

Section IX

Girls Flag Football

Handbook



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Tournament Information

Section IX Flag Football will host a tournament with a minimum of a semi - final for the top 4 teams in each classification. Teams beyond the minimum of 4 may qualify for the tournament by meeting any of the following criteria:

- A. 500 or better division record
- B. 500 or better class record
- C. 500 or better overall record
- D. Committee selection

Tournament Seeding

Teams will be seeded by dividing the total number of division wins by total division games. A tie game in the regular season will earn ½ credit win for each team in the seeding process.

Tie Breaker - Breaking Ties for Sectional Seeding

In the event of a tie, the following criteria will be used to determine class/division/seeding champion for sectional tournament representation. Once the tie is broken, the tie breaking process will be reinitiated:

- 1) Head to Head competition in class/division
- 2) Point differential of teams involved in the tie. Maximum point differential is 21 points per game. Apply negative point differential against the tied teams only (the team closest to zero is the champion).
- 3) Blind Draw

* Any forfeit occurring in Section 9 will award the offended team a 21-0 victory and the forfeiting team a 0-21 loss.

EXAMPLE APPLYING THREE TEAMS INVOLVED IN A TIE:

Monroe-Woodbury 30, NFA 20 (NFA -10)

NFA 21, Kingston 18 (Kingston -3)

Kingston 7, Monroe-Woodbury 6 (MW -1)

MW is Champion (or highest seed)

NFA defeated Kingston Head to Head (2nd Place or Seed)

Kingston finishes 3rd

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE:

1. Higher Seed will have an opportunity for home field advantage.

2. Responsibilities:

(a) The team with the home field advantage will furnish an announcer, competent timers and scorers, ticket takers (if applicable), security and any other personnel to secure a safe environment.

NOTE: An adult must be responsible for the game time clock operations.

(b) Home school will assume payment of officials and retain gate receipts (if applicable).

(c) The Traveling team will assume bus responsibility.

(d) Officials fees for the final games are the shared responsibility of the participating schools.

3. Game Procedures:

(a) Higher seed will wear home uniforms (dark color for football) (b) Opening ceremonies for the playoffs will include (but are not limited to) announcement of players, sportsmanship, anthem, etc.

(c) Warm-ups may be no longer than 30 minutes.

(d) Protest Procedures: The Protest Committee will consist of at least one Flag Football Chairperson and 2 coaches. The committee will not hear any protest based upon officials' judgments. Any coach lodging a protest will immediately notify at least one of the game officials that he/she is playing the game under protest, and the following the protest guidelines as follows:

i. Immediately after the completion of the game, the protesting coach will write a complete statement outlining the reasons for the protest.

ii. The written protest should be turned over to a chairperson of Flag Football immediately after the game.

iii. If no member is present, the officials are to accept the protest and notify the chairperson immediately.

4. Game Officials

(a) Will be assigned by Section IX committee in conjunction with the assignor

(b) Three officials for the playoff games

(c) Officials from the host section will be assigned for regional contests.

5. Tickets for the Final

(a) Ticket prices shall be posted at the entrance gate for championship games as well as offered on GOFAN.

(b) Section IX passes will not be honored throughout the tournament. (c) ADs will submit gate lists to the host site no later than noon on the day of the contest.

(d) All expenses incurred by the Flag Football Committee will be underwritten by Section IX.

6. Supervision and Game Control

(a) All participating schools shall be required to send an appropriate number of school personnel to supervise their fan section.

(b) Said personnel should report to the committee members upon arrival to identify themselves, and will be visible/positioned to provide appropriate supervision.

Link Section IX Girls Flag Football Home Page

- Included on home page are the following:
- Coaching Powerpoints
- Section IX Championship Date and Regional Sites
- Unsportsmanlike Conduct Policy
- March 2025 Clinic Information

<http://www.sectionixathletics.org/sectionixflagfootball.html>