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2019 BOYS LACROSSE HANDBOOK

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New York State Roster Form ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#)) [MaxPreps Link](#)

Admittance Form ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))

Statement of Protest ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))

All-American Form ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))

Site Chairman's Financial Report ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))

All-WNY Scholar-Athlete – [Nomination Form](#) (on-line only)

2019 Boys Lacrosse Calendar

The Section VI approved Boys Lacrosse season is
March 4 to June 18, 2019

Mandatory Preseason Coaches Mtg Williamsville East Business roomTues. Feb. 26 7pm
First Scrimmageafter 8 team / 6 individual practices
First Contest after 10 team / 8 individual practices
NYS Roster Form dueMonday, April 15
ALL- American Forms deadline Wednesday, May 1
ALL- WNY Scholar Athlete Forms deadline..... Wednesday, May 8
Notice of Non-Participation in Sectionals DuePrior to Seeding Meeting, Friday , May 10
Last League Game Wednesday, May 15
Seeding Meeting – Williamsville East HS **Wednesday, May 15 7:00 PM**
Admittance Form due (by sectional finals).....Wednesday, May 29 Bring to Sectional Finals
Regional NYS Roster Form due in [MaxPreps Link](#) **May 29 after Finals**
Senior All-Star Contest site tba..... Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Sectional Competition

Play in round (if needed) Friday, May 17 - Higher Seed

Quarter Finals

Tuesday, May 21 - Higher Seed

Semi Finals

Thursday, May 23 - Higher Seed

Finals

Wednesday May 29 games at Williamsville East 2 fields for

Class A - 5:30 pm

Class B - 6 pm

Class C -7:30 pm

Class D - 8pm

Far West Regionals

Saturday, June 1 at St. John Fisher (Section 5)

Class A: 10:00 am

Class B: 2:30 pm

Class C: 3:00 pm

Class D: 5:30 pm

West State Semi-Finals

Wednesday, June 5 at St. John Fisher (Section 5))

Class B – 4pm

Class A – 6:30 pm

West State Semi-Finals

Wednesday, June 5 at Cicero- North Syracuse HS (Section 3)

Class D – 4pm

Class C – 6:30 pm

State Finals

Saturday, June 8 at St. John Fisher (Section 5)

Class & Times to follow 10 am / 12:30 pm/ 3pm & 5:30 pm

Class A 10:00 am

Class B 12:30 pm

Class C 3:00 pm

Class D 5:30 pm

Section VI Boys Lacrosse Committee

Committee voting privileges: As per the Section VI Constitution item 7.6, "The representative members on each sport committee will be appointed by each league and have only one vote per league. Other non-voting members may be selected by the Sport Chairperson. Federated sport representative members that are appointed by their division, league or school will have only one vote. The Sport Chairs of Federated Sports that have divisions will verify that among division representatives each participating league is represented. The Sport Chair may only vote when the vote is tied. A Sport Chair who also represents a league can serve in both capacities but will have only one vote." The voting members of the committee are indicated below with an **asterisk**.

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General Information

Purpose: The purpose of this document is to standardize the practices and procedures for all the schools present and future who participate in the Western New York Lacrosse League. It is also the purpose to keep all participating schools, coaches and athletic directors informed as to the procedures of the W.N.Y. Lacrosse League.

Scope: This document basically incorporates the E.C.I.C. Standards of Conduct, revised 11/3/89 and makes additions unique to the sport of lacrosse in W.N.Y. These rules and procedures apply to all participating schools, present and future. The schools presently participating include:

2019 Boys Lacrosse Classification

Classification Cut-off numbers below became effective 7/2018

Class A 1050+ (5 Schools)

School	League	BEDS
City Honors/HT/OL/McK	Buffalo	2462
Kenmore E/W	Indep	1606
Lancaster	ECIC	1373
Orchard Park	ECIC	1144
Clarence	ECIC	1085

Class B 750-1049 (9 Schools)

School	League	BEDS
Lockport	NFL	1038
Williamsville North	ECIC	1028
Frontier	ECIC	1024
Niagara Wheatfield	NFL	942
West Seneca West	ECIC	931
Hamburg	ECIC	846
North Tonawanda	NFL	791
Williamsville East	ECIC	770
Sweet Home	ECIC	758

Class C 425-749 (9 Schools)

School	League	BEDS
Grand Island	NFL	714
Williamsville South	ECIC	689
Lake Shore	ECIC	653
West Seneca East	ECIC	632
Amherst	ECIC	621
Iroquois	ECIC	540
Lewiston Porter	NFL	500
East Aurora	ECIC	480
Depew	ECIC	432

Class D 0-424 (6 Schools)

School	League	BEDS
Medina	NO	377
Akron	NO	326
Eden	Indep	317
Wilson	NO	296
Gowanda	CCAA	276
Salamanca	CCAA	214

Non-Public Schools: Canisius, St. Francis, St. Joseph's, Timon/ St. Jude, Nichols & St Mary's Lancaster

Independent: Gow, Kenmore E/W & Eden

Combined Teams **Kenmore East** & Kenmore West, V, JV & 7/8th 1606 approved 11/16/18 AC will play as Indep.

