

# 2017 Baseball

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Dear Suffolk County Baseball Coach,

Welcome to another season of Section XI Baseball. It is my pleasure to continue to serve all of you as your Sports Chairperson and I look forward to working with the Baseball Coaches Association.

It is my job to serve as your liaison to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and Section XI. Please do not hesitate to call me at Mattituck High School or email me at <a href="mailto:gwormuth@mufsd.com">gwormuth@mufsd.com</a> should you have any questions or concerns.

I wish each and every one of you an enjoyable and successful season.

Sincerely.

Greggory Wormuth Section XI Baseball

BASEBALL - (Approved 10/13/16)							
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League 9 (C/D) Port Jefferson - C Southold - C Pierson/BH - C Stony Brook - C Greenport - C Smithtown Christian - D							

#### BASEBALL

- 1. National Federation rules.
- 2. Visiting teams will use the field for 15 minutes prior to game start time.
- 3. On all levels, typed copies of ground rules are to be given to the plate umpire and the visiting coach.
- 4. All coaches on all levels are required to present lineup cards to the plate umpire and opposing coach.
- 5. Games are to be seven innings.
- 6. If any game is suspended for any reason prior to it being an official game, that game must resume from the point of interruption according to the following: Should the suspended game be the first game of a two-game series or the first or second game of a three-game series, play will resume on the date of the next scheduled game of the series, prior to the scheduled game, even if the game is on the opposite site form the original game unless both schools agree to play on the next available date which is prior to the next scheduled game. Should the suspended game be the final game of a series, play will resume at the same site on the next available date. (Approved 1/11/12)
- 7. In the implementation of the next available date policy in baseball, league games will take precedence over non-league games after the second week of the league schedule.
- 8. All coaches shall be required to wear protective helmets while standing along the 1st and 3rd base lines during games. (Approved 10/8/09)

#### League Alignment (Approved 10/15/14)

There shall be a rotation in the number of teams within leagues if team numbers in the AA/A classifications remain the same in consecutive years.

	League 1	League 2	League 3	League 4	League 5	League 6	League 7
2014-15	6 teams	6 teams	6 teams	7 teams	7 teams	6 teams	7 teams
2015-16	7 teams	7 teams	6 teams	6 teams	6 teams	7 teams	7 teams
2016-17	6 teams	7 teams	7 teams	6 teams	6 teams	6 teams	6 teams
2017-18	6 teams	6 teams	7 teams	7 teams	6 teams	6 teams	6 teams
2018-19	6 teams	6 teams	6 teams	7 teams	7 teams	6 teams	6 teams

#### Section XI Tournament

Effective July 1, 2014, Section XI has adopted SPALDING as the official ball used in all Section XI playoff contests. Schools are mandated to use a SPALDING product exclusively during ALL ROUNDS of the Section XI playoffs.

The Section XI Sport Chair will decide when schools will receive the SPALDING TF-Pro (41-000HS) ball. Schools may use this ball or any other SPALDING product.

#### **Qualifying**

All teams with .500 league records or better shall qualify for the Section XI Tournament. (Approved 3/3/15)

#### Tournament Rules

- 1. The highest seeded team in all rounds will be home team except in the finals.
- 2. The team progressing the farthest in each classification will be the Section XI qualifier for the NYSPHSAA tournament in that class.
- 3. Schools will furnish three balls per game.
- 4. Schools will pay officials through the third round of the tournament.
- 5. A contest shall be moved to the visiting school if the home school does not have a site available to play. (App 3/13)
- 6. Any interrupted game will be continued from the point the game was stopped.

<u>Protest Committee</u>: The site chairman will appoint a protest committee of three people for each game. A protest in any game must be lodged immediately, as prescribed in the Section XI rules. Play will not continue until the problem is resolved.

#### **Baseball** - Gregg Wormuth

See Brackets for Section XI Tournament

#### 6/1 - Regional Semi-Finals

Class B: Sec XI vs. Sec VIII (Site and Time TBA)
Class C: Sec XI at Sec VIII (Site and Time TBA)

#### 6/3 - Regional Finals

Class AA: Sec XI vs Sec VIII (Site and Time TBA)

Class A: Sec XI vs Sec VIII (Site and Time TBA)

Class B: Winner Sec VIII/Sec XI at Winner of Sec IX/Sec I Class C: Winner Sec I/Sec IX at Winner of Sec XI/Sec VIII

Class D: Sec XI at Sec IX (Site and Time TBA)

#### 6/9-10 - NYSPHSAA Championship, Binghamton (Sec IV)

#### Semi-Finals

Class AA: TBA

Class A: TBA

Class B: TBA

Class C: TBA

Class D: TBA

#### <u>Finals</u>

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#### **CODE OF ETHICS FOR COACHES**

Section XI is committed to high ethical standards of conduct as applied to coaches and athletes, therefore coaches shall:

- 1. Know the rules of the game, the policies of Section XI, and the rules and regulations of NYSPHSAA. The coach and the team shall abide by these rules and regulations.
- 2. Actively use their influence to enhance good sportsmanship on the part of their players and their community.
- 3. Refrain from the verbal abuse of athletes and/or officials. Profane and vulgar remarks, critical public comments, and off-color humor are demeaning, offensive and unprofessional.
- 4. Refrain from the physical abuse of athletes and/or officials. Unnecessary roughness, fighting or any other form of physical abuse cannot be tolerated. (Note: Verbal and physical abuse should never substitute for motivational techniques, which enhance performance without threatening the dignity of the athlete.)
- 5. Be responsible for the supervision, discipline, and behavior of his/her athletes and abide by all of the rules and regulations of the host school at away contests.
  - 6. Preserve the integrity of competition by never humiliating the opponent in a deliberate manner.
  - 7. In unofficiated sports, ensure honesty in scoring and integrity of calls on the part of their athletes.
  - 8. Do not attempt to seek an advantage through intimidation of opponents or officials.
- 9. Be positive role models relative to the use of controlled and illegal substances (drugs, alcohol, and tobacco).
- 10. Recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well being of the individual players.

