postponed games with opposing teams and officials. Failure to do so may be ruled as a forfeit win for the visiting team.

Off days are to be used as rain dates during the regular season and in the last week to help eliminate any ties for playoff positions.

All League games should be completed by the pre-established last day of the regular season (unless prevented for weather related reasons). All League games must be completed before the playoffs begin. It is the obligation of schools to postpone non-league games in order to complete league commitments. Teams that have not completed their season will have to conclude their season on the first playoff date and then begin the playoffs on that same day. Permission may be given not to play remaining games if they have no bearing on the standings of teams qualifying for the playoffs. Permission must come from the Section VIII Baseball Coordinator.

In the event of the Section VIII Tournament being delayed, the Baseball Committee will dictate necessary schedule changes.

#### **4. Suspended Games- Regular Season Only\*\***

Any game that begins and is stopped:

- A. **Before it becomes official**- the game is a suspended game and is to be resumed at the point of stoppage the following day until completed (7 innings or run rule). Score, inning, count of batter, etc. should all be recorded in the scorebook.
- B. **After having gone long enough to be an official game and:**
  1. **The visitors takes the lead in the top half of the inning but home team does not get their chance to bat or does not complete their at bat**- the game reverts back to last completed inning and either a winner is declared or, if tied, the game will be declared a tie.
  2. **The home team ties the game in the bottom half of the inning but doesn't complete the inning**- the game is declared a tie.
  3. **The home team takes the lead in the bottom half of the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> inning**- If the game is called at that point, the home team is declared the winner.

***\*\*For Sectional playoff games only (through Nassau County Championship)- an official game will only be declared after 7 innings are completed or 6.5 innings if home team is ahead or if the aforementioned run rule is achieved. Any Sectional playoff game that is suspended will be resumed at point of stoppage. See Appendix, page 38 for Suspended Game rules as they apply to Regional and State Tournament games.***

#### **5. Moving Games**

Regular Season- League series games within their originally assigned week will take precedence over all non-league and "non-original" league games in that same week. Teams that reschedule an officially scheduled league game outside of their original week run the risk of having that game postponed if their opponent must make up a game in their officially assigned 3 game series for that particular week. As a result, moving league games outside of their originally scheduled week is highly discouraged.

- A. Playoffs- See Playoff Weather Guidelines

## 6. **Forfeited Games**

"A game shall be forfeited to the offended team by the umpire when a team...refuses to continue play after the game is started" (NFHS Rule 4-4-1b). The umpire-in-chief has sole authority to end games early and will do so only after consultation with head coaches (or their designate) from both teams.

## 7. **Playoff Guidelines**

- A. If one game is canceled, it does not mean that all games are canceled. If games can be played, they must be played. No new round of the playoffs will start before all games are completed in the prior round.
- B. If the home team's field is not playable- Refer to Playoff Weather Guidelines on page 17.

## 8. **Pre-Game Procedures**

- A. Home team must give field to visiting team no later than 20 minutes before game start time.
- B. Know your league rules relating to pre-game practice, ground rules, games not completed on the scheduled date, protests, etc.
- C. Ground rules in writing, with a copy provided to visiting coaches and umpires, often help to avoid unpleasant situations.
- D. Home teams should provide umpires with 3 new NOCSAE approved baseballs. Each team will provide their own warm-up baseballs.
- E. Code of Conduct- Coaches, participants, spectators and administrators are expected to be familiar with, and abide by, the Code of Conduct published by Section VIII of NYSPHSAA.

### **Batting Practice**

- A. There shall be no batting practice prior to any scheduled games with the following exceptions: Schools having early dismissal times are permitted batting practice at their own fields provided it does not delay the game beyond the starting time.

### **Fielding Practice**

**Due to later start times: Home teams should conduct their pre-game fielding practice as soon as they arrive to their field. Visiting teams should conduct as much of their pre-game preparation at their home site before their bus arrives. Every effort should be made by teams to start game on time (or earlier if possible) to maximize chances to finish game to completion.**

- A. Should be arranged and limited so that games will start at the set starting time.
- B. The home team should begin fielding practice as soon as they arrive at their field.
- C. In general, there should be 15 minutes fielding practice for each team prior to start of game.

## 9. **Officials**

- A. Only approved officials who are members of the Nassau Approved Baseball Umpire Association shall be hired to officiate school games. There should be two umpires working each game (dependent on umpire availability).

## 10. **Coaching**

- A. A coach may coach the team on the bases provided they are wearing a baseball uniform (and hard shell helmet on the baselines).
- B. Section VIII requires game- by- game ratings of umpires during the regular season. Coaches will need to do this after a 24 hour blackout period.
- C. Reporting scores to Newsday- Directions for reporting scores are in Appendix, page 54.

## 11. Rosters

- A. All rosters must be mailed to your League Representative prior to the first league game.
- B. All reserves must be listed on lineup card that is submitted at pregame meeting at home plate.

## 12. Other Rules

- A. Spalding Baseballs must be used for all playoff games- ProNFHS (41-100HS).  
For regular season play, any brand of baseball may be used but must have the NOCSAE stamp on them.
- B. Pitching Restrictions- See NYSPHSAA Pitch Limits in Appendix.
- C. Pitcher MUST take sign from catcher or simulate taking the sign. It not only signals the defensive team that action is about to be initiated, but it also establishes when an offensive base runner(s) can take a lead-off from his/her base.
- D. Catching Equipment- All catchers are required to wear a chest protector that is NOCSAE certified for protection against Commotio Cordis.

### *2023 NFHS Baseball Rule 1-5*

*ART. 3...The catcher shall wear, in addition to a head protector, a mask with a throat protector, body/chest protector that meets the NOCSAE standard at the time of manufacture, protective cup (male only), and baseball protective shin guards. The SEI/NOCSAE mark is required on all body/chest protectors that meets the NOCSAE standard at the time of manufacture that will be used in high school competition. Please see the accompanying mark.*



### **What is Commotio Cordis, and How Should You Handle It?**

Commotio Cordis (Latin, "agitation of the heart") is an often-lethal disruption of heart rhythm that occurs as a result of a blow to the area directly over the heart (the precordial region) at a critical time during the cycle of a heartbeat, producing what is termed an R-on-T phenomenon that leads to the condition. For catcher's, this most commonly occurs when a ball is fouled straight back and directly impacts the player's chest. The best way to prevent the likelihood of this injury from happening is to make sure the correct, NOCSAE certified, equipment is being used. If you notice a player may have suffered this injury, call 911 immediately in efforts to get a defibrillator on the scene as soon as possible and monitor the player very closely until paramedics arrive.

# **Nassau County Baseball**

**Spring 2026**

## **League Alignments**

### **Class AAA**

14 teams will be placed in 2 conferences of seven based on ability. Each team will play a 3 game series with each team in the conference for a total of 18 league games. Each team will be permitted to play 2 non-league games for a total of 20 games. 1 less NL game for JV for a total of 19 games.

### **Class AA**

18 teams will be placed in 3 conferences of six based on balanced ability. Each team will play a 3 game series with each team in their conference for a total of 15 league games. Each team will be permitted to play 5 non-league games for a total of 20 games. 1 less NL game for JV for a total of 19 games.

### **Class A**

11 teams will be placed in 1 conferences. Each team will play a 2 game series with each team in their conference for a total of 20 league games. No non-league games. 1 less NL game for JV for a total of 19 games.

### **Class B**

7 teams will be placed in 1 conference. Each team will play a 3 game series with each team in the conference for a total of 18 league games. Each team will be permitted to play 2 non-league games for a total of 20 games. 1 less NL game for JV for a total of 19 games.

### **County Wide**

7 teams will be placed in 1 conference. Each team will play a 3 game series with each team in their conference for a total of 18 league games. Each team will be permitted to play 2 non-league games for a total of 20 games. 1 less game for JV for a total of 19 games.

## 2026 Class AAA League VARSDITY\* Baseball Schedule

(18) League Games + (2) NL Games

Maximum games allowed= 20 for Varsity, 19 for JV

**AAA 1:**                      **AAA2:**

1. Massapequa	1. Freeport
2. Farmingdale	2. Baldwin
3. Oceanside	3 Hicksville
4. Syosset	4. Herricks
5. Port Wash	5. VS Central
6. Plainview	6. Uniondale
7. East Meadow	7. Westbury

<u>3/27</u>	<u>3/30</u>	<u>3/31</u>	<u>4/6</u>	<u>4/7</u>	<u>4/9</u>
7 at 2	2 at 7	7 at 2	6 at 1	1 at 6	6 at 1
6 at 3	3 at 6	6 at 3	5 at 2	2 at 5	5 at 2
5 at 4	4 at 5	5 at 4	4 at 3	3 at 4	4 at 3
BYE-1	BYE-1	BYE-1	BYE-7	BYE-7	BYE-7

<u>4/13</u>	<u>4/14</u>	<u>4/16</u>	<u>4/20</u>	<u>4/21</u>	<u>4/23</u>
4 at 6	6 at 4	4 at 6	3 at 5	5 at 3	3 at 5
3 at 7	7 at 3	3 at 7	2 at 6	6 at 2	2 at 6
2 at 1	1 at 2	2 at 1	1 at 7	7 at 1	1 at 7
BYE-5	BYE-5	BYE-5	BYE-4	BYE-4	BYE-4

<u>4/27</u>	<u>4/28</u>	<u>4/30</u>	<u>5/4</u>	<u>5/5</u>	<u>5/7</u>
2 at 4	4 at 2	2 at 4	1 at 3	3 at 1	1 at 3
1 at 5	5 at 1	1 at 5	7 at 4	4 at 7	7 at 4
7 at 6	6 at 7	7 at 6	6 at 5	5 at 6	6 at 5
BYE-3	BYE-3	BYE-3	BYE-2	BYE-2	BYE-2

<u>5/11</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>5/13</u>
5 at 7	7 at 5	5 at 7
4 at 1	1 at 4	4 at 1
3 at 2	2 at 3	3 at 2
BYE-6	BYE-6	BYE-6

**\*JV schedule is opposite of Varsity schedule**

## 2026 Class AA League Varsity\* Baseball Schedule

(15) League Games + (5) NL Games

Maximum games allowed= 20 for Varsity, 19 for JV

<u>AA 1:</u>	<u>AA 2:</u>	<u>AA 3:</u>
1. Bellmore JFK	1. Garden City	1. Clarke
2. South Side	2. Carey	2. Division
3. Calhoun	3. Mac Arthur	3. Bethpage
4. Long Beach	4. Manhasset	4. Mepham
5. New Hyde Pk	5. Glen Cove	5. Roslyn
6. Elmont	6. Hewlett	6. Jericho

<u>4/7</u>	<u>4/8</u>	<u>4/10</u>	<u>4/14</u>	<u>4/15</u>	<u>4/17</u>
1 at 3	3 at 1	1 at 3	2 at 1	1 at 2	2 at 1
4 at 2	2 at 4	4 at 2	3 at 6	6 at 3	3 at 6
5 at 6	6 at 5	5 at 6	4 at 5	5 at 4	4 at 5

