

SECTION VI POLICY on TRAVEL TO STATE COMPETITION

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Member schools participating in state competition will be responsible for all costs related to that participation. Section VI responsibility for member school participation in state championships is outlined below.

SUPERVISION:

Effective 1/21/09, one or more certified coaches are required to travel with the student athletes from **their school** and must be present on any Section VI contracted bus, as well as the location where the athletes are housed, state competition where the athlete(s) will compete and all related events.

TRANSPORTATION:

Team Sports:

- a) Schools will make their own transportation arrangements for their athletes involved in state competition in team sports. Schools will be responsible for all transportation costs.
- b) Section VI will apply to NYSPHSAA for the allowed reimbursement of **\$1.30*** per mile on the state grid below (for one bus per team) and will forward this reimbursement to the schools upon receipt of funds from the state.

Small Scale Individual sports and Wrestling: Rifle, Golf, Tennis, Gymnastics and Wrestling

The schools will be responsible for transporting their athletes to state competition and all associated costs.

Large Scale Individual sports: Bowling, CCountry, Indoor Track, Track & Field, Swimming (Wrestling-see above)

- a) The Section VI office will contract bus transportation for all athletes. **There are two choices for the school:**
 - 1) A school may choose to have its athlete(s) travel to state competition on the Section contracted bus. The following rules apply:
 - The athlete (and coach) must use the lodging and meals if pre-arranged by the Sportchair.
 - The athlete (and coach) must remain with the Section until the completion of the athlete's competition. The athlete will not be released prior to completion of competition.
 - When competition is completed, the athlete may be released to parents/coach for return home on alternate transportation if the Section release form is completed before the state meet
 - 2) A school may choose to have its athlete(s) travel to state competition in an alternate manner under the following stipulations:
 - A school that opt-outs of Section transportation will be responsible for arranging their own lodging and meals.
 - The school will remain financially liable for each coach's seat and for each athlete's seat(s) on the contracted bus.
 - The request to opt-out of travel on the Section VI bus must be submitted in writing to the Sportchair and the Section VI office by the date specified in the sport handbook.
 - The school must submit all required release forms to the Sportchair by the specified date.
 - The school must arrange for the athlete to rendezvous with the Sportchair (or designee) at a pre-designated time and place prior to the competition.
- b) Transportation expenses will be billed to Section VI.
- c) Section VI will apply to NYSPHSAA for the allowed reimbursement of **\$1.30*** per mile on the state grid (below) and deduct the reimbursement from the total transportation cost.
- d) The remaining balance for transportation expenses will be invoiced to the schools based on a cost per participating athlete.

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LODGING:

Team Sports: The Sportchair will advise participating schools if accommodations are to be arranged by the state or by the schools. School will be responsible for all lodging costs.

Individual Sports: The Sportchair will be responsible for reserving a block of rooms for all athletes (4 per room). The block will include rooms for coaches (2 per room) for small scale sports. For large scale sports the block will be increased by 50% to allow for coaches. (e.g.: If XC needs a block of 40 rooms for athletes and supervisors, they will now reserve a block of 60 rooms) When the qualifiers have been determined, the Sportchair will register all athletes and coaches who are using Section transportation from the block of reserved rooms. Schools that opt-out of Section transportation are responsible for registering their own athletes and coaches. They may register from the remaining rooms in the reserved block until the rooms are exhausted or choose their own lodging.

MEALS:

Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition. For some individual sports, the Section will facilitate meal handling by paying meal expenses and invoicing the schools per participating athlete. This plan if being used will be listed in the sport handbook.

NYS PHSAA Transportation Grid: Round-Trip Mileage from Section VI (9/98)

To Section:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	NY
Mileage:	840	580	320	420	150	NA	780	930	690	560	1030	880