Violations of this code will be handled by Section XI in the following manner:

- 1. Misconduct regarding the inappropriate behavior of a coach shall be referred to the offending coach's athletic director.
  - 2. If the violation is not reconciled, the athletic director will forward a report to the Executive Director.
- 3. On a further violation or flagrant misconduct, the Executive Director will send a formal letter to the coach, athletic director and principal noting that such behavior is unacceptable at Section XI contests. The letter should reflect the degree of inappropriateness.
  - 4. Should Section XI deem it necessary, the matter will be pursued through the Ethics Committee.

# GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CODES OF BEHAVIOR FOR COACHES, PARTICIPANTS, SPECTATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION

#### I. INTRODUCTION

It is the duty of all those concerned with high school athletics to emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play under all circumstances. The values to be derived from playing the game fairly should be stressed, and any actions which tend to destroy those values should be discouraged. Courtesy should be shown toward opponents, officials, supervisors, spectators and administrators. Efforts must be made to achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility and to respect the integrity and the judgment of the sports officials. It is important for all to recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the individual players. Most of all, it is the duty of all concerned with high school athletics to remember that an athletic contest is only a game and should be kept in that perspective.

#### II. THE COACH is expected to:

- 1. Set a positive example both on and off the playing area.
- 2. Be aware that you are representing a school district, a school, and a student body. Impressions made are lasting and hard to live down.
- 3. Recognize that athletic competition is a means toward an end, not an end in itself. Specifically, athletics should lead to the development of healthy, well-adjusted young men and women.
- 4. Approach competition as a healthy and constructive exercise, not as a life and death struggle that requires victory at any price. It should be fun and enjoyable.
- 5. Recognize that the participants in individual or team sports are young men and women with human frailties and limitations who are capable of making mistakes.
- 6. Be prepared to win or lose. Be positive. Encourage peak performance within the rules of the game.
  - 7. Command respect by personal attitude and behavior.
  - 8. Be well-groomed. Wear appropriate attire be it casual or otherwise.
  - 9. Not use crude or abusive language with players, opponents, officials, or spectators.
- 10. Respect the judgment of the officials. Although it is reasonable for the coach to question officials' decisions and even to disagree, the officials' decisions must be accepted graciously.
- 11. Handle dissatisfaction with officiating quietly and efficiently through the use of the rating cards supplied by Section XI.
- 12. Instruct players to respect officials. Questions concerning rules or interpretations should be made by the team captain as the team representative during the contest.
  - 13. Refrain from shouting disapproval of calls made by officials.
  - 14. Avoid behavior that will incite players, opponents, or spectators.
- 15. Encourage good sportsmanship, and  $\underline{\text{remove players from competition}}$  who demonstrate unacceptable behavior.
- 16. The athletic program is a total part of the educational opportunities provided for all students. It should be treated as just that.

#### III. THE ATHLETE is expected to:

1. Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game, and to respect the integrity and judgment of the officials.

- 2. Conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times.
- Demonstrate self-control and mutual respect at all times. Uncontrolled emotions can be self-defeating.
  - 4. Not use crude or abusive language or gestures in dealing with opponents, officials or spectators.
- 5. Accept victory with grace and defeat with dignity. Poor winners or losers do a disservice to themselves.
- 6. Set an example in word and deed, both on and off the playing area. Remember that athletes assume a role of leadership and that the young emulate their role models.
- 7. Be well-groomed, both on and off the field, as a representative of the school. Improper behavior while in uniform reflects badly upon yourself, your school, and your community.
- 8. Observe training regulations and requirements of physical fitness for better personal performance and greater contribution to the team effort.
- 9. Place athletic competition in its perspective. It represents only one part of the learning process and should not be pursued to the exclusion of everything else.
  - 10. Remember that participation in athletics is a privilege that should not be abused.
- 11. Refrain from shouting disapproval of calls made by officials. Shouting disapproval of calls made by officials may result in misconduct.

#### IV. THE SPECTATORS are expected to:

- 1. Conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behavior.
- 2. Respect officials, coaches, and players and extend all courtesies to them.
- 3. Taunting, foul and abuse language, noisemakers, inflammatory remarks and disrespectful signs and behavior are not acceptable. Violations during a free throw attempt will be penalized by repeating the free throw, if missed. The officials will make this decision. (Rev. 3/7/12)
- 4. Obey the regulations of the site authorities. Those who do not conform should be brought to the attention of the supervisors.
- 5. Understand that schools are responsible for the conduct of their respective spectators, whether at home or away.
  - 6. Refrain from shouting disapproval of calls make by officials.

#### V. THE ADMINISTRATORS

- 1. The Athletic Director is responsible for the conduct of coaches, players, spectators, and other employees of the school.
- 2. The Athletic Director assumes responsibility for informing these groups of the code of behavior expected during participation in Section XI athletic events.
  - 3. General Recommendations for Home Contests:
- a. The visiting school should be provided with information on directions to the school, game times, physical layout including parking area, locker facilities, and specific school regulations affecting visiting

teams.

