



**Nassau County  
Section VIII  
Boys Badminton  
2022**

## OVERVIEW

### Varsity 2022 Schedule

**Coaches Meeting:** Monday, August 29, 2022

**Regular Season Starting Date:** Monday, August 29, 2022

**Coaches Meeting:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022

**Regular Season Ending Date:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022

**Coaches Meeting:** Thursday, October 20, 2022

### Conference Alignment

There are two conferences. Teams will play each team in their conference twice (home & away) for a total of 12 matches in the regular season.

Conference I	Conference II
1. Jericho	1. Roslyn
2. Great Neck South	2. Calhoun
3. Syosset	3. Herricks
4. Plainview Old Bethpage	4. Mepham
5. Great Neck North	5. Bellmore JFK
6. Long Beach	6. Wheatley
7. Manhasset	7. Hempstead

#### 12 Sept

1@6  
5@2  
3@4  
7 BYE

#### 14 Sept

5@7  
4@1  
2@3  
6 BYE

#### 16 Sept

6@4  
7@3  
1@2  
5 BYE

#### 19 Sept

3@5  
2@6  
7@1  
4 BYE

#### 21 Sept

4@2  
5@1  
6@7  
3 BYE

#### 23 Sept

1@3  
7@4  
6@5  
2 BYE

#### 28 Sept

2@7  
6@3  
4@5  
1 BYE

#### 30 Sept

6@1  
2@5  
4@3  
7 BYE

#### 3 Oct

7@5  
1@4  
3@2  
6 BYE

#### 7 Oct

4@6  
3@7  
2@1  
5 BYE

#### 12 Oct

5@3  
6@2  
1@7  
4 BYE

#### 14 Oct

2@4  
1@5  
7@6  
3 BYE

#### 17 Oct

3@1  
4@7  
5@6  
2 BYE

#### 19 Oct

7@2  
3@6  
5@4  
1 BYE

### Postseason Schedule

**20 Oct**

Seeding Meeting

**22 Oct**

Individual Tournament

**24 Oct**

Quarters

**26 Oct**

Semis

**28 Oct**

Finals

**5/2023**

LIC

**6/6/2023**

Awards Banquet

## Addendum

Levittown Schools will join our boys varsity program for the first time in the 2022 season. Levittown will have the opportunity to play every team in both conferences for a total of 14 regular season games.

This will be a “developmental” season for the team and thus all games scheduled below will count as mandatory, non-league games. To clarify, these games will NOT be included in team regular season records. The team will not be eligible to participate in the postseason.

### 2022 Boys Badminton Levittown

#### Game Schedule

Date	Opponent	Home/Away
9/12	Manhasset	Away
9/14	Long Beach	Home
9/16	Bellmore JFK	Home
9/19	Mepham	Home
9/21	Herricks	Away
9/23	Great Neck South	Home
9/28	Roslyn	Away
9/30	Hempstead	Home
10/3	Wheatley	Home
10/7	Great Neck North	Away
10/12	Plainview Old Bethpage	Home
10/13	Syosset	Away
10/17	Calhoun	Home
10/19	Jericho	Away

## OVERVIEW

### Junior Varsity 2022 Schedule

**Coaches Meeting:** Monday, August 29, 2022

**Regular Season Starting Date:** Monday, August 29, 2022

**Regular Season Ending Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2022

**Coaches Meeting:** Thursday, October 13, 2022

### Conference Alignment

There is one conference. Teams will play each team in their conference twice (home & away) for a total of 8 matches in the regular season.