<u>4/21</u>	<u>4/22</u>	<u>4/24</u>	<u>4/28</u>	<u>4/29</u>	<u>5/1</u>
3 at 4	4 at 3	3 at 4	6 at 4	4 at 6	6 at 4
6 at 1	1 at 6	6 at 1	2 at 3	3 at 2	2 at 3
2 at 5	5 at 2	2 at 5	1 at 5	5 at 1	1 at 5

<u>5/5</u>	<u>5/6</u>	<u>5/8</u>
4 at 1	1 at 4	4 at 1
5 at 3	3 at 5	5 at 3
6 at 2	2 at 6	6 at 2

\*JV schedule is opposite of Varsity schedule

## 2026 Class A League Varsity\* Baseball Schedule

(20) League Games ONLY

Maximum games allowed= 20 for Varsity, 19 for JV

**A:**

<b>1. Mineola</b>	<b>7. North Shore</b>
<b>2. Wantagh</b>	<b>8. Island Trees</b>
<b>3. VS North</b>	<b>9. Seaford</b>
<b>4. Floral Park</b>	<b>10. Locust Valley</b>
<b>5. Lynbrook</b>	<b>11. Wheatley</b>
<b>6. Plainedge</b>	

<u>3/24</u>	<u>3/26</u>	<u>3/30</u>	<u>3/31</u>	<u>4/4</u>	<u>4/6</u>
4 at 2	2 at 4	6 at 4	4 at 6	2 at 11	11 at 2
5 at 1	1 at 5	7 at 3	3 at 7	3 at 10	10 at 3
6 at 11	11 at 6	8 at 2	2 at 8	4 at 9	9 at 4
7 at 10	10 at 7	9 at 1	1 at 9	5 at 8	8 at 5
8 at 9	9 at 8	10 at 11	11 at 10	6 at 7	7 at 6
BYE-3	BYE-3	BYE-5	BYE-5	BYE-1	BYE-1

<u>4/7</u>	<u>4/9</u>	<u>4/13</u>	<u>4/14</u>	<u>4/16</u>	<u>4/20</u>
3 at 1	1 at 3	7 at 5	5 at 7	8 at 6	6 at 8
4 at 11	11 at 4	8 at 4	4 at 8	9 at 5	5 at 9
5 at 10	10 at 5	9 at 3	3 at 9	10 at 4	4 at 10
6 at 9	9 at 6	10 at 2	2 at 10	11 at 3	3 at 11
7 at 8	8 at 7	11 at 1	1 at 11	1 at 2	2 at 1
BYE-2	BYE-2	BYE-6	BYE-6	BYE-7	BYE-7

<u>4/21</u>	<u>4/23</u>	<u>4/27</u>	<u>4/28</u>	<u>4/30</u>	<u>5/4</u>
1 at 10	10 at 1	9 at 7	7 at 9	5 at 3	3 at 5
2 at 9	9 at 2	10 at 6	6 at 10	6 at 2	2 at 6
3 at 8	8 at 3	11 at 5	5 at 11	7 at 1	1 at 7
4 at 7	7 at 4	1 at 4	4 at 1	8 at 11	11 at 8
5 at 6	6 at 5	2 at 3	3 at 2	9 at 10	10 at 9
BYE-11	BYE-11	BYE-8	BYE-8	BYE-4	BYE-4

<u>5/5</u>	<u>5/7</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<u>5/12**</u>
10 at 8	8 at 10	11 at 9	9 at 11
11 at 7	7 at 11	1 at 8	8 at 1
1 at 6	6 at 1	2 at 7	7 at 2
2 at 5	5 at 2	3 at 6	6 at 3
3 at 4	4 at 3	4 at 5	5 at 4
BYE-9	BYE-9	BYE-10	BYE-10

\*JV schedule is opposite of Varsity schedule

\*\*No JV games on 5/12 to keep JV schedule at 19 games

## 2026 Class B League Varsity\* Baseball Schedule

(18) League Games + (2) NL Games

Maximum games allowed= 20 for Varsity, 19 for JV

**B:**

1. Cold Spring Har.
2. Oyster Bay
3. East Rockaway
4. Carle Place
5. Friends
6. VS South
7. Malverne

<u>3/27</u>	<u>3/31</u>	<u>4/4</u>	<u>4/7</u>	<u>4/8</u>	<u>4/10</u>
2 at 4	4 at 2	2 at 4	4 at 6	6 at 4	4 at 6
1 at 5	5 at 1	1 at 5	3 at 7	7 at 3	3 at 7
7 at 6	6 at 7	7 at 6	2 at 1	1 at 2	2 at 1
BYE-3	BYE-3	BYE-3	BYE-5	BYE-5	BYE-5

<u>4/14</u>	<u>4/15</u>	<u>4/17</u>	<u>4/21</u>	<u>4/22</u>	<u>4/24</u>
1 at 3	3 at 1	1 at 3	3 at 5	5 at 3	3 at 5
7 at 4	4 at 7	7 at 4	2 at 6	6 at 2	2 at 6
6 at 5	5 at 6	6 at 5	1 at 7	7 at 1	1 at 7
BYE-2	BYE-2	BYE-2	BYE-4	BYE-4	BYE-4

<u>4/28</u>	<u>4/29</u>	<u>5/1</u>	<u>5/5</u>	<u>5/6</u>	<u>5/8</u>
6 at 1	1 at 6	6 at 1	7 at 2	2 at 7	7 at 2
5 at 2	2 at 5	5 at 2	6 at 3	3 at 6	6 at 3
4 at 3	3 at 4	4 at 3	5 at 4	4 at 5	5 at 4
BYE-7	BYE-7	BYE-7	BYE-1	BYE-1	BYE-1

<u>5/11</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>5/13</u>
5 at 7	7 at 5	5 at 7
4 at 1	1 at 4	4 at 1
3 at 2	2 at 3	3 at 2
BYE-6	BYE-6	BYE-6

**\*JV schedule is opposite of Varsity schedule**

## 2026 Countywide League Varsity\* Baseball Schedule

(18) League Games + (2) NL Games

Maximum games allowed= 20 for Varsity, 19 for JV

**Countywide:**

1. Hempstead
2. GN South
3. GN North
4. Roosevelt
5. Sewanhaka
6. Lawrence
7. West Hemp

<u>3/25</u>	<u>3/30</u>	<u>4/4</u>	<u>4/6</u>	<u>4/8</u>	<u>4/10</u>
2 at 4	4 at 2	2 at 4	6 at 1	1 at 6	6 at 1
1 at 5	5 at 1	1 at 5	5 at 2	2 at 5	5 at 2
7 at 6	6 at 7	7 at 6	4 at 3	3 at 4	4 at 3
BYE-3	BYE-3	BYE-3	BYE-7	BYE-7	BYE-7

<u>4/13</u>	<u>4/15</u>	<u>4/17</u>	<u>4/20</u>	<u>4/22</u>	<u>4/24</u>
4 at 6	6 at 4	4 at 6	3 at 5	5 at 3	3 at 5
3 at 7	7 at 3	3 at 7	2 at 6	6 at 2	2 at 6
2 at 1	1 at 2	2 at 1	1 at 7	7 at 1	1 at 7
BYE-5	BYE-5	BYE-5	BYE-4	BYE-4	BYE-4

<u>4/27</u>	<u>4/29</u>	<u>5/1</u>	<u>5/4</u>	<u>5/6</u>	<u>5/8</u>
1 at 3	3 at 1	1 at 3	7 at 2	2 at 7	7 at 2
7 at 4	4 at 7	7 at 4	6 at 3	3 at 6	6 at 3
6 at 5	5 at 6	6 at 5	5 at 4	4 at 5	5 at 4
BYE-2	BYE-2	BYE-2	BYE-1	BYE-1	BYE-1

<u>5/13</u>	<u>5/15</u>	<u>5/18</u>
5 at 7	7 at 5	5 at 7
4 at 1	1 at 4	4 at 1
3 at 2	2 at 3	3 at 2
BYE-6	BYE-6	BYE-6

**\*JV schedule is opposite of Varsity schedule**

## 2026 JVB League Baseball Schedule

Maximum games allowed= 19 for JV

### JVB:

<b>1. Syosset</b>
<b>2. Massapequa</b>
<b>3. Mac Arthur</b>
<b>4. Division</b>
<b>5. Clarke</b>

<u>3/25</u>	<u>3/26</u>	<u>3/28</u>	<u>4/8</u>	<u>4/9</u>	<u>4/11</u>
1 at 4	4 at 1	5 at 3	3 at 5	3 at 1	1 at 3
2 at 3	3 at 2	1 at 2	2 at 1	4 at 5	5 at 4
BYE-5	BYE-5	BYE-4	BYE-4	BYE-2	BYE-2

<u>4/15</u>	<u>4/16</u>	<u>4/18</u>	<u>4/22</u>	<u>4/23</u>	<u>4/25</u>
2 at 5	5 at 2	4 at 2	2 at 4	1 at 4	4 at 1
3 at 4	4 at 3	5 at 1	1 at 5	2 at 3	3 at 2
BYE-1	BYE-1	BYE-3	BYE-3	BYE-5	BYE-5

<u>4/29</u>	<u>4/30</u>	<u>5/2</u>	<u>5/6</u>	<u>5/7</u>	<u>5/9</u>
5 at 3	3 at 5	3 at 1	1 at 3	2 at 5	5 at 2
1 at 2	2 at 1	4 at 5	5 at 4	3 at 4	4 at 3
BYE-4	BYE-4	BYE-2	BYE-2	BYE-1	BYE-1

<u>5/14</u>	<u>5/15</u>
4 at 2	2 at 4
5 at 1	1 at 5
BYE-3	BYE-3

## **Tie Breaker Criteria for Playoffs**

The Baseball Committee will serve as the main body to determine final playoff seeding positions for the tournament.

Seeding for playoff will be determined by the end of the season league standings.

Total points, taking into account the following point system, will determine final league standings.

The point system will be used to keep standings as followed:

**WIN- 2 points**

**TIE – 1 point**

**LOSS – 0 points**

In the case of teams with equal number of total points at the completion of league play, the following criteria will be used to seed the teams:

1. Winning Percentage\*
2. Head to Head record
3. Record vs. teams in your league starting with the highest seeded team in your league in descending order, taking it one spot at a time. If necessary, the process will be repeated with crossover games.
4. Winning Percentage of the teams that games were lost against. Team who lost to the team with the higher percentage gets the higher seed.

In the case of three or more teams with equal points and winning percentage, steps two and three will be repeated; after team is eliminated the process will be repeated until there is only one team remaining.

5. If teams remain tied after all steps described above have been examined, a single coin flip conducted by the Baseball Coordinator (or another member of the Executive Council if Baseball Coordinator's home school is one of the impacted teams) will determine seeding. A representative from each impacted team will serve as witness to the coin flip. The coin flip may be conducted virtually. The coin flip will not be used to eliminate a team from playoff entry should there be a tie for the lowest seed. Additional play-in games will be added as necessary.

***\*If teams are tied at Win% and one of those teams has more wins than the other, than the team with more wins will be awarded the higher seed UNLESS the team with less wins holds the advantage over the team with more wins in #2- Head to Head record.***

## **Playoff Weather Guidelines**

Teams must attempt to get their field ready for games. The coaches/Athletic Office should stay in contact throughout the day. Home or alternative field playability must be determined by 1:30 pm on school days. Weekend/holiday game field determination deadlines will be established by the Baseball Coordinator as necessary.

