

**SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
SOFTBALL 2009
Co-Chairs: Larry Lash and Mark Kruzynski**

Pre-Season Section 6 Softball Meeting - Depew High School, November 18, 7:00 PM.

Attending:

Mark Kruzynski & Larry Lash, Co Chairs; Matt Chimera-NFL; Jay Hall, Dave Hehr, Debbie Schrufer, Dan Seelig-ECIC; Dan Brooks-Catt.; Sue Teets-Chaut.; Jim Craig-At-Large.

Unable to attend:

Ron Schumacher, Mike Chatelle-ECIC; Debbie Matos-Buffalo; Mike Ozogar-Catt.; John Sliwa-Chaut.

1. State Softball Committee Meeting report from Mark. Meeting was November 5, in Albany. Mark discussed these items:
 - A.) Reports from past State Tournaments in Binghamton, and 2009 & 2010 Tournaments in Waterloo, NY-Section 5.
 - B.) Section 2- Adirondack Sports Complex was the only bid for the 2011, 2012, and 2013 State Softball Tournaments. Awaiting NYSPHSAA approval.
 - C.) Softball may have 2, 5-inning games as part of a doubleheader if needed.
 - D.) In an on-going discussion/debate from past years, it was decided that Softball will use the same Dugout numbers as Baseball for Regional & State Tournament Softball games. Those numbers include 23 players, and 6 support personnel in the Dugout area.
 - E.) Discussion of a Run-Rule for Softball- up to each Section to determine use of a Run-Rule for Varsity & JV games, minimum of 10 runs if used. Modified run-rules ?
 - F.) Discussion of changing the Pitching distance in NYS High School Softball- We will continue the Waiver of the ASA Rule for a 43' distance. We will leave the pitching rubber at 40 feet.
2. Discussion of Section 6 Softball Considerations & Needs:
 - A.) Calendar as follows:
Start Date- March 2,
Seeding Meeting- May 26,
Qualifiers- May 28,
Pre-Quarters- May 29,
Quarters- June 2,
Semis- June 4,
Finals- June 6,
Regionals- June 9,
State Tournament- Waterloo, Section 5- June 13.
 - B.) Finals will be at the Pepsi Center Softball/Baseball Complex, in Amherst, for all 5 classes, on Saturday, June 6. Times and Class order T.B.A. It is an S.A.T. exam day, so games will not begin before 2:30. There are 3 "Game" fields available. No charge for use. There was discussion of splitting the games into 2 sites, 1 for Class C & D games, and another for Class AA, A, & B games. By a 5-0 vote, it was decided that the committee is still in favor of 1 site for Finals. Olean was the possible site for the C & D games. Distances for many C & D teams were similar for Olean or Amherst. Jamestown is hosting Track Finals, and was not available.
 - C.) Jamestown will be the site for Regional Class C & D games on June 9.

- D.) Report from Section 6 office show that Softball “made” \$ 382.50 at the 2008 Finals at Niagara Falls High School- June 7, 2008. Regionals at the same site, on June 10, for Class AA, A, & B teams, “made” \$ 297.05. Thanks to Niagara Falls School District. Great site!!!
- E.) Discussion of the Run-rule for Section 6 Varsity & JV teams. By 5-0 vote, we will not have a Run-rule this year.
- F.) Discussion of Open Tournament or some form of .500 record for entry into the Tournament. By 5-0 vote we will have an Open Tournament. Opt-out possibilities will still exist, and individual schools may have their own criteria for participation.
- G.) Discussion of Run-Rule for Modified Softball. NYSPHSAA is considering this issue at the Modified level; no decision yet. Our Committee is making this recommendation for Modified games: a team may not score more than 5 runs in any inning; the 7th inning will be played to conclusion. This way teams know they are going to play a 7-inning game, and can make substitutions accordingly. But there will be a consideration for the score of the game, and the length of the game. This is a recommendation only. Other Sections of NYS have had success with this idea.
- H.) There was a call for someone in the Softball community to do a Softball section of the Section 6 Web site. No response yet.
- I.) Jim Craig gave a presentation of new rules for Softball (ASA)
- J.) We are seeking a representative for Chautauqua County Division 3. Depending on Chaut./Catt. County realignments, this may change.
- K.) There were no Handbook revisions except dates, sites, Classification numbers, and Bench area guidelines. Updates soon.

Thank you, Larry Lash & Mark Kruzynski

Softball Dates 2009

1st Practice: March 2
 1st Scrimmage: March 9
 1st Contest: March 11
 Easter: April 12
 Memorial Day: May 25
 Sectional Playoffs: May 28-June 6 See table below
 Season Ends: June 14
 2009 Exam dates: ACT: April 4, June 13 SAT: May 2,3, June 6,7 Regents: June 16-25

Play-Off Calendar 2009

SOFTBALL	CLASS	DATE	LOCATION
Seeding Meeting:		May 26	Depew HS 7:00
Qualifiers:		May 28	Higher Seed - 4:30
Pre-Quarters:	AA,A,B, C,D	May 29	Higher Seed - 4:30
Quarters:	AA,A,B, C,D	June 2	Higher Seed - 4:30
Semifinals:	AA,A,B, C,D	June 4	Higher Seed - 4:30
Finals:	AA,A,B, C,D	June 6	Pepsi Center, Amherst times and class order TBA
Regionals:	AA,A, B	June 9	Section 5
	C, D	June 9	Jamestown HS
States:		June 13	<i>Waterloo High School, Section 5</i>