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ICE HOCKEY

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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 & State Tournaments.

Section IV Ice Hockey 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025-2026 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

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IMPORTANT DATES

Section IV 2025-2026 Rules Interpretation Meeting: TBA

TEAMS PARTICIPATING – ITHACA, BROOME COUNTY, CORNING PAINTED POST

FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE	MONDAY NOVEMBER 16TH
FINALS	FEBRUARY 27th @ THE RINK LANSING
REGIONALS	MARCH 6TH @ Section VII Winner
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	MARCH 13TH & 14TH @ LECOM HARBORCENTER

GOVERNING RULES FOR ICE HOCKEY

The sport of ice hockey is governed by N. F. H. S. rules – with modifications made by the NYSPHSAA. These modifications are made in the interest of safety and for play. Rule modifications from the NYSPHSAA.

1. When a substitute goalkeeper initially enters the game, he will take his position without delay. A maximum of TWO-MINUTE warm-up per substitute goaltender per game shall be required.
2. In Sectional, Regional and NYSPHSAA Championship Play: After the third period the ice will be resurfaced and teams will switch ends. Play shall be continued until the first goal is scored in overtime for no more than two overtime periods of 17 minutes.
3. If the game shall be tied at the end of the first overtime period, teams will play another overtime period of 17 minutes, after the ice is resurfaced and teams switch ends. If the score is still tied, the "shoot out" procedure will be used. If the teams are still tied after the two overtimes of the NYSPHSAA finals, Co-Champions will be crowned.

Equipment

Unsportsmanlike penalty

Sportsmanship – All concerned with Hockey should judge themselves and each other on the following criteria:

Players: Acceptance of official's decisions; poise; general attitude and expressions; courtesy toward opponents; proper language; fair play. Remember – you are not involved in a war, but a game which tests your skills and ability.

Coaches: Respect for officials and opponents; poise; general attitude; conduct and bench; and behavior; general sportsmanship. Coaches are teachers with great influence on their players. Work to make your students better people as well as hockey players.

Crowd: Respect of officials' decisions; courtesy to opposing players, cheerleaders and fans; general

sportsmanship. Positive support is what the players want and need from their fans.

Officials: Respect for the game, players and coaches; knowledge of the rules; fairness and consistency; physical fitness; timeliness and attire; safety of the players. These student-athletes are depending on you to provide a safe and fair contest.

COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES

GENERAL

1. The coach is responsible for the conduct of his team from the minute the team arrives at the rink until it departs from the rink.
2. The locker room should be inspected by the coach and any damage should be reported prior to the contest.
3. Make sure all deadlines are met, including stats, deadlines, and program deadlines.
4. The coach is responsible to attend all his coach's meetings or make sure that his school is represented.
5. Failure to do so will result in notification of the Section IV office and appropriate Athletic Director

GAME DAY PROTOCOL

PRE-GAME

Warm-ups begin (10 Minute Warm up only)
At the conclusion of warm-ups, (teams stay on ice) starting lineups and National anthem will start promptly.
Upon completion the puck is dropped (no team huddle).
Teams not ready to play are subject to a minor penalty BETWEEN PERIODS

Ice will be resurfaced after each period (teams to locker room)
Teams will receive a warning (horn & verbal notice) when resurfacer is on its last lap. When zamboni is finished and doors are closed - 2 minutes on clock.
At the conclusion of the time the puck will be dropped to start the period. Teams not in compliance are subject to a minor penalty

Note: this is intended as a **recommendation** for consistency across the State and to expedite the start of the game and periods.

Section Playoff Seeding- Based on league record only (2 head to head games vs each team home and away for a total of 4). The number one seed will get a bye to the sectional final (2/27). The number two seed will host the number three seed on either February 23 or 24. Tie-Breaker Format as follows below.

1) Head-to-Head (league play)
2) Goals differentials (head-to-head)
3) Goals against in league

PREGAME HOCKEY ANNOUCEMENT

Welcome to (ICE RINK) for today's Ice Hockey contest between the _____ and the _____.

Your host school, _____, in collaboration with Section IV Athletics, supports the following announcement:

Please display good sportsmanship at all times. Your cooperation will be most appreciated, as we all remember that the athletic event about to commence is another fine example of the programs offered by our 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 that everyone in attendance display proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Section IV rules include no alcohol beverages, noise makers, obscene language and throwing of objects. Anyone not abiding by the rules set forth by the Section may be subject to immediate ejection from the premises.

ADMISSION TO SECTIONAL FINAL

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.

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)

Sectional games at a **Rented Facility**, charge is $7.30 **(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.

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