



**SPORT COORDINATOR
MANUAL**

2026 - 2027



GENERAL

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SECTION VIII GOVERNANCE

Nassau County Athletic Association Section VIII Superintendents' Board

Mr. John McNamara - Chair
Mr. David Schneider
Mr. Dan Rehman
Dr. Phyllis Harrington
Mr. Paul Defendini

Wantagh Public Schools
Bethpage Public Schools
West Hempstead Public Schools
Oceanside Public Schools
Farmingdale Public Schools

The Superintendents' Board shall be responsible for the governance of the Association and perform the following duties:

- Approve policy for Section VIII. Approval by the Athletic Council as well as by the Superintendents' Board is required for adoption.
- Supervise the annual fee structure.
- Approve the annual fee structure.
- Approve contract with officials.
- Serve as the last resort in appeals relating to budget matters and the administration of county policies.

Nassau County Athletic Association
Section VIII
Executive Committee

The Executive Committee:

President:	Scott Stueber	Athletic Director. Syosset HS
President Elect:	Barbara Lowell	Principal, Massapequa HS
V.P. - Men:	Matt McLees	AD INTRM, Massapequa HS
V.P. - Women:	Jennifer Keane	Athletic Director, Wantagh HS
President HSAA:	Mike Bongino	Athletic Director. Cold Spring Hrb HS
Past President:	Eric Caballero	District Athletic Director, Bellmore-Merrick
President Modified:	Cathleen Dynprowsky	Athletic Director, Great Neck South MS

Executive Committee Duties:

The Executive Committee will facilitate the work of the Athletic Council by performing the following duties:

- Develops agenda for Athletic Council meetings
- Hear appeals from Athletic Council Standing Committees
- Makes decisions in matters of an emergency nature which occur between Athletic Council meetings
- Reviews correspondence, determines response required and distributes copies to the appropriate committee or council
- Reports all actions and/or decisions to the Athletic Council at the following meeting of the Council

Section VIII Athletic Council

Officers

President	Scott Stueber	Syosset HS
President Elect	Barbara Lowell	Massapequa HS
Vice President (Women)	Jennifer Keane	Wantagh HS
Vice President (Men)	Matt McLees	Massapequa HS

Central Committee Members

Athletic Director	John Coscia	Levittown Schools
Superintendent	Hank Grisman-Retired	Jericho Schools
Female Athletics	Jennifer Keane	Wantagh HS
Male Athletics	Mike Bongino	Cold Spring Harbor HS

Modified Program Representatives

President	Cathleen Dynprowsky	Great Neck South MS
President-Elect	Ed Hoffman	Berner MS
State Representatives	Janine Heilbronn	Woodland MS
	Kevin Witt	Seaford

Council of Administrators Representatives

President	Tom Lehman	Oceanside HS
President Elect	Brett Kornblum	Jericho HS

High School Association Representatives

President	Mike Bongino	Cold Spring Hrbr HS
President Elect	Tom Lehman	Oceanside HS
Recording Secretary	Shannon McEntee	Oyster Bay HS
V.P. Championship Advisory Com.	Ed Ramirez	Garden City HS
V.P. Classifications Committee	John Kostkowicz	Valley Stream District
V.P. Officials	Pete Cardone	Uniondale HS
V.P. Nominations	Don Lang	North Shore HS
V.P. Bylaws & Policies	Dave Zawatson	Great Neck District

Ex-Officio

Section VIII Counsel	Joseph Carbonaro
Executive Director	Patrick Pizzarelli
Assistant Executive Director	Justin Jonas

Nassau County Athletic Association Section VIII

Athletic Committees

Appeals	David Viegas	Hewlett HS
Ethics	Glen Zakian	
Ethics	Dan Rehman	West Hempstead HS
Nominations	Don Lang	North Shore HS
Budget	Patrick Pizzarelli	Executive Director
Awards	Michael Scaturro	Wheatley HS
Sportsmanship	Justin Jonas Mike Brostowski	Sec VIII Roslyn HS
Sports Seasons	Michael Brostowski	Roslyn HS
Officials	Pete Cardone	Uniondale HS
Officials	Ed Wallace	OCC President
Safety	Jennifer Keane	Wantagh HS
By-Laws & Policies	Dave Zawatson	Great Neck District
Championship Advisory	Ed Ramirez	Garden City HS
Classification Non-Public/Charter	John Kostkowicz	Valley Stream District
Combining of Teams	Mike Pelan	Malverne HS

Athletic Council Duties:

The Athletic Council will facilitate the work of Section VIII by performing the following duties:

- Approve policy for Section VIII
- Will approve and supervise sectional athletic activities.
- Will interpret rules and regulations in accordance with the NYSPHSAA Athletic Association and State Education Department to implement policies governing athletics in Section VIII
- Will serve as the final appeal within the section, except in matter of budget. Decisions from appeals will be provided in writing.
- Will impose and enforce a suitable penalty upon any member school or school personnel that violate the constitution, by-laws, rules, regulations, sport standards or code of ethics of the association or section.
- Will review and make final determination on appeals for change in classification of non-public and charter schools. Changes in classification shall be reported to the NYSPHSAA.
- Will establish and terminate all Standing Committees as listed in Article IX.
- Will approve a yearly calendar coordinating all athletic activities.
- Will initiate recommendations for new or revised athletic policies.
- Will receive recommendations from the Executive Committee to direct future actions of that committee.