1. If the home team's field is NOT playable-
  - a. The home team will be granted the first opportunity to secure an alternative site for their home game on the same day.
  - b. If an alternative site cannot be found by the home team, the away team will host if their field is playable OR the away team can secure an alternative site for the game on the same day if their field is not playable.
  
2. If a game has to be moved from the original home field to visiting team's choice field\*:
  - a. If Game 1 is moved: Lower seed will be home game 1. Games 2 & 3 will be at higher seed with higher seed being the home team for both games.
  - b. If Game 2 is moved: Lower seed will be home team @ higher seed. If this happens, Game 3 will remain unchanged.
  - c. If a game has to be moved in a 1 game playoff, or the final game of a series (game 3), then the original home team will remain the HOME team.

\*If any game is moved to home team's choice field, the original home team will remain the HOME team.

## **2026 Playoff Structure**

### **Class AAA**

8 teams qualify  
Conference 1= Seeds 1-7  
Conference 2= 1<sup>st</sup> place team is Seed 8

### **Quarterfinals**

**5/16, 5/18, and 5/19\***

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1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6, 4 v 5

"Best of 3" series with games 1 & 3 being played at the higher seeded team's field

### **Semi Finals**

**5/22, 5/23, and 5/25\***

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Reseed in Semis

"Best of 3" series with games 1 & 3 being played at the higher seeded team's field

### **Finals- Nassau Co. Championship**

**5/28, 5/29 and 5/31\***

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"Best of 3" series to be played at neutral site with higher seed as home team for games 1 & 3

Game 1 (Thu. 5/28) - 12pm

Game 2 (Fri. 5/29) - 6pm

Game 3 (Sun. 5/31) – 1pm\*

*\*If necessary*

## 2026 Playoff Structure

### Class AA

Top 4 teams in each conference will qualify for playoff seeds 1-12. 4 brackets of 3 teams-double elimination for all teams, round robin format within each bracket. The top 3 teams in each conference and the next best record team get BYE in first round of bracket games^.

**Bracket 1= Seeds 1^, 8, 12**  
**Bracket 2= Seeds 2^, 7, 11**

**Bracket 3= Seeds 3^, 6, 10**  
**Bracket 4= Seeds 4^, 5, 9**

1<sup>st</sup> Place seeded 1-3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place seeded 4-6, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place seeded 7-9, 4<sup>th</sup> Place seeded 10-12  
4 Bracket winners will move on to play traditional Best of 3 Semis and Best 3 County Finals.

### Double Elimination Games

**5/11, 5/12, 5/14, 5/16, 5/18\***

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5/11 - Game 1 - Two lowest seeds in each bracket

5/12 - Game 2 - Top seed in each bracket vs loser game 1

5/14 - Game 3 - Top seed in each bracket vs winner game 1

At this point, 1 team may be eliminated, then the 1-1 team has to beat the 2-0 team twice in games 4 & 5 to advance to semis. (Prior to Game 4, the higher seeded team will choose whether they want to be home for Game 4 or Game 5). If all three teams are 1-1, then the two lowest seeds play again in game 4 with winner advancing to play top seed in game 5.

5/16 - Game 4

5/18 - Game 5 \*if necessary

### Semi Finals

**5/22, 5/23, and 5/25\***

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"Best of 3" series with games 1 & 3 being played at the higher seeded team's field

### Finals- Nassau Co. Championship

**5/28, 5/29, and 5/31\***

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"Best of 3" series to be played at neutral site with higher seed as home team for games 1 & 3

Game 1 (Thu. 5/28) - 3pm

Game 2 (Fri. 5/29) - 12pm

Game 3 (Sun. 5/31) - 4pm \*

***\*if necessary***

**\*\*\*Runner up in County Championship will be "At Large" team in Sub Regional @ Section 4\*\*\*  
Winner in County Championship will play in Regional (LIC) vs. Sec. 11**

## 2026 Playoff Structure

### Class A

8 teams qualify\*\*\*

### Quarterfinals

**5/16, 5/18, and 5/19\***

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1 v 8\*\*\*, 2 v 7, 3 v 6, 4 v 5

"Best of 3" series with games 1 & 3 being played at the higher seeded team's field

### Semi Finals

**5/22, 5/23, and 5/25\***

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Reseed in Semis

"Best of 3" series with games 1 & 3 being played at the higher seeded team's field

### Finals- Nassau Co. Championship

**5/28, 5/29, and 5/31\***

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"Best of 3" series to be played at neutral site with higher seed as home team for games 1 & 3

Game 1 (Thu. 5/28) - 6pm

Game 2 (Fri. 5/29) - 3pm

Game 3 (Sun. 5/31) - 10am\*

***\*if necessary***

\*\*\*VSS and Malverne are eligible for Class A playoffs if they win **90% (16 of 18)** of their league games in Class B.

Possible scenarios:

1. VSS and Malverne don't win their required % of league games in Class B, then the 8 qualifying teams in Class A go to the playoffs.
2. VSS or Malverne win their required % of league games in Class B, then the top 7 seeded teams in Class A automatically qualify. VSS or Malverne would play a play-in game (Thu. 5/14) with the #8 seeded team in Class A to see who qualifies for the 8th seed in the Class A playoffs.

If both VSS and Malverne win their required % of league games in Class B, then tie-breaker rules would determine which team would qualify to play the play-in game scenario described in #2

## 2026 Playoff Structure

### Class B

The top 4 teams make the playoffs (excluding Valley Stream South and Malverne\*\*\*). Teams will be seeded 1-4 based on final league standings.

#### Semi Finals 5/19, 5/20, and 5/22\*

“Best of 3” series with games 1 & 3 being played at the higher seeded team’s field

#### B Finals- Nassau Co. Championship 5/26, 5/27, and 5/30\*

“Best of 3” series to be played at neutral site with higher seed as home team for games 1 & 3\*

#### *\*If necessary*

\*\*\*VSS and Malverne are eligible for Class A playoffs if they win **90% (16 of 18)** of their league games in Class B.

Possible scenarios:

1. VSS and Malverne don't win their required % of league games in Class B, then the 8 qualifying teams in Class A go to the playoffs.
2. VSS or Malverne win their required % of league games in Class B, then the top 7 seeded teams in Class A automatically qualify. VSS or Malverne would play a play-in game with the #8 seeded team in Class A to see who qualifies for the 8th seed in the Class A playoffs.

If both VSS and Malverne win their required % of league games in Class B, then tie-breaker rules would determine which team would qualify to play the play-in game scenario described in #2

### NYSPSHSAA Championship Dates

AA “At Large” Sub-Regional Thu, 6/4

AA “At Large” @ Section 4

AAA, AA, A and B Regionals Sat. 6/6

#### LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

AAA @ Suffolk County  
AA @ Farmingdale State  
A @ Farmingdale State  
B @ Suffolk County

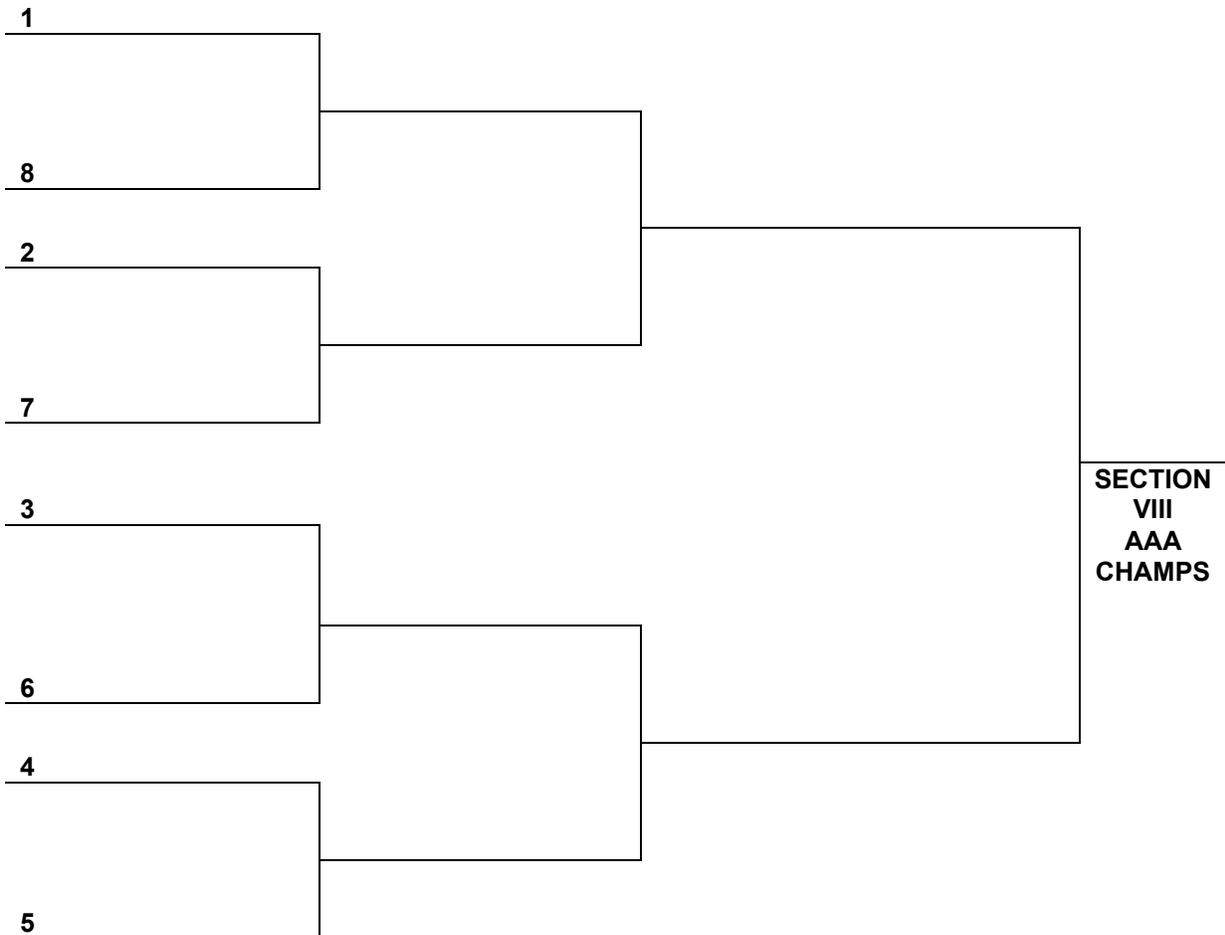
If Class AA “At Large” wins 6/4- Plays Regional @ Winner of Sec. 5/6

State Semi Finals Binghamton Fri. 6/12

State Finals Binghamton Sat. 6/13

**SECTION VIII BASEBALL  
CLASS AAA  
SECTIONAL PLAYOFFS**

<b>QUARTERFINALS</b> 5/16, 5/18 & 5/19	<b>SEMIFINALS</b> 5/22, 5/23, & 5/25	<b>COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP</b> 5/28, 5/29, & 5/31 <sup>^</sup> or (6/1 <sup>^</sup> )
<b>Best of 3 Series</b> Games 1 and 3 @ Higher Seed 11am (Gm. 1)* 4:30 p.m. (Gms. 2& 3)*	<b>Best of 3 Series</b> Games 1 and 3 @ Higher Seed 11 a.m.*	<b>Best of 3 Series</b> <b>SUNY FARMINGDALE</b> 12 pm, 6 pm, 1pm <sup>^</sup> or (3 pm <sup>^</sup> ) Higher seed home team- Gms. 1 & 3 <sup>^</sup> See Sectional Calendar on page 28



