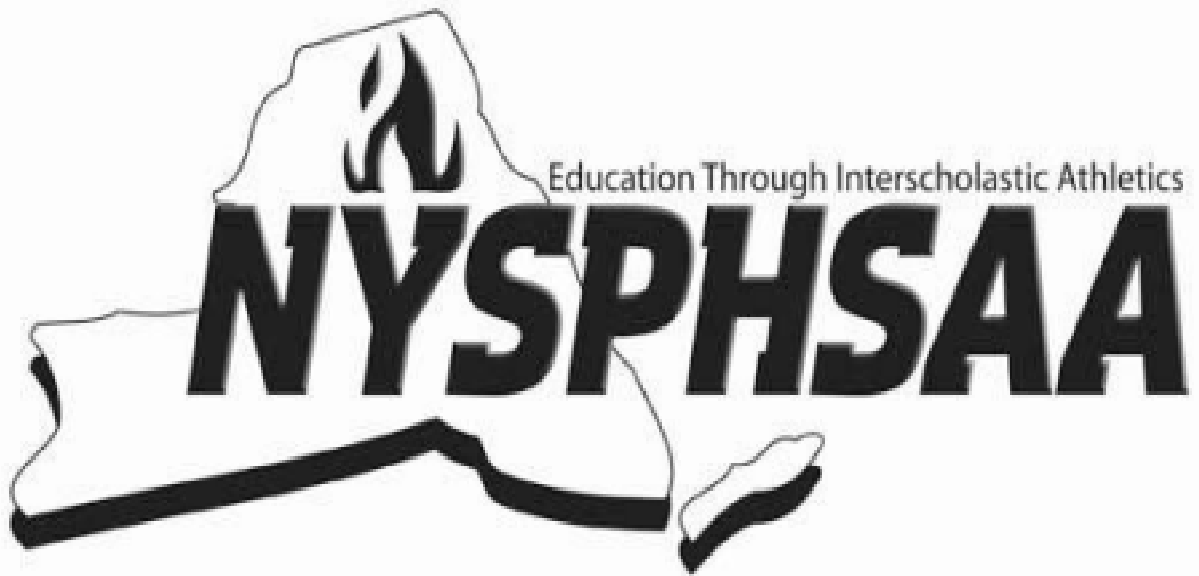




Section VIII

Boys Golf Overview

Spring 2027

Boys Golf Handbook - Spring 2027

Conference Alignments & Season Details

Spring Season Timeline:

- **Start Date:** March 15, 2027
- **Last Play Date:** May 26, 2027

Conference Alignments:

Conference 1:

- Bellmore Kennedy
- Calhoun
- Hewlett
- Long Beach
- Lynbrook
- Mepham

Conference 2

- Great Neck South
- Friends Academy
- Jericho
- Manhasset
- Syosset

Conference 3

- North Shore
 - Port Washington
 - Plainview
 - Wheatley
 - Oyster Bay
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Postseason Qualification

- **Eligibility:** Players must compete in a minimum of 70% of their team's matches (6 of 8, 7 of 10, or 9 of 12 matches).
- **Conference Champions:** Determined by the best record in each conference.
Tiebreakers:
 - Head-to-head matchups
 - Lowest gross handicap will be averaged of the best 6 individual handicaps on each team.
- **Postseason Teams:** 10 teams qualify:
 - 6 Conference Champions (3 from fall, 3 from spring)
 - 4 Wild Card teams (2 from fall, 2 from spring) with the lowest team scoring average

- **County Tournament Structure:**
 - **Day 1 (Bethpage Blue Course):** Teams ranked 1-6 automatically advance. Seeds 7-10 play a 9-hole playoff (7v10, 8v9). Winners advance to the County Championship.
 - **Day 2 (Bethpage Red Course):** Top 4 teams advance; a 5th team advances if within 15 strokes of the leader.
 - **Stroke averages** determined by a formula factoring in slope and rating.
 - **Long Island Championship:** Nassau County Champion vs. Suffolk County Champion (18-hole match at Bethpage Black).
 - **New York State Championship:** June 5-8, 2026, at Mill Creek Golf Club, Rochester, NY.
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Player Code of Conduct