- b. The home school is responsible for excluding from athletic events spectators whose past behavior indicates an unacceptable risk for trouble.
- c. Adequate supervision must be provided in the gymnasium area as well as in hallways, bathrooms, and outside area where spectators may congregate.
  - d. Separate seating areas should be designated for visiting team spectators whenever possible.
- e. Request the cooperation of the Suffolk County Police Department and/or Auxiliary Police units whenever the anticipated crowd size or previous relationship between schools indicate the potential for trouble.
- f. Confer with coaches, cheering advisors, supervisors, and custodial help on your expectations for their behavior and on ways to handle difficult situations.
- g. The Athletic Director should meet with game officials to identify him/herself, to offer any assistance, and to emphasize the importance of keeping the game under control.
- h. The supervisor in charge should immediately report to police any information regarding any possession of weapons, drugs, or alcohol. Anyone under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol should be removed fro the game and reported to the administration.
- i. Supervisors should remain on duty until all spectators and visiting teams have left the premises, Including parking lots.
- j. Problems with students, coaches, and spectators should be communicated to the other Athletic Director, to the Principals, and, when appropriate, to the Section XI Executive Director.

## 4. Requirement for Schools/Teams Participating In Playoffs at Neutral Sites:

It is required that any school/team participating in a Section XI playoff activity at a neutral site provide adequate supervision for that activity. The supervisor(s) must be easily identifiable and maintain an active presence throughout the activity. Refer to the Section XI Neutral Site Policy.

#### 5. General Recommendations for Visiting Teams:

- a. Visiting teams must be properly supervised at all times at the host school.
- b. At spectator events, if possible, the visiting school should provide a supervisor for its spectators.
- c. When a Varsity/JV doubleheader is held, the team not playing should be supervised in the stands.
- d. Clarify with the host Athletic Director the best area for parking and access into locker facilities. Also arrange for exiting after the event with at least one home school supervisor in the area to supervise.
- e. Report in writing to the host Athletic Director any incident involving players, spectators, supervisors, etc., that deserves follow-up by the home school.
  - f. Refrain from shouting disapproval of calls made by officials.

## VI. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE VISITING SCHOOL:

#### 1. Athletic Director

- a. Contact the Athletic Director of the home school and request the following if needed:
  - > Directions and best route to school.
  - > Location of parking area and recommended area for bus parking.
  - > Will there be a charge for spectators?
  - > Is there a specific seating area for spectators?
- b. Inform the Athletic Director of the home school of the following:
  - > If there will be a cheerleader and/or spectator bus in addition to the athletes' bus.
  - > If the additional buses will be accompanied by one or more supervisors.
  - > What type of identification your supervisors will be equipped with.
- c. Inform the coach of the team of the particulars in a and b above.
- d. Inform supervisors of the above information, and ask them to inform persons on the bus for whom they are responsible, of the pertinent information.
  - e. Inform the student body of any necessary details by public address system and/or bulletin.

#### 2. Coach

- a. Consult the Athletic Director for the above information.
- b. The head coach of each sport should disseminate the information above for each school to his or her junior varsity and modified team coaches.
  - c. Follow the recommendations for Code of Behavior for Coaches in Section XI.
  - d. Require team members to follow Section XI Guidelines for Good Sportsmanship.

#### 3. Supervisors

- a. Should be persons who are familiar with the visiting school's student body.
- b. Should be well informed of what their responsibilities are and be capable of enforcing regulations and encouraging proper behavior.

#### **RELATED SECTION XI POLICY:**

- > Coaches Ethics
- > Emergency Preparedness & Crowd Control Policy and Procedures
- > Code of Conduct for Spectators

Rev. 3/7/12

#### **SECTION XI**

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DONALD F. WEBSTER **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

KEVIN M. McCARTHY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

To:

All Sports Chairpersons

From: Don Webster

RE:

Sportsmanship

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association and Section XI would like to ask your cooperation in the promoting of the importance of proper sportsmanship at all of its athletic contests.

Trash talking, inappropriate comments and general poor sportsmanship have become an increasing problem and we would ask that you communicate the following guidelines with the coaches at your Mandatory Coaches Meeting.

- 1. There will be zero tolerance for harassing statements related to gender, race, ethnicity, disabilities, sexual orientation or religion by players, coaches, fans or officials. It is our goal to reinforce our expectations of proper sportsmanship at all times. Incidents or violations will be handled through the regulations outlined in the NYS and Section XI procedures with the appropriate penalties administered.
- 2. We have asked the officials to deal with this type of behavior with immediate and strict enforcement.
- 3. Officials are not to be involved directly with the spectators. Officials will report this type of behavior with fans directly to the home school and follow proper procedures. Home school game administration will be responsible for the conduct at the game site.
- 4. Serious incidents or violations shall be reported to Section XI on the next Business day.
- 5. Coaches are asked to reinforce proper sportsmanship with their players on a regular basis and model good sportsmanship themselves.
- 6. Athletic Directors are asked to please review with their coaches the NYSPHSAA expectations and monitor their athletes and staff.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in creating a positive, enjoyable and healthy athletic experience for all.

cc: Ken Knapp

#### **SAFETY- RELATED POLICIES**

#### **HEAT ALERT POLICY**

- 1. <u>Modified Heat Alert</u> When the heat index reaches 88 (equivalent to T.H.I. of 73), practice sessions or contests in all sports must include:
  - a. Forced, frequent water breaks (every 10-15 minutes).
  - b. Loose clothing, light colored shorts and tee shirts (mesh recommended) for practice sessions.
  - c. Frequent rest breaks in shaded areas.
- d. For football and lacrosse, mandatory water breaks every 15 minutes during which all players must remove helmets. Those players not participating in contact activities during practice, games or scrimmages shall not wear helmets.

NOTE: During all contests, the rules are to be modified to permit additional time outs for rest and forced water breaks.