**RESEED THIS ROUND**

**\*Default Time**

**SECTION VIII  
CLASS AA  
SECTIONAL PLAYOFFS**

**CLASS AA DOUBLE ELIMINATION ROUND ROBIN**

BRACKET #1	Monday May 11, 2026	Tuesday May 12, 2026	Saturday May 16, 2026	Monday May 18, 2026	
		1			
8		<b>GAME #2</b>			
<b>GAME #1</b>		<i>Loser of # 1</i>	<b>Game #4</b>		<b>SECTION VIII BASEBALL CLASS AA ROUND ROBIN PLAYOFFS</b>
12			a. If all teams 1-1, then 2 lowest seeds play this game <b>OR</b> b. If 1 team eliminated, higher seed selects home or away this game		
		1	2-0 vs. 1-1	<b>GAME #5</b>	
		<b>GAME #3</b>		a. Highest seed (1-1) team vs. game 4 winner <b>OR</b> b. Game will be played at opposite site of game 4 (if necessary). 2-1 vs. 2-1	<b>SEMIFINALIST</b>
		<b>Thu. 5/14</b> <b>Winner of #1</b>			

BRACKET #2	Monday May 11, 2026	Tuesday May 12, 2026	Saturday May 16, 2026	Monday May 18, 2026	
		2			
7		<b>GAME #2</b>			
<b>GAME #1</b>		<i>Loser of # 1</i>	<b>Game #4</b>		<b>SECTION VIII BASEBALL CLASS AA ROUND ROBIN PLAYOFFS</b>
11			a. If all teams 1-1, then 2 lowest seeds play this game <b>OR</b> b. If 1 team eliminated, higher seed selects home or away this game		
		2	2-0 vs. 1-1	<b>GAME #5</b>	
		<b>GAME #3</b>		a. Highest seed (1-1) team vs. game 4 winner <b>OR</b> b. Game will be played at opposite site of game 4 (if necessary). 2-1 vs. 2-1	<b>SEMIFINALIST</b>
		<b>Thu. 5/14</b> <b>Winner of #1</b>			

Default times are 4:30pm

All games @ Higher Seed. Prior to Game 4, higher seed team will choose whether they want to be home for Game 4 or Game 5.

**CLASS AA DOUBLE ELIMINATION ROUND ROBIN**

<b>BRACKET #3</b>	<b>Monday May 11, 2026</b>	<b>Tuesday May 12, 2026</b>	<b>Saturday May 16, 2026</b>	<b>Monday May 18, 2026</b>	
		3			
	6	<b>GAME #2</b>			
	<b>GAME #1</b>	<i>Loser of # 1</i>	<b>Game #4</b>		
	10		a. If all teams 1-1, then 2 lowest seeds play this game <b>OR</b> b. If 1 team eliminated, higher seed selects home or away this game 2-0 vs. 1-1		<b>SECTION VIII BASEBALL CLASS AA ROUND ROBIN PLAYOFFS</b>
		3		<b>GAME #5</b>	
		<b>GAME #3</b>		a. Highest seed (1-1) team vs. game 4 winner <b>OR</b> b. Game will be played at opposite site of game 4 (if necessary). 2-1 vs. 2-1	<b>SEMIFINALIST</b>
		<b>Thu. 5/14</b> <i>Winner of #1</i>			

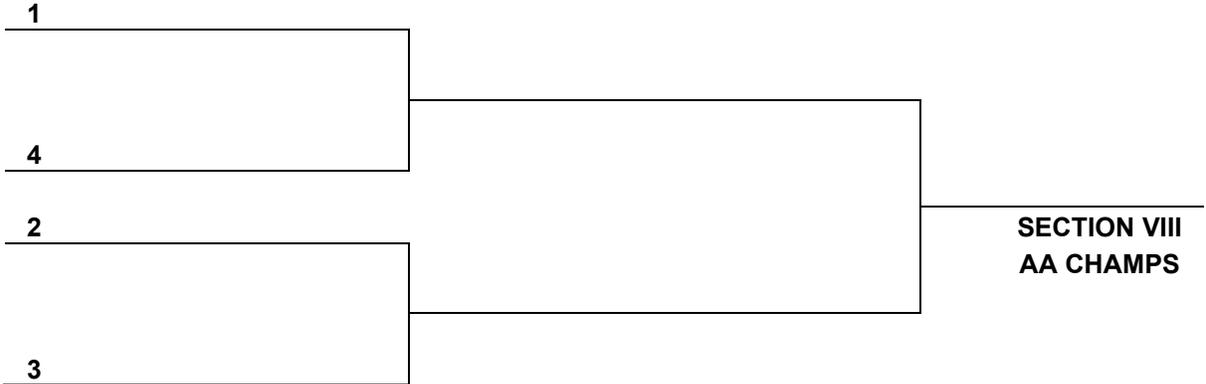
<b>BRACKET #4</b>	<b>Monday May 11, 2026</b>	<b>Tuesday May 12, 2026</b>	<b>Saturday May 16, 2026</b>	<b>Monday May 18, 2026</b>	
		4			
	5	<b>GAME #2</b>			
	<b>GAME #1</b>	<i>Loser of # 1</i>	<b>Game #4</b>		
	9		a. If all teams 1-1, then 2 lowest seeds play this game <b>OR</b> b. If 1 team eliminated, higher seed selects home or away this game 2-0 vs. 1-1		<b>SECTION VIII BASEBALL CLASS AA ROUND ROBIN PLAYOFFS</b>
		4		<b>GAME #5</b>	
		<b>GAME #3</b>		a. Highest seed (1-1) team vs. game 4 winner <b>OR</b> b. Game will be played at opposite site of game 4 (if necessary). 2-1 vs. 2-1	<b>SEMIFINALIST</b>
		<b>Thu. 5/14</b> <i>Winner of #1</i>			

Default times are 4:30pm

All games @ Higher Seed. Prior to Game 4, higher seed team will choose whether they want to be home for Game 4 or Game 5.

**SECTION VIII BASEBALL  
CLASS AA  
SECTIONAL PLAYOFFS**

<b>SEMIFINALS</b> 5/22, 5/23, 5/25	<b>COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP</b> 5/28, 5/29 & 5/31^ or (6/1^)
<b>Best of 3 Series</b> Games 1 and 3 @ Higher Seed 11 a.m.*	<b>Best of 3 Series</b> <b>SUNY FARMINGDALE</b> 3 pm, 12 pm, 4 pm^ or (6 pm^) Higher seed home team- Gms. 1 & 3 ^See Sectional Calendar on page 28



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AFTER ROUND ROBIN**

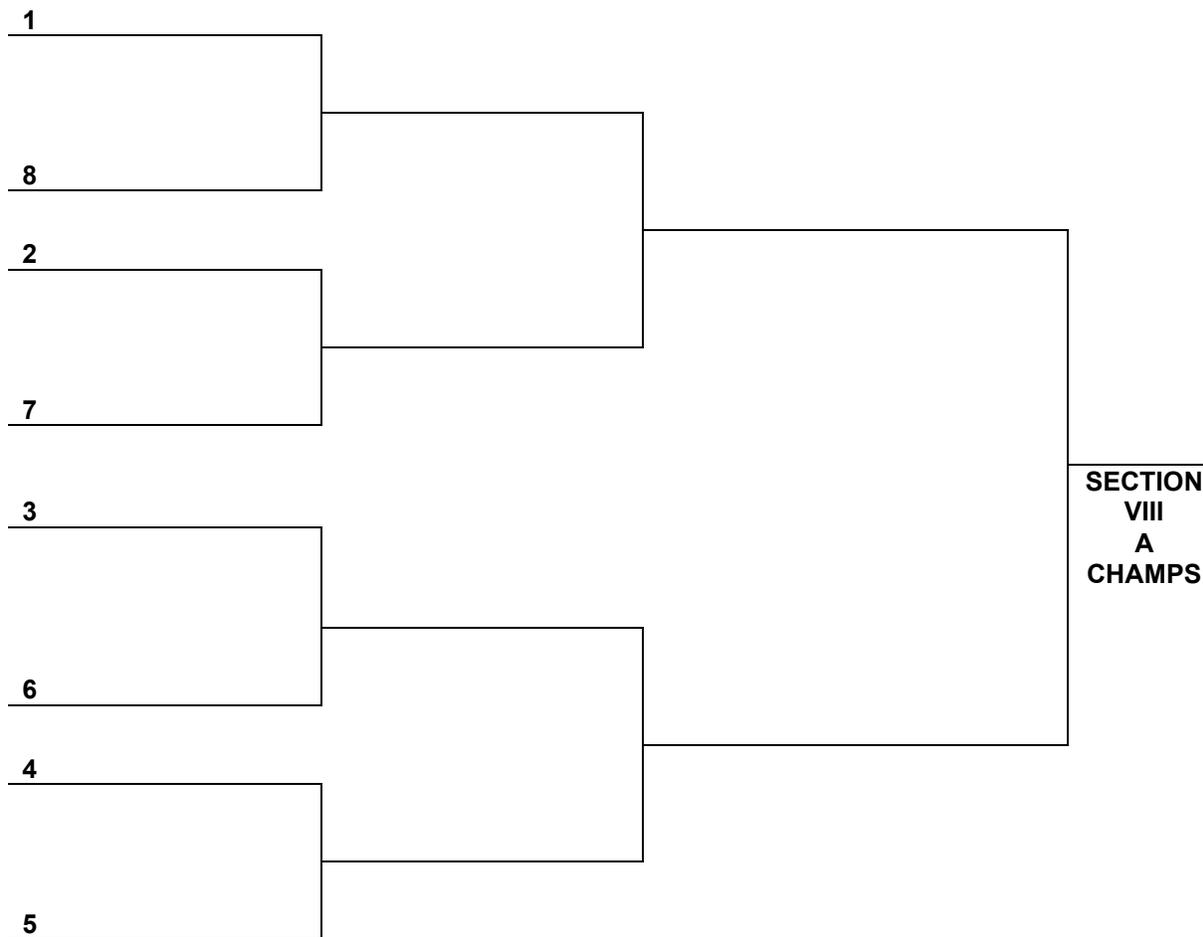
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**SECTION VIII BASEBALL  
CLASS A  
SECTIONAL PLAYOFFS**

**POSSIBLE PLAY-IN GAME: 5/14**

Malverne/VSS\* @ Seed #8 (\*If either team wins 90% of their league games in Class B). Winner of this game would then be Seed #8 for Quarterfinals.