Lake Shore & Silver Creek, V/ VJ 653 approved 11/16/18 AC

City Honors, Hutch Tech, Olmsted, McKinley V, JV, 7/8 Approved 2/13/19 Exec

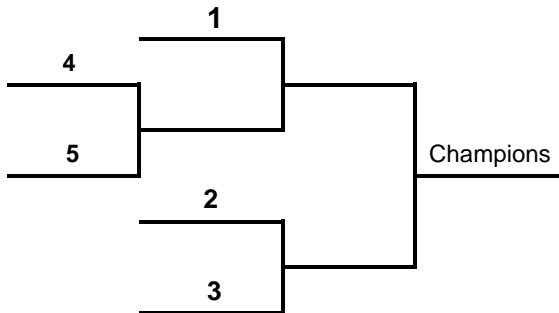
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2019 Section VI Boys Lacrosse Brackets

Class A

4 Schools

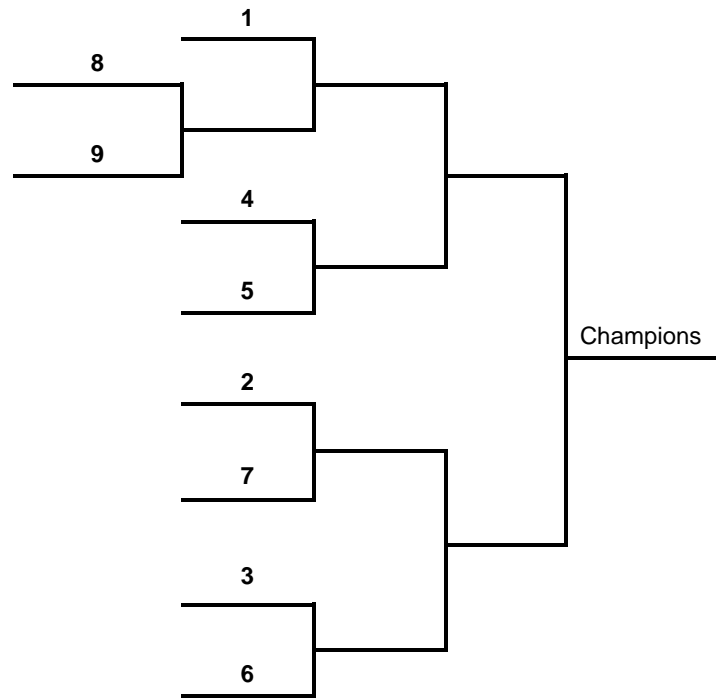
Semis	Finals
23-May	29-May
Higher seed	Will. North



Class C

9 Schools

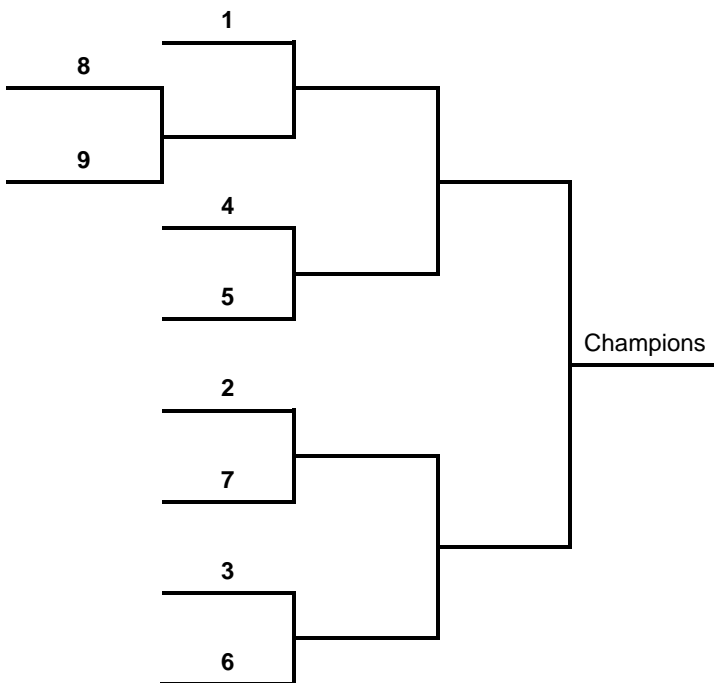
Pre-Quarters	Quarters	Semis	Finals
17-May	21-May	23-May	29-May
Higher seed	Higher seed	Higher seed	Will. North



Class B

9 Schools

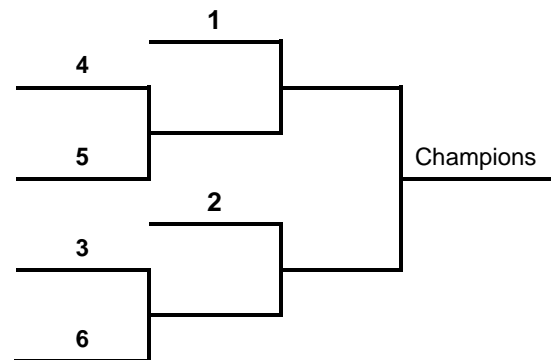
Pre-Quarters	Quarters	Semis	Finals
17-May	21-May	23-May	29-May
Higher seed	Higher seed	Higher seed	Will. North



Class D

6 Schools

Quarters	Semis	Finals
21-May	23-May	29-May
Higher seed	Higher seed	Will. North



[2019 Boys Lacrosse Coaches Directory](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Es-9jPsDijGavL2L7jJr8hx1TLBJReajTaXIZrJvufA/edit?usp=sharing)

Google Drive Directory Link

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Es-9jPsDijGavL2L7jJr8hx1TLBJReajTaXIZrJvufA/edit?usp=sharing>

Federation Changes for 2019

- Brackets will be setup for sectional playoffs- teams will remain in brackets this year. There will be no reseeding. All teams will play divisional base schedule that will use winning percentage to determine seeding for the sectional playoffs.
- ** Independent teams will use all 16 games of their schedule for seeding.
- 2019 Spring Season will use Updated Website: Instructions to follow