- 2. <u>Full Heat Alert</u> When the heat index reaches 95 (equivalent to T.H.I. of 78), **no** physical activity in any sport is permitted. Team meetings are permitted.
- 3. <u>Notification of Schools</u> The Section XI Safety Chairman, will monitor the heat index and will initiate a heat alert by notifying the Section XI Office as to the course of action. The Section XI staff will communicate this information to each member district through the Connect-Ed system, with specific instructions for heat alert implementation. (Rev 5/10)
- 4. No sport is exempt from modified or full heat alerts. (1/16/02)

#### PRE-SCHOOL PRACTICE HOURS

Fall season pre-school practice sessions may only be conducted prior to 10:00 AM and/or after 5:00 PM. This applies to all sports except golf and swimming. This restriction is discontinued for the fall season on the Saturday prior to each Labor Day. (Approved 5/22/03)

The pre-season 10-5 practice regulation will be waived as of September 1, 2016, for the fall 2016 season. All other safety-related policies and regulations shall remain intact and under the jurisdiction of the Section XI Safety Committee. (Approved 3/14/16)

#### PROCEDURES FOR THE PREVENTION OF HEAT ILLNESS

- 1. Ten minute rest breaks during each hour of practice in hot weather to include:
  - a. Loosening of uniform jerseys and pads to facilitate cooling.
  - b. Free intake of water to replace fluid losses.
  - c. Rest break conducted in a shaded area.
- 2. Water must be freely available to players during practice sessions and games at all levels.
- 3. Strict adherence to the mandatory regulation for preseason football practice format.
- 4. Rubberized or other types of non-porous sweat suits may not be used under any circumstances.
- 5. During pre-school days (August and September), practices are to be conducted prior to 10:00 AM and/or after 5:00 PM. This policy does not apply to school teams that are conducting practice sessions at overnight camps located off Long Island. However, the temperature and humidity must be monitored during these practice sessions; and if the heat index reaches the minimum levels established by Section XI, the heat alert policy will apply. Complete daily records of the heat index must be maintained by coaches.
- 6. During a modified heat alert, the host school will notify contest/scrimmage officials that there will be mandatory water breaks at approximately 15 minute intervals.

**HEAT ILLNESS** - extracted from NYS Education Department material

Practice for athletic competition and participation in various forms of physical activity are frequently

conducted in very warm and humid weather. Under such conditions, special precautions must be observed. Otherwise, the athlete is subject to:

- a. heat fatigue, depletion of salt and water due to excessive sweating,
- b. heat exhaustion, excessive depletion of salt and water, or
- c. heat stroke, overheating from breakdown of the sweating mechanism.

Heat fatigue dulls the athlete's skill and alertness and makes him/her more vulnerable to injury. The other two heat illnesses can result in serious physical harm and even death. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are preventable by careful control of various factors in the conditioning program of the athlete. With the start of practice, it is essential to provide for gradual acclimatization to hot weather activity. Equally important is the need to adjust salt and water intake to weather conditions. As the athlete becomes accustomed to hot weather activity, he/she perspires more freely (and thus dissipates body heat) and excretes less salt (and thus conserves sodium). With a graduated training regimen, such acclimatization can be expected after a period of one week.

The idea that water should be withheld from athletes during workouts has no scientific foundation. In fact, such restriction, by depleting water in the body, can lead to heat fatigue and serious heat illness. During exercise in the heat, it is essential to replace the water lost by perspiration. Water should be available on the practice and game field AT ALL TIMES and in large quantities. THERE IS NO REASON WHY COLD OR ICE WATER SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN.

Salt also needs to be replaced daily, particularly during the acclimatization period. Extra salting of the athlete's food within the bounds of taste will accomplish this purpose. Salt tablets, particularly on an empty stomach, can be irritating and may be poorly absorbed. Adding two teaspoons of salt to a gallon of flavored water used for drinking during hot weather workouts offers a better approach. The preparation of the saline solution should be under the direction of the school medical doctor.

At the beginning of practice (particularly for the fall season) it must be recognized that the level of conditioning for each player is variable, and it must be assumed that no player is acclimatized to the heat. It is absolutely essential that the conditioning and acclimatization programs at the onset of practice begin at a modest level and progress slowly during the first week of practice.

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES to help prevent heat illness during the pre-season in football, soccer, cross country and field hockey:

- 1. The use of a weight chart to record each player's weight before and after every practice. Any player losing more than 3% body weight should receive special attention to insure adequate fluid replacement.
- 2. Revisions in the conduct of practice sessions when the heat index becomes critical:
  - a. shorten the length of practice sessions.
  - b. revise type and amount of clothing and equipment (shorts, mesh jerseys, etc).
  - c. reduce degree of exertion required during practice sessions.
  - d. change soaked T-shirts.
  - e. give 10-minute rest breaks every hour.
- 3. Guidelines for the conduct of practice sessions:
- a. With temperature of 80-90 degrees and humidity under 70%, observe carefully for the few athletes particularly susceptible to the heat.
- b. With temperature of 80-90 degrees and humidity over 70% or temperature of 90-100 degrees and humidity under 70%, players should be given 10-minute rest periods every hour, T-shirts should be changed when soaked, and all athletes should be carefully observed.
- c. With temperature of 90-100 degrees and humidity over 70% or temperature over 100 degrees, practice should be postponed or a shortened program should be conducted in shorts and T-shirts.

FIRST AID MEASURES: Call ambulance and/or police immediately.

Heat Stroke: Collapse - with dry warm skin - indicates sweating mechanism failure and rising body temperature. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY; DELAY COULD BE FATAL. Immediately cool athlete by the most expedient means (immersion in cool water is best method). Obtain medical care at once.

