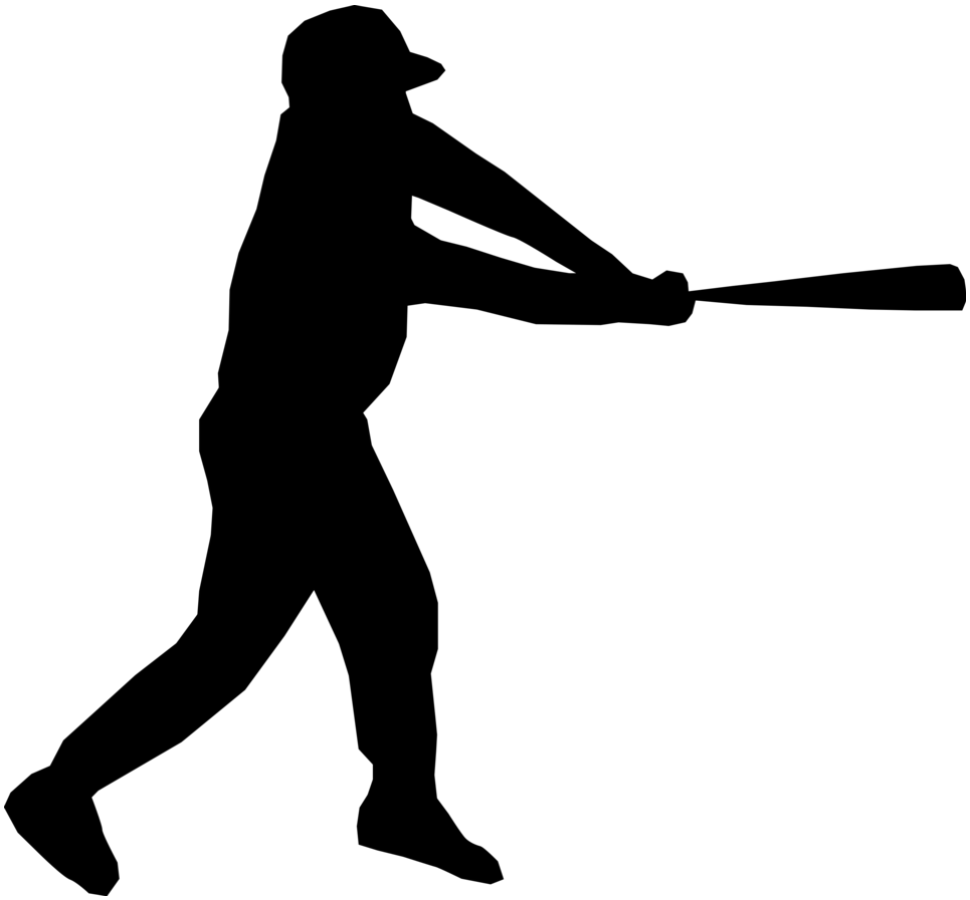
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SECTION IV



BASEBALL

2026

HANDBOOK

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FOREWORD

Welcome to the 2026 baseball season! This handbook has been prepared to provide information for coaches and athletic directors concerning Section IV baseball and the operation of the Section IV baseball tournament to be held in May. We have tried to include all of the necessary forms and information for the Sectional and State Tournaments. Section IV Baseball will comply with the regulations set forth by the National Federation of High School Sports , the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and Section IV of the NYSPHSAA. The current rulebook issued by NFHS will be the standard unless noted otherwise within this handbook.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

Class AAA - Elmira

Class AA - Horseheads

Class A - Maine-Endwell

Class B- Oneonta

Class C- Deposit-Hancock

Class D - Elmira Notre Dame

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CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS

BASEBALL

CLASS AAA (1072 - UP)	
ELMIRA	1244
ITHACA	1197
CORNING	1113

CLASS AA (675 - 1071)	
BINGHAMTON	944
HORSEHEADS	876
UNION-ENDICOTT	843
VESTAL	782

CLASS A (382 - 674)	
JOHNSON CITY	510
MAINE ENDWELL	609
OWEGO-APALACHIN	461
NORWICH	417
CHENANGO VALLEY	384
WAVERLY	404

CLASS B (241 - 381)	
ONEONTA	380
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY	345
WINDSOR	339
CHENANGO FORKS	317
WATKINS GLEN/O-M *	315
DRYDEN	296
WHITNEY POINT	284
Greene/Oxford	272
LANSING	273
ELMIRA HEIGHTS (Thomas A. Edison HS)	258
SIDNEY	249
SPENCER VAN ETTEN/CANDOR *	248
NEWARK VALLEY	243
WALTON/DOWNSVILLE*	242