<b>QUARTERFINALS</b> 5/16, 5/18 & 5/19	<b>SEMIFINALS</b> 5/22, 5/23, & 5/25	<b>COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP</b> 5/28, 5/29, & 5/31^ or (6/1^)
<b>Best of 3 Series</b> Games 1 and 3 @ Higher Seed 11am (Gm. 1)* 4:30 p.m. (Gms. 2& 3)*	<b>Best of 3 Series</b> Games 1 and 3 @ Higher Seed 11 a.m.*	<b>Best of 3 Series</b> <b>SUNY FARMINGDALE</b> 6 pm, 3 pm, 10am^ or (12 pm^)
		Higher seed home team- Gms. 1 & 3 ^See Sectional Calendar on page 28

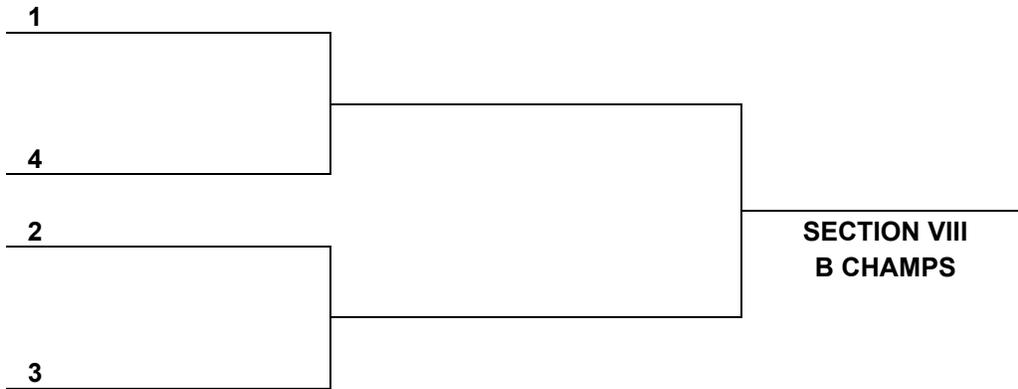


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**SECTION VIII BASEBALL  
CLASS B  
SECTIONAL PLAYOFFS**

<b>SEMIFINALS</b> <b>5/19, 5/20, 5/22</b>	<b>COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP</b> <b>5/26, 5/27 &amp; 5/30</b>
<b>Best of 3 Series</b> Games 1 and 3 @ Higher Seed <b>4:30 p.m.*</b>	<b>Best of 3 Series</b>  <b>HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY</b> <b>4:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 10 am</b>
	<b>Higher seed home team- Gms. 1 &amp; 3</b>



\*Default time

## Sectional and Regional Championship Site Calendar 2026

### Farmingdale State College

Date	Time	Title
Thu. 5/28/26	12:00 PM	Class AAA Nassau County Championship- Game 1
	3:00 PM	Class AA Nassau County Championship- Game 1
	6:00 PM	Class A Nassau County Championship- Game 1
Fri. 5/29/26	12:00 PM	Class AA Nassau County Championship- Game 2
	3:00 PM	Class A Nassau County Championship- Game 2
	6:00 PM	Class AAA Nassau County Championship- Game 2
Sun. 5/31/26	10:00 AM*	RAIN DATE Class A- Game 2 OR (IF NECESSARY) GAME 3
	1:00 PM*	RAIN DATE Class AAA- Game 2 OR (IF NECESSARY) GAME 3
	4:00 PM*	RAIN DATE Class AA- Game 2 OR (IF NECESSARY) GAME 3
Mon. 6/1/26 <i>If not played 5/31</i>	12:00 PM*	(IF NECESSARY) Class A NC Championship- Game 3
	3:00 PM*	(IF NECESSARY) Class AAA NC Championship- Game 3
	6:00 PM*	(IF NECESSARY) Class AA NC Championship- Game 3
Tue. 6/2/26	12:00 PM*	(IF NECESSARY) RAIN DATE Class A- Game 3
	3:00 PM*	(IF NECESSARY) RAIN DATE Class AAA- Game 3
	6:00 PM*	(IF NECESSARY) RAIN DATE Class AA- Game 3
Sat. 6/6/26	4:00 PM	Class AA Regional- Long Island Championship
	7:00 PM	Class A Regional- Long Island Championship
Sun. 6/7/26	11:00 AM	RAIN DATE Class AA Regional- Long Island Championship
	2:00 PM	RAIN DATE Class A Regional- Long Island Championship

### OTHER SITES

Tues. 5/26/26	4:30 PM	Class B Nassau County Championship- Game 1 @ HOFSTRA
Wed. 5/27/26	4:30 PM	Class B Nassau County Championship- Game 2 @ HOFSTRA
Thu. 5/28/26	4:30 PM	RAIN DATE Class B NC Championship @ HOFSTRA
Sat. 5/30/26	10:00 AM	(IF NECESSARY) Class B NC Championship- Game 3 @ HOFSTRA
Sun. 5/31/26	10:00 AM*	(IF NECESSARY) RAIN DATE Class B- Game 3 @ HOFSTRA
Thu. 6/4/26	TBD	Class AA "At Large" Sub-Regional @ SEC. IV
Sat. 6/6/26	TBD	Class AAA Regional- Long Island Championship @ Section XI
	TBD	Class B Regional- Long Island Championship @ Section XI
	TBD	If Class AA "At Large" wins 6/4- Regional @ Winner of Sec. 5/6
Sun. 6/7/26	TBD	Class AAA Regional- RAIN DATE
	TBD	Class B Regional- RAIN DATE

\*Times may change based upon outcome of other Classes' series



## 2026 BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE



FRIDAY 6/12/26

All Classes:

REGION 1 vs REGION 2

REGION 3 vs REGION 4

FRIDAY SEMIS:

MIRABITO STADIUM	CLASS C @ 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM
	CLASS AA @ 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
BINGHAMTON UNIV	CLASS B @ 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM
	CLASS A @ 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
UNION ENDICOTT	CLASS D @ 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM
	CLASS AAA @ 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

SATURDAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

MIRABITO STADIUM	CLASS A @ 10:00 AM
	CLASS C @ 1:00 PM
	CLASS AA @ 4:00 PM
BINGHAMTON UNIV	CLASS B @ 10:00 AM
	CLASS D @ 1:00 PM
	CLASS AAA @ 4:00 PM

NYSPHSAA Baseball committee meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Thursday at Holiday Inn Downtown.

Head coaches will meet with the site directors on site 1.5 hours prior to the scheduled game time.

If everything is rained out on Friday, we will revert to the one-day format previously used, five (5) sites each class playing the semis and finals at: 10:00 AM; 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM

The schedule will be:  
REGION 1 vs REGION 2 AT 10:00 AM  
REGION 3 vs REGION 4 AT 1:00 PM

**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME** AT 4:00 PM

The sites, **In this case**, will be:

MIRABITO STADIUM	CLASS A
BINGHAMTON UNIV	CLASS AAA
UNION ENDICOTT	CLASS AA
MAINE ENDWELL	CLASS B
SUNY BROOME	CLASS C
CONLON FIELD	CLASS D

If all games are rained out on Friday the tournament will revert to the one-day format previously used, that is semis and finals will be scheduled for Saturday with Sunday as a rain date. Each class will be played at its scheduled site.

If only one set of semis are completed on Friday the second semi and championship games will be played on Saturday at times to be determined to allow the facilities time to be made playable and permit the winning team sufficient time to rest and rehydrate. Each class will be played at its scheduled site.

Other situations will be reviewed by the State Baseball Coordinator in conjunction with the State baseball Committee, tournament directors and Site directors and a decision will be made in the best interest of the athletes, schools and facilities.

Every effort will be made to complete the tournament on Saturday with Sunday as the rain date.

**Nassau County High School Baseball Coaches Association  
End of Season Awards**

*All appropriate paperwork must be submitted to Chairpersons no later than due date.*

Award Name	Chairperson	Criteria
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Diamond Award</u></b></p> <p>“Doug Robins” Diamond Award for Top Pitcher</p> <p>“Don Lang” Diamond Award for Top Position Player</p> <p>“Joe Corea” Award for Top Dual Position Player (Pitcher/Fielder)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Tom Sheedy</u></b> <a href="mailto:tsheedy@msd.k12.ny.us">tsheedy@msd.k12.ny.us</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Doug Robins Jr.</u></b> <a href="mailto:dougrobins@hotmail.com">dougrobins@hotmail.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Keith Sachs</b> <a href="mailto:sachsk@wantagschools.org">sachsk@wantagschools.org</a></p>	<p><b>Coach must present to committee</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">“Ryan T. Caulfield” Top Catcher of the Year</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tom Tuttle</b> <a href="mailto:ttuttle@levittownschools.com">ttuttle@levittownschools.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tom Smith</b> <a href="mailto:thomasrsmith33@gmail.com">thomasrsmith33@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Nominated by coach</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">“Michael Capozzi” Scholarship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Paul Paino</b> <a href="mailto:EWRES@hotmail.com">EWRES@hotmail.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jason Zizza</b> <a href="mailto:jzizza@lbeach.org">jzizza@lbeach.org</a></p>	<p>-Must have been chosen for post-season honors. -Must be an outstanding student and citizen who possesses high character and is an asset to the school community. -Must submit transcript and letter of recommendation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">“Barry Silverstein” Assistant Coach of the Year</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Helms Bohringer</b> <a href="mailto:hbohringer@mineola.k12.ny.us">hbohringer@mineola.k12.ny.us</a></p>	<p><b>Letter of Recommendation</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">“Bud Chianese” JV Coach of the Year</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tom Abruscato</b> <a href="mailto:abruscato1523@gmail.com">abruscato1523@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Letter of Recommendation</b></p>

# APPENDIX

## **Turf Field Restrictions**

The following Section VIII schools do not permit metal cleats, gum, or sunflower seeds at their field. Players/Coaches must wear molded cleats, turf shoes, or sneakers only.

1. Carle Place
2. Cold Spring Harbor
3. East Rockaway
4. Farmingdale- Howitt Middle School
5. Garden City
6. Hewlett
7. Hicksville
8. Malverne
9. Manhasset
10. Massapequa
11. Oceanside
12. Plainedge (infield and outfield)
13. Port Washington
14. Roslyn
15. Seaford
16. Valley Stream North
17. Valley Stream South
18. Wheatley

## **PITCH LIMITS FOR SCRIMMAGES: DAYS 7-10**

Teams will be allowed to scrimmage after the 6<sup>th</sup> practice day. Only players who have completed at least 6 days of practice may participate in these scrimmages.

There is a restriction on the # of pitches a pitcher is allowed to throw, during any scrimmage that takes place on days 7-10 of the first 10 required practice days.

**30 pitch-count limit on all pitchers in scrimmages that occur on practice days 7-10.**

**1-30 pitches thrown = 2 nights rest**

The same rules for tracking pitch count during the season applies to these scrimmages (home team is the official counter). Teams are responsible for keeping track of their pitch counts and checking in between innings.

A pitcher at any level who reaches the pitch count limit in the middle of an at-bat will be allowed to finish that hitter.

***The penalty for going over the pitch limit will be a 1 game suspension (next game) for the head coach.***

Once 10 days of practice have been reached, the standard monthly pitch limit rules would be in effect.