Heat Exhaustion: Weakness - with profuse sweating - indicates state of shock due to depletion of salt and water. Place in shade with head level or lower than body. Give sips of diluted salt water if conscious. Obtain medical care at once.

#### **Heat Index Record Chart**

(for overnight camps off Long Island)

School			Site				
Year			Coach				
DAY/DATE	TIME	HEAT INDEX AT START OF PRACTICE	LENGTH OF PRACTICE	DETERMINATION			

#### **HEAT ALERT INFORMATION**

The safety chairman will call Metro Weather Service on a daily basis to monitor temperature/humidity conditions. Weather services are now using 'heat index' instead of 'THI' for relative temperature/humidity conditions. Therefore, the following indexes shall be used in determining modified or full heat alerts:

- 1. When the **Heat Index** reaches **88** (equivalent to THI of 73), a *Modified Heat Alert* shall be in effect.
  - 2. When the Heat Index reaches 95 (equivalent to THI of 78), a Full Heat Alert shall be in effect.

#### PRE-SCHOOL PRACTICE HOURS - ALL SPORTS

a. Practice sessions may be conducted **ONLY prior to 10AM and after 5PM.** This applies to all sports except golf and swimming. Starting on the Saturday prior to each Labor Day this restriction is discontinued for the fall season. (Approved 5/22/03)

Section XI, in cooperation with the safety chairman, monitors weather conditions with the aid of Metro Weather Service. When the heat index reaches 88, a heat alert will be in effect. No sport is exempt from modified or full heat alerts. Schools will be notified by the Section XI office when a heat alert exists. (A notice will also be placed on the website.)

Schools <u>may not</u> conduct practices or contests in any sport when a full heat alert is in effect. However, team meetings where there is **no physical activity** are permissible.

Coaches are reminded that <u>water is to be available</u> in the activity area at <u>all times and in large</u> <u>quantities.</u>

#### b. Football Camps:

The Section XI policy for pre-school days as it relates to practices conducted prior to 10AM and after 5PM is <u>not</u> in effect for teams attending such camps away from Long Island. However, the following guidelines for those teams should be observed:

- (1) When the heat index reaches 88, a modified heat alert will be in effect and practices should be modified.
- (2) When the heat index reaches 95, a full heat alert shall be in effect and practices must be cancelled.

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#### **WIND CHILL POLICY**

#### SECTION XI WIND CHILL PROCEDURES

- 1. Post-Season Contests: The Section XI Safety Chairman, in consultation with the Executive Director, will monitor *RealFeel* (wind chill) one hour prior to the start of a Section XI post-season contest and will alert member schools according to the NYSPHSAA Wind Chill Procedures.
- 2. Regular Season Contests or Practices: Member school districts <u>must</u> use the NYSPHSAA Wind Chill Procedures to determine if an alert or cancellation of events at their school is warranted.

#### NYSPHSAA WIND CHILL PROCEDURES

Administration of Wind Chill Policy:

- 1. 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.
- 2. The athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee will use the accuweather.com website to determine the wind chill index for the area of the contest/practice. The accuweather.com website can be reached through the NYSPHSAA website. Once a person is on the accuweather.com website, they will put in the zip code for the location of the contest/practice and the website will give them the air temperature as well as the *RealFeel* temperature (wind chill).
- 3. If the RealFeel temperature (wind chill) is 10 degrees or below, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the RealFeel (wind chill) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the RealFeel (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:

	RealFeel (wind chill) above 40 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
R E C O M	Wind Chill Caution: RealFeel (wind chill) 36 degrees to 20 degrees Wind Chill Watch: RealFeel (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. 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.

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N D E D	Wind Chill Warning: RealFeel (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 RealFeel temperature is much higher. Reduce the amount of time for an outdoor practice session.
REQUIRED	Wind Chill Alert: RealFeel (wind chill) -11 degrees or lower	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held.

**GUIDELINES FOR AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AT INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS:** 

Section 136.4 of the NYS Commissioner of Education Regulation (9/2002) requires that schools provide, maintain and have readily available sufficient automated external defibrillator equipment necessary to address emergency situations by trained and certified personnel; accordingly, the following guidelines are established.

- 1. The home school is to be responsible for providing AED-trained personnel and a sufficient number of AED's at all interscholastic contests such that an AED can be effectively administered within less than 3 minutes to a stricken student-athlete.
- 2. Prior to each contest, the home school coaching staff is to advise the visiting coaching staff and officials of the location of the AED and the personnel designated to utilize it.
- 3. All medical or AED-trained personnel that are present at the contest are to be identified prior to the contest.
- 4. All athletic emergencies are to be reported to the Athletic Directors of the respective districts immediately following the contest.
- 5. No contest will take place without an AED available and able to be administered as per #1 above.

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- 1. At cross country meets conducted at off-site locations, those schools designated as the home schools will be responsible to bring the AED and trained personnel to use it. The personnel from home schools will be assigned to a specific location on the course.
- 2. At Section XI-sponsored team tournaments, the higher seeded team will be responsible for providing trained personnel and an AED.
- 3. At Section XI-sponsored individual sport tournament events, the host school will be responsible for providing trained personnel and an AED.
- 4. At Section XI-sponsored individual sport tournament events conducted at non-school sites, the sport chairman will designate particular schools to be responsible for providing trained personnel and an AED.