CLASS C (138 - 240)	
TIOGA	216
TRUMANSBURG (Charles O'Dickerson HS)	213
UNATEGO/FRANKLIN	213
MORAVIA	200
MARATHON	182
UNION SPRINGS	179
UNADILLA VALLEY	179
DELAWARE ACADEMY-DELHI	179
BAINBRIDGE GUILFRD	177
GROTON	177
DEPOSIT-HANCOCK*	154
HARPURSVILLE	153
SOUTHERN CAYUGA	146
NEWFIELD	143
SETON CATHOLIC CENTRAL HS	135

CLASS D (137 - BELOW)	
MORRIS/EDMESTON	112
CHERRY VLY-SPRGFLD/SHARON SPRINGS	111
LAURENS/MILFORD	110
AFTON	105
ELMIRA NOTRE DAME HS	105
RICHFIELD SPRINGS CSD/ODY (S3)	99
HUNTER TANNERSVILLE	84
GILBERTSVILLE-MT. UPTON	83
GILBOA-CONESVILL/ROXBURY	82
WINDHAM-ASHLAND-JEWETT	81
JEFFERSON/STAMFORD	80
MARGARETVILLE	80
SOUTH KORTRIGHT/ANDES	76
CHARLOTTE VALLEY	75
SCHENEVUS	63

SECTION IV BASEBALL CONFERENCES

DELAWARE COUNTY LEAGUE

- Charlotte Valley
- Hunter-Tannersville
- Gilboa-Conesville-Roxbury
- South Kortright-Andes
- Jefferson-Stamford
- Windham
- Margaretville
- Hunter-Tannersville

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INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Small North

- Marathon
- Moravia
- Southern Cayuga
- Union Springs

Small South

- Groton
- Newfield
- Tioga

Large North

- Dryden
- Lansing
- Trumansburg
- Whitney Point

Large South

- Notre Dame
- OM-WG
- SVE-Candor
- Thomas Edison

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SOUTHERN TIER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Metro

- Johnson City
- Maine Endwell
- Binghamton
- Union - Endicott
- Vestal

Central

- Owego
- Chenango Forks
- Chenango Valley
- Seton Catholic
- Waverly

West

- Corning
- Elmira
- Horseheads
- Ithaca

East

- Norwich
- Windsor
- Oneonta
- Susquehanna Valley

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- Delhi
- Deposit-Hancock
- Greene-Oxford
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- Sidney
- Unatego-Franklin

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- Edmeston / Morris
- Schenevus
- Milford / Laurens
- Worcester

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IMPORTANT DATES

Section IV Pre Season Meeting: Monday March 2nd @ Vestal High School Room 181 6 pm

FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE MONDAY MARCH 9TH

Section IV Out of section – game and/or scrimmage application submitted to Out of State Application April 30th

LAST GAME PLAYED FOR SEEDING POINTS FRIDAY MAY 14TH

(This is the last day for coaches to have their seeding information verified with the Section IV office. (Instructions for verifying seeding points will be mailed at a later date.)

If a coach does not verify seeding points, it will be assumed that the school is NOT entering the tournament, and brackets will be set up accordingly.

ROSTERS (in numerical order) must be sent by coaches to Jeff Ferrara for placement in the championship programs. Forward team roster and Team picture to: www.NYSPHSAA.org

SEEDING MEETING FRIDAY MAY 15TH @ SECTION IV OFFICE @ Noon

BRACKETS RELEASED SATURDAY MAY 16TH

(Brackets will be released to all schools and media by e-mail & then posted to the Section IV Website.)

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT DATES

(3) Class AAA- See appendix A for actual game schedule and for 2 team tournament

Wednesday	May 20 @ 4:30	Game 1: 3 seed @ 2 Seed
Friday	May 22 @ 4:30	Game 1 winner @ 1st Seed
Tuesday	May 26 @ 4:30	1st seed @ Game 1 Winner
Thursday	May 28 @ 4:30	Game 1 Winner @ 1st seed (if needed)

(4) Class AA - See appendix A for actual game schedule and for tournament with less teams

Monday	May 18 @ 4:30	4@1 and 3@2
Wednesday	May 20 @ 4:30	1@4 and 2@3
Friday	May 22 @ 4:30	4@1 and 3@2 (if needed)
Tuesday	May 26 @ 4:30	Championship Round @ Higher Seed
Thursday	May 28 @ 4:30	TBA Championship Round @ Lower Seed
Friday	May 29 @ 4:30	Championship Round @ Higher Seed (if needed)

(6) Class A - See appendix A for actual game schedule and for tournaments with less teams