- Knowledge of **USGA Rules of Golf** and proper golf etiquette is expected.
 - **Dress Code:**
 - Collared shirts tucked in
 - Golf shoes or sneakers
 - Slacks or golf shorts (if permitted by course; no jeans or cargo pants)
 - Hats worn straight
 - **Behavior Expectations:**
 - No cursing, throwing/breaking clubs, smoking, fighting, or distracting opponents.
 - Any violation can result in **disqualification** per USGA rules.
 - **Match Policies:**
 - Any player not finishing their round for any reason will be disqualified and given a score of 65.
 - Use of **USGA-conforming rangefinders (distance only)** is permitted; **smartphones are not.**
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Match & Scoring Rules

- Matches are **9 holes**, played from tee boxes **3100-3400 yards**.
- **Team Composition:**
 - Each team fields **6 players**, ordered from strongest to weakest.
 - If a team only has **5 players**, the 6th match is forfeited.
- **Scoring:**
 - Each head-to-head match is worth **1 point** (½ point for ties).
 - The team with the **lowest five-man total score** earns an additional **3 points**.
 - Total match points: **9 points**.

- If tied ($4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$), the **sixth player's score is included** to break the tie.
 - **Three-way Matches:** Count as two matches for W/L records but **only once for stroke statistics**.
 - **Incomplete Matches:**
 - If **4 out of 6** matches finish, the match is official.
 - If remaining 2 matches have played **6+ holes**, scores count up to last completed hole.
 - If fewer than 6 holes completed, only the 4 finished matches are counted.
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Coaches' Responsibilities

- **Home Coach:**
 - Brings **AED** to the course.
 - Collects and saves official signed scorecards.
 - Reports results to **Newsday online**.
 - **Visiting Coach:**
 - Calls home coach the night **before** to confirm logistics.
 - **Both Coaches:**
 - Check course playability.
 - Agree on **course rules/ground rules** before play.
 - Ensure proper **tee distances** (3100-3400 yards).
 - Review, tally, and sign the official score sheet.
 - Record players' scores in conference golf spreadsheet.
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County Championship Qualification & Awards

- **72 golfers qualify (36 from fall, 36 from spring).**
- **Individual Awards:**
 - **All-County Honors:** Top 10 adjusted stroke averages in each season + players advancing to Day 2.
 - **All-County Honorable Mention:** Players ranked 11-20 in adjusted stroke averages.
 - **All-Conference Honors:** All other qualified individuals.
- **Team Qualification:**

- A team must qualify **5 players** to compete for a **team title**.
 - If teams tie for a championship, the first tiebreaker is **head-to-head matchups**; the second tiebreaker is the lowest **team handicap differential**.
 - **State Championship Qualification:**
 - Top **9 individual players** after Day 2 make the **state team**.
 - 10th player is named **alternate** (competes if one of the top 9 cannot attend).
 - Playoff holes may be used for final spots.
 - **Long Island Championship:**
 - Nassau County Champion competes against **Suffolk County Champion** in an **18-hole stroke play match**.
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Championship Dates & Locations

Nassau County Championship

- **Dates:** May 18-19, 2027 (tentative)
- **Location:** Bethpage Golf Club
 - **Day 1:** Bethpage Blue Course (7:00 AM start)
 - **Day 2:** Bethpage Red Course (8:00 AM start)
- **Rain Date:** None

Long Island Championship

- **Date:** May 25, 2027
- **Location:** Bethpage Black
- **Time:** TBA

New York State Championship

- **Dates:** June 4-7, 2027
 - **Location:** Mill Creek Golf Club, Rochester, NY
 - **Practice Round:** June 5
 - **Round 1:** June 6
 - **Final Round:** June 7
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Contact Information - Boys Golf Committee (2026-2027)

- **Golf Coordinator:** Anthony Brancato (Carey HS)
- **President:** Mike Ambury (Plainview)
- **Vice President:** Rob Maggio (Long Beach)
- **Treasurer:** Bob Gerula (Roslyn)
- **Secretary:** Mike Tarnowski (Manhasset)

Conference Coordinators:

- **Conference 1:** Jay Kreutzberger (Mepham)
- **Conference 2:** Dean Strohmeier (Syosset)
- **Conference 3:** Mike Ambury (Plainview)
- **Conference 4 (Fall):** Dave Radtke (Levittown)
- **Conference 5 (Fall):** Matthew Muscmeci (Mineola)
- **Conference 6 (Fall):** Bob Gerula (Roslyn)