



**Nassau County
Section VIII
Girls Badminton**

OVERVIEW

Varsity 2026 Schedule

Coaches Meeting: Monday, March 2, 2026

Regular Season Start Date: Monday, March 16, 2026

Coaches Meeting: Thursday, April 23, 2026

Regular Season End Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Coaches Meeting: June 2026

Conference Alignment

All conferences will play each team in their conference twice (home & away) for a total of 14 matches in the regular season.

Conference I	Conference II	Conference III	Conference IV	Conference V
1. Jericho	1. Freeport	1. Oceanside	1. Lynbrook	1. Oyster Bay
2. Great Neck South	2. Great Neck North	2. Division	2. Wheatley	2. East Rockaway
3. Syosset	3. Port Washington	3. East Meadow	3. Baldwin	3. Valley Stream North
4. Plainview-Old Bethpage	4. Garden City	4. Valley Stream South	4. MacArthur	4. Massapequa
5. Bethpage	5. Farmingdale	5. Long Beach	5. Island Trees	5. West Hempstead
6. Mepham	6. Calhoun	6. Bellmore JFK	6. Uniondale	6. Lawrence
7. Roslyn	7. Wantagh	7. Valley Stream Central	7. Clarke	7. Westbury
8. Herricks	8. Manhasset	8. Hempstead	8. Elmont	8. Evergreen Charter

Regular Season Schedule

25 March	27 March	30 March	13 April	15 April	17 April	20 April
2@7	2@1	1@3	5@1	4@1	1@7	1@6
3@6	3@8	2@4	6@4	5@3	2@5	2@3
4@5	5@6	5@8	7@3	6@2	3@4	7@5
8@1	7@4	6@7	8@2	7@8	8@6	8@4

22 April	24 April	27 April	29 April	1 May	4 May	6 May
7@2	1@2	3@1	1@5	1@4	7@1	6@1
6@3	8@3	4@2	4@6	3@5	5@2	3@2
5@4	6@5	8@5	3@7	2@6	4@3	5@7
1@8	4@7	7@6	2@8	8@7	6@8	4@8

Postseason Schedule

8 & 9 May	12 May	14 May	18 May	20 May
Individuals	Quarters	Semis	County Championship	LIC

Tournaments

The following dates are designated for teams who wish to participate in singles & doubles tournaments. These tournaments are opportunities for student-athletes to build stamina prior to participation in the Individual County Championships. Please note, tournaments DO NOT count towards a team's regular season record nor an individual player's regular season record. These tournaments are NOT scheduled in LeagueMinder or NewsdaySportsCentral and no scores are reported.

Saturday, March 28th @ Long Beach

Saturday, April 25th @ Syosset

Scrimmages

Coaches are permitted to schedule scrimmages. Please note, scrimmages DO NOT count towards a team's regular season record nor an individual player's regular season record. These scrimmages are NOT scheduled in LeagueMinder or NewsdaySportsCentral and no scores are reported.

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Junior Varsity 2026 Schedule

Coaches Meeting: Monday, March 2, 2026

Regular Season Start Date: Monday, March 16, 2026

Coaches Meeting: Thursday, April 23, 2026

Regular Season End Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Coaches Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2026

Conference Alignment

Conferences I, II & III will play each team in their conference twice (home & away) for a total of 10 matches in the regular season.

Conference I	Conference II	Conference III
1. Jericho	1. Bellmore JFK	1. Island Trees
2. Great Neck South	2. Freeport	2. Long Beach
3. Syosset	3. Calhoun	3. Roosevelt
4. Plainview-Old Bethpage	4. Division	4. Oyster Bay
5. Mepham	5. Hempstead	5. Clarke
6. Bethpage	6. MacArthur	6. East Meadow

Regular Season Schedule

Conferences II & III

30 March	13 April	15 April	17 April	20 April
1@6	2@3	4@1	3@1	1@2
2@5	5@1	5@3	4@2	3@6
3@4	6@4	6@2	5@6	5@4

22 April	24 April	27 April	29 April	1 May
6@1	3@2	1@4	1@3	2@1
5@2	1@5	3@5	2@4	6@3
4@3	4@6	2@6	6@5	4@5

***Conference I will schedule their games opposite the varsity schedule.**

Nassau County Badminton Coaches Association Sport Committee

Athletic Director	Joe Braico- Plainview-Old Bethpage
Sport Coordinator	Jenna Cavuto- Plainview-Old Bethpage
Coaches Association President	Dan Ortiz- Mepham
Coaches Association Vice-President	Jamie St. John- Syosset
Coaches Association Treasurer	John Zak- Great Neck North
Coaches Association Secretary	Allison Romeo-Gottfried- Great Neck South
Coaches Association Secretary	Michelle LaBarbera- Long Beach