Wednesday	May 20 @ 4:30	Game 1 6@3, Game 2 5@4 (elimination game)
Friday	May 22 @ 4:30	Winner Game 2 @ 1 seed: Winner Game 1 @ 2 seed (E.G)
Tuesday	May 26 @ 4:30	Winner Game 3 vs Game 4 Winner @ higher seed
Thursday	May 28 @ 4:30	Winner Game 3 vs Game 4 Winner @ lower seed
Friday	May 29 @ 4:30	Winner Game 3 vs Game 4 Winner @ higher seed (if need)

(13) Class B

Wednesday	May 20 @ 4:30	first round Games @ Higher Seed
Friday	May 22 @ 4:30	Quarter Final Games @ Higher Seed
Wednesday	May 27 @ 4:30	Semi-Finals @ Higher Seed
Friday	May 29 @ 1:00	Championship @ TBD

(18) Class C

Wednesday	May 20 @ 4:30	first round Games @ Higher Seed
Friday	May 22 @ 4:30	Quarter Final Games @ Higher Seed
Wednesday	May 27 @ 4:30	Semi-Finals @ Higher Seed
Friday	May 29 @ 4:30	Championship @ TBD

(16) Class D

Wednesday	May 20 @ 4:30	first round Games @ Higher Seed
Friday	May 22 @ 4:30	Quarter Final Games @ Higher Seed
Wednesday	May 27 @ 4:30	Semi-Finals @ Higher Seed
Friday	May 29 @ 4:30	Championship @ TBD

After each Sectional Contest

Please First Call

1. AAA-Jeff Manwaring (607-731-8198)
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3. C-D Chris Palmer (607- 244--0970

2025 SECTION IV BASEBALL TOURNAMENT SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS AND SEEDING PROCEDURE:

A. Approved classifications for the Section IV baseball tournament are Class AAA (1072+) Class AA (675-1071) Class A (383-674), Class B (241-381), Class C (138-240), Class D (0-137)

B. To qualify for the Section IV tournament teams must meet Sectional Standards of 40% winning record and/or 50% in class. Teams must also complete 6 games.

C. A maximum of 16 teams will qualify for each of the Class B, Class C and Class D tournaments.

D. In all classes, seeding will be based on a team's point average as determined by the teams overall record.

Points, under the Pennsylvania point system, will be awarded as follows;

(1) 5 points for a win over a school higher in class.
(2) 4 points for a win over a school in the same class.
(3) 3 points for a win over a school in a lower class.
(4) 2 points for a loss to a school in a higher class.
(5) 1 point for a loss to a school in the same class.
(6) 0 points for a loss to school in a lower class.

· For a tie game not replayed: add the total points for a win, a loss, and divide by 2. (3.5, 2.5, or 1.5)

The final point average is determined by dividing the total number of points earned by the number of games played.

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Seeding for each class is based on the school's final point average.

E. If a tie exists with the final point average, the following tie-breakers will be used:

1. Head-to-Head competition.
2. Common Opponents
3. Over-all record.
4. League record.
5. Coin flip.

F. The Class AAA, CLASS AA and CLASS A tournaments will be open to all qualifying teams.
The teams in CLASS B, CLASS C and CLASS D which will be seeded 1-16. A school's ranking (seed) will be determined by the final point average.

All contests played on or before Thursday, May 14, 2026 will count toward the seeding point average.

G. Any school electing to move to a higher class for the Section IV tournament must have its Athletic director send a letter of intent form with justification to Jeff Ferrara by February 1, 2026.

1. A school moving to a higher class will be seeded as though they had played at that class through the entire season. For example, if a Class D school elects to move to Class C, that school would be considered a Class C school for all opponents.
2. It is very important to keep accurate records and return the necessary paperwork by the deadlines previously noted.

H. **<u>Drop dead date</u>: In the event that we are unable to complete the Section IV baseball Tournament due to inclement weather conditions; a two day regional needs to determine a sectional winner by the Thursday prior to the start of the state Tournament (even if that necessitates a doubleheader i.e. sectional final /regional game. A one day regional needs to determine a sectional winner by the Wednesday prior to the start of the state Tournament (even if that necessitates a doubleheader i.e.…sectional final /regional game.**

<u>Regional Games</u>

Class AAA	Thursday	June 4th	3 A.L. @4
	Saturday	June 6	3 A.L. or 4@ winner of 5@6
Class AA	Thursday	June 4th	8 A.L. @4
	Saturday	June 6	8 A.L. or 4 @ winner of 5@6
Class A	Thursday	June 4th	2 A.L. @4
	Saturday	June 6	2 A.L. or 4 @ winner of 5@6
Class B	Thursday	June 4th	3 A.L. @4
	Saturday	June 6	3 A.L. or 4 @ winner of 5@6
Class C	Thursday	June 4th	3@4
	Saturday	June 6	3@4 winner @ winner of 5@6
Class D	Thursday	June 4th	4 A. L. @ 4
	Saturday	June 6	4 A.L. @4 winner @ winner 5@6