Nassau County Athletic Association
Section VIII
High School Association Cabinet

President	Mike Bongino	Cold Spring Hrb HS
President Elect	Tom Lehman	Oceanside HS
Recording Secretary	Shannon McEntee	Oyster Bay HS
V.P. for Champ. Advisory	Ed Ramirez	Garden City HS
V.P. Parliamentarian	Anthony Brancato	Carey HS
V.P. Officials	Pete Cardone	Uniondale HS
V.P. Nominations	Don Lang	North Shore HS
V.P. By-Laws/Policies	Dave Zawatson	Great Neck District
Ex-Officio:	Section VIII Counsel	Joe Carbonaro
	Section VIII Executive Director	Patrick Pizzarelli
	Section VIII Asst. Executive Director	Justin Jonas

Duties of the High School Association Cabinet:

The High School Association Cabinet will assist the President in the completion of their duties. Members will attend cabinet meetings as scheduled by the President. The cabinet may act on behalf of the High School Association in matters of an emergency nature which occur between High School Association meetings. Such actions must be reported to the membership by the Recording Secretary as soon as possible.

Duties of the High School Association:

- To elect association officers and Athletic Council representatives.
- To appoint a representative for each sports committee.
- To approve schedules and alignments.
- To recommend post-season formats to Athletic Council for approval.
- To protect the rights of individuals and schools to appeal high school association level decisions to appropriate Section VIII committees.
- To develop and recommend high school association rules (not less stringent than those of the Athletic Council or the NYSPHSAA) for approval by the Athletic Council.
- To disseminate material and information provided by members and various committees of the High School Association and Athletic Council.
- To recommend policy changes and constitutional amendments to the Section VIII Athletic Council.
- To nominate high school representatives for Athletic Council committees.
- To address concerns and provide recommendations to NYSPHSAA Executive Committee representatives.

SPORT COORDINATORS

FALL			
BOY'S		GIRL'S	
Badminton	Jenna Cavuto 516-263-4025 Jennacavuto@gmail.com	GD Cheer	Jennifer Keane 516-353-0420 keanej@wantagschools.org
Cross Country	Adam Mckenzie 516-524-0468 amckenzie@greatneck.k12.ny.us	Cross Country	Neal Levy 516-330-4590 levyn@northshoreschools.org
Football	Joe Martilotti 516-695-4383 joseph.martilotti@lynbrookschools.org	Field Hockey	Barbara Sellers 631-261-5243 tugite@aol.com
Golf	Anthony Brancato 516-318-4025 abrancato@sewanhaskaschools.org	Soccer	Mike Bongino 516-241-3805 mbongino@csh.k12.ny.us
Soccer	Al Freeman 516-526-5180 ahf48@aol.com	Swimming	Christin Snow 516-456-5946 csnow@levittownschools.com
Volleyball	Brett Kornblum 516-314-1234 bkornblum@jerichoschools.org	Tennis	Shai Fisher 631-327-6589 shfisher@syossetschools.org
		Volleyball	Cathleen Dnyprowsy 516-318-6721 cdnyprowsy@greatneck.k12.ny.us
Winter			
Boy's		Girl's	
Basketball	Wally Bachman 516-965-9215 wcoach@aol.com	Basketball	Mike Pelan 516-448-9933 mpelan@malverneschools.org
Bowling	Bryan Landini 516-884-4699 cnaa03@yahoo.com	Bowling	Eileen Schultis 516-419-1949 eshultis@freeportschools.org
Fencing	Scott Stueber 631-219-1265 sstueber@syossetschools.org	Comp Cheer	Jennifer Keane 516-353-0420 keanej@wantagschools.org
Rifle	Mike Palumbo 516-448-0071 palumbomi@baldwinschools.org	Fencing	Scott Stueber 631-219-1265 sstueber@syossetschools.org
Swimming	Matt McGrane 516-578-9026 matthewmcgrane@aol.com	Gymnastics	Kim Rhatigan 516-650-4205 coachkim50@hotmail.com
Winter Track	Dennis Kornfield 516-375-3896 suziekorn@aol.com	Winter Track	Kristen Frazer 516-237-2545 section8wintertrack@gmail.com
Wrestling	Josh Friedman 516-729-6626 jfriedman@emufsd.us	Wrestling	Sean Severin 516-721-2158 smseverin165@gmail.com
SPRING			
Boys's		Girl's	
Baseball	Sen Burns 516-728-4807 sburns@islandtrees.org	Badminton	Jenna Cavuto 516-263-4025 Jennacavuto@gmail.com
Golf	Anthony Brancato 516-318-4025 abrancato@sewanhaskaschools.org	Golf	Brian Rath 516-998-5555 brath@msd.k12.ny.s
Lacrosse	Jim Amen Jr. 631-896-6917 jimamen1@gmail.com	Lacrosse	John Kostkovicz 516-668-1277 kostkowj@vschsd.org
Spring Track	Ed Corona 516-376-5918 ecorona1612@gmal.com	Softball	Rachael Barry 516-647-5260 rbarry@emufsd.us
Tennis	Mike Scaturro 516-567-9097 scaturrom@ewsdmail.org	Spring Track	Nick Aurigemma 516-721-0878 naurigemma@csh.k12.ny.us
		Flag Football	Gary Gregory 516-582-5235 ggregory@eastrockawayschools.org

Sports Committee Membership:

- Sports Coordinator: Nominations for this position may be made by any interested party and should be submitted to the Athletic Council's Nominating Committee. The sports coordinator will be appointed by the Athletic Council for a three (3) year term but may serve multiple terms.
- High School Association Representative or Designee: High School Association representative will be elected by the High School Association from its' membership. In cases where there are no nominations, appointments will be made by the High School Association Vice President for Nominations. The High School Association representative shall serve a three (3) year term but may serve multiple terms.
- Two (2) Representatives from each Conference: (In the absence of conferences, two (2) representatives from each division). Appointments are made from the Conferences/Divisions they represent.
- One (1) Representative of Coaches' Associations: This position will be elected by the coaches' association for a one (1) year term but may serve multiple terms.
- Ex-Officio Members: Representative of corresponding male/female sports committee. Representative of officials' associations. Representative of modified sports committee. These representatives will be appointed by the groups they represent. Sport coordinators may recommend additional non-voting committee members.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPORTS COORDINATOR

The sports coordinator oversees the entire sport program. He/she is responsible for all actions taken by the sports committee. The sports coordinator can appoint sub-committees when needed. The sports coordinator serves as a liaison with the coach's association. The sports coordinator is responsible for attending meetings and reporting to the High School Athletic Association. The sports coordinator is responsible for submitting an End of the Year Summary to the Executive Director and the Vice President for Men's' Athletics or the Vice President for Women's' Athletics.

