

SECTION XI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

TO: ALL COACHES OF BOYS BASKETBALL
AND ALL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

FROM: Bob Mayo Boys Basketball Chairman

DATE: February 1, 2017

RE: BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF INFORMATION

Your team may be entering the Section XI-N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Qualifying Classification Tournament. The Seeding Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, and tournament information will be placed on the website immediately. Tournament play begins on Friday, February 17; unless there is need to play an out-bracket game on Thursday, February 16 for a team to qualify for a position on the bracket within its classification.

Games played at the site of the higher seeded team (not necessarily the team on the top of the bracket), the higher seeded team will be the home team and will set the time of the game at their site. The home fans will sit in their customary section of the bleachers, and they will be the home team on the scoreboard, and wear white jerseys. The Athletic Director, or his/her designee, will serve as the Site Chairman for the Section. This procedure will apply only when a game is not played at a neutral site and one of the schools is the higher seeded home team. The site director shall designate the location of each team's bench.

When games are assigned to neutral sites by the Chairman, the higher seeded team will be designated as the home team and wear white. The Site Chairman will designate where spectators from each school shall sit, and which dressing rooms will be utilized. The site director shall designate the location of each team's bench.

Each competing school will be allowed a maximum of twenty (20) people, to be admitted without tickets or charge. This includes coaches, players, managers, statisticians, etc.

ARRIVAL OF TEAMS ----- Teams are instructed to report to the site director upon arrival. Teams must not arrive any earlier than **ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED STARTING TIME FOR THE CONTEST**, and only the “official party” of twenty (20) will be admitted to the gymnasium at that time. All others will have to wait until tickets are taken and the gates opened (30 minutes before game time). Rest rooms will not be available until the general public is admitted. Naturally, in the case of schools playing the second game at a site, the 20 people will be admitted upon arrival, providing they don't arrive more than 30 minutes prior to the start of the first game. We have had problems in previous years with teams, cheerleaders, and spectators arriving too early and then expecting Site Chairmen to provide comfortable facilities. We must emphasize again, that facilities will be made available for the 20 participants (including coaches) no earlier than one hour before the scheduled game starting time, but no one else will be admitted prior to 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

Only players in uniforms, coaches, and designated managers/statisticians will be permitted to sit at courtside on the team bench.

CHEERLEADERS ----- Cheerleading squads are instructed to report to the site director upon arrival. Only cheerleaders in uniform will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by a school advisor. Advisors are expected to sit in the area used by the cheerleaders and actively supervise them throughout the game. Schools are requested to limit the cheering to one cheer for each team during any time-out, and cheerleading teams are to alternate their cheers. Cheering is not to be performed during foul shots.

Cheerleaders will not be admitted until the gates open to the public, and we regret that we cannot offer any facilities for special use by the cheerleading teams. In facilities where spectator sight lines are affected, we may have to limit cheering during play to "bench cheers". **There are no seats reserved for cheerleading teams at any of the tournament sites.** Arrival approximately 30 minutes before game time will insure cheerleading teams of front row seats. Teams arriving later than this time cannot expect the Site Chairman to move paying spectators already seated in the bleachers.

RESPECT OF PROPERTY ----- Coaches and Athletic Directors are urged to impress upon players and spectators the necessity of respecting the property of the schools that are hosting the tournament games. It has not been easy in prior years, and it has become increasingly more difficult the past few years for us to obtain school facilities for tournament use. Coaches are requested to arrange a clean-up of the dressing rooms after the teams have finished using them. Please leave nothing but footsteps and water behind you. Lockers and locker rooms have been defaced in previous years, but the past few years have been generally much better - let's keep up the good cooperation and supervision, which we have been experiencing. Every coach has a responsibility to remind the players of the need to respect the facilities that have been made available for their use.

OFFICIAL SCORER ----- Each team is responsible for providing an official scorer, preferably an adult. If it becomes necessary to designate one of the scorers as the official scorer, in the absence of a scorer appointed by the Basketball Chairman or Site Chairman, the scorer of the higher seeded team will be designated. The Site Chairman and the officials maintain the right to appoint another person to this most important job.

TIMERS ----- Game timers and shot clock timers are the responsibility of the host school when games are played at the site of the higher seeded team. (No Section XI reimbursement unless neutral site contest.)

PROTEST COMMITTEE----- *The Site Chairman will appoint a protest committee for each game. A protest in any game must be lodged immediately, as prescribed in the Section XI rules with the official scorer, and the protest must be settled at the time that the protest is lodged. Play will not continue until the problem is resolved.*

SUPERVISION ----- Each competing school is required to provide adequate supervision for students and fans of the team attending the game. Supervisors must present themselves upon arrival to the Site Chairman and assist with active supervision of fans. No payment is provided by Section XI for this responsibility. Please take notice of the necessity of supervising students after the game, particularly around the buses of competing schools.

OFFICIALS ----- The top-rated, available officials will be used in the Tournament. All the officials for all games will be assigned by the Executive Director. Coaches are reminded of the necessity of respecting the privacy of the officials' dressing room always. **Site Directors are expected to greet officials and provide security for them at halftime and at the end of the game.**

PARKING ----- There should be no problems with parking at all school sites. Unless roads are dangerous or sites inaccessible, we will make every attempt to play games as scheduled. Site Chairmen, working cooperatively with the Basketball Chairman, will make decisions regarding the site- but visiting schools must make every effort to communicate with the Chairman's office or home in case of bad weather. When making announcements about the game at your school, please remind drivers to park without "boxing" someone in. Also, do not park in fire lanes. In case of inclement weather a decision to postpone a playoff game will be made at least four hours before the scheduled game time, and the contest will be rescheduled for the next available day.

BRACKET SHEETS----- All competing schools will receive their bracket sheet information developed at the Seeding Committee meeting through the website. They will be placed on the website on Tuesday, February 14 immediately after the seeding.

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All teams who enter the tournament must have a .500 league record or better.

Qualifiers for Classes AA, A, B, C and D will be determined within the Section XI tournament. The team advancing the furthest in their Class will represent Suffolk County in Regional and State Competition.

Classifications

AA = 910+ B = 280 - 479 D = 169 & below
A = 480 – 909 C = 170 – 279

- Section XI will recognize the class qualifiers as county champions.

Seeding

The Section XI Seeding Committee will be responsible for seeding all teams within each classification of the Tournament, utilizing the Section XI approved seeding criteria and with input sent in by coaches.

***REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT -----** Coaches and Athletic Directors are reminded that the official traveling party will be 16 people (players, coaches, managers) for all contests after the Section XI Championship game. Only 16 people will be reimbursed for expenses, admitted to contests, or permitted on the bench. Please make this known to your players, coaches, etc. now, so that we don't have a problem later. Coaches and Athletic Directors should be aware that they should seriously consider the ramifications of moving J.V. players up to varsity for the tournament.

TICKET PRICES – Inform your team, students, faculty, parents and general fans:

Out Bracket games: \$4.00

Opening round games: \$4.00

Class Championship Games: \$6.00

County Championship Game: \$6.00

Regional Games (in Section XI): \$7.00