Baseball Rules and Game Conditions

2.01 Rules: NFHS NOTE: The baseball Agreement between the National Federation and the Major and Minor Baseball Leagues provides that no professional team may enter into a contract with a student until after graduation or that class has graduated from high school, or one is no longer eligible for high school competition. Contact NFHS for more details.
2.02 Maximum Number of games: 20
2.03 Practice Requirements: Number of practices to represent school: 10 (individual)
2.04 Nights rest between contests: 1 night
2.05 Individual contests limitation per day: 2 contests, double headers must be scheduled for 7 innings.
2.06 Scrimmage limitations per day: 2 scrimmages
2.07 Waivers of NFHS Baseball Rules: None.
2.08 NYSPHSAA Baseball Rules:

1. Battery candidates shall have at least ten practice sessions. (May 2017)
2. All catchers shall wear a throat guard protector attached to the mask. It is recommended the protector be rubber.
3. A contestant may participate in two regulation games per day with a fifteen-minute rest between games.
4. The following pitch count must be followed:

Varsity	March	Nights Rest	April	Nights Rest	May/June	Nights Rest
Pitch Count	76-85	4	96-105	4	103-125	4
	46-75	3	66-95	3	72-102	3
	31-45	2	31-65	2	41-71	2
	1-30	1	1-30	1	1-40	1

Sub Varsity	JV/Freshman	Nights Rest	Modified	Nights Rest
Pitch Count	76-85	4	61-75	4
	46-75	3	41-60	3
	31-45	2	21-40	2
	1-30	1	1-20	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 playing level who reaches the pitch count limit in the middle of an at-bat will be allowed to finish that hitter. This is for the maximum limit only.
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. 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 the game's conclusion, the NYSPHSAA pitch count form will be signed by both head coaches or designated representatives.

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.

ADMISSION TO GAMES

All teams participating in the tournament shall submit a pass list to the site chairperson on the night of the game. This pass list shall include a maximum of 20 people (coaches, players, managers, statisticians, etc.). The Varsity Cheerleaders and their Advisor only may be added to this list. Bus drivers and spectator bus chaperones will also be admitted free.

At the Arena - All players, coaches, scorekeepers, managers, etc. must enter by the back door only. Officials must also enter by the back door.

NO LEAGUE or SCHOOL PASSES will be accepted for free admission. Only those on the pass list will be admitted free. (Section IV courtesy passes and Section IV Lifetime passes will also admit two people for free.)

No bands or noisemakers including (cowbells, horns, drums, etc.) will be allowed.

GoFan Digital Ticketing will be used at Final sectional contests. (Any member school who refuses to use the GoFan Digital Ticketing platform for a Sectional Semi-Finals & Final Basketball Contest, will play that contest at the opposing school Gymnasium)

- Sectional Finals games tickets are $6.25 **(NO CASH ACCEPTED)**

  *Card Readers available at ticket locations for credit card purchases
  *General Admission – Student, Adults & Senior Citizens **(NO CASH ACCEPTED)**
  *Children 10 and under are free
  Section IV Athletic Courtesy Passes, Section IV LifeTime Passes and all NYSPHSAA Passes Accepted.

Post Season Pitch Count Tracking Form

All teams participating in the NYSPHSAA post season must complete and provide the Pitch Count Tracking Form to their opponents prior to the start of the postseason game. Form: State Tournament Pitch Tracking Form

Commemorative patches are permitted in accordance with Rule 1-4-4. (Jan. 2006)

Umpires may wear navy, light blue or red uniform shirts. (Oct. 2007)

All Adult base coaches will wear a hard-shell helmet while on the first and third baselines during a game. (July 2015)

Tied and Suspended Game Rule: To be used for NYSPHSAA Championship Tournament.

Also used in Section IV regular season play:

1. An official game is 5 innings or 4 and one-half if the home team is ahead. If a winner can be determined and no more baseball can be played that day, the game is over and a winner is declared. The game does not have to go 7 innings.
2. If a game is stopped before it becomes an official game, the game is a suspended game
   This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter etc. should all be recorded in the scorebook.
3. If the game is stopped after having gone long enough to be an official game, however, a winner cannot be determined due to a tied score. This game becomes a tied/suspended game at that point score, inning, count of batter etc., should all be recorded in the scorebook.
4. If a game is stopped after having gone long enough to become an official game and;

A. The visitors score a run or runs in the top half of the inning. Then the game reverts back to the last completed inning and either a winner is declared, or we have a tied/suspended game. Or,

B. The visitors score a run or run in the top half of the inning and the home team does not complete they're at bat. The game reverts back to the last completed inning and either a winner is declared, or we have a tied/suspended game. If we have a tied/suspended game, we pick up from that point (Visitors runs in the top half of the inning and home team runs in the bottom half count). This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter etc., should all be recorded in the scorebook.