ROLE OF THE SPORT COORDINATOR

- Shall oversee all duties of the sport committee.
- Shall develop the agenda for and chair the sport committee meetings.
- Shall develop an agenda and chair a minimum of two (2) meetings per year, one (1) pre-season and one (1) post-season for all coaches of that sport.
- Shall, with input from sport committee, make decisions of an emergency nature which occur between sport meetings.
- Shall appoint sub-committees including, but not limited to appeals, protests, ethics, etc.
- Provide a summary of every meeting (official minutes) including an accurate attendance list. The Office of the Executive Director will distribute the minutes to all Athletic Directors.
- Attend meetings and report to the High School Association and the Athletic Council as necessary.
- Serve as the Section VIII Representative to the NYSPHSAA and attend the State Sports Committee meetings.
- Serve as liaison with the Coaches Association.

- Serve as consultant to the Office of the Executive Director on matters pertaining to officials.
- Shall be responsible for developing a written handbook for his/her sport which contains timelines and due dates.
- Shall meet annually, with Executive Director and Athletic Council Treasurer, to formulate the budget.
- The term of office for sport coordinator is for three (3) years. Responsibilities and performance shall be reviewed by the Athletic Council.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPORTS COMMITTEE

A sport committee must develop the framework for their program. Members of a sports committee are responsible for establishing guidelines that include both regular and post season play. This committee is also responsible for developing a timeline and schedule for their sport. The sports committee makes all recommendations to the Championship Advisory Committee and the High School Association for review and to the Athletic Council for approval. It is important that the sports committee attempt to coordinate their program with the modified program. Many high school athletic programs share facilities with modified sports. Keep in mind that some sports have a limited number of officials that must be shared with the modified program.

It is important to note that guidelines established by a sports committee follow the policies set by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, and the Section VIII Athletic Council. A sports committee, with the approval of the Athletic Council, may impose stricter rules within their sport but may not violate a State, or Section VIII policy. It is imperative for a sports committee to know the policies regarding: 1. number of contests within a season, 2. starting times, 3. number of teams permitted in post season play, 4. number of contests in post season play, etc.

ROLE OF THE SPORT COMMITTEE

The individual sport committee has several important duties:

- Shall act on all issues related to the sport.
- Develop a sport manual which should include specific guidelines, information, policies, and procedures for all seasonal and post seasonal competitions *in* that sport.
- Develop a timeline and schedule for their sport including specific post-seasonal dates to be coordinated with the modified program.
- Organize and implement plans for post-seasonal activities such as sectional tournaments, regional, intersectional, and state competitions.
- Serves as members of sub-committees as appointed by the sport coordinator.

WHO MAKES UP THE SPORTS COMMITTEE?

The sports coordinator is appointed by the Athletic Council. He or she is appointed for a three year term. A sports coordinator may serve multiple terms if approved by the Athletic Council. A High School Association Representative must also be a member of this committee. The Association must elect this representative or designee. If there are no nominations, the Athletic Council may appoint a representative. The sports committee should have two representatives from each conference or division. The sports committee should have one representative of the coach's association. Sports coordinators may recommend additional committee members to the Athletic Council for approval.

COACHES' HANDBOOK

PURPOSE OF THE HANDBOOK

Preparation of a good Section VII handbook for your sport is an important responsibility of The sport coordinator and his/her committee. The handbook serves as an important resource For coaches, athletic directors, Section VIII officers and committees, and officials of the sport.

PREPARATION OF THE HANDBOOK

The coaches' handbook should be a complete and informative document. It is recommended that the handbook contents be in an electronic format so that annual additions and revisions can be easily done. This will also allow for a smooth transfer of information when a new coordinator begins his/her role. The coaches' handbook must be ready for distribution before the start of your season. Ideally, it should be distributed and reviewed at the pre-season meeting. Sufficient time (at least one week) must also be allowed for the printing of the book by the Section VIII Nassau BOCES office.

CONTENTS

The handbook should contain the following information:

- A distinguishing cover that clearly identifies the sport.
- A table of contents.
- Identification of sport coordinator, conference coordinators, committee members, high school association representatives, and coaches' association. Include names, schools, school phone numbers and home phone numbers. An alphabetical (by school) list of all county coaches, with their school, home and cell numbers is a very useful inclusion in the handbook.
- Season timeline: Include all calendar dates that will clarify the framework of your season and allow coaches and directors to plan (all these items do not pertain to every sport): Preseason meeting; first day of season; first legal dates for scrimmages/games. seeding meeting; sportsmanship workshop; playoff seeding meeting; county tournament dates, times, and sites (quarterfinals, semis, finals per class); Exceptional Senior game date; state tournament dates and sites; awards dinner, post season meetings.
- Clarification of coaches' responsibilities: rosters, uniforms, game times, Rating Cards special equipment (i.e., basketball 30-second clock, wrestling scale, volleyball antenna, etc.), home and visiting school responsibilities, conflicts, and inclement weather procedures.
- Rule changes (usually presented in coordination with representative from officials' association).
- Sportsmanship procedures and Code of Conduct
- Health and Safety Information: Lightning Policy, Heat and Wind Chill Index Policies
- Seeding meeting procedures
- Conference Alignments
- Rules, regulations, and guidelines for tournament play: Explanation of qualification for the tournament, Tournament Declaration Form, Playoff format (brackets), Responsibilities of the tournament committee, Responsibilities of Athletic Directors of participating schools and Guidelines for game announcers, officials, supervisors.
- Information from coaches' association: Membership forms, dinner information, etc.
- Post-season awards procedures: Nominating forms, etc.
- End-of-season team record forms requested of coordinator
- Checklist for new coaches

