

NYSPHSAA

SECTION IV



BOYS' BASKETBALL

2026-2027

HANDBOOK

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FOREWORD

This handbook is intended for the use by all Athletic Directors & Coaches. We have tried to include all of the necessary forms and information for the Sectional and State Tournaments.

Section IV Basketball will comply with the regulations set forth by 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 the NCAA will be the standard unless noted otherwise within this handbook.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025-2026 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

CLASS AAA – CORNING PAINTED POST

CLASS AA – SETON CATHOLIC

CLASS A – MAINE ENDWELL

CLASS B - WINDSOR

CLASS C - ELMIRA NOTRE DAME

CLASS D – EDMESTON

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IMPORTANT DATES

Section IV 2026-2027 Rules Interpretation Meetings:

OCTOBER 20th – ONEONTA – 7:00 – MORRIS HALL (SUCO)

OCTOBER 21st – ITHACA / CORTLAND – 7:00PM – HOMER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 9th – BINGHAMTON – 6:00PM –JOHNSON CITY

NOVEMBER 15th – ELMIRA – 6:00PM – WHITE EAGLES CLUB

Section IV Basketball Coaches should attend one of these meetings: All Levels (V, JV & Modified) Coaches are strongly encouraged to attend one of those meetings.

FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE MONDAY NOVEMBER 16TH

ROSTERS DUE TO SECTION IV OFFICE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

LAST GAME PLAYED FOR SEEDING POINTS TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

(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.

SEEDING MEETING WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH @ SECTION IV OFFICE 12pm (NOON)

BRACKETS RELEASED THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

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

PRELIMINARY ROUND WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

QUARTER FINALS/SEMIS SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

SEMI FINALS ALL SEMI FINALS @ HIGHER SEED MARCH 3rd

FINALS AAA FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH @ WATKINS GLEN HIGH SCHOOL

C @ SUNY DELHI ON MARCH 6TH

D @ SUNY DELHI ON MARCH 6th

AA, A & B SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH @ VISIONS FCU ARENA

Section IV

Classification Enrollments for 2026-2027 as of 10/2026

BOYS BASKETBALL

CLASS AAA (1031 - UP)		CLASS C (121-212)	
ELMIRA	1185	WATKINS GLEN	207
CORNING-PAINTED POST	1160	UNATEGO/FRANKLIN	207
ITHACA	1127	WALTON/DOWNSVILLE	205
SETON CATHOLIC CENTRAL (MOVED UP)	152	TIOGA	201
		GREENE	198
		DELAWARE ACADEMY (DELHI)	195
		BAINBRIDGE-GUILFORD	183
CLASS AA (650 - 1030)		SPENCER-VAN ETEN	176
BINGHAMTON	918	UNADILLA VALLEY	170
HORSEHEADS	852	AFTON/HARPURSVILLE	169
UNION-ENDICOTT	828	GROTON	167
VESTAL	768	OXFORD	167
		SOUTHERN CAYUGA	165
		UNION SPRINGS	161
CLASS A (370-659)		DEPOSIT-HANCOCK	154
MAINE-ENDWELL	567	CANDOR	143
JOHNSON CITY	528	ODESSA-MONTOUR	141
OWEGO-APALACHIN	428	MARATHON	138
NORWICH	387	NEWFIELD	135
WAVERLY	387	NOTRE DAME (MOVED UP)	114
CHENANGO VALLEY	375		
CLASS B (213-369)		CLASS D (120 - BELOW)	
ONEONTA	351	RICHFIELD SPRINGS/OWEN D. YOUNG (S3)	116
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY	341	LAURENS/MILFORD	108
WINDSOR	308	EDMESTON	89
WHITNEY POINT	294	CHERRY VALLEY-SPRINGFIELD	87
CHENANGO FORKS	287	GILBOA-CONESVILLE/ROXBURY	86
DRYDEN	273	MARGARETVILLE	83
LANSING	266	HUNTER-TANNERSVILLE	83
SIDNEY	257	CHARLOTTE VALLEY/SCHENEVUS	82
THOMAS A. EDISON (ELMIRA HEIGHTS)	245	SOUTH KORTRIGHT/ANDES	80
NEWARK VALLEY	242	WORCESTER	74
MORAVIA	225	WINDHAM-ASHLAND-JEWETT	60
TRUMANSBURG (CHARLES O. DICKERSON)	218	STAMFORD/JEFFERSON	60
		GILBERTSVILLE-MOUNT UPTON	60
		SHARON SPRINGS	54
		MORRIS	51

2026-2027 SECTION IV BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

All teams participating in post-season games must initially meet one of the following requirements: Teams must have a 40% winning percentage against regular scheduled teams, **OR**, A 50% winning percentage against the same class school.

SEEDING PROCEDURES

Seeding Points will be earned as follows:

Five (5) for a win over a team from a higher class
Four (4) for a win over a team from the same class
Three (3) for a win over a team from a lower class
Two (2) for a loss to a team from a higher class
One (1) for a loss to a team from the same class
Zero (0) for a loss to a team from a lower class.