C. The home team ties the game in the bottom half of the inning but doesn't complete the inning. If we cannot play anymore we have a tied/suspended game at point. This game will be picked up at that point. Score, inning, count of batter, etc., should all be recorded in the scorebook. Or,

D. The home team takes the lead in the bottom half of the 5th or 6th inning, and then the game is called. At that point, the home team is declared the winner.

Game Ending Procedures: The game will end with a run differential of 10 runs after 5 innings (or 4 ½ if the home team is winning). (Oct. 2019) **This is for the post season only. A league can adopt the run rule for the regular season if they choose.**

2.09 Baseball Scrimmage Rules:

1. A baseball scrimmage must include free substitutions and lineup cards will not be exchanged. Scrimmages must also include one or more of the following:
2. Play six (6) outs per half inning (example– 3 outs clear the field/3 more outs).
3. Batting order must be altered or modified to include more batters than rules permit.
4. Start with a runner(s) on base with a predetermined situation for at least two (2) full innings. (Adopted Jan. 2009).

2.10 Baseball Championship Week #49

Section IV Tournament Game Regulations

A. Games will be played under the National Federation Edition of Baseball Rules.

B. Umpires for all Section IV tournament games will be assigned by the section coordinator.

C. The team with the higher seed will be the home team in all rounds. In the case of inclement weather, schools will be given the opportunity to prepare their field. If the field is unplayable for any reason, and the field of their opponent is playable then the game **may** be moved to the home field of the opponent. If neither field is playable the schools are permitted to agree upon a facility to move the game to; if they are unsuccessful the Baseball Committee will assign a field.

D. Game Ending procedure (adopted Spring of 2018)

- The Game ending procedure would state that the game will end with a run differential of 10 runs after 5 innings (or 4 ½ if the home team is winning).

- If a Section IV tournament game is called before the completion of the number of innings required to make the game official, the game will be treated as a <u>suspended game</u>. It will continue from the point of suspension, with the line-up and batting order of each team remaining the same, as at the moment of suspension, subject to the suspended game rules. An official game is one that has the home team ahead after 41/2 innings or the visitors after 5 innings. A tie game will also be treated as a suspended game.

E. Preliminary (AAA-AA-A-B-C-D), Quarter-final (AAA-AA-A-B-C-D), and Semi-final (AAA-AA-A-B-C-D) Games:

<u>Sites:</u>

F. Games will be played on the home field of the team with the higher seed. The higher seeded team will be the home team and will provide the baseballs.

G. There are no mileage restrictions through the finals.

Preliminary, quarter -final games and Semi-Finals:

The higher seeded team playing at home may charge admission and the host school is responsible for paying the umpires (treat it like a home game) and all other expenses of these games.

H. A detailed report and claim forms must be sent to Janet McWeeney for Championship Finals. The report must indicate game results, umpires, workers, and fees. Please send this report as soon as possible.

I. Game times will be 4:30 pm. Use of the field for practice will be 3:35 to 4:00 for the home team and 4:00 to 4:25 for the visiting team.

J. Championship games (AAA-AA-A-B-C-D):

1. Attempts will be made to play at the best field possible.
2. The higher seed will be the home team. The visiting team will select the dugout.
3. The Section will provide baseballs. Baseballs will be Spaulding 41-100HS.
4. Each team needs to supply a ball boy for chasing baseballs.
5. Three umpires will be assigned to championship games.
6. Admission will be charged at all Championship Finals -
   Hosted by a Section IV School - $6.25 GoFan Digital ticket / $8.00 Cash
   Hosted at a Rented Facility - $7.30 GoFan Digital ticket / $8.00 Cash
   Children 10 and under are free
   Section IV Passes Accepted

K. Protests:

1. If a protest occurs during a Section IV tournament game, it must be resolved immediately by the umpires and the site chairman. It is the site's responsibility to have a committee in place prior to the start of the contest.

NYS 2026 BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 6/12/26
All Classes:
Region 1 vs Region 2
Region 3 vs Region 4

FRIDAY SEMIS:

MIRABITO STADIUM	CLASS C @ 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM
	CLASS AA @ 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
BINGHAMTON UNIV	CLASS B @ 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM
	CLASS A @ 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
UNION ENDICOTT	CLASS D @ 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM
	CLASS AAA @ 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

SATURDAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

MIRABITO STADIUM	CLASS A @ 10:00 AM
	CLASS C @ 1:00 PM
	CLASS AA @ 4:00 PM
BINGHAMTON UNIV	*CLASS B @ 10:00 AM*
	CLASS D @ 1:00 PM
	CLASS AAA @ 4:00 PM

NYSPHSAA Baseball committee meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Thursday at the Holiday Inn Binghamton. Head coaches will meet with the site directors on site 1.5 hours prior to the scheduled game time.