**PITCH LIMITS**  
**(AFTER 10 DAYS OF PRACTICE FOR INDIVIDUALS)**



Pitch count for	Number of Pitches	Number of Nights Rest
<b>Varsity Baseball</b>	76-85	4
<i>March</i>	46-75	3
	31-45	2
	1-30	1

Pitch count for	Number of Pitches	Number of Nights Rest
<b>Varsity Baseball</b>	96-105	4
<i>April</i>	66-95	3
	31-65	2
	1-30	1

Pitch count for	Number of Pitches	Number of Nights Rest
<b>Varsity Baseball</b>	103-125	4
<i>May/</i>	72-102	3
<i>June</i>	41-71	2
	1-40	1

Pitch count for	Number of Pitches	Number of Nights Rest
<b>JV/FR Baseball</b>	76-85	4
	46-75	3
	31-45	2
	1-30	1

Pitch count for	Number of Pitches	Number of Nights Rest
<b>Modified Baseball</b>	61-75	4
	41-60	3
	21-40	2
	1-20	1

## PITCH COUNT/CHART RULES



- 1 If a pitch is thrown on a balk call, the pitch will NOT count for the purposes of this rule
- 2 A pitcher at any level who reaches the pitch count limit in the middle of an at-bat will be allowed to finish that hitter. The number of nights rest is determined by the actual number of pitches thrown.
- 3 Schools will have the responsibility to maintain all pitching charts. They will also be required to make any game chart available to any school prior to any game to show availability of pitchers for that given day.
- 4 During games each team will record pitch counts on the official NYSPHSAA pitch count form, this should not include warm-ups or pick off attempts. After each half inning the pitch counts will be confirmed by both teams. Any discrepancy will be resolved based on the records of the home team pitch count chart.
- 5 At game's conclusion, the NYSPHSAA pitch count form will be signed by both head coaches or designated representative.
- 6 Any violation of this rule will be considered in the same light as a school using an ineligible player. The game will be forfeited.
- 7 As per the NYSPHSAA handbook any additional penalties may be imposed at the school or section level.

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Varsity March	Nights Rest	Varsity April	Nights Rest	Varsity May/June	Nights Rest	JV & FR	Nights Rest	Modified	Nights Rest
76-85	4	96-105	4	103-125	4	76-85	4	61-75	4
46-75	3	66-95	3	72-102	3	46-75	3	41-60	3
31-45	2	31-65	2	41-71	2	31-45	2	21-40	2
1-30	1	1-30	1	1-40	1	1-30	1	1-20	1

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PITCHER NAME & #

Total  
pitches

Cross off a number for every pitch thrown excluding warm-ups & pick off attempts.

Nights rest  
required

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
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Home Team Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Visiting Team Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Pitch Counter Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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PITCH COUNT TRACKING FORM

**POST SEASON PITCH COUNT FORM**



**PITCH COUNT SUMMARY FORM**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SITE \_\_\_\_\_

VISITOR SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

PITCHER'S NAME & # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

COACH'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TEAM SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

PITCHER'S NAME & # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

COACH'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

SITE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** This form is to be forwarded to the next postseason game site  
by the Section Coordinator or his designee



## Tied and Suspended Game Rule

To be used for NYSPHSAA Championship Tournament. May also be used during regular season play with Section approval:

1. An official game is 5 innings or 4 and one-half if the home team is ahead. If a winner can be determined and no more baseball can be played that day, the game is over and a winner is declared. The game does not have to go 7 innings.
2. If a game is stopped before it becomes an official game, the game is a suspended game. This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter etc. should all be recorded in the scorebook.
3. If the game is stopped after having gone long enough to be an official game, however a winner cannot be determined due to a tied score. This game becomes a tied/suspended game at that point score, inning, count of batter etc., should all be recorded in the scorebook.
4. If a game is stopped after having gone long enough to become an official game and;
  - a. **The visitors score a run or runs in the top half of the inning.** Then game reverts back to the last completed inning and either a winner is declared, or we have a tied/suspended game. Or,
  - b. **The visitors score a run or run in the top half of the inning and the home team does not complete they're at bat.** The game reverts back to the last completed inning and either a winner is declared, or we have a tied/suspended game. If we have a tied/suspended game, we pick up from that point (Visitors runs in the top half of the inning and home team runs in the bottom half count). This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter etc., should all be recorded in the scorebook.
  - c. **The home team ties the game in the bottom half of the inning but doesn't complete the inning.** If we cannot play anymore we have a tied/suspended game at point. This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter, etc., should all be recorded in the scorebook. Or,
  - d. **The home team takes the lead in the bottom half of the 5th or 6th inning, and then the game is called.** At that point, the home team is declared the winner.



## **THUNDER & LIGHTNING POLICY**

*October 2001*

Applied to regular season through NYSPHSAA Finals:

1. Thunder and lightning necessitates that contests be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion- thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning.
  - a. With your site administrator, set up a plan for shelter prior to the start of any contest.
  
2. When thunder is heard and /or lightning is seen, the following procedures should be adhered to:
  - A. Suspend play and direct participants to go to 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, and car).
  - B. Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree; and have all stay away from poles, antennas, towers and underground watering systems.
  - C. After thunder and /or lightning have left the area, wait 30 minutes after the last boom is heard or strike is seen before resuming play or competition.



## HEAT INDEX PROCEDURES

**Administration of Heat Index Procedures:**

- Feels Like Temperature (Heat index) or THI using a Wet Bulb indicator on the field 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.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into [www.weatherbug.com](http://www.weatherbug.com). Schools may also use a Wet Bulb indicator on the field that will be used.
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line or determine the THI by using a Wet Bulb indicator.
- If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or the Wet Bulb Indicator is 90 degrees or above, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb indicator at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb indicator is 96 degrees (Fahrenheit) or more, the contest will be suspended.

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

	Feels Like Temp(Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator under 79 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
<b>R E C O M M E N D E D</b>	Heat Index Caution: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator 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: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator 86 degrees to 90 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when Feels Like 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: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb Indicator 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 Feels Like 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.
<b>REQUIRED</b>	Heat Index Alert: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator 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 RULE FOR BASEBALL\*\*\***

**BASED ON WEATHERBUG**

<b>REQUIRED</b>	Wind Chill Alert: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 31 degrees or lower*	<b>No games or scrimmages will begin</b>
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\*Games/scrimmages can start with a "real feel" temperature of 32 degrees or higher. Once games/scrimmages begin, they will continue to be played if "real feel" temperature drops below 32 degrees.

The chart below is meant to provide recommendations to coaches regarding specific temperature ranges they may experience throughout the season.



**WIND CHILL PROCEDURES**

Administration of Wind Chill Procedures:

- Feels Like 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.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into [www.weatherbug.com](http://www.weatherbug.com).
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line.
- If the Feels Like temperature (wind chill) is 10 degrees or below, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like (wind chill) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like (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:

	Feels Like Temp (wind chill) above 40 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
<b>R E C O M M E N D E D</b>	Wind Chill Caution: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 39 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: Feels Like Temp (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: Feels Like Temp (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 the Feels Like temp is much higher. Consider reducing the amount of time for an outdoor practice session.
<b>REQUIRED</b>	Wind Chill Alert: Feels Like Temp (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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## **Double First Base Rules**

***Optional for 2026, Mandatory for 2027***

New language was added to Rule 1-2-9 noting that the double first base must be white and a contrasting solid color. The white portion of the base is located in fair territory while the colored half is located in foul territory, split by the first base foul line. There is to be no space between the two portions of the double base.

"Adding the double first base is symbolic to the evolution of the sport. It will immediately address running lane violations, and it will further protect the players from the violent collisions that have occurred at first base," said Elliot Hopkins, NFHS director of sports and liaison to the Baseball Rules Committee. "By reducing collisions and enhancing safety, it preserves both the integrity of competition and the well-being of those who play."

Several subsequent rules changes, including Rule 8-2-2a, outline how batter-runners and fielders shall use the double first base. The batter-runner should use the colored base on an initial play at first base unless a fielder is drawn into foul territory to receive a dropped third strike, in which case, the batter-runner would use the white portion of the base. Once the batter-runner reaches first base, the batter-runner must always return to the white base, including when leading off, returning on a pick-off attempt or tagging up on a fly ball.

A batter-runner may use either side of first base on a base-on-balls or on an extra-base hit to the outfield when there is no chance of a play to be made at first base.

Interference is to be called on batter-runners if they only touch the white portion on a force play at first and collide with the fielder. Similarly, it is obstruction if a defensive player only touches the colored portion of the base and collides with the batter-runner.

Rule 2-5-1h was added to note that it is a fair ball if a batted ball hits or bounds over any part of the white portion of the double first base. Alternately, it is a foul ball if a batted ball hits or bounds over any part of the colored portion of the base (Rule 2-16-1h).



## **SECTION VIII SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY**

The NYSPHSAA and Section VIII recognizes and appreciates that the influence and responsibility of the school administration with regard to good sportsmanship extends to all levels of competition. However, it must also be seen that the NYSPHSAA and Section VIII has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all contests under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily. This standard applies to all regular season and post season play.

As of July 1, 2013, the Dignity for All Students Act (Dignity Act-Section 52.2, Part 80 and 57-4) is to provide all public school students with an environment free from harassment, bullying (including cyber bullying) and discrimination, as well as to foster civility in public schools. The Dignity Act focuses on the prevention of discrimination behaviors, including harassment/bullying through the promotion of educational measures meant to positively impact school culture and climate, which includes the interscholastic programs. While the Dignity for all Students act mentions its efforts to keep an environment free of discrimination and bullying; diversity, equity and inclusion are very important to us.

It is imperative that we can provide an environment where all kids feel safe, no matter their race or ethnicity. This should always apply, no matter if it's a practice, scrimmage, regular season game or play-off game.

The High School Athletic Association of Section VIII established the Sportsmanship Committee as a sub-committee of the Athletic Council to address incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct and flagrant misconduct. The purpose of the Sportsmanship Committee is to take proactive measures in an effort to minimize inappropriate behavior at all Section VIII events and to promote positive sporting behavior throughout the county.

### **A. What is to be reported:**

1. A Player who is ejected from a contest for flagrant misconduct and/or unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. A Spectator who acts in a disruptive abusive or inappropriate manner.
3. A Coach who conducts himself/herself in an inappropriate or unsportsmanlike manner.
4. An Official who demonstrates unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate behavior unbecoming of a sport official.
5. A School that permits spectators to conduct themselves in an abusive, disruptive or harassing manner. This also includes schools that do not provide adequate supervision at home or away contests to control their spectators.

### **B. Responsibility for reporting:**

1. Coaches must report all incidents to their respective athletic directors, even if only one player/team was cited for misconduct.
2. Athletic Directors must file reports with the Office of the Executive Director within 24 hours of any disqualification, ejection or incident of unsportsmanlike behavior.
3. Officials must file reports with the Office of the Executive Director within 24 hours of any disqualification, ejection or incident of unsportsmanlike behavior.

### **C. Reporting Procedure:**

1. All unsportsmanlike incidents are to be reported by the coach (or by both coaches) to their respective athletic directors immediately following the contest.
2. The Athletic Directors of both schools involved are to file reports with the office of the Executive Director as soon as possible, but no later than the morning following the contest/incident (or the next school day). The Officials assigned to the contest are to file a

report with the Office of the Executive Director as soon as possible, but no later than the morning following the contest/incident (or the next school day).

3. The Office of the Executive Director will forward copies of all reports to the Sportsmanship Committee Chairperson, Sport Coordinator and the appropriate VP of Male/Female Sports.