Conference I
1. Jericho
2. Great Neck South
3. Syosset
4. Plainview Old Bethpage
5. Roslyn

**12 Sept**

4@1  
5@3  
2 BYE

**14 Sept**

1@2  
5@4  
3 BYE

**16 Sept**

3@4  
2@5  
1 BYE

**19 Sept**

1@3  
4@2  
5 BYE

**21 Sept**

2@3  
5@1  
4 BYE

**30 Sept**

1@4  
3@5  
2 BYE

**3 Oct**

2@1  
4@5  
3 BYE

**7 Oct**

4@3  
5@2  
1 BYE

**12 Oct**

3@1  
2@4  
5 BYE

**14 Oct**

3@2  
1@5  
4 BYE

## Important Information

- A. Players must participate in a minimum of six (6) team practices prior to competing in their first match.
- B. All players must be dressed in a uniform top and bottom.
- C. A team will be permitted a maximum of 15 minutes to warm-up during both regular season and postseason play.
- D. Host sites must use the official Section VIII score sheets and must display the overall game score on a scoreboard or flip-score.
- E. At the conclusion of all regular season and postseason matches, the WINNING coach must submit the final score and highlight.
  - rSchoolToday
  - [Newsday Sports Central](#)
- F. The Yonex Mavis 300 Nylon shuttlecock (medium/WHITE) will be used for all Section VIII matches.
  - The Yonex Mavis 300 Nylon shuttlecock (medium/YELLOW) may be used ONLY if BOTH coaches agree.
  - When traveling to away sites, bring white shuttles in the event the host site only has yellow.
- G. All rules and regulations in this handbook will be followed in addition to Section VIII rules and The Badminton World Federation (BWF) rules.

## Configuration Guidelines

- A. Players MUST be playing in strength on the basis of ability. Coaches are encouraged to have a round-robin type tournament in the beginning of the season to determine strength order.

#1 = 1 <sup>st</sup> singles	#4 & #5 = 1 <sup>st</sup> doubles
#2 = 2 <sup>nd</sup> singles	#6 & #7 = 2 <sup>nd</sup> doubles
#3 = 3 <sup>rd</sup> singles	#8 & #9 = 3 <sup>rd</sup> doubles
	#10 & #11 = 4 <sup>th</sup> doubles
- B. During the regular season, a varsity player may participate in only one legal match per day.
- C. All players MUST play in their established singles or doubles positions.
  - If a player is absent for a match, do not move up other seeded players. Fill the position with a non-seeded player (alternate).
  - For an 11-player team, if a player is absent for a match, the position will be forfeited.
  - If a team consists of less than the required number of players, it must fulfill its obligation to the higher seeds first. If necessary, leave the 3<sup>rd</sup> singles or 4<sup>th</sup> doubles open depending on odd or even numbers.

## Court Markings

- A. Markings on the court are to be clearly visible and should be the same color.
- B. Sidelines should not be shared.

C. It is strongly recommended that where nets and standards extend beyond the court, mark the top of the net to where the boundary line is, similar to what is done in volleyball.

### **Coaching**

A. Each team may only be coached by coaching staff. Student Officials and spectators are not to coach or interfere with any matches.

B. Players may be coached between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> game and between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> game provided that the time does not exceed one (1) minute and three (3) minutes respectively.

C. Players should be coached to call their own "obvious" carries on themselves. An opposing player may not call a carry on his opponent.

D. Players should be coached to watch for a delay of game. A player can get himself set, but not intentionally walk around the court and off to the side to stall.

E. Players should be coached that a serve must be a definite underhand serve with both feet in a stationary position until contact with the shuttle. No players should be using a sidearm serve. If there is a discrepancy, the receiving player must issue a warning and coaches will be called to the court. However, the receiving player should play the shuttle until it is dead before they question the serve. The warning will remain throughout the match. If an illegal serve is committed after the warning has been issued, the server will lose his serve.

### **Student Officials**

A. Managers or extra players will be used as scorekeepers.

- Please make certain that all players on a team are familiar with scoring both singles and doubles matches. Any player should be able to score.

B. Scorekeepers should be competent individuals who must be alert during the entire match.

- Scorekeepers are NOT allowed to have cell phones with them while sitting courtside.
- No more than two scorekeepers are permitted to sit courtside.

C. The home school supplies the official scorekeeper, using the Section VIII score sheets.

D. The scorekeeper should observe the server's foot during the serve. No server may step on the short service line when serving. The scorekeeper can call a foot fault if asked by the receiving team. If there is a discrepancy, the receiving player must issue a warning and coaches will be called to the court. However, the receiving player should play the shuttle until it is dead before they question the foot fault. The warning will remain throughout the match. If a foot fault is committed after the warning has been issued, the server will lose his serve.