NYSPHSAA Lacrosse Sport Standard

Handbook pp. 78-79 <http://www.nysphsaa.org/Resources/Handbook>

14. Lacrosse

14.1 Rules: Boys NFHS/ Girls NFHS & US Lacrosse

14.2 Maximum Number of games: 16

14.3 Practice Requirements: Number of practices prior to first scrimmage: 8 (team), 6 (individual) Number of practices prior to first contest: 10 (team), 8 (individual)

14.4 Nights rest between contests: 1 night

14.5 Individual contests limitation per day: 1 contest

14.6 Scrimmage limitations per day: 1 scrimmage

14.7 GIRLS Waivers of NFHS/ US Lacrosse Rules:

1. Permanently waive Rule 1 Field Dimension for regular season play only (Aug. 2004).
2. Waiver to rule 2-13, 3" panel and trim around the neck for the 2013-2015 seasons. (Jan. 2012)
3. If schools mutually agree they may waive the NFHS rule and allow a game to be played with only one official at the JV level only. (Jan. 2017)

BOYS Waivers of NFHS Lacrosse Rules:

1. A waiver to NFHS rule 2-5-2, to permit officials to wear black shorts.

14.8 GIRLS NYSPHSAA Lacrosse Rules:

1. Goalkeeper Substitutions: After reporting to the score table, a goalkeeper is permitted to move down the sideline to await the current goalkeeper to exit the field. She then may enter the field of play. (Oct. 2005)
2. Suspended Game: In Sectional, Regional and State Semi-finals and Finals the game will be resumed from the point of interruption on the next available date. Teams that have possession at the point of interruption will retain possession in a draw alignment with the opposing center four (4) meters away. IF there is not team possession, it will be a draw. (May 2010)

BOYS NYSPHSAA Lacrosse Rules:

1. Boys JV Lacrosse will play twelve (12) minute quarters. (May 2007)

14.9 Lacrosse Scrimmage Rules:

- 1 A lacrosse scrimmage must have modified time periods.
Scrimmages must also include one or more of the following:
2. Alternate possessions.
3. Start the scrimmage with either a Draw (girls) or a Face-off (boys).
4. 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

14.10 Lacrosse Championship Week #: Week #49

Heat Index/ Wind Chill

Heat Index / Wind Chill Procedure: In May 2010, the NYSPHSAA approved Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures to be used in member school athletic programs. The Heat Index/ Wind Chill must be checked prior to any contest or practice. The Heat Index/Wind Chill Procedures are on page 16-17.

Definition of a Scrimmage

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 NYSPHSAA Handbook**, (c) no official score is kept, (d) time period(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. For **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

2019 NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rule Changes

- 1-6-2: Measuring the length of the head at the front (face) of the head.
- 1-7-1: The pocket/net must be completely attached to the head and the side walls, leaving no gaps large enough for a ball to pass through.
- 1-9-1j: Beginning January 1, 2021, a goalkeeper chest protector designed for lacrosse that incorporates the NOCSAE ND200 at the time of manufacture shall be used by all goalkeepers.
- 4-5-9: A shot is considered a ball propelled toward the goal by an offensive player with the intent of scoring a goal. A shot can only be made when the ball is parallel to or above the goal line extended. Additionally, it can be either thrown from a crosse, kicked, or otherwise physically directed.
- 4-9-3: If any of the following occur between the end of the period and the shot entering the goal, the goal will be disallowed:
 - a. The ball makes contact with any member of the attacking team or his equipment;
 - b. The ball is touched by a player of either team other than the defending goalkeeper after hitting the goalkeeper or his equipment, goal posts or crossbar.
- 4-14-3: If the ball does not touch the center line or something over the center line, no infraction has occurred. A defensive player may reach over the center line with his crosse and bat the ball to keep it in his team's offensive half and thus prevent an over-and-back violation. However, he may NOT reach over the center line and bat the ball with his foot or any other part of his body excluding his gloved hand wrapped around his crosse. If he does so, it shall be a turnover.
- 5-3 PENALTY: Penalty for violation of Article 5 is a two- or three- minute, non-releasable foul, at the official's discretion. An excessively violent violation of this rule may result in an ejection.
- 5-4-4: A player shall not initiate a body check legally but slides up into or follows through to an opponent's head or neck.
- 5-4-5: A player shall not body-check a player in a defenseless position. This includes but is not limited to: (a) body-checking a player from his "blind side;" (b) body checking a player who has his head down in an attempt to play a loose ball; and (c) body-checking a player whose head is turned away to receive a pass, even if that player turns toward the contact immediately before the body check.
- 5-4-6: A player shall not initiate targeting, which is intentionally taking aim at the head/neck of an opponent for the purpose of making violent contact. This could include a check with the crown of

the helmet (spearing) that targets the head or neck of an opponent. PENALTY: Three-minute, non-releasable foul. An excessively violent violation of this rule may result in an ejection.

5-4-7: A player shall not initiate targeting that intentionally takes aim at a player in a defenseless position. PENALTY: Three-minute, non-releasable foul. An excessively violent violation of this rule may result in an ejection.

5-10e: A coach who is on the field and obstructs play.

5-12-1 PENALTY: Three-minute non-releasable penalty for a player, substitute or non-playing team member or a one-minute non-releasable penalty for a coach and ejection for the remainder of the game. The ejected coach shall be removed from the premises (bench and field area). The ejected player, substitute or non-playing team member shall be removed from the premises if there is authorized school personnel present to supervise the ejected student. If no authorized school personnel is available, the student shall be confined to the bench area. The sponsoring authority is responsible for notifying the appropriate school of the ejection.