If everything is rained out on Friday, we will revert to the one-day format previously used, five (5) sites each class playing the semis and finals at:10:00 AM; 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM

The sites, In this case, will be:
MIRABITO STADIUM CLASS A
BINGHAMTON UNIV CLASS AAA
UNION ENDICOTT CLASS AA
MAINE ENDWELL CLASS B
SUNY BROOME CLASS C
CONLON FIELD CLASS D

If all games are rained out on Friday the tournament will revert to the one-day format previously used, that is semis and finals will be scheduled for Saturday with Sunday as a rain date. Each class will be played at its scheduled site.

If only one set of semis are completed on Friday the second semi and championship games will be played on Saturday at times to be determined to allow the facilities time to be made playable and permit the winning team sufficient time to rest and rehydrate. Each class will be played at its scheduled site.

Other situations will be reviewed by the State Baseball Coordinator in conjunction with the State baseball Committee, tournament directors and Site directors and a decision will be made in the best interest of the athletes, schools and facilities.

Every effort will be made to complete the tournament on Saturday with Sunday as the rain date.

SECTION IV CHAMPIONS

Year	Class AAA	Class AA	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D
2025	Elmira	Horseheads	Maine-Endwell	Oneonta	Deposit-Hancock	Elmira Notre Dame
2024	Corning	Horseheads	Maine-Endwell	Oneonta	Unatego/Franklin	Deposit/Hancock
2023		Elmira	Horseheads	Lansing	Watkins/Odessa	Deposit/Hancock
2022		Horseheads	Maine-Endwell	Oneonta	Lansing	Deposit/Hancock
2021		Corning	Maine-Endwell	Susquehanna Valley	Trumansburg	S.Kortright/Andes
2020						
2019		Corning	Maine-Endwell	Susquehanna Valley	Tioga	S.Kortright/Andes
2018		Horseheads	Union-Endicott	Seton	Lansing	Deposit/Hancock
2017		Horseheads	Vestal	Seton	T.A.E.	Deposit/Hancock
2016		Corning	Maine-Endwell	Seton	Tioga	WAJ
2015		Horseheads	Union-Endicott	Oneonta	Tioga	Hancock
2014		Elmira	Maine-Endwell	Susquehanna Valley	Seton	Hancock
2013		Union-Endicott	Maine-Endwell	Waverly	Seton	Hancock
2012		Horseheads	Maine-Endwell	Oneonta	Lansing	Hancock
2011		Horseheads	Maine-Endwell	Chenango Valley	TAE	Hancock
2010		Horseheads	Maine-Endwell	Windsor	TAE	Hancock
2009		Vestal	Maine-Endwell	Chenango Valley	Seton	South Kortright
2008		Vestal	Maine-Endwell	Chenango Valley	TAE	Edmeston
2007		Vestal	Johnson City	Lansing	Oxford	Odessa-Montour
2006		Vestal	Johnson City	Windsor	TAE	Deposit
2005		Union- Endicott	Johnson City	Chenango Valley	Moravia	Edmeston
2004		Union-Endicott	Maine-Endwell	Windsor	Lansing	Edmeston
2003			Maine-Endwell	Windsor	Lansing	Schenevus
2002			Vestal	Oneonta	Lansing	Stamford
2001			Union-Endicott	Owego	Lansing	Hancock
2000			Union-Endicott	Owego	Groton	Schenevus
1999			Horseheads	Johnson city	Trumansburg	Schenevus
1998			Vestal	Owego	Elmira ND	Candor
1997			Union-Endicott	Owego	Elmira ND	Afton
1996			Vestal	Corning West	Seton Catholic	Lansing
1995			Horseheads	Corning East	Sidney	Elmira ND
1994			Horseheads	Johnson City	Seton Catholic	Thomas Edison
1993			Union-Endicott	Johnson City	Oneonta	Edmeston
1992			Union-Endicott	Maine-Endwell	Greene	Lansing
1991			Vestal	Corning East	Greene	Groton
1990			Ithaca	Maine-Endwell	Elmira ND	Edmeston
1989			Union-Endicott	Maine-Endwell	Lansing	Edmeston
1988			Union-Endicott	Chenango Forks	Lansing	New Berlin
1987			Binghamton	Chenango Forks	Greene	New Berlin
1986			Union-Endicott	Windsor	Newark Valley	Edmeston
1985			Binghamton	Corning East	Tioga	New Berlin
1984			Union-Endicott	Seton Catholic	Tioga	Edmeston
1983			Union-Endicott	Johnson City	Hancock	Milford
1982			Union-Endicott	Whitney Point	Hancock	Edmeston