E. Players **MUST** call their own lines. If they cannot make a call, they should call the shuttle in.

- If the lines present a problem to either player, then lines people can be requested. Two lines people will be provided, one from each school. If there is a discrepancy, a player must issue a warning and coaches will be called to the court. However, the player should play the shuttle until it is dead before they question the lines. The warning will remain throughout the match. The lines people will then make calls only if they are asked.

### **Badminton Etiquette**

- A. Know the rules well and abide by their intent as well as their details.
- B. The server should always be sure the receiving side is ready to receive before serving. The serve should be clearly legal.
- C. Players should not cause any undue delays in continuous play.
  - When a rally is finished, the player on the same side of the net as the shuttle should immediately retrieve it and return it to the server.
  - Players make all line and fault calls only on their own side of the net. Always give the opponent the benefit of the doubt. The shuttle should be seen clearly out to call it out. Unseen shuttles should be assumed to be in, unless other facts contribute to a “let” call and replay. Respect opponent’s calls without argument.
- D. Call “let” and replay uncertain or obstructed calls.
- E. Keep conversation and comments to a minimum, and emotions under control. Compliments, such as “good shot”, are fine after a rally.
- F. Interrupting or distracting your opponent, or other matches in progress, by shouting or yelling at any point during the match is prohibited and can result in disqualification.

### **Sportsmanship Policy**

- A. Section VIII has an established policy and guidelines regarding sportsmanlike conduct for athletes. Please reference *Section VIII Sportsmanship Policy*.
- B. The following sequence of consequences will take place if it is deemed that the policy has been violated-
  1. If a player or coach feels an incident has taken place, a coach will be put on the court to observe the match.
  2. On the first violation, a warning will be given to a player or players.
  3. On the second violation, there will be a loss of serve for that player or a point awarded to the opponent.
  4. On the third violation, the player will forfeit the game.
  5. On the fourth violation, the player will forfeit the match.

### **Protest Policy**

- A. Section VIII has an established policy and guidelines regarding protests. Please reference *Nassau County Public High School Athletic Association/ Section VIII Procedures for Protests of Athletic Events*.

B. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations may result in protests and forfeits.

### **Postseason Guidelines**

A. Seeding for both the Team Playoffs and the Individual Tournament is determined at the "Seeding Meeting."

- ALL coaches MUST attend this meeting to ensure accuracy for the postseason.
- All regular season matches MUST be completed and all final scores must be reported to the coordinator prior to the meeting.

#### *B. Team Playoffs*

- This tournament is a single elimination tournament that will crown one (1) team County Champion.
- All teams in Conference I along with the first place team in Conference II will qualify for the team playoffs.
  - In case of a tie in the standings, the following format will be used to break the tie:
    1. Head to Head record
    2. Total wins in individual matches between tied teams
    3. Total points scored in individual matches between tied teams
    4. Total number of games won against next seeded team
    5. Total points scored in individual matches between next seeded team
    6. Play-off (TBA)
- The higher seed will host the playoff match in the quarterfinal & semi finals.
- The Nassau County Team Championship match will be played at Plainview Old Bethpage Middle School, Plainview.

#### *C. Individual Tournament*

- This tournament is a single elimination tournament that will crown one (1) singles champion and one (1) doubles champion.
  - The semi-final matches will play out to recognize 3rd & 4th place.
- All teams are required to participate. EVERY school is awarded four (4) team entries- two (2) singles & two (2) doubles. There will be two (2) 32 player brackets- singles & doubles. The top 4 seeds in each bracket will have a bye in the first round.
  - To be eligible for the tournament, a player must have competed in 80% of the team's matches and at least 50% in the classification (singles/doubles) he is going to compete in at the County Tournament.
  - Seeding for the tournament is calculated using a scaled system, in which bonus points are awarded to regular season wins. The Seeding Committee will calculate the bonus points and will seed the singles & doubles brackets.