6-3-2 a: A player shall not use the portion of the handle that is between his hands to hold an opponent, when his hands are more than shoulder-width apart.

6-3-3 e: Holding is permitted if a player uses the portion of the handle that is between his hands, which are no more than shoulder-width apart, to hold an opponent on the torso with no more than equal pressure and no thrusting motion.

6-5-2b(4): A player shall not exchange his crosse with that of a teammate during live play while the ball is in either crosse.

6-11-2: A player in possession of the ball with both hands on his crosse shall not use his hand or arm to push the body of the player applying the check. NOTE: Illegal body checks (5-3), "spearing" (5-4-3) and unnecessary roughness (5-9-3 SITUATION E) shall be strictly enforced as personal fouls.

Points of Emphasis 2019

1. Stalling
2. Targeting
3. Holding
4. Warding

BOYS LACROSSE MODIFIED RULES

Effective starting 2016

EQUIPMENT:

- a) ALL PLAYERS, INCLUDING THE GOALKEEPER, SHALL WEAR ALL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT **(INCLUDING ARM PADS)**
- b) PROPERLY FITTED EQUIPMENT OF GOOD QUALITY IS MANDATORY FOR SAFE PARTICIPATION IN LACROSSE.
- c) THE ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT MUST INCLUDE HELMET WITH FACE MASK, **LACROSSE** ARM GUARDS, **LACROSSE** SHOULDER PADS, **LACROSSE** GLOVES, AND A MOUTHPIECE. GOALKEEPERS **MUST** WEAR A CHEST PROTECTOR AND A THROAT PROTECTOR.
- d) **ONLY** SNEAKERS OR SHOES WITH MOLDED SOLES AND MOLDED CLEATS ARE PERMITTED IN THE MODIFIED PROGRAM. SHOE WITH METAL POSTS OR SPIKES ARE **NOT** PERMITTED IN ANY MODIFIED SPORT.
- e) FACE MASKS FOR LACROSSE COMPETITION **MUST** HAVE A CENTER BAR.
- f) WITH THE **EXCEPTION** OF THE GOALTENDER'S STICK, THERE SHALL BE NO RULE RESTRICTION ON THE LENGTH OF THE STICK IN MODIFIED LACROSSE IF THE STICK FALLS BETWEEN 40-72 INCHES.
- g) MODIFIED LACROSSE PLAYERS ARE **EXEMPT** FROM THE UNIFORM OUTER CLOTHING AND HELMET COLOR REGULATION (REFER TO NFHS RULE BOOK FOR BOYS LACROSSE)

BOYS LACROSSE MODIFIED RULES - Continued

GAME RULES:

FOLLOW ALL NFHS RULES FOR BOYS LACROSSE!! Including this year's 2016 NFHS Rule Additions: 1-6-1 (2018 Implementation); 1-7-3 & 1-8: Cross Prohibitions; 4-3-3 (New): Art. 3...Facing Off and 4-14-3 (New): Art. 3...Over and Back ruling)

EXCEPTIONS- HORNS WILL BE USED AND THERE IS NO TIME REQUIREMENT FOR CLEARING THE BALL.

THE SUBSTITUTION BOX IS 20 YARDS AS IT IS STATED IN NFHS RULE BOOK.

In Addition with regard FINAL two (2) minutes of last qtr. in a four (4) quarter game and the fifth (5th) period in a five (5) period game the team that is ahead must get the ball "in" and "keep it in". No ten (10) second count used to get into attack-goal area. Official's judgment is to be used. If the score returns to a tie...normal play resumes. In a flag down situation within the last two minutes, if a subsequent defensive foul occurs the play will be immediately stopped unless a scoring play is imminent.

1. THE LENGTH OF QUARTERS SHALL BE 9 MINUTES.
2. **TWO** OVERTIMES PERIODS OF 2 MINUTES ARE TO BE PLAYED IN THE EVENT THE GAME IS A TIE; AND **NO** SUDDEN VICTORY PERIOD IS TO BE ALLOWED. **No Overtimes in a 5 period contest or an extended play contest.**
3. A TEAM SHALL BE PERMITTED **3** TIME-OUT PERIODS PER HALF. THE TIME-OUTS **CANNOT** BE ACCRUED IN THE COURSE OF THE GAME.
4. A **ONE**-ARM SWING WITH A CROSSE, WHETHER CONTACT IS MADE OR NOT, SHALL BE CONSIDERED A PERSONAL FOUL-SLASHING. THIS INCLUDES THE OVER-THE-HEAD CHECK.
5. THERE IS **NO** SUCH THING AS A "BRUSH" IN THE MODIFIED PROGRAM. CONTACT BETWEEN THE CROSSE AND HELMET IS A PERSONAL FOUL.
6. CONTACT WITH THE BALL IS DISALLOWED BY ANY OFFENSIVE PLAYERS WHEN THE BALL IS LOOSE IN THE CREESE.
7. BODY CHECKING IS ALLOWED **ONLY** AGAINST A PLAYER WHO IS IN POSSESSION OF THE BALL.
8. TEN SECOND RULE IS ELIMINATED.
9. IN A FIVE (5) PERIOD LACROSSE GAME **THE MERCY RULE** SHALL BE IN EFFECT AT THE END OF THE THIRD PERIOD OF PLAY.
10. SUBSTITUTES **ARE PERMITTED** WHENEVER THE BALL GOES OUT OF BOUNDS.
11. WHEN A GOALTENDER GETS A PENALTY, THE IN HOME PLAYER WILL SERVE THE PENALTY IF A SECOND GOALTENDER IS UNAVAILABLE.