The Seeding Average will then be computed by dividing the total points earned by the number of games played.

When playing a team from outside Section IV, it is the Section IV School's responsibility to determine the class of their opponent.

The following system will be used to break ties in Seeding Average:

- 1) head to head competition
- 2) record vs. common opponents
- 3) overall record
- 4) league record
- 5) coin flip

Note: if a 16/17 seed play in a game is necessary, it will be played on the Friday or Saturday before sectional play begins.

No changes to Basketball Sectional Games will be honored unless there are extenuating circumstances, those will be addressed by the Basketball Coordinator and Executive Director.

2026-2027 GAME REGULATIONS

The maximum number of players permitted, for each school, shall be fifteen (15) plus 6 bench personnel.

The **VARSITY CHEERLEADING SQUAD ONLY** shall be permitted for each school. **JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** will be treated as other spectators.

Game times will be listed on the pairing brackets, which will be e-mailed to each school's AD Thursday, February 19th.

BRACKETS WILL BE UPDATED FOLLOWING EACH ROUND OF PLAY AND POSTED ON THE SECTION IV WEBSITE.

Contest times will be set by Section IV and may be changed only by mutual agreement of both schools. If a doubleheader is scheduled, the second game will start 20 minutes after the conclusion of the previous game or 20 minutes after the presentation of the awards at the finals. The same will apply to a third game if a triple header is played.

Warm up times for all games at **neutral sites** will be set at 15 minutes.

Competing teams must furnish a game ball that is in excellent condition. These balls should be marked with some small distinguishing symbol.

AGAIN THIS YEAR: THE TEAM WITH THE HIGHER SEED WILL PROVIDE THE GAME BALL FOR THE ENTIRE GAME.

For every round of sectionals, the official ball shall be a Spalding TF-1000 Legacy.

TEAMS MUST BRING THEIR OWN WATER BOTTLES AND THEIR OWN BASKETBALLS FOR WARM UPS AT ALL SITES.

All games will be played according to the official rules, and decisions of the referees must be accepted as final.

A PROTEST COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF THREE PEOPLE, MUST BE AVAILABLE AT EACH SITE.

We discussed (at the August coordinators meeting) having all sectional games have 15 minute warm up times and 10 minute half time. Part of that concern is keeping our schedule running on time.

Once sites have been established and the list of teams competing has been finalized, no team shall practice at a site scheduled to be used by them in subsequent rounds unless it is their home floor or designated home site.

Teams with the **higher seed shall wear light colored jerseys and be the home team.** Teams with the lower seed shall wear dark colored jerseys and be the visiting team. If a school has only one color jersey, and it is

not in compliance with the above, they are to contact their opponent **on the day prior to the contest in order to avoid conflicts.**

At neutral sites, warmup music will **NOT** be permitted by either team

The following will be allowed to be seated on the arena floor for games:

Section IV Credential Badges.

Personnel on gate lists.

Basketball officials

No Exceptions.

If semifinals are held at a neutral site on the same night, the team traveling the farthest distance shall have choice of game time.

In ALL CLASSES the higher seed will host all games up to and including the sectional Semi- Finals.

Scheduling teams from the same school in the same gym on the same night is the prerogative of the Basketball Committee under very special circumstances.

CONDUCT

Coaches must remind all players/cheerleaders of the Code of Conduct.

Coaches should also impress on their players the need for respect for property at the schools where they are playing. The use of the gyms is a courtesy extended by the schools selected as sites. Damage to locker rooms and other facilities is a serious offense.

Site chairpersons should report any misconduct of this nature to the Section IV Athletic Council and the schools responsible. The schools responsible for any site damage will be held financially liable, not Section IV. Section IV Sportsmanship posters must be displayed in a visible place for all to see.

Mascots must be under direct supervision at all times. The site chairperson must be notified at least one day in advance if a mascot will be accompanying your team.

Obscene gestures and/or language will not be tolerated. Spectators using them will be subject to expulsion from the facility.

Schools sending spectator buses must send adequate supervision with them.

SCHOOLS HOSTING GAMES MUST BE NOTIFIED IF A SPECTATOR BUS IS BEING SENT AND SUPERVISORS MUST INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO THE HOST SUPERVISOR UPON ARRIVAL.

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 Semi-final and 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)

1. Sectional games at a Host School, charge is \$7.30 **(NO CASH ACCEPTED)**
2. Sectional games at a Rented Facility, charge is \$8.35 **(NO CASH ACCEPTED)**
3. Sectional games at Broome County Arena, charge is \$8.35 **(NO CASH ACCEPTED)**
4. Regional games at a host school, charge is \$9.40 **(NO CASH ACCEPTED)**
5. **If games are held at the Visions Arena there will be NO CASH Ticket prices!!**

*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.

AWARDS

Immediately after each championship contest, individual medals and team trophies will be presented by a member of the Board of Education and/or a school administrator from the teams involved. The Section IV basketball coordinators shall assist in these brief ceremonies.