	1st Singles	2nd Singles	3rd Singles	1st Doubles	2nd Doubles	3rd Doubles	4th Doubles
Conference I	8 points	5 points	0 points	8 points	5 points	0 points	0 points
Conference II	4 points	1 point	0 points	4 points	1 point	0 points	0 points

- The Seeding Committee will always down seed to avoid same conference matchups in the first round and to avoid teammates competing against one another prior to the semi- finals.
- In case of a tie in the standings, the following format will be used to break the tie:
  1. Total points
  2. Position
  3. Conference
  4. Head to Head record
  5. Total points scored in individual matches between tied individuals
  6. TBA
- If a member of a Doubles Team cannot compete in the County Tournament due to an injury, the coach may replace that player with a player from the alternate list. A coach is not permitted to replace an injured Doubles player with another starting player.
- In the event that a team is unable to use all four (4) entries, the Seeding Committee will maintain an additional list of players in an effort to fill out the full bracket. The final standings of the regular season will be used to determine the order in which these players will be ranked.
- Players must be accompanied by their coach in order to participate in the tournament. All coaches must check-in with the Sport Coordinator upon arrival. In the case that the coach is unable to attend, an assistant coach and/or supervisor may be sent in their place. Written approval from the Athletic Director must be submitted to the Sport Coordinator at least 24 hours in advance.
- The Individual Tournament will be held at Long Beach HS, Long Beach.

### **Awards**

The awards listed below will be distributed at the Badminton Awards Banquet.

#### *A. Team Awards*

- Conference Championship is awarded to the winningest team in each conference.

#### *B. Individual Awards*

- All- County is awarded to players who advance to the quarterfinals in the County single's or double's tournament.
- All – Conference is awarded to any player who wins 60% or more matches during the course of the season.

## Media Contacts 2022-2023

In an effort to continue to develop our program on Long Island, we would like to showcase and highlight special players, teams and/or stories. If you have a player and/or a team who is worthy of possible media recognition, please reach out to the coordinator for further instructions.

	<b>Herald</b>	<b>News12</b>	<b>Newsday</b>	<b>Patch</b>
Bellmore JFK	X	X	X	X
Calhoun	X	X	X	X
Great Neck North		X	X	X
Great Neck South		X	X	X
Hempstead	X	X	X	
Herricks		X	X	
Jericho		X	X	
Levittown	X	X	X	X
Long Beach	X	X	X	X
Manhasset		X	X	
Mepham	X	X	X	X
Plainview Old Bethpage		X	X	X
Roslyn		X	X	
Syosset		X	X	X
Wheatley		X	X	

X= indicates media coverage available

## Match Sites

<b>School</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b># of Courts</b>
Bellmore JFK	<i>Bellmore JFK HS</i> 3000 Bellmore Avenue, Bellmore	3
Calhoun	<i>Brookside Junior HS</i> 1260 Meadowbrook Road, Merrick	6
Great Neck North	<i>John L. Miller Great Neck North HS</i> 35 Polo Road, Great Neck	6
Great Neck South	<i>William A. Shine Great Neck South HS</i> 341 Lakeville Road, Great Neck	3
Hempstead	<i>Hempstead HS</i> 201 President Street	4
Herricks	<i>Herricks HS</i> 100 Shelter Rock Road, New Hyde Park	6
Jericho	<i>Jericho HS</i> 99 Cedar Swamp Road, Jericho	4
Levittown	Levittown Memorial Education Center 150 Abbey Lane, Levittown	
Long Beach*	<i>Long Beach HS</i> 322 Lagoon Drive West, Lido Beach <i>Long Beach Middle School</i> 239 Lido Boulevard, Long Beach	6/5
Manhasset	<i>Manhasset HS</i> 200 Memorial Place, Manhasset	6
Mepham	<i>W.C. Mepham HS</i> 2401 Camp Avenue, Bellmore	4
Plainview Old Bethpage JFK	<i>Plainview Old Bethpage Middle School</i> 121 Central Park Road, Plainview	5
Roslyn*	<i>Roslyn HS</i> 475 Round Hill Road, Roslyn Heights <i>Roslyn Middle School</i> 375 Locust Lane, Roslyn	4
Syosset	<i>Syosset HS</i> 70 South Woods Road, Syosset	6
Wheatley	<i>Wheatley HS</i> 11 Bacon Road, Old Westbury	4