SCHEDULE and PLAYOFF INFORMATION

MEETINGS FOR COACHES

If you wish to conduct a meeting, please feel free to contact this office and we will do everything possible to accommodate you and your group. To make room arrangements through BOCES, and have time to make mailings well in advance of scheduled meetings, **please contact this office four (4) weeks in advance**. All meetings booked through BOCES will be held at:

Section VIII
George Farber Administrative Center
71 Clinton Road
Garden City, NY 11530

EMAIL

If you have information to be forwarded to schools, please use the list serve.
section-viii-athletics@gaggle.email

OVERVIEW and SCHEDULES

Please submit overview and schedule(s) **two weeks prior** to their presentation at the High School Association meeting. There will be a **“hard deadline”** as we attempt to avoid any potential issues in preparation for sport seasons. Unless approval is received from the Executive Director for an extension, it is expected that all sport coordinators meet this deadline.

In addition, prior to overviews and schedules being submitted, you will now be required to meet (remotely) at a time conducive to your schedule, with the VP of Sports Operations (Eric Caballero) to review and discuss any changes from the previous year. It is important to note that this timeline must be adhered to for the overview /schedule(s) to be emailed to the high school voting representatives in a timely fashion. (See Timeline Schedule in Information Section –page 28). Please remember to include the post-season format, as well as tie breaking formulas.

Finally, kindly email to the Executive Director’s Office (Executive Director and Administrative Assistant).

PLAYOFF OFFICIALS

The Sport Coordinator and his/her committee will consult and receive feedback from the Officials Organization, to establish the recommended procedures for the assignment of officials for playoff contests. The final approval will be granted by the Athletic Council. The Sport Committee and Officials Organization may be represented by no more than two members each, excluding the sport coordinator for a total of five (5) members. A representative of the Office of the ED and a representative of the OCC may also be included.

Playoff rounds will be assigned by the process approved by the Section VIII Executive Director.

BUDGET

Sport coordinators are requested to submit their proposed budget using the Sport Budget Form prior to September 1st. (See Sport Budget Form in Forms on the Section VIII website)

VENUE

The sport coordinator and the Executive Director will work together to secure sites for playoff games. The Executive Director will be responsible for the execution of the facility contract and to secure insurance for the event.

TICKET TAKERS

Section VIII will arrange for ticket takers/sellers at contests held at neutral sites.

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Section VIII will arrange for certified athletic trainers at contests held at neutral sites when available.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Prior to the neutral site playoff games/contests establish an Emergency Action Plan and distribute the plan to the venue, participating schools, and athletic trainers.

COMPENSATION

- Only on-site time is to be calculated in determining the budget.
- A person can only be paid for one position per activity, per day. Be aware, people should not be placed in a situation when they are also being compensated by their district at the same time.
- Sports Coordinators or his/her designee will be compensated for travel (45 cents per mile), lodging and meals when attending state mandated meetings.

SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL

Supervisory personnel are all personnel needed to conduct a given activity. Supervisory personnel must report to the contest site at least 30 minutes prior to contests starting time and remain to the conclusion of the event and assist in the evacuation of the crowd. All supervisory personnel will be assigned a specific duty by the coordinator or his/her designee. Supervisory personnel will be compensated as per tables on pages 25-26.

SPORTS COORDINATORS/SITE DIRECTORS

Sport coordinators or his/her designee will be compensated as per tables on page 25-26.

NOTE: No compensation will be paid to any personnel without a sectional voucher signed by the supervisor and countersigned by the sports coordinator or his/her designee. Also necessary for payment is the claimant's social security number. Properly signed vouchers will be submitted to the treasurer of the Section for payment at the conclusion of the activity.

OFFICIALS/SUPERVISORS LIST

For payment of supervisors, custodians, officials, etc. working special events, please submit list on the enclosed form and a pink voucher signed by them for payment. Additional vouchers can be obtained in the office of the Executive Director or printed off the website. Please include social security number, address and signature or payment cannot be processed.

PINK VOUCHERS (CLAIM FORMS)

This claim form should be used for supervisory services if purchases are needed for your sport. If purchases are needed permission for expenses is required to be reimbursed. All original receipts must be attached to receive reimbursement. Please note that Section VIII is tax exempt and will not reimburse state and local taxes. Vouchers are also available on the website.

Supervisory compensation needs to be separate from reimbursed expenses so that separate checks can be issued.

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE - 45 cents per mile/round trip.

E-Z pass reimbursement will only be made with receipt printouts available on the E-Z Pass website – www.ezpass.com.

TAX EXEMPT FORM

Section VIII is tax exempt, therefore, is not responsible for any taxes paid. The Tax-Exempt form may only be used for purchases that receive prior approval from Section VIII. (Please call the office and we will forward the form).

OFFICIALS

When Section VIII hosts regional play, the sport coordinator is responsible for game officials' vouchers.