Regional Champions

2025	Horseheads, Maine-Endwell, Oneonta, D-H	2003	Union-Endicott, Schenevus
2024	Maine-Endwell	2001	Union-Endicott
2023	Lansing, Deposit-Hancock	2000	Groton
2022	Maine-Endwell, Deposit-Hancock	1999	Horseheads, Johnson City, Trumansburg, Schenevu
2019	Maine-Endwell, Susquehanna Valley, South Kor	1998	Elmira ND
2018	Horseheads, Seton, Lansing, Deposit-Hancock	1997	Owego, Elmira ND, Afton
2017	Vestal, Seton, Deposit-Hancock	1996	Vestal
2015	Tioga	1995	Horseheads, Corning East, Sidney
2014	Seton, Hancock	1994	Horseheads, Seton Catholic, Thomas Edison
2013	Seton, Hancock	1993	Union-Endicott, Johnson City, Edmeston
2012	Oneonta, Lansing	1991	Vestal, Corning East, Greene
2011	Chenango Valley, TAE	1990	Maine-Endwell, Edmeston
2009	Maine-Endwell, Seton Catholic	1989	Union-Endicott, Lansing, Edmeston
2008	Maine-Endwell	1988	New Berlin
2007	Johnson City, Lansing, Oxford	1987	Binghamton, Chenango Forks, Greene, New Berlin
2006	Deposit	1986	Newark Valley, Edmeston
2005	Edmeston	1985	Binghamton, Tioga, New Berlin
2004	Windsor	1984	Tioga
		2002	Lansing, Oneonta

HEAT INDEX PROCEDURES

Administration of Heat Index Procedures:

- Feels Like Temperature (Heat index) or THI using a Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Indicator (see chart below) on the field 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. Schools may also use a Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Indicator (see chart below) on the field that will be used.
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line or determine the THI by using a Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Indicator.
- If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Indicator is in the recommended range (yellow – WeatherBug or green, yellow, orange, red – WBGT), the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb Temperature Indicator at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb Temperature Indicator is in the required range (red – WeatherBug or black – WBGT), the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart when using Weather Bug app, to take the appropriate actions:

	Feels Like Temp(Heat Index) under 79 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
RECOMMENDED	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.

Please refer to the following chart when using Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Indicator, to take the appropriate actions:

Cat 3	Cat 2	Cat 1	Activity Guidelines
< 82.0°F <27.8°C	< 79.7°F <26.5°C	< 76.1°F <24.5°C	Normal Activities – Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 3 min each during the workout.
82.2 - 86.9°F 27.9-30.5°C	79.9 - 84.6°F 26.6-29.2°C	76.3 - 81.0°F 24.6-27.2°C	Use discretion for intense or prolonged exercise; Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 4 min each.
87.1 - 90.0°F 30.6-32.2°C	84.7 - 87.6°F 29.3-30.9°C	81.1 - 84.0°F 27.3-28.9°C	Maximum practice time is 2 h. For Football: players are restricted to helmet, shoulder pads, and shorts during practice. If the WBGT rises to this level during practice, players may continue to work out wearing football pants without changing to shorts. For All Sports: Provide at least four separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 4 min each.
90.1 - 91.9°F 32.2-33.3°C	87.8 - 89.6°F 31.0-32.0°C	84.2 - 86.0°F 29.0-30.0°C	Maximum practice time is 1 h. For Football: No protective equipment may be worn during practice, and there may be no conditioning activities. For All Sports: There must be 20 min of rest breaks distributed throughout the hour of practice.
≥ 92.1°F ≥ 33.4°C	≥ 89.8°F ≥32.1°C	≥ 86.2°F ≥30.1°C	No outdoor workouts. Delay practice until a cooler WBGT is reached.



Fig. 2. Heat safety regions.

Use this link to determine the category of your location.
Link: http://www.castlewilliams.com/wbgt-regions.html

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Wind Chill Procedures

Administration of Wind Chill Procedures:

- 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.
- The athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee will use the accuweather.com website to determine the heat 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).
- 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**
RECOMMENDED	**Wind chill caution: 36 degrees to 20 degrees**	**Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illness. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing.**
	Wind Chill Watch: Realfeel (wind chill) 29 degrees to 10 degrees	**Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illness. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover head and neck to prevent heat loss.**
	Wind Chill Warning: ReelFeel (wind chill) 9 degrees to -10 degrees	**Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illness. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover head and neck to prevent heat loss. Consider postponing practice to a time when ReelFeel temp is much higher. Consider reducing the amount of time for an outdoor practice session.**
REQUIRED	**Wind Chill Alert: ReelFeel (wind chill) -11 degrees or lower**	**No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held.**

NYSPHSAA

Thunder & Lightning Policy

(Effective 10/25/04)

(Revised October 20, 2008)

Applies to regular season through NYSPHSAA Finals:

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 when 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.