**\*CONFIRM match location prior to match**

## Varsity Coaches Directory

School	Head Coach	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Bellmore JFK	Jon Dell'Olio	(516) 642-9003	jdellolio@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us
Calhoun	Art Canestro	(631) 889-2937	acanestro@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us
Great Neck North	John Zak	(631) 793-8966	jzak@greatneck.k12.ny.us
Great Neck South	Allison Gottfried	(516) 381-4355	agottfried@greatneck.k12.ny.us
Hempstead	Linda Lopez	(516) 270-6866	llopez@hempsteadschools.org
Herricks	Brittany Ruisi	(516) 476-5183	bruisi@herricks.org
Jericho	Mark Burkowsky	(917) 669-5140	mburkowsky@jerichoschools.org
Levittown	Brian Maini	(516) 458-2923	bmaini@levittownschoools.org
Long Beach	Andrew Rossi	(646) 256-0624	andrewrossi@gmail.com
Manhasset	Michael Fabio	(631) 805- 3908	Michael_Fabio@manhassetschools.org
Mepham	Karen McMahan	(516) 695-9223	kmcmahan@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us
Plainview Old Bethpage JFK	Jenna Cavuto*	(516) 263-4025	jennacavuto@mail.adelphi.edu
Roslyn	Andrew Marlow	(631) 804-9791	amarlow1@icloud.com
Syosset	Robert Kopp	(516) 859-6821	coachkopp22@yahoo.com
Wheatley	Michael Miller	(631) 484-8897	millerm@ewsdmail.org

**\*Section VIII Badminton Coordinator**

## Junior Varsity Coaches Directory

School	Head Coach	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Great Neck South	Peter Gottfried	(917) 744-6785	agottfried@greatneck.k12.ny.us
Jericho	Kayla Petre	(631) 704-8274	kpetre@jerichoschools.org
Plainview Old Bethpage JFK	Joe Parisi	(203) 464-8676	jparisi@pobschools.org
Roslyn			
Syosset	Jarrett Spector	(516) 859-6821	jspector@syossetschools.org

## Sports Committee

Section VIII requires that each sport establish a committee that develops the framework for the program and routinely reviews guidelines for regular and postseason play. Additionally, the committee will address any issues that may arise throughout the course of the season. Membership in this committee is voluntary.

<b>Sports Coordinator</b>	Jenna Cavuto (Plainview Old Bethpage JFK)
<b>High School Association Representative</b>	Andrew Rossi (Long Beach)
<b>Conference I</b>	Allison Gottfried (GNS) & John Zak (GNN)
<b>Conference II</b>	Linda Lopez (Hempstead)
<b>Coaches' Association Representative</b>	



# Varsity Badminton

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Score of the match ( ) to ( )

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

## SINGLES

	Home	Win	Scores	Win	Opponent	
			/			
			/			
			/			

## DOUBLES

	Home	Win	Scores	Win	Opponent	
<b>1</b>			/			<b>1</b>
			/			
<b>2</b>			/			<b>2</b>
			/			
<b>3</b>			/			<b>3</b>
			/			
<b>4</b>			/			<b>4</b>
			/			



**Nassau County  
Section VIII  
Policies & Procedures**





## HEAT INDEX PROCEDURES

**Administration of Heat Index Procedures:**

- Feels Like Temperature (Heat index) or THI using a Wet Bulb indicator 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](http://www.weatherbug.com). Schools may also use a Wet Bulb indicator 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 indicator.
- If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or the Wet Bulb Indicator is 90 degrees or above, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb indicator at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb indicator is 96 degrees (Fahrenheit) or more, the contest will be suspended.

**Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:**

	Feels Like Temp(Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator under 79 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
<b>R E C O M M E N D E D</b>	Heat Index Caution: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator 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) or Wet Bulb indicator 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).
<b>D A N G E R O U S</b>	Heat Index Warning: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb Indicator 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.
	Heat Index Alert: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator 96 degrees or greater	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held. Inside activity should only be held if air conditioned.
<b>REQUIRED</b>	Heat Index Alert: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator 96 degrees or greater	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held. Inside activity should only be held if air conditioned.

Approved May 1, 2010  
Updated July 27, 2016



## WIND CHILL PROCEDURES

**Administration of Wind Chill Procedures:**

- Feels Like Temperature (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.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into [www.weatherbug.com](http://www.weatherbug.com).
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line.
- If the Feels Like temperature (wind chill) is 10 degrees or below, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like (wind chill) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like (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:

	Feels Like Temp (wind chill) above 40 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
<b>R E C O M M E N D E D</b>	Wind Chill Caution: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 39 degrees to 20 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing.
	Wind Chill Watch: Feels Like Temp (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. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss.
	Wind Chill Warning: Feels Like Temp (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 the Feels Like temp is much higher. Consider reducing the amount of time for an outdoor practice session.
<b>REQUIRED</b>	Wind Chill Alert: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) -11 degrees or lower	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held.

**Special Note:** Alpine Skiing will be exempt from this policy and will follow the regulations of the host ski center where the practice or event is being held.

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Updated July 27, 2016

## **SECTION VIII SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY**

*Approved September 2016*

The NYSPHSAA and Section VIII recognizes and appreciates that the influence and responsibility of the school administration with regard to good sportsmanship extends to all levels of competition. However, it must also be seen that the NYSPHSAA and Section VIII has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all contests under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily. This standard applies to all regular season and post season play.

As of July 1, 2013, the Dignity for All Students Act (Dignity Act-Section 52.2, Part 80 and 57-4) is to provide all public school students with an environment free from harassment, bullying (including cyber bullying) and discrimination, as well as to foster civility in public schools. The Dignity Act focuses on the prevention of discrimination behaviors, including harassment/bullying through the promotion of educational measures meant to positively impact school culture and climate, which includes the interscholastic programs.

The High School Athletic Association of Section VIII established the Sportsmanship Committee as a sub-committee of the Athletic Council to address incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct and flagrant misconduct. The purpose of the Sportsmanship Committee is to take proactive measures in an effort to minimize inappropriate behavior at all Section VIII events and to promote positive sporting behavior throughout the county.

### **A. What is to be reported:**

1. A Player who is ejected from a contest for flagrant misconduct and/or unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. A Spectator who acts in a disruptive abusive or inappropriate manner.
3. A Coach who conducts himself/herself in an inappropriate or unsportsmanlike manner.
4. An Official who demonstrates unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate behavior unbecoming of a sport official.
5. A School that permits spectators to conduct themselves in an abusive, disruptive or harassing manner. This also includes schools that do not provide adequate supervision at home or away contests to control their spectators.

### **B. Responsibility for reporting:**

1. Coaches must report all incidents to their respective athletic directors, even if only one player/team was cited for misconduct.
2. Athletic Directors must file reports with the Office of the Executive Director within 24 hours of any disqualification, ejection or incident of unsportsmanlike behavior.
3. Officials must file reports with the Office of the Executive Director within 24 hours of any disqualification, ejection or incident of unsportsmanlike behavior.



C. Reporting Procedure:

1. All unsportsmanlike incidents are to be reported by the coach (or by both coaches) to their respective athletic directors immediately following the contest.
2. The Athletic Directors of both schools involved are to file reports with the office of the Executive Director as soon as possible, but no later than the morning following the contest/incident (or the next school day).
3. The Officials assigned to the contest are to file a report with the Office of the Executive Director as soon as possible, but no later than the morning following the contest/incident (or the next school day).
4. The Office of the Executive Director will forward copies of all reports to the Sportsmanship Committee Chairperson, Sport Coordinator and the appropriate VP of Male/Female Sports.