- (1) The winning team and runner up team in each classification shall receive a team trophy.
- (2) Each member of the winning team shall receive a gold medal and a certificate.
- (3) Each member of the runner-up team shall receive a silver medal and a certificate.
- (4) According to Section IV policy, a maximum of fifteen (15) medals will be awarded to players and coaches only on each team. A team desiring to purchase additional medals may contact the Section IV Interscholastic Sports Coordinator.

Note: If a certain class has less than 8 teams entering sectional play, the section does not provide runner-up medals and plaques.

Only those players on the regular season roster (submitted on the google form) will receive medals and certificates. Medals and certificates will NOT be given to JV's brought up for the Sectionals only

SITE CHAIRPERSON'S DUTIES

- (1) Become familiar with the tournament regulations.
- (2) Be responsible for AED Equipment and trained personnel.
- (3) Be responsible for publicity in your area.
- (4) Be in charge of all details pertaining to administration of the games at your site.

These include:

- (a) Providing suitable dressing rooms for teams and officials.
- (b) Hiring competent, adult scorers, timers, and shot clock operators. This is a Section IV regulation and must be followed.
- (c) Hiring necessary ticket redeemers, crowd control personnel, etc. They will be paid at the prevailing rate at the home site. Do not overstaff your sectional basketball game staff, excess staff will be returned to the host school to pay.
- (d) Arranging for an adequate sound system for each game. The players participating in the game shall be introduced by name and number. If possible, the National Anthem should be played before the first game at each site.
- (e) Having the following announcement read before each game:

Ladies, and Gentlemen, we would like to welcome you to a Section IV Interscholastic contest between _____ and _____ high schools.

We should recognize the purpose of athletics is to promote physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being of individual players and their fans, and that this is a game between high school students, not professionals. We encourage everyone who is in attendance to display proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.

Section IV rules include no alcoholic beverages, noise makers, obscene language, or throwing objects.

Anyone not abiding by the rules set forth by the Section may be subject to immediate ejection from the premises.

Your help in following the rules will be greatly appreciated.

If you do your part as a spectator, we are sure that you and the players will have a worthwhile experience.

Thank you for your cooperation.

And now for tonight's/today's starting lineups "

It is recommended that the President of Student Council or President of Honor Society read the announcement from the center of the court. A second option would be for the captain or his alternate to read it. It is further suggested that a representative from each participating school read one-half of it.

The introductions of the players should be staggered. Player A-1 goes to the center of court. Player B-1 goes to the center of court. They shake hands and each go to the foul lines in front of their benches. Continue until all starters are introduced. Then the rest of the team members join the starters on the court. The coaches then are introduced and shake hands in front of the scorer's tab.

2026-2027 Post Season Play (Regional Rotation)

AAA Section IV hosts a Section I At Large team at Union Endicott CS on Tuesday, March 9th at 8:30. The winner will play a Regional Final at the winner of Sections 5 and 6

AA Section IV CHAMPION will host the Section IV Runner Up on Wednesday March 10th at Johnson City HS at 8:30. The winner will play a Regional Final at the winner of Sections 5 and 6

A Section IV will host the Section IX at Large team at Johnson City HS on Wednesday March 10th at 6:30. The winner will play a Regional Final at the winner of Sections 5 and 6.

B Section IV will host a Section IX at Large team in a Sub-Regional game at Johnson City HS on Wednesday, March 10th at 5:00 pm. The winner will play a Regional Final at the winner of Sections 5 and 6.

C Section IV will host Section III in a Sub-Regional game at Union Endicott CS on Tuesday, March 9th at 6:45. The winner will play a Regional Final at the winner of Sections 5 and 6.

D Section IV will host Section III in a Sub-Regional game at Union Endicott CS on Tuesday, March 9th at 5:00. The winner will play a Regional Final at the winner of Sections 5 and 6.

State Championships at Visions Federal Credit Union Arena

AAA Semis Saturday 3/20 10:00 & 11:45 Championship Sunday 3/21 at 10:00

AA Semis Friday 3/19 1:30 & 3:15 Championship Saturday 3/20 at 7:45

A Semis Friday 3/19 10:00 & 11:45 Championship Saturday 3/20 at 6:00

B Semis Thursday 3/18 6:00 & 7:45 Championship Friday 3/19 at 7:45

C Semis Thursday 3/18 at 2:30 & 4:15 Championship Friday 3/19 at 6:00

D Semis Saturday 3/20 at 1:30 & 3:15 Championship Sunday 3/20 at 11:45

ALL SECTION IV CHAMPIONS MUST SUBMIT THEIR ROSTERS ONLINE VIA NYSPHSAA SUBMISSIONS.

Please make sure that your roster is updated to include all members participating in the state tournament. You can also update your championship picture as well.

ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO: Jeff Baier – 607-437-1470 – jbaier607@gmail.com

SECTION IV says “THANK YOU” for your cooperation in staging the 2025 SECTION IV BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT!!!!