General Reminders for Coaching Staff

- A. Teams **MUST** complete the league schedule as outlined in the Overview.
- If for some reason a match is not played, both coaches **MUST** immediately contact the Sport Coordinator and their respective Athletic Directors.
Rescheduled matches will be played on the next available date.
- B. Players **MUST** participate in a minimum of six (6) team practices prior to competing in their first match.
- C. All players **MUST** be dressed in a uniform top & bottom.
- D. The Yonex Mavis 300 Nylon shuttlecock (medium/WHITE) will be used for Section VIII matches.
- The Yonex Mavis 300 Nylon shuttlecock (medium/YELLOW) may be used **ONLY** if **BOTH** coaches agree.
 - When traveling to an away site, bring white shuttles in the event the host site only has yellow.
- E. All rules and regulations in this handbook will be followed in addition to Section VIII rules & The Badminton World Federation (BWF) rules.

Score Reporting

- A. Within 24 hours of the conclusion of a match, ALL coaches **MUST** submit-
- [Newsday SportsCentral](#) (score & highlight)
 - [Team Match Summary](#) via Google Sheets (summary of Match Form)
- B. Failure to maintain accurate records will result in the following consequences-
- 1st Offense- Warning
 - 2nd Offense- Notice to Athletic Director
 - 3rd Offense- Ineligible to submit entries to Individual County Tournament, Ineligible for Coach of the Year Award & Ineligible for Nassau County Badminton Coaches Association Awards & Scholarships.

Configuration Guidelines

A. Players MUST play in strength on the basis of ability. Coaches are encouraged to have a round-robin type tournament at the beginning of the season to determine strength order.

#1 = 1 st singles	#4 & #5 = 1 st doubles
#2 = 2 nd singles	#6 & #7 = 2 nd doubles
#3 = 3 rd singles	#8 & #9 = 3 rd doubles
	#10 & #11 = 4 th doubles

B. Once the line-up is established, doubles partnerships may shift up or down ONE (1) position to strengthen the higher position.

C. A player may participate in only one legal match per day.

D. All players MUST play in their established singles or doubles positions. If an individual is absent for a match, leave that position open and fill the position with an alternate. **On the Section VIII Match Form, note the absence with "ALT."**

E. If a team consists of less than eleven players, it must fulfill its obligation to the higher seeds first. If necessary, leave the 3rd singles or 4th doubles open depending on odd or even numbers.

F. Failure to place line-up in strength order will be grounds for protest.

Court Markings

A. Markings on the court are to be clearly visible and should be the same color.

B. Sidelines should not be shared.

Coaching

A. Each team may only be coached by coaching staff.

B. Players may be coached between the 1st & 2nd game and between the 2nd & 3rd game provided that the time does not exceed ONE (1) minute and THREE (3) minutes respectively.

C. Players should be coached to call their own "obvious" carries on themselves. An opposing player may not call a carry on their opponent.

D. Players should be coached to watch for a delay of game. A player can get set, but not intentionally walk around the court and off to the side to stall.

E. Players should be coached that the server must strike the shuttle below the waist with the racket head pointing downwards. Players may serve underhand or backhand, however no player is permitted to use a sidearm serve.

- In the case of a discrepancy, a player should be coached to issue a warning. The player plays the shuttle until it is dead before they question the fault and issue a warning. Both coaches will be called to the court before play resumes. The warning will remain throughout the match and the scorekeepers will be responsible for confirming the service faults, when asked.

Student Officials

- A. Managers or extra players may be used as scorekeepers.
- All players on a team MUST be familiar with scoring both singles & doubles matches. Any player should be able to flip score & paper score.
- B. Only TWO (2) scorekeepers are permitted to sit courtside. The home team supplies the official scorekeeper to paper score, using the [Section VIII scoresheet](#), and the away team supplies a scorekeeper to flip score.
- C. Scorekeepers should be competent individuals who must be alert during the entire match.
- Scorekeepers are NOT permitted to have cell phones and/or smart watches with them while sitting courtside.
- D. The scorekeeper (flip score) must observe service, specifically in terms of a service fault. A server may not step on the service line while serving.
- E. The scorekeeper (paper score) must keep track of rotation. A player must serve and receive from the correct box.
- F. Players MUST call their own lines. In the event that they cannot make a call, players MUST call the shuttle in.
- In the case of a discrepancy, a player must be coached to request line judges. Two line judges will be provided, one from each school. The line judges ONLY make calls IF they are asked.