D. Committee Actions:

1. All member schools including individuals representing member schools who are involved in unsportsmanlike conduct are subject to consequences deemed appropriate by the Sportsmanship Committee.
  - a) The Sportsmanship Committee may recommend action in instances of unsportsmanlike conduct and is authorized to recommend consequences which may include, but are not limited to: Censure, Reprimand, Suspension, Loss of Eligibility, or any other actions that are deemed appropriate by the Sportsmanship Committee.
2. All recommendations of the Sportsmanship Committee will be filed with the Office of the Executive Director and forwarded to the Athletic Director(s) of the school(s) involved.
3. All actions of the Sportsmanship Committee are subject to review by the respective Athletic Director(s). *Schools may impose additional consequences.*
4. Copies of all reports of the Sportsmanship Committee shall be kept on file with the Sportsmanship Chairperson, the Executive Director and the Sports Coordinator.

E. Penalties:

1. Player Expulsion:

Any player who commits a serious violation of game rules or takes part in flagrant misconduct during play shall be subject to ejection from the contest and disciplinary action. Ejection from a contest results in mandatory one (1) game suspension from the next regularly scheduled contest, including post-season play. Disqualifications from one season will carry over to the player's next season of participation. *Any player suspended from participation may not be on site or involved in any capacity (spectator, timekeeper, scorekeeper, etc.) on the day of suspension.* Failure to comply will result in additional sanctions being levied against the individual, coach and/or team.

2. Second Occurrence of Misconduct:

In the same sport – NYSPHSAA requires a two game suspension for the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) ejection and a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) ejection in the same sport will result in the loss of the season.

Any person (coach, player, spectator, school official, etc.) who is ejected from a second contest in the same sport for unsportsmanlike conduct shall require the Sportsmanship Committee to review the matter. This may lead to more severe disciplinary action including suspension for the remainder of the season. Such disciplinary action could carry over into subsequent sports seasons. Additional consequences may also be recommended by the Sportsmanship Committee.

3. Intentional Physical Contact by a Player:

Any member of the squad who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to annoy, harass or intimidate an official, another player, a spectator, coach, school district employee or supervisor, etc. shall be expelled from the game immediately and banned from further participation in all sports for a period of time to be determined by the Section not to exceed one year from the date of the offense. **NOTE:** Members of the squad include players, managers, score keepers, timers, and statisticians. The incident must be reported to the Office of the Executive Director who will in turn forward to the Sportsmanship Committee and respective Sports Coordinator. Consequences may include but are not limited to: Censure, Reprimand, Suspension, Loss of Eligibility, or another action that is deemed appropriate by the committee.

4. Team Members/Non Participant/Pre-or Post-Game Misconduct:

Any act of unsportsmanlike/flagrant misconduct by either a team member, non-participant before or after (pre and post-game) will be excluded from play in and/or subject to removal from the site of the contest. Any player, coach or spectator who commits a serious violation of the sportsmanship rules or takes part in flagrant misconduct as a non-participant after the contest has concluded (post-game) will be suspended from participation in or attendance at the next regularly scheduled contest including the post-season.

5. Spectators:

Any spectator who acts in a disruptive, abusive or unsportsmanlike manner may cause the game to be suspended or the spectator removed from the site. A letter from the Sportsmanship Committee may be sent to the appropriate Athletic Director(s), Building Principal(s) and Superintendent(s). Continued incidents of disruptive behavior may result in additional disciplinary action by the Sportsmanship Committee.

6. Coaches:

Any coach excluded by a certified official from an interschool competition for unsportsmanlike conduct, including taunting, is ineligible to coach any interschool competition in that sport until after the next previously scheduled contest at the same level (e.g. junior varsity, varsity, etc.) has been completed. In individual sports a multi-day contest is considered to be a contest. Disqualification from one season carries over to the next season of participation. The coach may not be present at the game site nor communicate in any manner during the contest with any person present at the site.

**NOTE:** "Not being physically present at the site" means a disqualified coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game/meet. Any coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the Sportsmanship Standard will be ineligible to participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests. If the coach continues to not serve the penalty, the matter will

be referred to the Section for further action. If the coach is involved in the NYSPHSAA play-offs, the matter will be referred to the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA.