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#### Section XI

#### SECTION XI REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS

- 1. Whenever weather or other conditions cause the official(s) to interrupt a contest, the official(s) 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(s) shall wait a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of the interruption before considering the cessation of play.
- 2. When thunder is identified at the site of an outdoor contest, the official(s) will suspend play immediately and wait a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of the interruption before considering the cessation of play. The official(s) will then make a decision whether to cease play for that day or resume the contest.
- 3. If lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the official(s) 15 or fewer minutes prior to the scheduled start of that contest, the official(s) and the responsible school authorities shall not permit that contest to be played on that date.
- 4. If lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the official(s) during the playing of the contest, the official(s) shall immediately cease play for the day. The rules of the particular sport shall determine whether the contest is "official" or must be resumed at a later date.

# SECTION XI POST-SEASON EVENTS (SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS, TOURNAMENTS AND NYSPHSAA QUALIFYING EVENTS)

- 1. Thunder and lightning necessitates that contests be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning.
  - a) With your site administrator, set up a plan for shelter prior to the start of any contest.
- 2. When thunder is heard and/or lightning is seen, the following procedures should be adhered to:
- a) Suspend play and direct participants to go to 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).
- b) Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree, and have all stay away from poles, antennas, towers and underground watering systems.
- c) After thunder and/or lightning have left the area, wait **30 minutes** after the last boom is heard or strike is seen before resuming play or competition.

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# Reminder...

# RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONTESTS

- The home school is responsible for providing trained personnel and an adequate number of AEDs at all interscholastic contests.
- At cross country meets conducted at off-site locations, those schools designated as the home schools will bring an AED and the trained personnel to use it. The personnel from home schools will be assigned to a specific location on the course. All competing schools will receive AED location maps for this site at the beginning of the season.
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- At Section XI sponsored individual sport tournament events, the host school will be responsible for providing trained personnel and an AED.
- At Section XI sponsored individual sport tournament events conducted at non-school sites, the sport chairman will designate particular schools to be responsible for providing trained personnel and an AED.
- On the occasion where a home school will not be providing an AED and trained personnel at a contest, it is the responsibility of that home school to so notify the visiting school in a timely manner.

#### **SECTION XI**

#### NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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DONALD F. WEBSTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

KEVIN M. MCCARTHY
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

To: All Coaches From: Don Webster

RE: Automatic External Defibrillators

# THE FOLLOWING POLICIES ARE IN PLACE AND MUST BE FOLLOWED RELATED TO AEDS AND EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS

Coaches are reminded that Section 136.4 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (9/2002) requires that schools provide and maintain sufficient automated external defibrillator equipment be available to ensure ready and appropriate access for use during emergencies as well as trained personnel to administer.

In order to provide an efficient and consistent handling of emergency situations the following steps <u>MUST</u> be followed:

- 1. The **Home School** is to be responsible for providing AED-trained personnel and a sufficient number of AED's at all interscholastic contests such that an AED can be effectively administered within 2-3 minutes to a stricken student-athlete, coach or spectator.
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- 4. All athletic emergencies are to be reported to the Athletic Directors of the respective districts immediately following the contest.
- 5. No contest will take place without an AED available and able to be administered as per #1 above.

Thank you for your cooperation and best of luck this season.

#### **COMPETITION**

#### Section Sponsored Competition

At least six teams must participate in a sport in order for Section XI to sanction the sport, form a league, and provide schedules.

All league contests will take precedence over non-league commitments.

When scheduling non-league contests, schools owe first allegiance to other member schools in all sports.

#### Levels of Competition

Varsity level contests take precedence over junior varsity contests. Junior varsity contests take precedence over junior high school level contests. An athlete may not compete in any combination of varsity, junior varsity or junior high school levels in one day.

#### Limitation of Competition

All athletes will be limited in competition to one sport per season. After 50% of the season is completed, the athlete may not switch to a different sport.

#### Oualifying for Competition Beyond the Section Level

To qualify for NYSPHSAA Championship Competition, an athlete must participate and qualify at the qualifying competition designated by Section XI.

#### THUNDER/LIGHTNING POLICY

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#### **NEXT AVAILABLE DATE**

In all sports, a postponed VARSITY contest must be played on the next available date. The next available date is defined as the next available weekday (M-F) on which a contest has not previously been scheduled by either team. Saturdays and Sundays may be used by mutual agreement. (5/22/90) Exceptions: see baseball and softball (approved 5/18/04)

IN ORDER TO COMPLETE A LEAGUE SEASON, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY MANDATE ANY DAY EXCEPT SUNDAY AS THE NEXT AVAILABLE DATE DURING THE LATTER PART OF A SEASON. HOWEVER, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LEAGUE GAMES PER WEEK (AS LISTED IN THE SPORT SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY) MAY NOT BE EXCEEDED.

Non-league contests will be vacated at the direction of the Executive Director in cooperation with the sport chairman if it becomes necessary to complete a league season.

PENALTY: FAILURE OF A SCHOOL TO COMPLY WITH THE NEXT AVAILABLE DATE POLICY WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE. IF BOTH OPPOSING SCHOOLS WILL NOT COMPLY, BOTH SCHOOLS WILL BE ASSESSED A LOSS.

For contests in Section-wide sports:

A DATE WHICH IS VACATED AND/OR IDENTIFIED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCOMMODATING A SCHOOL'S PROM OR AN ENTIRE GRADE LEVEL TRIP PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A NEXT AVAILABLE PLAYING DATE.

No teams are exempt from this policy during the spring recess. (App. 5/12/15)

NOTE: SCHOOLS MAY NOT MUTUALLY AGREE TO BE LESS RESTRICTIVE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY.