**D. Committee Actions:**

1. All member schools including individuals representing member schools who are involved in unsportsmanlike conduct are subject to consequences deemed appropriate by the Sportsmanship Committee.
  - a) The Sportsmanship Committee may recommend action in instances of unsportsmanlike conduct and is authorized to recommend consequences which may include, but are not limited to: Censure, Reprimand, Suspension, Loss of Eligibility, or any other actions that are deemed appropriate by the Sportsmanship Committee.
2. All recommendations of the Sportsmanship Committee will be filed with the Office of the Executive Director and forwarded to the Athletic Director(s) of the school(s) involved.
3. All actions of the Sportsmanship Committee are subject to review by the respective Athletic Director(s). *Schools may impose additional consequences.*
4. Copies of all reports of the Sportsmanship Committee shall be kept on file with the Sportsmanship Chairperson, the Executive Director and the Sports Coordinator.

**E. Penalties: SEE UPDATED REGULATIONS AS OF 9/26/2024 ON PGS. 45-46**

1. Player Expulsion:

Any player who commits a serious violation of game rules or takes part in flagrant misconduct during play shall be subject to ejection from the contest and disciplinary action. Ejection from a contest results in mandatory one (1) game suspension from the next regularly scheduled contest, including post-season play. Disqualifications from one season will carry over to the player's next season of participation. Any player suspended from participation may not be on site or involved in any capacity (spectator, timekeeper, scorekeeper, etc.) on the day of suspension. Failure to comply will result in additional sanctions being levied against the individual, coach and/or team. *Any spectator(s) who acts in a manner causing the contest to be suspended or the spectator removed in any capacity (timekeeper, scorekeeper, etc.) at the next contest. Failure to comply will result in additional sanctions being leveled against this spectator(s) by the school district as well as Section VIII.*
2. Second Occurrence of Misconduct:

In the same sport – NYSPHSAA requires a two game suspension for the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) ejection and a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) ejection in the same sport will result in the loss of the season. Any person (coach, player, spectator, school official, etc.) who is ejected from a second contest in the same sport for unsportsmanlike conduct shall require the Sportsmanship Committee to review the matter. 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 Sportsmanship Committee.
3. Intentional Physical Contact by a Player:

Any member of the squad who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to annoy, harass or intimidate an official, another player, a spectator, coach, school district employee or supervisor, etc. shall be expelled from the game immediately and banned from further participation in all sports for a period of time to be determined by the Section not to exceed one year from the date of the offense. **NOTE:** Members of the squad include players, managers, score keepers, timers, and statisticians. The incident must be reported to the Office of the Executive Director who will in turn forward to the Sportsmanship Committee and respective Sports Coordinator. Consequences may include but are not limited to: Censure, Reprimand, Suspension, Loss of Eligibility, or another action that is deemed appropriate by the committee.
4. Team Members/Non Participant/Pre-or Post-Game Misconduct:

Any act of unsportsmanlike/flagrant misconduct by either a team member, non- participant before or after (pre and post-game) will be excluded from play in and/or subject to removal from

the site of the contest. Any player, coach or spectator who commits a serious violation of the sportsmanship rules or takes part in flagrant misconduct as a non-participant after the contest has concluded (post-game) will be suspended from participation in or attendance at the next regularly scheduled contest including the post-season.

5. Spectators:

Any spectator who acts in a disruptive, abusive or unsportsmanlike manner may cause the game to be suspended or the spectator removed from the site. A letter from the Sportsmanship Committee may be sent to the appropriate Athletic Director(s), Building Principal(s) and Superintendent(s). Continued incidents of disruptive behavior may result in additional disciplinary action by the Sportsmanship Committee.

6. Coaches:

Any coach excluded by a certified official from an interschool competition for unsportsmanlike conduct, including taunting, is ineligible to coach any interschool competition in that sport until after the next previously scheduled contest at the same level (e.g. junior varsity, varsity, etc.) has been completed. In individual sports a multi-day contest is considered to be a contest. Disqualification from one season carries over to the next season of participation. The coach may not be present at the game site nor communicate in any manner during the contest with any person present at the site.

**NOTE:** "Not being physically present at the site" means a disqualified coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game/meet. Any coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the Sportsmanship Standard will be ineligible to participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests. If the coach continues to not serve the penalty, the matter will be referred to the Section for further action. If the coach is involved in the NYSPHSAA play-offs, the matter will be referred to the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA.

7. Intentional Physical Contact:

A coach who strikes, shoves, kick or makes other physical contact with the intent to annoy, harass or intimidate another person (e.g. official, another coach, player, fan) shall be expelled immediately and banned from further participation or coaching in all sports for a period of time to be determined by the section not to exceed one year from the date of the offense.

8. Officials:

An official who demonstrates inappropriate or unsportsmanlike conduct will be reported to the Sportsmanship Committee. The Sportsmanship Committee may recommend disciplinary action to be taken against the official by the official's organization.

9. Taunting:

Taunting includes, but is not limited to, any actions or comments by coaches, players, or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean other players, coaches, or game officials. Included in this is conduct that berates, needles, intimidates, or threatens based on gender, ethnic origin or background and conduct that attacks religious beliefs, size, economic status, speech, family special needs, or personal matters. Examples of taunting that would lead to ejection include, but are not limited to, physical and verbal intimidation outside the spirit of the game ("trash talking"), reference to sexual orientation, "in-the-face confrontation" by one player to another, standing over, straddling a tackled or fallen player, etc.

10. Bench Clearing:

If an altercation occurs during a contest and members of either team leave their respective bench or sideline area or playing positions, and go onto the playing field/court participation area, they will be immediately ejected from the contest for unsportsmanlike behavior.

11. Due Process:

Students, coaches and schools have the right to be heard by the Sportsmanship Committee. However, appeals will only be held in regard to a misapplication of the sport rules and/or an ejection of a misidentified player. This right must be claimed within 24 hours of the incident occurring and must be made to the Office of the Executive Director of Section VIII. All actions of the Sportsmanship Committee may be appealed by a member school. Any such appeal will be heard by the Section VIII Athletic Council.



## Section VIII Sportsmanship Regulations

Type of Offense	Offender	Consequence of First Offense	Consequence of Second Offense	Appeal Amount
<b>Physical</b>	Player	Two Game Suspension	Remainder of Season Suspension	\$250 for Sportsmanship Appeal
	Coach	Remainder of Season Suspension		\$500 for Athletic Council Appeal
	Spectator	Remainder of Season Suspension		
<b>Verbal</b>	Player	Two Game Suspension	Remainder of Season Suspension	
	Coach	Two Game Suspension	Remainder of Season Suspension	
	Spectator	Three Game Suspension	Remainder of Season Suspension	
<b>**Ejection by Rule Violation</b>	Player	Subject to Specific Sport Rule		
<b>Ejection by Unsportsmanlike Behavior</b>	Player	Two Game Suspension	Remainder of Season Suspension	
	Coach	Two Game Suspension	Remainder of Season Suspension	

<b>Pre/Post Game Behavior Will Receive Additional Game(s)</b>	Spectator	Two Game Suspension	Remainder of Season Suspension	
<b>Leaving Bench Area</b>	Player	Two Game Suspension	Remainder of Season Suspension	
	Coach	*One Game Suspension (Two or More Players Leave)	*Pending Review by Sportsmanship Committee	
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**Sportsmanship Committee reserves the right to impose any additional consequences for ejections by rule violation				
**Football will abide by the NYS Policy; Sportsmanship Committee can still add additional consequence				
The Sportsmanship Committee always reserves the right to impose any additional consequences for any unsportsmanlike action				

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**NASSAU COUNTY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION/SECTION VIII**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES**

**BE LOUD - BE PROUD - BE POSITIVE**

*Approved 6/9/21*

**I. The Coach is Expected to:**

1. Set a positive example both on and off the playing area.
2. Be aware that he/she is representing a school district, a school and a student body. Impressions made are lasting and hard to live down.
3. Recognize that athletic competition is a means toward an end, not an end in itself. Specifically, athletics should lead to the development of healthy, well adjusted young men and women.
4. Approach competition as a healthy and constructive exercise, not as a life and death struggle that requires victory at any price. It should be fun and enjoyable.
5. Recognize that the participants in individual or team sports are young men and women with human frailties and limitations who are capable of making mistakes.
6. Be prepared to win or lose. Be positive. Encourage peak performance within the rules of the game.
7. Command respect by personal attitude and behavior.
8. Be well groomed. Wear appropriate attire.
9. Refrain from the use of crude, racist or abusive language or gestures with players, opponents, officials, or spectators. (6/21)
10. Create an environment where diversity, equity and inclusion are present. (6/21)
11. Respect the judgment of officials. Although it is reasonable for the coach to question officials' decisions, and even to disagree, the officials' decisions must be accepted graciously. Questionable decisions may be referred to the Section VIII Protest Committee.
12. Handle dissatisfaction with officiating quietly and efficiently through the use of the rating cards supplied by BOCES.
13. Avoid behavior that will incite players, opponents, or spectators.
14. Instruct players to respect officials. Questions concerning rules or interpretations should be made by the team captain as the team representative during the contest.
15. Encourage good sportsmanship and remove players from competition who demonstrate unacceptable behavior.
16. Support and treat the athletic program as a total part of the educational opportunities provided for all students.

**II. The Athlete is Expected to:**

1. Understand that the student athletic program is a total part of the educational opportunities provided for all students. It should be treated as just that.
2. Conduct himself/herself as a gentleman/lady at all times.
3. Demonstrate self-control and mutual respect at all times. Uncontrolled emotion can be self-defeating.
4. Refrain from the use of crude, racist or abusive language or gestures with players, opponents, officials, or spectators. (6/21)
5. Practice diversity, equity and inclusion within their team. (6/21)
6. Accept victory with grace and defeat with dignity. Poor winners or losers do a disservice to themselves.
7. Set an example in word and deed, both on and off the playing area. Remember that athletes assume a role of leadership and that the young emulate their role models.

### III. The Spectators are Expected to

1. Refrain from using noisemakers. The use of noisemakers is prohibited at all events.
2. Conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behavior.
3. Respect officials, coaches and players and extend all courtesies to them.
4. Refrain from the use of crude, racist or abusive language or gestures with players, opponents, officials, or spectators. (6/21)
5. Obey the regulations of the building and grounds. Those who do not conform should be brought to the attention of the building authorities.
6. Understand that schools are responsible for the conduct of their respective spectators whether at home or away.