Standards of Conduct

1. All coaches must be aware that they are primarily responsible for controlling athletes during pre-game sessions, locker rooms, on the playing field, on buses, or any other time they are representing their school. The conduct of athletes on and off the field is expected to be sportsmanlike. Actions such as taunting, jibes, vulgar language and disrespectful attitudes are not acceptable at any time.
2. The conduct of coaches and school personnel on and off the field is expected to be sportsmanlike. Actions such as taunting, jibes, vulgar language and disrespectful attitudes are **unacceptable**.
3. Wherever physically possible, all spectator areas are to be separated from player benches and the playing field. This could be as simple as roping off an area.
4. The shaking of hands is strongly encouraged at the end of every contest.
5. Any athlete who is expelled from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to NYSPHSAA penalty.
 - a. In the case of fighting, the player will be automatically expelled from the contest and will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled contest as well. This rule applies to playoff games and sectional games. In the event that the foul occurs in the last game of the season, the offending player or players will not play in the first game of his/her next sports season.
 - b. Officials and coaches shall notify the Athletic Director and section chairman as soon as possible after the event.
6. It is expected that all coaches will take a responsible attitude in not intentionally running up the scores.
7. The announcing of any home contest is expected to be unbiased. It is expected that all officials be skilled in the art of officiating and understand and enforce the league rule regarding unsportsmanlike conduct.
8. Penalties imposed by the league may be considered minimal, but do not prevent schools from imposing their own penalties. Penalties may range from warnings to actions taken, such as censure, removal from competition or in more severe cases, expulsion from league competition for the season.

***NOTE:** In lacrosse, any expulsion foul shall result in that player missing the next scheduled game.

Criteria For Finishes In Section VI Lacrosse

In case of ties at season's end:

1. Head to head W-L record
2. Difference of goals scored head to head
3. Least number of goals allowed in league games
4. Most number of goals scored in league games

Section VI Lacrosse Rain-Thunder-Lightning Suspensions/Inclement Weather

1. **Section VI Thunder and Lightning Policy** [*Policy Manual # 420*](#) *adopted January 20, 1999 - rev. 3/03, 11/04*)

"Thunder and lightning necessitates that all contests be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion - thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning. If lightning and/or thunder is observed, all outdoor activities will be suspended immediately. Players and spectators shall be directed to report to a shelter, a building normally occupied by the public or if a building is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g. bus, van, car). The officials and responsible authorities shall make every reasonable effort to resume and complete the contest, with full consideration of the weather and site conditions (as they affect safety and playing conditions). The official/coaches shall wait 30 minutes from the time the last boom is heard and/or the last strike is seen before starting or resuming play.

CLARIFICATIONS:

PRIOR TO CONTEST

If thunder/lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the officials/ coaches 30 or fewer minutes prior to the scheduled start of that contest, the official/ coaches and the responsible school authorities shall not permit the contest to begin. Before the contest can begin a 30-minute period void of any strike or boom must be observed.

DURING THE CONTEST

If thunder/lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the officials during the playing of the contest, the official/coaches shall immediately cease play for 30 minutes. Play may not resume until there has been a period of at least 30 minutes in which a boom or strike has not been observed. The rules of the particular sport shall determine whether the contest is 'official' or must be resumed at a later date."

2. Once the game is started, officials have final say in determining whether delay is necessary or suspension of play.
3. Safety of players and all concerned is the determinant officials will use.
4. If game is suspended before halftime, game is rescheduled by mutual consent of both schools at designated time. Division games must be rescheduled.
5. If game is suspended past the halftime mark, remainder of game is played with score, time and situation reinstated at time of suspension and played to completion, on agreed upon date.
6. **Playoff games** stopped by the officials due to weather will be continued from that point in time and score on the next possible date. This will be done from any point in time and until the game is played in its entirety.

Rosters

Coaches should submit Varsity and JV rosters to all teams prior to the first game. A copy should also be sent to the Section VI Chairman. A numerical copy should be sent to the opposing coaches at least one week prior to your games with those schools. PLEASE USE STATE FORMAT FOR ROSTERS. (see forms page 2)

NEW WEBSITE

Fields

- All playing fields should be properly marked. This includes the sideline areas for the team and penalty boxes. SPECTATORS SHOULD BE KEPT IN PROPER AREAS FOR CROWD CONTROL AND SAFETY. Fans should not be in a position to be hit by shots or passes by players.
- The field should be checked and cleared of broken glass, protruding sprinkler heads and other forms of debris. All holes should be filled in and level. All holes, drains and other potential hazards along the sidelines and endlines should be covered and or removed.

Timekeepers

It is recommended that an adult be used as the timekeeper for all contests.

Publicity

Coaches provide as much assistance to the sport and players of lacrosse when they give game scores and individual information to the Buffalo News and other publications. Unless other arrangements are made, the HOME team coach is asked to call in the results of the contest. (Both coaches should call to ensure that results are reported)

Refer to:

- The Section VI Directory, page 10 for additional media contacts and phone numbers.
- www.section6.e1b.org Under General Information, click on [Media](#)

Referee Evaluations

Coaches must evaluate game officials in ArbiterSports. Officials will then get a fair rating based on the maximum number of evaluations and have the opportunity to work contests at the proper level. The top rated officials are presented to the coaches whose teams are in the playoffs. These coaches are allowed to reject one official before assignments are made, only if they have used the arbiter to evaluate officials throughout the season.

TO EVALUATE OFFICIALS Go to the ArbiterSports website → <https://www.ArbiterSports.com/>
In the boxes next to Sign-in (upper right), enter your email address (first box) and your password (second box) and click GO. **If you forgot your password**, click on [Forgot password?](#) Arbiter will email it to you.