NYSPPHSAA COORDINATOR MEETINGS

If the meeting is OTHER than a conference call, it is imperative to call the NYSPPHSAA Office in advance to reserve accommodations if it is an overnight stay (518-690-0771). The NYSPPHSAA will then send Section VIII an invoice for your stay. **DO NOT USE YOUR PERSONAL CREDIT CARD.**



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September

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Holidays and Observances

Sept. 1-2. Superintendent's Conference Days	Feb. 15-19..... Winter Recess
Sept. 3.....First Day of School, Nassau BOCES	March 25-26..... Easter Recess
Sept. 7..... Labor Day	March 29...Superintendent's Conference Day
Sept. 21 Yom Kippur	April 22-30.....Spring Recess
Oct. 12..... Columbus Day	May 28 Inclement Weather Make-up Day, Schools Closed IF NOT NEEDED
Nov. 3..... Superintendent's Conference Day	May 31 Memorial Day
Nov. 11..... Veterans Day	June 18..... Juneteenth (observed)
Nov. 26-27..... Thanksgiving Recess	June 25 ... Last Day of School, Nassau BOCES
Dec. 24-Jan. 1 Holiday Recess	
Jan. 18..... Martin Luther King Jr. Day	

Key

- Holiday - SCHOOLS CLOSED
- Inclement Weather Make-up Day
SCHOOLS CLOSED IF NOT NEEDED
- Superintendent's Conference Day
SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS ONLY
- First/Last Day of School

179 Student Attendance Days
4 Superintendent's Conference Days
183 Total Teacher Attendance Days

SECTION VIII SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 2026-2027

<u>ENROLLMENT</u>		<u>ENROLLMENT</u>		<u>ENROLLMENT</u>	
SYOSSET	1,769	MEPHAM	888	LYNBROOK	624
FREEMPORT	1,715	GARDEN CITY	834	VALLEY STREAM NORTH	624
UNIONDALE	1,575	CAREY	825	FLORAL PARK	623
MASSAPEQUA	1,442	ROSLYN	809	VALLEY STREAM SOUTH	606
HEMPSTEAD	1,332	KENNEDY BELLMORE	807	NORTH SHORE	596
PLAINVIEW OBP	1,265	GREAT NECK NORTH	789	LAWRENCE	551
FARMINGDALE	1,250	NEW HYDE PARK	782	ISLAND TREES	489
HICKSVILLE	1,235	ROOSEVELT	780	SEAFORD	447
PORT WASHINGTON	1,205	MANJASSET	776	ACADEMY CHR- UNION	465
OCEANSIDE	1,173	SEWANHAKA	773	LOCUST VALLEY	447
EAST MEADOW	1,160	GLEN COVE	767	ACADEMY CHR- HMP	444
HERRICKS	1,139	HEWLETT	765	MALVERNE	438
WESTBURY	1,130	DIVISION	761	WHEATLEY	380
BALDWIN	1,091	BETHPAGE	744	WEST HEMPSTEAD	375
GREAT NECK SOUTH	1,065	ELMONT	720	COLD SPRING HARBOR	335
VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL	1,056	SOUTH SIDE	686	CARLE PLACE	317
MACARTHUR	929	CLARK	656	OYSTER BAY	311
JERICO	921	PLAINEDGE	644	EAST ROCKAWAY	276
CALHOUN	902	MINEOLA	642	FRIENDS ACADEMY	245
LONG BEACH	897	WANTAGH	626	EVERGREEN CHARTER	168

Total includes Grades 9 and 10 plus the average of 9th and 10th.

STARTING IN THE 2026-202 SCHOOL YEAR

SIX CLASS NUMBERS

SIX CLASS NUMBERS

Class	Boys Soccer	Girls Soccer	Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball	Baseball	Softball	Girls Volleyball
Class AAA	1041 and up	1057 and up	1031 and up	1057 and up	1026 and up	1032 and up	1124 and up
Class AA	674-1040	677-1056	660-1030	658-1056	669-1025	663-1031	722-1123
Class A	399-673	387-676	370-659	374-657	385-668	382-662	449-721
Class B	246-398	244-386	213-369	232-373	241-384	231-381	274-448
Class C	145-245	136-243	121-212	127-231	136-240	131-230	168-273
Class D	144 and below	135 and below	120 and below	126 and below	135 and below	130 and below	167 and below

FIVE CLASS NUMBERS

Football	2025							
Class AA	1025-above							
Class A	651-1024							
Class B	402-650							
Class C	273-401							
Class D	272-below							

FOUR CLASS NUMBERS

Girls Lacrosse		Boys Lacrosse		Cross Country		Competitive Cheer		
Class A	1036 and up	Class A	1036 and up	Class A	815-UP	Class A	1025 and up	
Class B	728-1035	Class B	728-1035	Class B	450-814	Class B	555-1024	
Class C	450-727	Class C	450-727	Class C	255-449	Class C	250-554	
Class D	449-below	Class D	449-below	Class D	254-Below	Class D	249-below	

THREE CLASS NUMBERS

Field Hockey		Game Day Cheer		Flag Football		Track & Field		
Class A	915-Up	Class A	849-Up	Class A	1018-Up	Class A	800- Up	
Class B	450-914	Class B	479-848	Class B	601-1017	Class B	400-799	
Class C	449-Below	Class C	478-Below	Class C	600-Below	Class C	399-Below	
Ice Hockey		Boys Volleyball			Game Day Cheer		Ind/Team	Wrestling/Bowling Tennis/indoor Track & Field (relays only)
Division I	1000+	Division I	901-Up		849 and up		Division 1	600-above
Division II	999-below	Division II	900-Bwlow		479-848		Division 2	599-below
					478-below			

SECTION VIII
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
2026-2027

Thursday	September 24, 2026	George Farber Admin. Center	8:00 AM
Thursday	November 12, 2026	George Farber Admin. Center	8:00 AM
Thursday	January 7, 2027	George Farber Admin. Center	8:00 AM
Thursday	March 4, 2027	George Farber Admin. Center	8:00 AM
Tuesday	May 4, 2027	George Farber Admin. Center	8:00 AM
Wednesday	June 3, 2027	George Farber Admin. Center	8:00 AM

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETINGS
2026-2027

Thursday	September 24, 2026	George Farber Admin. Center	9:00 AM
Thursday	November 12, 2026	George Farber Admin. Center	9:00 AM
Thursday	January 7, 2027	George Farber Admin. Center	9:00 AM
Thursday	March 4, 2027	George Farber Admin. Center	9:00 AM
Tuesday	May 4, 2027	George Farber Admin. Center	9:00 AM
Thursday	June 3, 2027	George Farber Admin. Center	9:00 AM

HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
2026-2027

Thursday	September 10, 2026	Brookside School	8:30 AM
*Friday	October 2, 2026	Brookside School	8:30 AM
Thursday	October 15, 2026	Brookside School	8:30 AM
Thursday	November 19, 2026	Brookside School	8:30 AM
Thursday	December 17, 2026	Brookside School	8:30 AM
Thursday	January 14, 2027	Brookside School	8:30 AM
Thursday	February 11, 2027	Brookside School	8:30 AM
Thursday	March 11, 2027	Brookside School	8:30 AM
Thursday	April 15, 2027	Brookside School	8:30 AM
Thursday	May 13, 2027	Brookside School	8:30 AM
Thursday	June 10, 2027	Brookside School	8:30 AM

***MANDATORY NYSPHSAA MEETING FOR N.C. ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS**

SUPERINTENDENTS' BOARD MEETINGS
2026-2027

Tuesday	October 6, 2026	George Farber Admin. Center	8:00 AM
Tuesday	February 9, 2027	George Farber Admin. Center	8:00 AM
Tuesday	May 18, 2027	George Farber Admin. Center	8:00 AM



SCRIMMAGES

Approved MAY 2010

INTERSCHOOL SCRIMMAGES: A scrimmage is a practice that is a **SIMULATED CONTEST**. In scrimmages: (a) both squads use the same field simultaneously with both coaches making corrections and giving instructions, (b) **GAME RULES MUST BE ALTERED – SEE SPORT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS (p.111-113)**, (c) no official score is kept, (d) time (s) are defined in the Sport Standards section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook, (e) no admission is charged. The use of officials would be permitted and encouraged whenever possible for the purpose of instruction regarding the rules and proper application of rules.

BASEBALL

A baseball scrimmage must include free substitutions and lineup cards will not be exchanged. Scrimmages must also include **one or more** of the following:

1. Play six (6) outs per half inning (example-3 outs clear the field/ 3 more outs).
2. Batting order must be altered or modified to include more batters than rules permit.
3. Start with a runner(s) on base with a predetermined situation for at least two (2) full innings.

BASKETBALL

A basketball scrimmage must include 10-minute time periods with running time (except time-outs) and unlimited time outs. The score will be cleared at the end of the time and the time will be reset. Scrimmages must also include **one or more** of the following:

1. Optional shot clock
2. Shoot only fouls against the shooter with free throws awarded in a one plus one.
3. At the end of the 1st and 3rd quarters, each team will run five (5) special plays. Example: out-of-bounds play underneath the basket; sideline out of bounds.

BOWLING

In a bowling scrimmage any format may be used, and substitutions may be made at any time. No official scores may be kept; therefore, scores may not be used in calculating season average or for qualifying for sectional or state tournaments. Scores may not be used toward league or non-league standing.

FIELD HOCKEY:

A field hockey scrimmage must start with a sideline, or 16 yard hit and includes **one or more** of the following:

1. A running clock and/or modified periods
2. Incorporate all or part of the Overtime Procedure into the scrimmage
3. Each team will take 5 offensive corners, playing until either a goal is scored; ball goes out of bounds or crosses the 25yd line.

FOOTBALL:

Football scrimmages shall be governed by the following: (a) no official score is kept, (b) no definite time is set or kept, (c) coaches are permitted on the field to provide instruction and make corrections, (d) different configurations governing possession time and down and distance situations (than those normally used in a game) may be used to govern play, (e) unlimited time outs and stoppages of play are permitted and encouraged for the purpose of both providing instruction and adequate rest periods, (f) the use of officials would be permitted and encouraged whenever possible for the purpose of instruction regarding the rules and proper application of rules, (g) no kickoffs are permitted, (h) punts and extra point kick attempts may involve live play until the ball is kicked. Punts may not be advanced, and all fumbled punts and muffs will be blown dead immediately, (i) the total number of plays should be recorded to prevent an individual player from being involved in more than a maximum of 90 live contact plays during the entire scrimmage, (j) no admission may be charged, (k) the participation of student support groups such as cheerleaders, bands, kick lines, etc. are prohibited.

GOLF:

A golf scrimmage must include **one or more** of the following:

1. Use different tees
2. Play multiple shots and multiple putts
3. Play two (2) or three (3) balls
4. Alter playing format: match play, Ryder cup, or best ball format

ICE HOCKEY:

An ice hockey scrimmage shall be divided into two (2) halves with the time to be determined by coaches. The time clock and penalty

clocks may be used for time keeping only but no score may be kept. During the scrimmage **one or more** of the following must be included:

1. Each team must play shorthanded in predefined situations.
2. Use of half (1/2) ice situations

LACROSSE: A lacrosse scrimmage must have modified time periods and include **one or more** of the following:

1. Alternate possessions.
2. Start the scrimmage with either a Draw (girls) or a Face Off (boys)
3. Include the following game situations:
 - a. Face Off/Draws Boys/Girls
 - b. Clears and Rides Boys/Girls
 - c. Extra Man and Man Down – Boys/Girls
 - d. Fast Breaks Boys/Girls

SKIING

A skiing scrimmage will consist of one (1) or more runs of slalom, giant slalom and/or Nordic. Electronic timing and officials may be used for instructional purposes only.

SOCCER:

A soccer scrimmage may not exceed a total of 100 minutes and unlimited substitutions are permitted. The length of time for the periods of play is to be determined by the coaches, not to exceed 40 minutes in any one period: halves, three periods or quarters. Scoreboards may be used for timekeeping only. The clock will begin with the goalkeeper in possession of the ball. When a goal is scored, play will be restarted with goalie possession. The goalie can restart play with a goal kick, goalie throw or goalie punt.

SOFTBALL

A softball scrimmage must include free substitutions and lineup cards will not be exchanged. Scrimmages must also include **one or more** of the following:

4. Play six (6) outs per half inning (example 3 outs clear the field/ 3 more outs).
5. Batting order must be altered or modified to include more batters than rules permit.
6. Start with a runner(s) on base with a predetermined situation for at least two (2) full innings.

