

SECTION IX SOFTBALL HANDBOOK



2025

Section IX Softball Committee

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Section IX Softball Tournament

- **Thursday, May 22nd:** Point Cards due by noon (please send them to **ALL** the members on the softball committee)

*Please use this link to submit your entry into Sectional Play:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IB0s0rIVzJjoG8747rLR7yyqZ7uzheyMbFdmvGny5n8/copy>

- **Saturday, May 24th:** Sectional games **MAY** start at the site of the higher-seed. Times will be scheduled for a 4:30pm standard for all games unless changed by the host (higher seed)
- **Friday, May 30th & Saturday May 31st:** (Rain date Sunday, June 1st) Sectional IX Finals at:

Section IX Finals Location:

**Mount Saint Mary College
330 Powell Avenue
Newburgh, NY**

**SECTIONAL FINAL DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS WILL
BE POSTED DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY.**

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Qualifying Standards

To qualify a team must achieve one of the standards listed below:

1. 500 winning percentage in Division
2. 500 winning percentage in Class
3. 500 winning percentage Overall
4. Committee Selection

There will be a Section appointed committee that will handle all requests from schools who do not qualify for entry into the tournament by one of the first three standards listed above. It would be made up of equal reps from both leagues. It would be selected from league Presidents, Section IX Officers, and League Coordinators. **The school must apply to the committee 24 hours prior to the stated sport seeding meeting date.** The decision of this Committee will be how a school can gain entry via Committee Selection and its decision could be appealed by the school to the Executive Director.

Seeding Criteria

1. Point Cards will be submitted on line based on a deadline set by each sports committee
2. Seeding is based on either your division points/# of division games or your overall points/ # of overall games played
3. The highest index of the two must be used.
4. Any division in either league with less than **four teams** when the division games begin will only use their overall index.
5. Points will be earned for a win based on the chart below and a tie game the teams will split in half the points from the number of points they would have earned if they had won the game.
6. **There are no negative points.**
7. The tiebreaker for seeding is:
 - a. Head-to-head
 - b. Class points/# of class games played.
 - c. Overall points/# of overall games played.
 - d. Coin toss
 - e. In three 3 way or greater ties, after one team breaks the tie, *the* remaining teams go back to the first criteria and continue until that tie is broken and so on until all ties have been resolved.
8. For purposes of what constitutes a division game the definition is as follows: Division games are the teams in your division as assigned by the MHAL or OCIAA. If you play each team twice in your division and choose to play that team a third time only the games assigned by your league count as division games.

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COMMITTEE SELECTION

If a school fails to qualify but wishes to get in by committee selection they must contact the Section IX Committee Selection group which is headed by Jim Osborne. The AD must contact Jim 24 hours prior to the seed meeting and present to Jim's group the reasons they should be considered. There must be extenuating circumstances for the request to be considered. A school may appeal the committee's decision directly to the Executive Director. **Jim Osborne: josbornesection9@gmail.com**

POINT CARD: Please fill out the online point card with all games on your schedule. If you have games that still must be played on Wednesday please fill out, print all the lost and win, send both sheets in.

SEEDING: Teams will be seeded based on their point cards. The results of any games played after the submission of the point cards and prior to seeding should be forwarded to Joe DiMattina at Jdimattina@floridaufsd.org or voicemail can be left at 651-3095 ext. **30112**.

RULES: USA fastpitch softball rules will be enforced. **A 12-run mercy rule will be in effect throughout Sectional Tournament play (including the finals).** Please note that Sectional, Regional, and State Tournament games **DO NOT** need to go a full seven innings to be considered official. However, everything humanly possible should be done in an effort to play a seven inning game.

SITES: All games up to the finals will be played at the home site of the higher seeded team. Any changes **MUST** be approved by the Sectional Committee. In the finals, the higher seeded team is the home team.

If a game is to be canceled due to inclement weather, before it begins, the decision will be made by the home school. If a game is canceled, the home team is responsible for the immediate notification to the Chairperson. **Once a game begins, the umpires will have the authority to cancel or suspend the game.**

*Rainouts will be rescheduled the **NEXT** day.

UMPIRES: The umpires will be selected and assigned according to the guidelines approved by Section IX. All games prior to the finals will use two umpires. The finals will use 3 umpires.