Badminton Etiquette

- A. Know the rules well and abide by their intent as well as their details.
- B. The server should always be sure the receiving side is ready to receive before serving. The serve should be clearly legal.
- C. Call "let" and replay uncertain or obstructed calls.
- D. Players should not cause any undue delays in continuous play.
- E. Keep conversation and comments to a minimum, and emotions under control. Compliments, such as "good shot," are fine after a rally.
- F. Interrupting or distracting your opponent, or other matches in progress, by shouting or yelling at any point during the match is prohibited and can result in disqualification.

Health & Safety

- A. First Aid Kits/Athletic Trainers should be available in the event of an injury.
- B. If a player is injured during the course of a match, there will be an "injury time-out" of up to TEN (10) minutes. Once both coaches get to the court, the clock starts. If the injured player cannot continue after the allotted time, that player will forfeit the match.

Guidelines for Game Day

- A. Warm-Up: Each team will be permitted a maximum of 15 minutes to stretch & rally on the courts. It is recommended that the home team completes their warm-up prior to the arrival of the away team. Exchange [line-ups](#).
- B. Pre Game: Home team welcomes away team to site. This includes introducing the facility & reviewing the house rules. Read [Unity Statement](#).
- C. Game: Players report to assigned courts. Players will be permitted a maximum of TWO (2) minutes to rally against their opponent. Players toss to determine service & sides and the player winning the toss exercises the first choice. All scoring courts start the match with a fresh shuttle. Use scoreboard.
- D. Post Game: Both teams line-up and shake hands. Coaches report results.

Sportsmanship Policy

A. Section VIII has an established policy & guidelines regarding unsportsmanlike conduct for student-athletes. The following sequence of consequences will take place if it is deemed that the policy has been violated-

1. If a player or coach feels an incident has taken place, a coach will be put on the court to observe the match.
2. On the first violation, a warning will be given to a player or players.
3. On the second violation, there will be a loss of serve for that player or a point awarded to the opponent.
4. On the third violation, the player will forfeit the game.
5. On the fourth violation, the player will forfeit the match.

Protest Policy

A. Section VIII has an established policy & guidelines regarding protests. Please reference *Nassau County Public High School Athletic Association/ Section VIII Procedures for Protests of Athletic Events*. Failure to comply with rules and regulations may result in protests and forfeits.

Postseason Guidelines

A. Seeding for the Team Playoffs & the Individual Championships is determined at the Seeding Meeting by the Seeding Committee.

- All regular season matches MUST be completed and all results MUST be submitted prior to the meeting.

B. *Team Playoffs*- This is a single elimination tournament that will crown ONE (1) Team County Champion.

- The higher seed will host in all rounds except the finals. (1st Round BYE to Seeds #1 & #2)

Conference I	All EIGHT (8) teams qualify for the playoffs earning seeds 1-8.
Conference II	Top THREE (3) teams qualify for the playoffs earning seeds 9-11.
Conference III	1 st place team qualifies for the playoffs earning seed 12.
Conference IV	1 st place team qualifies for the playoffs earning seed 13.
Conference V	1 st place team qualifies for the playoffs earning seed 14.

- In the event of a tie, the following format will be used to break the tie:
 1. Head to Head record
 2. Total wins in individual matches between tied teams
 3. Total points scored in individual matches between tied teams
 4. Total number of games won against next seeded team
 5. Total points scored in individual matches between next seeded team
 6. Play-off (TBA)
- The Nassau County Team Championship will be played @ POB Middle School.

C. *Individual Championships*- This is a single elimination tournament that will crown ONE (1) singles champion and ONE (1) doubles champion. Semi-final matches will play out to recognize third and fourth place.

- Each team has a specific number of entries guaranteed by conference.

Conference I	FOUR (4) entries per team
Conference II	THREE (3) entries per team
Conference III	TWO (2) entries per team
Conference IV	TWO (2) entries per team
Conference V	TWO (2) entries per team

- To be eligible to participate, a player must have competed in 80% of the team's matches and at least 50% in the classification (singles or doubles).
- If a member of a doubles team cannot compete due to an injury, the coach may replace that player with an alternate. A coach is not permitted to replace an injured doubles player with another starting player.
- Seeding for the tournament is calculated by the total number of regular season wins plus bonus points. The Seeding Committee will calculate and seed the brackets. Additional bonus points will be granted to returning All-County.