- Click on the tab called EVALUATIONS at the top
- Click on Boys Lacrosse Officials Evaluation
- Enter the date range you are interested in (on the left). Click GO. Note: This can only be done for games that have already been played.
- Click on the "A+" symbol for the official on the game you are evaluating.
- Use the drop down box next to each category to score the official. Enter comments if desired.
- When done, click SUBMIT (click SAVE only if you wish to return later to finish or change your evaluation).

Questions? Contact the assigner Tom Sutton Tom_Sutton@KinderMorgan.com (c) 472-3015 or call **ArbiterSports tech support 1-800-311-4060** Mon-Thurs. 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 10am-4pm EST
Complete instructions are on the Section VI website: Click Here for → [Instructions](#)

Regular Season: Three (3) officials will be assigned for regular season games (varsity only).

Sectional Playoffs: Three (3) officials will be assigned to the Semi-Final and four (4) will be assigned for Finals. Three (3) officials will be on the field and the fourth (4th) official will work from the box area. Duties should coincide with those described in the Nat. Fed. HS Lacrosse Rulebook with NYSPHAA modifications for this year. Section VI will pay for four (4) officials.

Code of Conduct

NYSPHAA Code of Conduct are no longer a state directed form, Schools own code of conducts should be on hand with each coach for post season play.

Number of Games Allowed

Teams will be allowed a maximum of sixteen (16) games in the 2017 season. This does not include Section VI Playoff games.

Sectional Playoff Policies and Procedures Class A, B, C & D

- Section VI will determine the classification of each school based on Section enrollment policy.
- OPEN TOURNAMENT:** After regular season play is ended, there will be a public school qualifying tournament with a quarter-final, semi-final and final game to determine the Section VI representatives from each Class for the NYSPHAA Lacrosse Championships. All public school teams can participate in this open tournament format. A school **may choose NOT to participate, but must notify the Section Boys Lacrosse Chairman prior to the seeding meeting.**
- REMINDER: Any school who has not submitted adequate information to the sport chair in time for the seeding meeting will be excluded from the sectional tournament.
- The winning team from the Class A, Class B, Class C and Class D playoffs will advance to the NYSPHAA Far West Regionals against Section V representatives.
- Championship venues:
 - A neutral site will be used for the Class A, Class B, Class C and Class D Finals whenever possible. (see Section VI Policy on Neutral Sites on page 14)
 - Practice: Upon the completion of the regular season, teams are not allowed to practice on the field that their respective class final game will be played on.

6. Start times: Sectional contests are standardized, however if a legitimate need for a time change arises within a district, a request must be submitted in writing to the chairperson before the seeding meeting
7. NOTE: Section VI will provide ticket sellers/takers for sectional contests at neutral sites.
8. Admittance Form: Coaches must submit the admittance form (see Forms page 2) to the Sportchair and bring a copy to sectional finals. (see Forms page 2)
- 9.. All Class Brackets will be setup for sectional playoffs- teams will remain in brackets this year. There will be no reseeding. All teams will play divisional base schedule that will use winning percentage to determine seeding for the sectional playoffs ** Independent teams will use all 16 games of their schedule for seeding.

Section VI Seeding Policy

Policy #212 in the [Section VI Policy Manual](#) the website.

All teams qualify for Sectional Playoffs. Seedings in each class will be by the grid system.

- 212.1 A team's power rating is the sole method of determining where a team is seeded. Each team is required to submit a Power Point Rating Form (center insert) prior to the seeding meeting.
- 212.2 Team power ratings are determined by dividing total league/division points accumulated by the total number of league/division games originally scheduled.

$$\text{Power Rating} = \frac{\text{Total League/division Points Accumulated}}{\text{Total Number League/division Games Originally Scheduled}}$$

- 212.3 Total league/division points are determined by applying the point chart. Teams receive points for league/division victories. Points are earned for ties in Boys and Girls Soccer and Field Hockey.

POINT CHART Winning Points

	AA	A	B	C	D
AA	+5.0	+4.0	+3.0	+2.0	+1.0
A	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0	+3.0	+2.0
B	+7.0	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0	+3.0
C	+8.0	+7.0	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0
D	+9.0	+8.0	+7.0	+6.0	+5.0

- 212.4 If teams have identical power ratings, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:
 - a. The team with the most **league/division** wins will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
 - b. The team with the fewest league **league/division** losses will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
 - c. The team with the higher winning percentage of games scheduled will be the higher seeded team. Determined by total league wins divided by total **league/division** games scheduled. If still tied:
 - d. If teams are in the same **league/division**, use head-to-head results. If still tied:
 - e. A toss of a coin will determine the higher seeded team.

- 212.5 A team who is seeded is required to participate. See "No shows at Sectionals" Policy #211.

- 212.6 Any school who has not submitted adequate information to the sport chair in time for the seeding meeting will be excluded from the sectional tournament.

It is mandatory that each school must complete website requirements in specific time frames as outlined in the sport specific handbook, throughout the season and prior to the seeding meeting. See 212.9

- 212.7 Changes to the seeding are not allowed after the conclusion of the seeding meeting.

Note: Start Times for sectional contests are standardized, however if a legitimate need for a time change arises within a district, a request must be submitted in writing to the chairperson, before the seeding meeting.

- 212.8 Seeding of Charter Schools with approved Independent Schedules: As per past practice, Charter Schools that have competed with an approved independent schedule in a team sport will have the entire schedule counted towards seeding. Power points will be calculated based on the classification of the school they have defeated. The classification used will be the classification that the school has been assigned by the section in which they participate.

