

Section 1 Postseason Protocols



Championship Committee

<p>Standard Start Time</p>	<p>Start times may be mutually agreed upon by each school. If a time cannot be agreed upon, the standard time would be:</p> <p>Monday thru Friday: 4:30pm Saturday and Sunday: 11:00am SATs / ACTs: 2:00pm (<i>non-lighted facility</i>) 3:00pm (<i>lighted facility</i>) <i>*Does not include Section Finals*</i></p> <p>When daylight is an issue for a weekday game (at a non-lighted facility), standard start time is 2:00 pm.</p> <p>Schools that must host multiple games on the same date at the same site, the host school will determine start times.</p> <p>Football: Friday: 6:00pm, Saturday, 1:00pm Ice Hockey: Start time subject to rink availability</p>
<p>Date of Game</p>	<p>The postseason calendar is recommended by the Sport Chair and endorsed by the Championship Committee. It is reviewed by the Athletic Council and approved by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The date a game is to be played is not up to the participating schools. All games must be played on the pre-determined date.</p> <p>During post-season play there is the possibility of contests being played in the evening, early afternoon, as well as on the weekends, including Sundays, to complete the tournament.</p>
<p>Weather/COVID Related Postponement of Post Season Games</p>	<p>If a contest is postponed due to a COVID positive with you or your opponent, and if not resolved by the next scheduled round of the tournament, the school will forgo their opportunity to advance and/or participate in the tournament.</p> <p>Similarly, if an individual or school is unable to participate due to a COVID positive, and if not resolved by the date of the scheduled event, the school/individual would forgo their opportunity to participate.</p> <p>A weather/COVID related cancellation or postponement to one side of the bracket does not impact that round of the tournament. Whenever possible, games should be played on the dates outlined in the approved tournament calendar.</p>

	If the host cannot secure an alternate site due to unplayable conditions, but the “visiting team” can host, the game is to be played at the opponent’s site (with home and away designations remaining).
Suspended Games	Postseason games that are suspended must follow that sport’s suspended play protocol exactly. The time/date it is resumed will be approved by Sports Chair/Section 1 Office.
Travel	Involvement in the post season may potentially result in your school district having to travel outside of their geographic region and/or league. Travel to other counties within Section One is possible. In the event you choose not to travel, your school would forgo their opportunity to advance in the tournament.

It continues to be the practice of Section One and the NYSPHSAA, to not amend championship schedules so that fairness and equity to all participating teams and students can be sustained. In other words, we will not change dates and will be playing contests that may conflict with SAT/ACT dates and/or culminating events such as awards ceremonies, proms, concerts, etc.