

Section 1 Athletics
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Section 1 Operational Standards In Place

1. Athlete - JV to varsity, varsity to JV:
 - Any student-athlete (once the team and levels have been selected) may move levels 1 time during the regular season and may not return to the originally designated team during the regular season.
 - If due to extenuating circumstances (i.e. a depleted squad) a varsity athlete may be moved down 1 time and allowed to return to the original squad. A JV athlete may be moved up no more than 3 times and be allowed to return to the original team. Opposing school needs to be notified of any movement prior to the contest.
 - In no case may an athlete violate their respective sports participation/eligibility rule and may not exceed maximum number of contests. If the athlete is dressed and is eligible to participate it counts as a game towards the maximum number of games allowed for that sport that season whether they enter the game or not.

2. Yellow card policy: In the event that a player or coach receives two yellow cards in the same game resulting in a red card, the two yellow cards will not count towards the season total since the player/coach receives a 1 game suspension.

3. Athletes are prohibited from using eye black/face paint in any way other than the traditional use of a single line of eye black (one single bar under each eye.)

4. Basketball shot clock may be operated by an adult or student. An adult is preferred.

5. Baseball coaches are not required to be in uniform.

6. An ejected athlete may attend the next game and sit on the bench but may not be in uniform.

7. The rules governing play, eligibility and participation shall be those outlined by the Handbook of the NYSPHSAA.

8. A student may participate in only one sport during a season, including cheerleading.

9. In case of postponement, contests will be re-scheduled on the next day if possible. If not, the first open date for both schools must be used for the make-up. Some schools can play on Saturdays and, if feasible, should be done. LEAGUE games take precedence over non-league games.

10. Site determination for all home contests is determined by the host school.

11. All attempts should be made to avoid forfeiture of a contest. However, in the event of this occurrence, it will count in the final league standings.

12. Only Varsity Championships are recognized.

13. League Championships will be determined by the team with the most amount of League wins. If identical records exist there will be Co-League Champions. **Individual leagues can vote on league championship format (i.e., double round, single round, etc) If a double round is selected and a team asks for the schedule to be adjusted for competitive reasons they forfeit their right to a league title and post season awards. If the league selects a single round then the first contest counts towards the league championship and no rights are forfeited. In sports with ties, if teams are tied in wins, the league championship will then be determined by the teams that have fewest losses.**

14. It is recommended for all field sports (except football) that, whenever possible both teams should be on the same side opposite the spectator area.

15. For VARSITY ONLY - It is recommended that if a contest which is cancelled due to unplayable conditions cannot be rescheduled prior to the Sectional Seeding Meeting, and a neutral site cannot be found by the original

host, and if the scheduled “visiting” schools can host the contest, that the contest be moved to the site of the original “visiting” school.

Game rescheduling protocol:

- Regular Season: The next available day for both teams.
- Post season
 - Home team hosts at their site
 - If unplayable, host needs to find an alternate field
 - If host cannot secure an alternate site but the “visiting” team can the game is to be played at the visitor’s site but Home and Visitor team designation remains.

16. If a school drops a varsity team on/after the first day to play all league opponents will be granted a win and may not replace those games, however, all non-league opponents have the opportunity to replace the games or accept a forfeit. Prior to the first day to play all teams cannot replace all games in the event a school drops their varsity team.

17. The visiting team may provide supervisors when deemed necessary.

18. Noisemakers of any kind are prohibited from all Section 1 activities.

19. Spectators may not single out any athlete during a contest. This includes derogatory comments including the use of a player’s name or uniform number.

20. Spectator remarks that are deemed inappropriate must be addressed independently by school officials.

21. Filming is prohibited from the bench and team designated areas.

22. Signs of any kind are prohibited for all post season events.

23. The use of film and video tapes are allowed for scouting purposes. No special arrangements will be made for filming or taping when scouting. Scouting may be done only in the spectator area. No endzone scouting permitted.

24. No one may scout any scrimmage in all sports. The only exception to this rule is football, please refer to football standards for specific scouting guidelines.

25. Forfeiture or no contest must be reported to Section One and mutually agreed upon by both member schools.

26. During a regular season/playoff football games, if you use an end zone camera, you must provide a copy of the film to your opponent after the game.

27. Ice Hockey - SEE ADDENDUM IN ICE HOCKEY BOOKLET.

28. The standard starting time for contests (other than football) played on school days shall be 4:30 P.M.; weekend games will be 11:00 A.M. Where sports play back to back (i.e. basketball, volleyball, etc.) the host school determines the order of the games (i.e. varsity, JV). Hockey start times are subject to rink availability.

29. National Federation or other such rules which govern a sport shall prevail.

31. In order for a senior to participate on a junior varsity program each school district must have Conference approval.

32. Specific Sport Standards are subject to change, based on rules of the Association governing the game.

In the event that a standard or ethics violation is willfully violated the school will be reported to the Section One office for further action.