PROGRAM ROSTERS /TEAM PHOTOS

Submitting Rosters for Championship Programs

Section coordinators/schools/coaches must follow the roster submission procedure to ensure their roster appears in the program.

NYSPHSAA requires teams who qualify for state championships to submit their photo and roster on NYSPHSAA Baseball page for championship program purposes.

Appendix “A”

2 Team Tournament – 2026

Friday - 5/22 - *Game #1* - #2 @ #1

Tuesday - 5/26 - *Game #2* - #1 @ #2

Thursday - 5/28 - *Game #3* - #2 @ #1 (Elimination Game)

The 2-team tournament is necessary if we only have 2 teams in a class or if a class only has 2 teams that qualify.

3 Team Tournament - 2026

Wednesday - 5/20 *#1 Seed - Bye Game #1* - #3 @ #2

Friday - 5/22 *Game #2* - Winner Game #1 @ #1 seed

Tuesday - 5/26 *Game #3* - #1 Seed @ Winner Game #1

Thursday - 5/28 *Game #4* - Winner Game #1@ #1 Seed

The 3-team tournament is necessary if we only have 3 teams in a class or if a class only has 3 teams that qualify.

4 Team Tournament - 2026

Monday - 5/18(Semi-Final)

Series #1 - #4 @ #1
Series #2 - #3 @ #2

Wednesday - 5/20 (Semi-Final)

Series #1 - #1 @ #4
Series #2 - #2 @ #3

Friday - 5/22 (Semi-Final) (Elimination Game)

Series #1 - #4 @ #1
Series #2 - #3 @ #2

Tuesday 5/26 (Final)

Series #1 winner vs. Series #2 winner (@ Higher Seed)

Thursday 5/28 (Final)

Series #1 winner vs. Series #2 winner (@ Lower seed)

Friday 5/29 (Final) (Elimination Game)

Series #1 winner vs. Series #2 winner (@ Higher Seed)

The 4-team tournament is necessary if we only have 4 teams in a class or if a class only has 4 teams that qualify.

5 Team Tournament - 2026

Tuesday – 5/19 (1/4 Final)
Game #1 - #5 @ #4 (Elimination Game)

Thursday - 5/21 (Semi-Final)
Game #2 - Winner of Game #1 @ #1 (Elimination Game)
Game #3 - #3 @ #2 (Elimination Game)

Tuesday - 5/26 (Finals)
Winner Game #2 vs. Winner Game #3 (@ Higher Seed)

Thursday - 5/28 (Finals)

Winner Game #2 vs. Winner Game #3 (@ Lower Seed)

Friday - 5/29 (Finals) (Elimination Game)
Winner Game #2 vs. Winner Game #3 (@ Higher Seed)

The 5-team tournament is necessary if we only have 5 teams in a class or if a class only has 5 teams that qualify.

6 Team Tournament – 2026

#1 and #2 Seeds get first round bye

Wednesday - 5/20 (1/4 Final)

Game #1 - #6 @ #3 (Elimination Game)
Game #2 - #5 @ #4 (Elimination Game)

Friday - 5/22 (Semi-Final)

Game #3 - Winner of Game #2 @ #1 (Elimination Game)
Game #4 - Winner of Game #1 @ #2 (Elimination Game)

Tuesday - 5/26 (Final)

Winner Game #3 vs. Winner Game #4 (@ Higher Seed)

Thursday - 5/28 (Final)

Winner Game #3 vs. Winner Game #4 (@ Lower Seed)

Friday - 5/29

Winner Game #3 vs. Winner Game #4 (@ Higher Seed) (Elimination Game)

The 6-team tournament is necessary if we only have 6 teams in a class or if a class only has 6 teams that qualify.

Varsity March	Nights Rest	Varsity April	Nights Rest	Varsity May/June	NightsRest	JV & FR	Nights Rest	Modified	Nights Rest
76-85	4	96-105	4	103-125	4	76-85	4	61-75	4
46-75	3	66-95	3	72-102	3	46-75	3	41-60	3
31-45	2	31-65	2	41-71	2	31-45	2	21-40	2
1-30	1	1-30	1	1-40	1	1-30	1	1-20	1

SCHOOL_____ LEVEL_____ DATE_____

PITCHER NAME &#	Total pitches	Cross off a number for every pitch thrown excluding warm-ups & pick off attempts.	Nights rest required
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Home Team Coach Signature_____ Visiting Team Coach Signature_____ Pitch Counter Signature_____

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