SWIMMING

In a swimming scrimmage no official times or scores will be kept. Times may not be used to meet the qualifying standard. More than one heat per event is permitted.

TENNIS

A tennis scrimmage must alter format, so it does not follow the regular competition format for league/sectional play. Suggested formats include but are not limited to:

1. Teams use tie breaks only
2. 5 game pro sets with a tie break at 5-5
3. An 8-game pro set – 1st one to 3 points.
4. Modified 8 game pro set – 1st players to 3 points completes the scrimmage.
5. Teams compete using an 8-game pro set rather than 2 out of 3 sets with tie breakers at 6-6.

TRACK AND FIELD

A track and field scrimmage must conform to the following:

1. No Scoring – no official results or place finishers recorded.
2. No performance may be used to meet the qualifying standard or be considered a record.
3. Competitors and events must adhere to the limitations of the NFHS.

VOLLEYBALL

A volleyball scrimmage must include **one or more** of the following:

1. Each server shall serve 3-5 consecutive serves regardless of the point was scored before the other team would get the ball. (rotate)
2. Games would start at point 4 all and end at point 25 or a game could be timed with no point cap

WRESTLING:

A wrestling scrimmage must include **one or more** of the following:

1. Must wrestle in predefined situations such as pinning, takedowns, turns, etc.
2. Must wrestle in neutral position. If a takedown occurs would go back to the neutral position.
3. Must wrestle in the referee's position using both styles. If a pin occurs, restart in the referee's position.

Section VIII High School Athletic Seasons 2026-2027 School Year

SPORTS SEASONS – 2026-2027 HIGH SCHOOL

	START	CHAMPIONSHIP	
<u>FALL SEASON:</u>	Monday, August 17, 2026	Fri/Sat, November 27 & 28, 2026	Football
	Monday, August 24, 2026	Sunday, November 8, 2026	Game Day Cheer
	Monday, August 24, 2026	Saturday, November 14 & 15, 2026	Most Sports
	Monday, August 24, 2026	Friday, November 6, 2026	(G) Tennis
	Monday, August 24, 2026	Saturday, June 6 & 7, 2026	(G) Golf
	Monday, August 24, 2026	TBD	(B) Badminton
	Monday, August 24, 2026	Friday, November 20-22, 2026	B & G Volleyball
 <u>WINTER SEASON:</u>	Monday, November 16, 2026	TBD	Fencing
	Monday, November 16, 2026	Thursday, February 25-27, 2027	B/G Wrestling
	Monday, November 16, 2026	Saturday, March 6, 2027	Cheerleading
	Monday, November 16, 2026	Friday, March 12-14, 2027	Most Sports
	Monday, November 16, 2026	Friday, March 12-14, 2027	B/G Bowling
	Monday, November 16, 2026	Thursday, March 18-21, 2027	B/G Basketball
	Monday, November 16, 2026	TBD	Rifle
 <u>SPRING SEASON:</u>	Monday, March 8, 2027	Friday, June 11 & 12, 2027	B/G Lacrosse
	Monday, March 8, 2027	Friday, June 11 & 12, 2027	Most Sports
	Monday, March 8, 2027	Friday, June 11 & 12, 2027	Baseball
	Monday, March 8, 2027	Saturday, June 5 & 6, 2027	G Flag Football
	Monday, March 8, 2027	Friday, June 11 & 12, 2027	Softball
	Monday, March 15, 2027	Friday, June 11, 2027	(B) Tennis
	Monday, March 15, 2027	TBD	(G) Badminton
	Monday, March 15, 2027	Sunday, June 6 & 7, 2027	B/G Golf

HOLY DAYS OF OBSERVANCE 2026-2027

No contest or interschool scrimmage may be scheduled in Section VIII by a member school on the following dates:

*September 12 & 13, 2026	Rosh Hashanah
*September 21 2026	Yom Kippur
October 29, 2026	Diwali
November 26, 2026	Thanksgiving Day
December 24 & 25, 2026	Christmas Eve/Day
*April 22, 2027	First Day of Passover
March 26 2027	Good Friday
March 28, 2027	Easter Sunday

**Indicates student-athletes must be able to be home by 6:00 PM on the day preceding this date.*

ANTICIPATED TESTING DAYS 2026-2027

SAT Test Dates

September 12, 2026
October 3, 2026
November 7, 2026
December 5, 2026
March 6, 2027
May 1, 2027
June 5, 2027

ACT Test Dates

September 19, 2026
October 17, 2026
December 12, 2024
February 27, 2027
April 10, 2027
June 12, 2027

SIGNIFICANT DAYS 2026-2027

September 7, 2026	Labor Day
September 11, 2026**	Patriot Day
October 12, 2026	Columbus Day
November 11, 2026	Veterans Day
January 18, 2027	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 15, 2027	Presidents Day
May 16, 2027	Eid Al-Adha
May 31, 2027	Memorial Day
June 19, 2027	Juneteenth

Labor Day may count as a required practice day to achieve the minimum practice days required prior to the start of scrimmages and contests for fall season sports.

***In recognition of those who perished on September 11, 2001, in the tragedy of the World Trade Center, it is recommended that each school playing on this day provide a moment of silence in memory and tribute.*

Thanksgiving Day may not count as a required practice day to achieve the minimum practice days required prior to the start of scrimmages and contests for winter season sports.