	1st Singles	2nd Singles	3rd Singles	1st Doubles	2nd Doubles	3rd Doubles	4th Doubles
Conference I	14 points	9 points	0 points	14 points	9 points	0 points	0 points
Conference II	8 points	5 points	0 points	8 points	5 points	0 points	0 points
Conference III	4 points	2 points	0 points	4 points	2 points	0 points	0 points
Conference IV	2 points	1 points	0 points	2 points	1 points	0 points	0 points
Conference V	0 points	0 points	0 points	0 points	0 points	0 points	0 points

- The Seeding Committee will make every effort to- down seed to avoid same conference matchups in the first round & down seed to avoid teammates competing against one another prior to the semifinals.
 - In the event of a tie, the following format will be used to break the tie:
 1. Total points
 2. Position
 3. Conference
 4. Total points scored in individual matches between tied individuals
 5. Head to Head Record
 6. TBA
- Players MUST be accompanied by their coach in order to participate in the championships. In the event that a coach is unable to attend, an assistant coach and/or supervisor MUST be sent in their place. Submit written approval from the Athletic Director to the Sport Coordinator at least 24 hours in advance.
- The Individual Championships will be held @ POB Middle School.

Awards & Scholarships

The Nassau County Badminton Coaches Association looks forward to recognizing student-athletes, teams and coaches for their performances on the court, as well as their contributions to our program. These awards and scholarships will be distributed at the banquet in May 2026. In order to be eligible to receive awards & scholarships, student-athletes, teams and coaches must be in good standing within the Nassau County Badminton Coaches Association.

Team Awards

- Sportsmanship Award: One team in each conference
- Conference Championship: Top team in each conference
- County Championship: Top team in Nassau County
- Long Island Championship: Top team on Long Island

Individual Awards

- Unsung Hero: a player who works hard behind the scenes and whose contributions might otherwise go unnoticed
- Team Spirit: a player with extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit demonstrated through exceptional partnership and teamwork
- All-County: players who advance to the quarterfinals at the tournament OR lose in the Round of 16 & win the "wrestle back"
- All-County Honorable Mention: players who advance to the Round of 16 at the tournament
- All-Conference: players who win a minimum number of games during the regular season, including both conference & non-conference games

Conference I- 7 or more wins

Conference II- 8 or more wins

Conference III- 8 or more wins

Conference IV- 9 or more wins

Conference V-9 or more wins

Coach of the Year Award

- Coach of the Year Award: a coach who demonstrates character, integrity, leadership and dedication to their team, as well as Nassau County Badminton

Scholarships

- Exceptional Senior: a senior who demonstrates excellence in badminton and serves as a role model for their teammates
- The Love of The Sport: a senior who exemplifies courage, dedication, determination, and commitment to the sport of badminton.
- Tara Berkowitz Memorial Scholarship: awarded for exemplifying the values and spirit of Tara Berkowitz (courage, perseverance and positivity)

Match Sites

School	Location	# of Courts
Baldwin	Baldwin High School 841 Ethel T. Kloberg Drive, Baldwin	6
Bellmore JFK	Bellmore JFK High School 3000 Bellmore Avenue, Bellmore	6
Bethpage	Bethpage High School 10 Cherry Avenue, Bethpage	7
Calhoun	Sanford H. Calhoun High School 1786 State Street, Merrick	7
Clarke	W. Tresper Clarke High School 740 Edgewood Drive, Westbury	6
Division	Division High School 120 Division Avenue, Levittown	4
East Meadow	East Meadow High School 101 Carman Ave, East Meadow	4
East Rockaway	East Rockaway High School 443 Ocean Ave, East Rockaway	4
Elmont	Elmont Memorial Junior-Senior High School 555 Ridge Rd, Elmont	5
Evergreen Charter	Evergreen Charter 605 West Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead	0
Farmingdale	Farmingdale High School 150 Lincoln Avenue, Farmingdale	3
Freeport	Freeport High School 50 South Brookside Avenue, Freeport	4
Garden City	Garden City High School 170 Rockaway Avenue, Garden City	6
Great Neck North	John L. Miller Great Neck North HS 35 Polo Road, Great Neck	6
Great Neck South	William A. Shine Great Neck South HS 341 Lakeville Road, Great Neck	7
Hempstead	Hempstead High School 201 President Street, Hempstead	5
Herricks	Herricks High School 100 Shelter Rock Road, New Hyde Park	6
Island Trees	Island Trees High School 59 Straight Lane, Levittown	4
Jericho	Jericho High School 99 Cedar Swamp Road, Jericho	6
Lawrence	Lawrence High School 2 Reilly Road, Cedarhurst	6
Long Beach	Long Beach High School 322 Lagoon Drive West, Lido Beach	6
Lynbrook	Lynbrook High School 9 Union Avenue, Lynbrook	6
MacArthur	General Douglas MacArthur High School 3369 Old Jerusalem Road, Levittown	4
Manhasset	Manhasset High School 200 Memorial Place, Manhasset	4