When extraordinary circumstances (hurricanes, snowstorms, power outages, etc.) preclude a team from practicing on four or more consecutive days, the Executive Director may waive the next available date rule to allow for one day of practice. (5/14/96)

Contest Sites - The Executive Director, in consultation with the Sports Chair, is allowed to direct schools to switch sites and/or find neutral sites in league or division varsity games during the last week of the regular season. (10/10/07)

Following are the sport specific exceptions:

#### Baseball

- 1. Teams are not mandated to play more than four league games in a calendar week except to satisfy playoff deadlines.
- 2. League games take precedence over non-league games after the second week of the league schedule.
- 3. Saturday is a next available date with the exception of Holy Saturday. If SAT's or PSAT's are scheduled on a Saturday, game time may be moved to 2PM. (Approved by Athletic Council 5/18/04)

## Basketball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, and Soccer

Teams are not mandated to play:

- 1. League contests on more than two consecutive days.
- More than three league games per week (running Monday Saturday). 2.
- More than four league games during the last week of the season. These may not be played on more than two consecutive days.

#### Football

- 1. If there is a Section-wide bye week on the following Saturday, a rescheduled game may be played at any time during the bye week.
- A Thursday or Friday game must be played no later than the following Monday. 2.

#### **Gymnastics**

Teams are not mandated to play:

- 1. League contests on more than two consecutive days.
- 2. More than three league games per week (running Monday Saturday).

#### Softball

Saturday is a next available date with the exception of Holy Saturday. If SAT's or PSAT's are scheduled on a Saturday, game time may be moved to 2PM. (Approved by Athletic Council 5/18/04) Teams are not mandated to play:

- 1. More than four league games per week.
- 2. League contests on more than three consecutive days.

Exceptions to this may be made during the last week of the season to satisfy playoff deadlines.

#### Swimming - Teams are not mandated to swim:

- League contests on consecutive days except when necessary to complete the season.
- 2. More than three league contests per week except when necessary to complete the season.

#### <u>Tennis</u>

Teams are not mandated to play more than four league games in a calendar week (Monday - Saturday) except to satisfy playoff deadlines.

#### Wrestling

The next available dates for wrestling are:

From Tuesday matches - no later than Thursday.

From Wednesday matches - no later than Friday.

From Thursday matches - no later than Tuesday.

From Friday matches - no later than Tuesday.

Monday is not to be used as the next available date for wrestling.

#### Teams are <u>not</u> mandated to wrestle:

- League contests on more than two consecutive days.
- 2. More than three league meets per week (running Monday-Saturday).
  In order to complete the season, more than three league meets may be conducted during the last week of the season. These may not be conducted on more than two consecutive days.

Regular scheduled multi-team non-league events involving more than three varsity teams will be considered as league contests in the implementation of this policy.

#### Track and Cross Country

Friday is not to be considered as a next available date.

#### Teams are not mandated to compete:

- 1. On consecutive days except when necessary to complete the season.
- More than three times per week (Monday Saturday).

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## SECTION XI ATHLETICS NEW YORK STATE

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION



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#### 2016-17 HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Sport	# Contests Allowed	# Practices Prior to 1st Scrimmage		# Practices Prior to 1st Contest		First Practice Date	First Scrim Date	First Contest Date	NYS Champ Date
		Team	Ind	Team	Ind				
B/G X Country	13 JV 13 VAR	10	8	10	10	8/22	9/1	9/1	11/12
Field Hockey	16 JV 16 VAR	8	6	10	8	8/22	8/31	9/2	11/12-13
Football	8 JV 6 VAR	11	10	15	14	8/15	8/27	9/1	
Boys Golf	16 JV 17 VAR	Train	ing	Traini	ng	8/22		octice Imended	6/3-5
G Gymnastics	13 VAR	10	8	15	13	8/22	9/1	9/7	2/25
B/G Soccer	16 JV 16 VAR	8	6	10	8	6/22	8/31	9/2	11/12-13
G Swimming	15 VAR	12	10	12	10	8/22	9/5	9/5	11/18-19
G Tennis	16 JV 16 VAR	6	4	8	6	8/22	8/29	9/1	10/29-31
B/G Volleyball	20 JV 20 VAR	6	4	8	6	8/22	8/29	9/1	11/19-20
B/G Basketball	20 JV 20 VAR	8	6	10	8	11/14	11/23	11/26	3/17-19
Cheerleading	6 JV 10 VAR	10	8	10	8	11/14	N/A	11/26	3/4
B/G Bowling	19 VAR	Train	ng	Trair	ılng	11/14		ictice imended	3/4-5
B/G Fencing	20 JV 20 VAR	10	a	15	13	11/14	11/26	12/2	-
B Swimming	15 VAR	12	10	12	10	11/14	11/29	11/29	3/3-4
B/G Winter Track	15 VAR	10	8	10	10	11/14	11/25	11/26	3/4
Wrestling	20 pts+ JV 20 pts+ V	10	8	-15	13	11/14	11/26	12/2	2/24-25
B/G Badminton	16 VAR	6	4	8	6	3/6	3/13	3/15	-
Baseball	20 JV 20 VAR	10	6	15	В	3/6	3/17	3/23	6/10-11
Girls Golf	16 JV 16 VAR	Training		Train	ing	3/6		ctice mended	6/9-11
B/G Lacrosse	16 JV 16 VAR	8	6	10	8	3/6	3/15	3/17	6/2-3 G 6/3 B
Softball	20 JV 20 VAR	6	4	6	6	3/6	3/13	3/15	6/10
8 Tennis	16 JV 16 VAR	6	4	8	6	3/6	3/13	3/15	6/1-3
B/G Track	16 VAR	10	8	10	10	3/6	3/17	3/17	6/9-10

+6 tournaments maximum

NOTE: FIRST SCRIMMAGE AND FIRST CONTEST DATES ARE BASED ON USING SATURDAYS AND HOLIDAYS AS PRACTICE DAYS (EXCEPT THANKSGIVING DAY). If teams do not practice on Saturdays, and/or holidays, add one day for each practice missed.