CONFERENCES

COA/NYSAHPERD Conference
NIAAA/NFHS Conference
NYSAAA Conference

Turningstone
Arizona
Saratoga Springs, NY

SUPERVISOR PAY SCALE

<u>HOURS</u>	<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>SITE DIRECTOR</u>	<u>COORDINATOR</u>
2 1/2	\$60.00	\$72.50	\$72.50
3	\$66.00	\$81.00	\$81.00
3 1/2	\$72.00	\$89.50	\$89.50
4	\$78.00	\$98.00	\$98.00
4 1/2	\$84.00	\$106.50	\$106.50
5	\$90.00	\$115.00	\$115.00
5 1/2	\$96.00	\$123.50	\$123.50
6	\$102.00	\$132.00	\$132.00
6 1/2	\$108.00	\$140.50	\$140.50
7	\$114.00	\$149.00	\$149.00
7 1/2	\$120.00	\$157.50	\$157.50
8	\$126.00	\$166.00	\$166.00
8 1/2	\$130.00	\$174.50	\$174.50
MAXIMUM	\$130.00	\$180.00	\$180.00

SUPERVISOR RATE FOR WRESTLING

	SUPERVISOR, ASST. CLERK.	TOURNAMENT CLERK/
HOURS	ANNOUNCER, TIMERS, SCORERS	SPORT COORDINATORS
2 1/2	\$30.00	\$42.50
3	\$36.00	\$51.00
3 1/2	\$42.00	\$59.60
4	\$48.00	\$68.00
4 1/2	\$54.00	\$76.50
5	\$60.00	\$85.00
5 1/2	\$66.00	\$93.50
6	\$72.00	\$102.00
6 1/2	\$78.00	\$110.50
7	\$84.00	\$119.00
7 1/2	\$90.00	\$127.50
8	\$120.00	\$135.00
8 1/2	\$126.00	\$143.00
9	\$132.00	\$151.00
9 1/2	\$138.00	\$159.00
10	\$144.00	\$167.00
10 1/2	\$150.00	\$175.00
11	\$156.00	\$183
11 1/2	\$162	\$191
	\$168.00	\$199.00
12 1/2	\$174.00	\$207.00
13	\$180.00	\$215.00

SECTION VIII WRESTLING EVENTS

POSITION	EVENT	STIPENDS
Tournament Director	Division 1 County Tournament (2 days)	\$850
Tournament Director	Division 2 County Tournament	\$350
Tournament Director	Division 1 Qualifiers	Day 2 - \$350
Tournament Director	Division 2 Qualifiers (2 Tournaments @ 1 Site)	Day 2 - \$350
Announcer	Division 1 County Tournament Division 2	\$350 \$200

SPECIAL JOBS

POSITION	STIPEND
Doctor	\$175/game
Athletic Trainer	\$50/hr.
Announcer	\$65/game
Official Statistician	\$60/game
Clock Operator (game & shot)	\$60/game
Official Scorer	\$60/game
Protest Committee (1 per game)	\$50/game
Libero Tracker (Volleyball)	\$50/game
Ball Roller (volleyball & soccer)	\$30/game

SPORT COORDINATORS	SPORT COORDINATORS
\$900	\$900
Badminton	Unified Basketball
Bowling	Girls Flag Football
Fencing	Unified Bowling
Golf	
Gymnastics	
Rifle	
Swimming	
Tennis	
Baseball	
Basketball	
Cheerleading	
Cross Country	
Field Hockey	
Football	
Lacrosse	
Softball	
Spring Track	
Volleyball	
Winter Track	
Wrestling	

NASSAU COUNTY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION/SECTION VIII TABLE OF ACTIVITIES – APPROVED

MAXIMUM

Approved June 2022

SPORT	VARSITY	JV	MODIFIED
Badminton	16	14	11
Baseball	20	19	11
Basketball	20	19	11
Bowling	20	19	11
Cheerleading	12	11	11
Cross Country	16	-	8
Fencing	20	-	-
Field Hockey	16	15	9
Flag Football	16		
Football	**9	8	6
Golf	16	-	-
Gymnastics	16	-	8
Lacrosse	16	15	9
Rifle	16	-	-
Soccer	16	15	9
Softball	20	19	11
Swimming	16	-	11
Tennis	16	-	11
Track	16	-	8
Winter Track	16	-	-
Volleyball	20	19	11
Wrestling	*20 pts	*20 pts	10 pts

*6 Tournament maximum

**** Football** – Only for teams that do not make the playoffs
Cannot be played prior to week 1

Junior Varsity

Three (3) scrimmages will be permitted prior to the first game provided they are approved by the athletic director.

Modified

Two (2) scrimmages will be permitted prior to the first game provided they are approved by the Athletic Director.

SCHEDULE PRESENTATION/OVERVIEW TIMELINE 2026-2027

SEPTEMBER 10	OCTOBER 15	NOVEMBER 19	DECEMBER 17	JANUARY 14
OVERVIEW	OVERVIEW	OVERVIEW	OVERVIEW	OVERVIEW
Comp. Cheer	(B) Lacrosse	(G) Badminton	Unified	(B) Golf (Fall)
Winter Track B	(G) Lacrosse	Flag Football		(B) Golf (Spring)
Winter Track G		Softball		(G) Golf
		Baseball		
		(B & G) Track (S)		
		(B) Tennis		
VOTE	VOTE	VOTE	VOTE	VOTE
FEBRUARY 11	MARCH 11	APRIL 15	MAY 13	JUNE 10
OVERVIEW	OVERVIEW	OVERVIEW	OVERVIEW	OVERVIEW
(G) Tennis	(B) Badminton	(B) Bowling	Rifle	
Field Hockey	Football	(G) Bowling	Wrestling	
(G) Cross Country	(G) Swim	Gymnastics	Fencing	
(B) Cross Country		(B) Swim	Game Day Cheer	
(G) Soccer			(B) Basketball	
(B) Soccer			(G) Basketball	
(B) Volleyball				
(G) Volleyball				
VOTE	VOTE	VOTE	VOTE	VOTE
Please Note:				
<i>Schedules/Overviews need to be sent to Mike. Bongino, Eric Caballero & Regina Van Blenis two (2) weeks prior to the HSAA meeting.</i>				



FORMS

Please visit the Section VIII Website for all forms

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