7. Intentional Physical Contact:

A coach who strikes, shoves, kick or makes other physical contact with the intent to annoy, harass or intimidate another person (e.g. official, another coach, player, fan) shall be expelled immediately and banned from further participation or coaching in all sports for a period of time to be determined by the section not to exceed one year from the date of the offense.

8. Officials:

An official who demonstrates inappropriate or unsportsmanlike conduct will be reported to the Sportsmanship Committee. The Sportsmanship Committee may recommend disciplinary action to be taken against the official by the official's organization.

9. Taunting:

Taunting includes, but is not limited to, any actions or comments by coaches, players, or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean other players, coaches, or game officials. Included in this is conduct that berates, needles, intimidates, or threatens based on gender, ethnic origin or background and conduct that attacks religious beliefs, size, economic status, speech, family special needs, or personal matters. Examples of taunting that would lead to ejection include, but are not limited to, physical and verbal intimidation outside the spirit of the game ("trash talking"), reference to sexual orientation, "in-the-face confrontation" by one player to another, standing over, straddling a tackled or fallen player, etc.

10. Bench Clearing:

If an altercation occurs during a contest and members of either team leave their respective bench or sideline area or playing positions, and go onto the playing field/court participation area, they will be immediately ejected from the contest for unsportsmanlike behavior.

F. Due Process:

1. Students, coaches and schools have the right to be heard by the Sportsmanship Committee. However, appeals will only be held in regard to a misapplication of the sport rules and/or an ejection of a misidentified player. This right must be claimed within 24 hours of the incident occurring and must be made to the Office of the Executive Director of Section VIII. All actions of the Sportsmanship Committee may be appealed by a member school. Any such appeal will be heard by the Section VIII Athletic Council.



**NASSAU COUNTY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION/SECTION VIII**  
**PROCEDURES FOR PROTESTS OF ATHLETIC EVENTS**

*Approved June 2017*

1. The protesting coach will inform the referee and the opposing coach at that point in the game immediately following the situation protested.
2. The time, score and situation will be identified in the scorebook (if applicable) or recorded, by an official or both coaches, as soon as the protest is announced to the officials and opposing coach.
3. A subsequent protest in the same game will be required to be announced and recorded, using the same procedures described above for each specific point of protest.
4. The protesting coach is required to notify the sport coordinator within 24 hours of the contest.
5. The athletic director of the protesting school is required to file a written protest giving specific details of the situation, time and score to the Office of the Executive Director within 24 hours of the contest. The report must be accompanied by \$75.00 check payable to the Section VIII Athletic Council. The protest will require the signatures of the coach, athletic director and principal of the school.  
Copies of the protest must be sent to the sport coordinator, the protest chairperson and the opposing coach within 24 hours of the contest by the protesting school.
6. The Section VIII sport coordinator will notify the Executive Director of Section VIII who in turn will notify the game officials involved and direct that a written statement from the game officials be filed with the sport coordinator within 24 hours.
7. The sport coordinator will arrange for a meeting as soon as possible. The following should be included or be represented:
  - a. The protesting coach
  - b. The opposing coach
  - c. A rules interpreter
  - d. Sport Coordinator of that sport
  - e. Office of the Executive Director
8. Attendance of the game officials involved in the protested contest will be mandatory, unless extenuating circumstances preclude their attendance.  
Protest Committee Options:
  - a. To deny the protest
  - b. To uphold the protest and direct that the game be replayed from the point of protest.
  - c. To uphold and protest and direct that the game be replayed in its entirety.
  - d. To deny the protest and recommend some further action by the High School Association.
  - e. To uphold the protest and recommend some further action to the High School Association.
9. An appeal of the decision of the Protest Committee may be made. This request must be filed within 72 hours of notification of this decision to the Section VIII Appeals Committee upon submission of a \$75.00 fee (a second \$75.00 fee if original protestor).
10. In the case of a protest or an appeal that is upheld, the fee will be returned.