According to the Section XI Holy Day Policy approved on Dec 8, 1978, no contest or interschool scrimmage may be scheduled in Section XI on the dates listed below. Jewish holy days begin at sundown of the preceding day, and end at sundown of the day listed. Student athletes must be able to be home by 6PM on days preceding Jewish holy days.

HOLY DAY OBSERVANCE	SIGNIFICANT DATES TO CONSIDER
Oct 3-4 - Rosh Hashanah	
	Sept 5 - Labor Day
Oct 12 - Yom Kippur	Oct 10 – Columbus Day
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve	Oct 31 - Halloween
Dec 25 - Christmas Day	Nov 8 - Election Day
Apr 11 - 1st Day of Passover	Nov 11 - Veterans Day (observed)
Apr 13 - Holy Thursday	Nov 24 - Thanksgiving Day
Apr 14 - Good Friday	Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Jr B'day (observed)
Apr 16 - Easter Sunday	Feb 20 - President's Day
	May 29 - Memorial Day (observed)

	STANDARD TEST DATE	S
Sept 10 - ACT	Dec 3 - SAT & Achiev	April 8 - ACT
Oct 1 - SAT & Achiev		May 6 - SAT & Achlev
Oct 14, 17 - PSAT	Jan 28 - SAT & Achiev	June 3 - SAT & Achley
Oct 22 - ACT	Mar 11 - SAT	June 10 - ACT
Nov 5 - SAT & Achlev	_	

# MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS ALLOWED

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Badminton	16	-	-	_
Baseball	20	20	ll -	10
Basketball	18	18	14	10
Bowling	19	∥ -	-	] -
Cross Country	13	13	-	8
Fencing	19	19	-	_
Field Hockey	16	16	_	10
Football	8	8	7	6
Golf	16	16	-	-
Gymnastics	13	-	-	8
Lacrosse	16	16	-	10
Soccer	16	16	-	10
Softball	20	20	-	10
Swimming	15	-	-	8
Tennis	16	16	-	10
Track	16	-	-	8
Winter Track	15	-	-	-
Volleyball	20	20	-	10
Wrestling	20 points	20 points		10 points

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#### **SECTION XI**

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KEVIN M. McCARTHY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

DATE:

August 2016

TO:

Section XI Coaches of Officiated Sports

FROM:

Donald F. Webster

RE:

**Rating Officials** 

Section XI provides a vehicle for coaches to evaluate the performance of game officials. It us our feeling that the system we use is the most comprehensive and effective method possible. We ask for your cooperation in this effort.

#### Some specifics we wish to reiterate:

1. We are committed to protecting the right of each and every coach to rate officials. We believe it to be an obligation of each and every coach to evaluate, though fully understand that your main focus is appropriately your coaching task.

2. Officials DO NOT have access to the sources of their ratings. Confidentiality is a major priority. Even Section Sport Chairs are precluded from having this information. Though we work closely with the Presidents of officials groups, they will verify the confidentiality of your ratings. Only the Section office staff has knowledge of rating sources.

3. The success of the rating system is totally dependent on your cooperation.

4. When evaluating each official, carefully consider the keys to each category:

Excellent (5) Should be reserved for the truly <u>outstanding performance</u>, a performance you would want on a championship contest. Over the course of a season, there should be very few 5's given.

Good (4) Means just that - a <u>good</u> performance, <u>not outstanding</u>, but <u>better than acceptable</u> - no complaints. Generally, we would expect to see more 4's than any other rating.

Acceptable (3) Should speak for itself. We would expect a fair number of these.

Poor (2) Definite flaws; contest was <u>seriously</u> affected. Hopefully, you will not need to give many during a season.

Inadequate (1) Absolutely unacceptable throughout the contest. Hopefully, your need to use this will be rare.

Each individual rating chosen (on each category) is a separate computer entry. The computer "computes" for each official by adding the total points and dividing by 5. This is the overall game rating for the official. This results in overall ratings such as 4.2, 3.4, 3.6, or 3.8 in addition to the whole numbers.

Best regards for an enjoyable and productive season.



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96 - 105	76-85	61-75	4	4	4
66 - 95	46-75	41-60	3	3	3
31 - 65	31-45	21-40	2	2	2
1 - 30	1-30	1-20	1	1	1

#### **VARSITY POST SEASON**

MAX # PITCHES	# NIGHTS REST
103-125	4
72-102	3
41-71	2
1-40	1

- 1. If a pitch is thrown on a balk call, the pitch will NOT count for the purposes of this rule
- 2. A pitcher at any level who reaches the pitch count limit in the middle of an at-bat will be allowed to finish that hitter.
- 3. Schools will have the responsibility to maintain all pitching charts. They will also be required to make any game chart available to any school prior to any game to show availability of pitchers for that given day.
- 4. During games, each team will record pitch counts on the official NYSPHSAA pitch count form, this should not include warm-ups or pick off attempts. After each half inning, the pitch counts will be confirmed by both teams. Any discrepancy will be resolved based on the records of the home team pitch count chart.
- 5. At game's conclusion, the NYSPHSAA pitch count form will be signed by both head coaches or designated representative.
- 6. Any violation of this rule will be considered in the same light as a school using an ineligible player. The game will be forfeited.
- 7. As per the NYSPHSAA handbook any additional penalties may be imposed at the school or section level.



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Nights rest required

Cross off a number for every pitch thrown excluding warm-ups & pick off attempts.

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