Game Balls: Each team is responsible for providing 3 new game balls for each game played. **The DUDLEY SB12LRFY-FP-NFHS (optic yellow-red stitch)** is the only ball that can be used for sectionals.

TEAM DROPPING OUT OF TOURNAMENT: Any team dropping out of the tournament will **NOT** be replaced. Their opponent will be awarded the forfeit and advance.

There is NO PROTEST: The Game Committee can discuss a misinterpretation of a rule. They will decide the proper outcome once a coach questions the ruling. **There is NO PROTEST at the STATE LEVEL.**

REPORTING GAME RESULTS: Coaches of the home team are required to contact local newspapers with game results and other pertinent information.

AWARDS:

1. A championship plaque will be awarded in each class.
2. Section IX Championship T-shirts and medals will be awarded for players and coaching staff. Finalist medals will be awarded to the 2nd place team.

TICKETS:

1. If the site chooses to charge for entry: TBA
2. Athletic Directors may submit a gate list **NOT** to exceed 20 people.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

Class AAA 1082 & up	Class AA 1081-692	Class A 691-403	Class B 402-240	Class C 239-142	Class D 141-below
Kingston	Cornwall	Beacon	Chester	Burke	Chapel Field
Middletown	FDR	Liberty	Dover	Millbrook	Eldred
Monroe Woodbury	Goshen	Marlboro	Ellenville	Pine Plains	Livingston Manor
NFA	Minisink	New Paltz	Fallsburg	Seward	Roscoe
Pine Bush	Monticello	Our Lady of Lourdes	Highland	Tri-Valley	Tuxedo
	Valley Central	Port Jervis	O'Neill	Webutuck	
	Walkill	Red Hook	Onteora		
	Warwick	Rondout	Rhinebeck		
	Washingtonville	Saugerties	Sullivan West		
		Spackenkill			

Divisions By League

OCIAA I (AAA)	OCIAA II (AA)	OCIAA III (A)	OCIAA IV (B)	OCIAA V (C)	OCIAA VI (D)
Kingston	Cornwall	Beacon	Chester	Burke	Chapel Field
Middletown	Goshen	Liberty	Fallsburg	S.S. Seward	Eldred
Monroe Woodbury	Minisink	Port Jervis	O'Neill	Tri-Valley	Livingston Manor
NFA	Monticello		Sullivan West	Seward	Roscoe
Pine Bush	Valley Central				Tuxedo
	Warwick				
	Washingtonville				
MHAL I (AA & A)	MHAL II (A)		MHAL III (B & C)	MHAL IV (B & C)	
FDR	Marlboro		Dover	Millbrook	
Our Lady of Lourdes	New Paltz		Ellenville	Mount Academy	
Saugerties	Red Hook		Highland	Pine Plains	
Walkill	Rondout Valley		Onteora	Rhinebeck	
	Spackenkill			Webutuck	

Section IX Point System

AAA WIN AGAINST	(POSITIVE)
AAA	6
AA	5
A	4
B	3
C	2
D	1

AA WIN AGAINST	(POSITIVE)
AAA	7
AA	6
A	5
B	4
C	3
D	2

A WIN AGAINST	(POSITIVE)
AAA	8
AA	7
A	6
B	5
C	4
D	3

B WIN AGAINST	(POSITIVE)
AAA	9
AA	8
A	7
B	6
C	5
D	4

C WIN AGAINST	(POSITIVE)
AAA	10
AA	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
D	5

D WIN AGAINST	(POSITIVE)
AAA	11
AA	10
A	9
B	8
C	7
D	6

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NYSPHSAA STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

***SUB-REGIONALS AND REGIONAL FINAL DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS WILL BE POSTED DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY.**

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	<u>Sub Regional</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Regional Final</u>	<u>Date</u>
Class AAA	BYE		4 @ 9	6/7
Class AA	BYE		9 @ 4	TBA
Class A	BYE		9 @ 8/11	TBA
Class B	3 @ 9	6/3 or 4	1 @ 3/9	TBA
Class C	11 @ 9	6/3 or 4	1 @ 11/9	TBA
Class D			2 @ 9	6/7
	If no Section 11 then 2 @ 9			

***STATE FINAL FOUR:** Friday, June 13th @ Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park

***STATE FINALS:** Saturday, June 14th @ Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park