212.9 **Website Protocol:**

Results required for seeding purposes are not entered on sport specific websites: The sport chairman will contact the athletic director, giving 48 hours from the time of contact to enter the contest results. If the results are not entered within that time frame, Executive Director, will contact both the athletic director and

superintendent giving 48 hours, from the time of contact to fulfill the website requirements otherwise their school's team will not be able to participate in post season play.

Admission:

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/Admission>

Pre-school children (5 & Under)	No charge		
Sectional Semis:	\$5.00	Regionals:	\$5.00
Sectional Finals:	\$5.00	States:	\$8.00

Section VI Policy No Shows at Sectionals

A school team that does not show or refuses to play in a Sectional contest after the seeding meeting spoils the integrity of the tournament. The following Section VI policy was adopted by the Athletic Council 11/98:

- a. Schools shall declare their intent to play or not play prior to sectional seeding, as per the sport specific sectional handbook. Schools failing to fulfill their pre-tournament commitment shall be subject to the following sanction:

One year ineligibility for sectional play in that sport with the ability to appeal to the Athletic Council. Appeal must occur within 60 days of the completion of sectional play.

- b. The Section Chairperson must notify the Executive Director of the occurrence and the Section office will notify the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director of the sanction.

Buffalo School Lacrosse Fields

All High Stadium
50 Mercer Street
Buffalo, NY 14214

Charles Dingboom Field
(Riverside Stadium)
51 Ontario St
Buffalo, NY 14207

Johnnie B. Wiley Stadium
295 Dodge Street
Buffalo, NY 14208

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2019 Boys Lacrosse Coaches Directory

Google Drive Directory Link

[See Page 5](#)

Section VI Policies

All-WNY Scholar Athlete Boys Lacrosse

Coaches and Athletic Directors are encouraged to nominate athletes for selection as an All-WNY Scholar Athlete. Applications must be completed on-line. Click here for → [The criteria for selection and the Nomination Form](#). All paperwork, **along with a copy of the completed online application**, must be mailed or e-mailed to the Section VI office before **May 8th**. Those selected will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News.

Section VI AED Policy

(effective Feb. 2003) [Section VI Policy Manual](#)

The game site-chairperson will be responsible for securing an AED for the certified trainer's use at all sectional contests, and at all regional and state contests that are hosted by Section VI. The certified trainer will be provided by an orthopedic group contracted by Section VI, at all post-season contests held at **neutral sites**. **Note:** If a school suffers loss or damage to an AED that is being used for post-season contests, the Section will be financially responsible.

Regulations Regarding Senior All-Star and Outside Agency Contests

(updated October 2013 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee)

1. All Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests **MUST** be approved by [Section VI](#). In addition, Senior All-Star contests must be approved by [NYSPHSAA](#). The forms required are posted on the section website*
2. All Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests must be conducted within the season dates approved by the Section VI Athletic Council for that sport. The calendar of approved season dates for all sports is posted on the section website*
3. Only seniors who have completed their secondary school eligibility in that sport may compete in these contests.
4. *A contestant **may participate in any approved senior all star athlete contest in the same sport during the school year.** (approved October 24, 2013, NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting).*

NOTE: A Senior All-Star contest by NYSPHSAA standards, is one in which an athlete's participation is based solely on outstanding performance as a member of a high school team. If open-tryouts are held, the contest is **NOT** a NYSPHSAA All-Star contest.

*www.section6.e1b.org Click on *Forms Scroll down to Senior All Star*, or call the Section office 821-7581.

Section VI Policy 221 on Neutral Sites

[Policy Manual](#)

- 221.1 The section expects that Sportchairs will charge admission to recoup the costs of the venue. If charging admission is not possible, it is expected that costs will be reduced.
- 221.2 For finals, only site(s) approved in a preseason report by the Athletic Council will be used. Exception: Weather / Emergencies.
- 221.3 Secure a new venue when a host school's team is playing in the finals. (if possible) Approved 1/20/2016.

Section VI Policy 160 Subdividing A Class

[Policy Manual](#)

- 160.1 When eighteen (18) or more schools are in a specific classification, the classification must be split. (i.e. A1, A2)
- 160.2 When subdividing a class, if there are an odd number of schools, the school in the middle (bubble school) will be placed in the bracket that its enrollment is closest to. If the discrepancy in enrollment above the bubble school is the same as below, the bubble school will be placed in the lower bracket.

Policy on Travel to State Competition for Team Sports

For the complete policy click on #310 in the → [Policy Manual](#)

Summary for Team Sports

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:

- 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 **\$1.35*** per mile on the state grid (for one bus per team) and will forward this reimbursement to the schools upon receipt of funds from the state.

LODGING:

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.

MEALS:

Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition.

* **State approved 5/09**

The following was approved at the January 20, 2016 athletic council meeting:

Secure a new venue when a host school's team is playing in the finals (if possible)

Contingency Plan for Sectional Competition (weather or illness)

1. Contests will be postponed only if a participating school is officially closed due to weather or illness.
2. It is the responsibility of the Athletic Director (or designee) to notify the Sport Chairperson that the school has been closed due to weather conditions (or illness) as soon as he/she becomes aware of such action. Officials and the media will be notified by the Chairperson (or designee).
3. In the event that a school is closed on the day its playoff contest is scheduled, the decision to play shall rest with the District Superintendent.
4. In the event that weather conditions reverse themselves prior to game time, the game may be played with the mutual consent of the participating Athletic Directors and the approval of the Sport Chairperson.
5. When a contest is at a non-school site: If the competition facility and the roads to that destination are open, then the competition will go on as scheduled. If either the roads or the facility are closed, then the competition will be cancelled. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is a site contracted by Section VI available for practice when a competition is cancelled.
6. The Sport Chairperson will notify the Executive Director of any postponements.
7. PLEASE NOTE: It is up to the individual leagues to recognize the potential for snow days, power outages, etc. that may cause cancellations and problems. The individual leagues should schedule their last league contest at least one or two days prior to the seeding meeting, allowing for a make-up league contest(s) prior to the seeding meeting if necessary. The storm in Feb. 2006 that closed schools the day before the seeding meeting bears this point out.