### IV. The Administrators and Supervisors

1. The athletic director may delegate certain responsibilities and authority to the site supervisor, but ultimate responsibility rests with the athletic director, principal, superintendent and the board of education.
  2. The athletic director or his/her designee is responsible for the conduct of coaches, players, spectators, and other employees of the school.
  3. The athletic director or his/her designee assumes responsibility for informing these groups of the code of behavior expected during participation in Section VIII athletic events.
    - a. Any negative sportsmanship or communication by a spectator directed at officials, it is the job of the supervisor or athletic administrator to alert the spectator of possible removal or removal from the contest.
  4. General Recommendations for Home School
    - a. The visiting school should be provided with information on directions to the school, game times, physical layout including parking area, locker facilities and specific school regulations affecting visiting teams.
    - b. The home school is responsible for excluding, from athletic events, students whose past behavior indicates an unacceptable risk for trouble.
    - c. Adequate supervision must be provided in the gymnasium area as well as in hallways, bathrooms and outside areas where students may congregate.
    - d. Separate seating areas should be designated for visiting team spectators.
    - e. Request cooperation of the Nassau County Police Department and/or Auxiliary Police units whenever the anticipated crowd size or previous relationships between schools indicate the potential for trouble.
    - f. Confer with the coaches, cheering advisors, supervisors and custodial help on expectations for their behavior and on ways to handle difficult situations.
    - g. Direct the athletic directors to meet with game officials to emphasize the importance of keeping the game under control.
    - h. Direct supervisor in charge to immediately report to police any information regarding student possession of weapons, drugs or alcohol. Students under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol shall be removed from the game and reported to the administration.
    - i. Escort the officials to their cars if requested by the sport official.
    - j. Direct supervisors to remain on duty until all spectators and visiting teams have left the premises, including parking lots.
    - k. Problems with students, coaches and spectators should be communicated to the other athletic director and to the principals, and when appropriate, to the Section VIII Executive Director.
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5. Requirement for Schools/Teams Participating in Playoffs at Neutral Sites

It is required that any school/team participating in a Section VIII playoff activity at a neutral site provide adequate supervision for that activity. The supervisor(s) must be easily identifiable and maintain a visible presence throughout the activity.

6. General Recommendations for visiting Teams

- a. Visiting teams must be properly supervised at all times at the host school.
- b. At spectator events, the visiting school should provide a supervisor for its spectators. When a varsity/junior varsity doubleheader is held, the team not playing should be supervised in the stands.
- c. Clarify with the host athletic director the best area for parking and access into locker facilities. Also, arrange for exiting after the event with at least one home school supervisor in the area to supervise.
- d. Report in writing to the host athletic director any incident involving players, spectators, supervisors, etc. that deserves follow-up by the home school.

V. Recommendations for the Visiting School

1. Athletic Director

- a. Contact the athletic director of the home school and request the following:
  - (1) Directions and best route to the school.
  - (2) Location of parking area and recommended area for bus parking.
  - (3) Will there be a charge for spectators and is there a specific seating area for visitors.
  - (4) Does the home school require supervisors for the visiting school and if so, how many.
1. Inform the athletic director of the home school of the following:
  - (1) Whether there will be a cheerleader and/or spectator bus in addition to the athletes' bus.
  - (2) Whether additional buses will be accompanied by one or more supervisors.
  - (3) Whether the home school is expected to provide supervision of athletes, cheerleaders and spectators to visiting buses at the end of the contest.
  - (4) What type of identification supervisors of the visiting team will be equipped with.
2. Inform the coach of the team of the particulars in a. and b. above.
3. Inform supervisors of the above information and ask them to inform persons on the bus, they are responsible for, of the pertinent information.
4. Inform the students of any necessary details by public address system and/or bulletin.

2. Coach

- a. Consult the athletic director for the above information.
- b. The head coach of each sport should disseminate the information above for each school to his or her junior varsity and junior high school team coaches.
- c. Follow the recommendations for Code of Behavior for Coaches in Section VIII.
- d. Require team members to follow Section VIII Guidelines for good sportsmanship.

3. Supervisors

- a. Should be persons who are familiar with the visiting school's student body.
- b. Should be well informed of what their responsibilities are and be capable of enforcing regulations and encourage proper behavior.

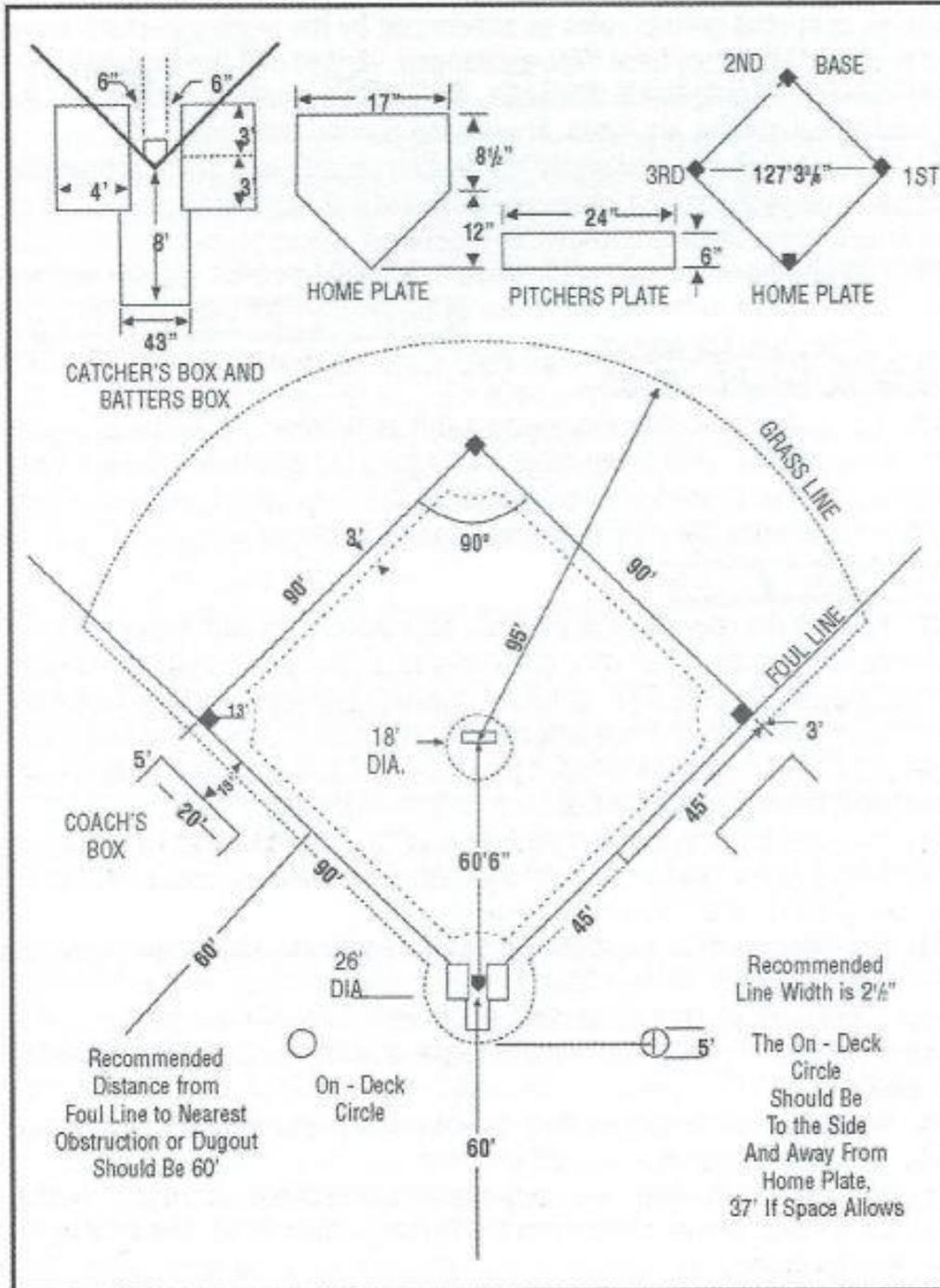


**NASSAU COUNTY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION/SECTION VIII**  
**PROCEDURES FOR PROTESTS OF ATHLETIC EVENTS**

*Approved June 2017*

1. The protesting coach will inform the referee and the opposing coach at that point in the game immediately following the situation protested.
  2. The time, score and situation will be identified in the scorebook (if applicable) or recorded, by an official or both coaches, as soon as the protest is announced to the officials and opposing coach.
  3. A subsequent protest in the same game will be required to be announced and recorded, using the same procedures described above for each specific point of protest.
  4. The protesting coach is required to notify the sport coordinator within 24 hours of the contest.
  5. The athletic director of the protesting school is required to file a written protest giving specific details of the situation, time and score to the Office of the Executive Director within 24 hours of the contest. The report must be accompanied by \$75.00 check payable to the Section VIII Athletic Council. The protest will require the signatures of the coach, athletic director and principal of the school.  
Copies of the protest must be sent to the sport coordinator, the protest chairperson and the opposing coach within 24 hours of the contest by the protesting school.
  6. The Section VIII sport coordinator will notify the Executive Director of Section VIII who in turn will notify the game officials involved and direct that a written statement from the game officials be filed with the sport coordinator within 24 hours.
  7. The sport coordinator will arrange for a meeting as soon as possible. The following should be included or be represented:
    - a. The protesting coach
    - b. The opposing coach
    - c. A rules interpreter
    - d. Sport Coordinator of that sport
    - e. Office of the Executive Director
  8. Attendance of the game officials involved in the protested contest will be mandatory, unless extenuating circumstances preclude their attendance.  
Protest Committee Options:
    - a. To deny the protest
    - b. To uphold the protest and direct that the game be replayed from the point of protest.
    - c. To uphold and protest and direct that the game be replayed in its entirety.
    - d. To deny the protest and recommend some further action by the High School Association.
    - e. To uphold the protest and recommend some further action to the High School Association.
  9. An appeal of the decision of the Protest Committee may be made. This request must be filed within 72 hours of notification of this decision to the Section VIII Appeals Committee upon submission of a \$75.00 fee (a second \$75.00 fee if original protestor).
  10. In the case of a protest or an appeal that is upheld, the fee will be returned.
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# BASEBALL FIELD DIAGRAM



**Diagram 2**

Official Measurements . . . for laying out baseball field

## **REPORTING SCORES TO NEWSDAY**

The Newsday Sports Office is open from 4:00PM to 11:00PM Monday through Saturday to receive game results from coaches- **Phone#- 631-843-2820**

Coaches can continue to email them if they prefer.

Many coaches may already have an account (they're free, and independent of subscription to Newsday) and have used it in the past. If not, here are the steps to register. It only takes a couple minutes to do it all. It is optimized for mobile use, so you can register and/or report your scores via a smartphone or tablet without issue.

### **How it will work**

There are fields to report the scores by quarter/period/half, fields to report game statistics and an opportunity to fill out some game highlight information. From there, a member of the Newsday high school staff will review the information, make any necessary edits and post it to your team page on our website, same as always. If there are questions or something to follow up on, Newsday will contact the person who submitted the information, so it is important to make sure your phone number and email address are current.

### **How to create an account**

1. Go to <https://newsday.com/coach>
2. Click CREATE ACCOUNT and fill out the required information fields. If possible, avoid using an aol.com address.
3. You'll receive a verification email where you will need to click the link and follow the steps to assign your team to your account.
  - a. If you report scores for multiple teams, you can register them all at once.
4. Once you complete that step, an email automatically is generated and sent to us for final approval.
5. Once approval is saved, you will be able to **report game scores and stats, edit rosters and add games to your schedule.** (In most instances, Newsday will import schedules at the beginning of each season, but we realize there always will be changes, especially this season.)

### **If you already have an account**

1. Go to <https://newsday.com/coach> and sign in to make sure everything is correct in terms of teams, schools and contact information.
2. If you don't remember your password, there's a "FORGOT PASSWORD?" link available you can click to reset it.

### **Important notes**

1. This system is mobile-friendly, so it works on all devices and is optimized accordingly. Typically, the winning team reports the scores, but we encourage all coaches in all sports to input their stats after a game. It helps to keep the data as accurate as possible