Massapequa	<i>Massapequa High School</i> 4925 Merrick Road, Massapequa	5
Mepham	<i>Wellington C. Mepham High School</i> 2401 Camp Avenue, Bellmore	4
Oceanside	<i>Oceanside High School</i> 3161 Skillman Avenue, Oceanside	6
Oyster Bay	<i>Oyster Bay High School</i> 150 East Main Street, Oyster Bay	6
Plainview-Old Bethpage	<i>Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School</i> 121 Central Park Road, Plainview	7
Port Washington	<i>Paul D. Schreiber Senior High School</i> 101 Campus Drive, Port Washington	6
Roosevelt	<i>Roosevelt High School</i> 1 Wagner Avenue, Roosevelt	4
Roslyn	<i>Roslyn High School</i> 475 Round Hill Road, Roslyn Heights	5
Syosset	<i>Syosset High School</i> 70 South Woods Road, Syosset	5
Uniondale	<i>Uniondale High School</i> 933 Goodrich Street, Uniondale	3
Valley Stream Central	<i>Valley Stream Central High School</i> 135 Fletcher Avenue, Valley Stream	4
Valley Stream North	<i>Valley Stream North High School</i> 750 Herman Ave, Franklin Square	4
Valley Stream South	<i>Valley Stream South High School</i> 150 Jedwood Place, Valley Stream	4
Wantagh	<i>Wantagh High School</i> 3297 Beltaugh Avenue, Wantagh	4
Westbury	<i>Westbury High School</i> 1 Post Road, Old Westbury	7
West Hempstead	<i>West Hempstead High School</i> 400 Nassau Boulevard, West Hempstead	5
Wheatley	<i>Wheatley High School</i> 11 Bacon Road, Old Westbury	4

Conference Representatives

Each conference has one coach assigned as a Conference Representative.

The representative will serve as a liaison between the coaches in the conference and the Sport Coordinator. The representative is responsible for monitoring score reports and following up on missing submissions. Coaches may contact their respective representatives with any questions or concerns.

Conference I	Dan Ortiz- Mephram
Conference II	Sandra Jozefowski- Port Washington
Conference III	Michelle LaBarbera- Long Beach
Conference IV	Ryan Vinberg- Island Trees
Conference V	Dan Vito- East Rockaway
Junior Varsity	James Alford- Mephram

Modified Girls Badminton

Nassau County runs a modified badminton program for boys and girls. These teams play at the middle school level during the fall season (boys) and spring season (girls). These are combined teams for 7th and 8th grades. The schools listed below currently participate in the girls program.

The expansion at the modified level is imperative as we continue to grow our sport at the high school level. If you and your Athletic Director are interested in participating in the modified badminton program, please contact the President of Nassau County Modified Athletics, [Cathleen Dnyprowsky](#).

Bethpage
Farmingdale (Howitt)
East Meadow (Clarke & Woodland)
Freeport
Great Neck South
Hempstead
Herricks
Jericho
Levittown (Wisdom & Salk)
Lynbrook
North Shore
Plainview-Old Bethpage (Mattlin)
Roslyn
Syosset (South Woods & Thompson)
Uniondale (Turtle Hook & Lawrence)



**Nassau County
Section VIII
Policies & Procedures**



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. 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
R E C O M M E N D E D	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.
REQUIRED	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 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.
- 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 trainers, 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
R E C O M M E N D E D	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.
REQUIRED	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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SECTION VIII SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

Approved September 2016

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.

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).
3. 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).
4. 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:

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.

2. Second Occurrence of Misconduct:

In the same sport – NYSPHSAA requires a two game suspension for the second (2nd) ejection and a third (3rd) 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.
- F. **Due Process:**
1. 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.

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

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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.