Section VI Financial Procedure

SECTION VI FINANCIAL PROCEDURE

(adopted 9/97, updated 6/06, 9/07)

For Pre-quarters, Quarter and Semi's at home-school site:

Expenses and revenues are the responsibility of the home school.

For Finals, Contests at Neutral Sites or Contests in tournament format:

Section VI will pay all personnel, both administrative and officials. All personnel must have Name, Complete Address, Social Security Number, Duty and Signature.

The Game-Site Chairperson will submit *within 5 business days*:

1. The completed Financial Report (see Forms page 2) and
2. A check for total gate receipts payable to **Section VI, NYSPHSAA, Inc.**

Mail to: **Treasurer, Section VI, 355 Harlem Rd., W. Seneca, NY 14224**

The Game-Site Chairperson will mail a copy of the Financial Report to the Sport Chairperson.

NOTE: Officials are to be paid as per the [Officials Agreement 2018-2021](#) Fee Schedule or www.section6.e1b.org click on Officials, Fee Schedule. Officials assigned outside their "Geographic Area" will receive a \$20.00 premium for all Sectional Games.



Heat Index Procedures

Administration of Heat Index Procedures:

- Feels Like Temperature (Heat index) will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 80 degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into www.weatherbug.com
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line.
- If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) is 90 degrees or above, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like temperature (heat index) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) temperature is 96 degrees (Fahrenheit) or more, the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:

	Feels Like Temp(Heat Index) under 79 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
R E C O M M E N D E D	Heat Index Caution: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) 80 degrees to 85 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session.
	Heat Index Watch: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) 86 degrees to 90 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when Feels Like temp is lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time).
	Heat Index Warning: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) 91 degrees to 95 degrees	Provide ample water and water breaks every 15 minutes. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when Feels Like temp is much lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time). Light weight and loose fitting clothes should be worn. For Practices only Football Helmets should be worn. No other protective equipment should be worn.
REQUIRED	Heat Index Alert: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) 96 degrees or greater	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held. Inside activity should only be held if air conditioned.

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Updated July 27, 2016



Wind Chill Procedures

Administration of Wind Chill Procedures:

- Feels Like Temperature (Wind Chill) will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 39 degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into www.weatherbug.com.
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line.
- If the Feels Like temperature (wind chill) is 10 degrees or below, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like (wind chill) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like (wind chill) temperature is -11 degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower, the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:

	Feels Like Temp (wind chill) above 40 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
R E C O M M E N D E D	Wind Chill Caution: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 39 degrees to 20 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing.
	Wind Chill Watch: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 19 degrees to 10 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss.
	Wind Chill Warning: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 9 degrees to -10 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss. Consider postponing practice to a time when the Feels Like temp is much higher. Consider reducing the amount of time for an outdoor practice session.
REQUIRED	Wind Chill Alert: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) -11 degrees or lower	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held.

Special Note: Alpine Skiing will be exempt from this policy and will follow the regulations of the host ski center where the practice or event is being held.

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Updated July 27, 2016

SECTION VI - NYSPHSAA

Sportsmanship Philosophy & Code of Conduct

Philosophy

1. We believe that interscholastic athletics is an important part of education and support the ideals and values embodied in good sportsmanship.
2. We believe that sportsmanlike behavior is essential if interscholastic competition is to contribute usefully and constructively to the broad goals of education and to the quality of life of those involved.
3. We pledge ourselves individually and collectively to encourage and support the development and maintenance of a sportsmanlike atmosphere for athletic competition.

Code of Conduct

1. A genuine interest in and enjoyment of interscholastic competition requires conduct that reflects the understanding that contests as a part of an overall school program are intended to be enjoyed. Behavior that reflects a winning at all cost attitude violates this standard.
2. Interscholastic competition provides valuable lessons and learning experiences that are not possible in the regular classroom setting. All involved must support the need to develop the ability to compete with enthusiasm and to accept winning with grace and losing with dignity.
3. Coaches, players, and fans should know that participation is an honor and privilege which requires them to conduct themselves in a manner that brings honor and pride to their school and community.
4. Respect for the cultural and ethnic diversity of one's opponents, their school, and community is a fundamental tenet of wholesome athletic competition. This standard suggests that planned activity is needed to demonstrate a warm and friendly welcome, mutual respect, and a genuine readiness to participate in a sportsmanlike manner.
5. Players should demonstrate both knowledge of the rules and respect for game officials and their decisions. Coaches and school officials have the responsibility to teach and encourage these attributes.

******* Sportsmanship Statement Reminder *******

The following statement will be read over the public address system just prior to the pledge to the flag. If there is no public address system, the statement will be read to both teams by the site chairperson or his representative:

“Welcome to Section VI (name of sport). Athletic competition can provide everyone with a sense of accomplishment and pride, if all of us - players, coaches and spectators - abide by the rules of good conduct. We ask that you enjoy the performance of our outstanding athletes in a spirit of sportsmanship and appreciation of competition.”