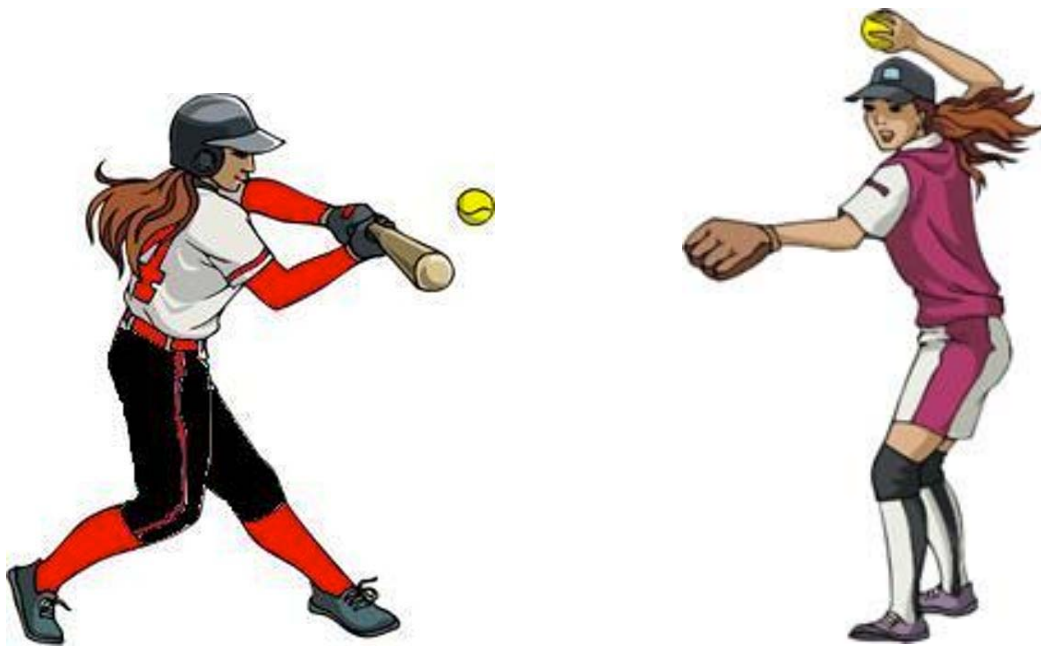


Section 2 Softball Handbook



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INTRODUCTION

This Softball Handbook has been prepared and designed to provide general information for use in the administration of Section 2 softball competition. It will serve as a guide to the participating schools and will provide greater consistency from game to game. Additional information may be found in the current NYSPHSAA Handbook (school athletic directors have copies).

All coaches and athletic directors are urged to read this handbook. Special forms for Sectionals are found within. The deadline dates on these forms should be carefully noted. It is the responsibility of each school to see that these forms are properly submitted, in terms of both accuracy and due date.

All coaches should familiarize themselves with the **NYSPHSAA Handbook**. Special attention should be given to the pages that deal with eligibility standards, number of practices necessary for scrimmages and games, etc.

STARTING DATE: March 7, 2016, is the starting date for softball in Section 2.

RULES: Section 2 follows ASA Rules. Rule books are available from the state office. Your athletic director has an order form.

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NEW YORK STATE SOFTBALL RULES

These rules are in effect for all games in NYS as a waiver to the ASA rulebook

Jewelry Rule:

No jewelry, which includes visible body objects, shall be worn in softball. Any piece of jewelry that is visible at the start of or during a contest is in violation of the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule. Religious medals must be taped to the body under the uniform. Medical medals must be taped to the body so they are visible. Soft, pliable barrettes are permissible, body gems are not.

Helmets:

Wearing of helmets is mandatory for the batter, all baserunners, on deck batter and player/student coaches. All batting helmets must be NOCSAE approved and must have a warning label.

Pitching Rule:

The pitching rule governing “hands coming together” shall be interpreted as follows: “the ball must be INSIDE the glove” (i.e., merely touching the outside of the glove with the ball does NOT satisfy the rule).

Tie Breaker:

The tie-breaker rule will be employed after **9** innings. This rule is mandatory.

Run Rule:

It is optional for each section to adopt a “run rule” with a minimum of 10 runs, to terminate an official game. The run rule must be in compliance with Rule 5 – Section 3, paragraph a-f of the ASA rulebook. The run rule can be used for freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams and will not be used in the postseason play. The Section 2 run rule is 15 runs after 4 ½ innings if the home team is winning or after 5 innings if the home team is losing.

Blood Rule:

NYSPHSAA interpretation of excessive blood: Excessive blood on a uniform will mean that the part of the uniform involved is saturated with blood. Saturated does not mean a wet spot. Saturated means a major portion of the garment is covered and soaked through with blood. For this to occur, a serious injury would have had to take place. This rarely happens during an entire season of competition. For any blood on uniforms less than “saturated,” the uniform does not have to be changed. School personnel have the responsibility of treating the bloody area with the appropriate disinfecting solution before the athlete may participate. If the uniform is “saturated” with blood, the uniform must be changed before the athlete may participate.

Unannounced Substitution:

There is no penalty for an unannounced substitution.

Pitching Distance:

Pitching distance is 43 feet for all freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams. The distance for modified is to be determined by each league and can be 40-43 feet.

Metal Cleats: Metal cleats are not allowed on any level.

Bat Grip Waiver: The length of the bat grip will remain 10” to 15” as found in the 2011 rules. ASA approved bats may be modified with grip tape or a replacement grip to comply with this waiver.

MODIFIED PLAYING RULES

Run-Rule Game Conduct:

Innings 1-6 will be played with three outs or a maximum of five runs per inning. The 7th inning will be played as a regular inning with three outs or unlimited runs.

Re-Entry Rule:

In the event of an injury, a player who is no longer an eligible substitute may re-enter the game as a replacement for the injured player (and may bat in a different spot in the lineup than she was in originally).

Extra Innings:

No single contest games will have extra innings in the event of a tie. In a double-header contest, the teams will play six innings per game with the 7th inning in the event of a tie game. Modified is allowed only 14 innings maximum in one day for a double header.

Pitching Distance:

Modified may pitch from 40-43 feet, as determined by the individual league. Note: At its November 2011 meeting, the Softball Committee recommended that the distance remain at 40 feet.

Metal Cleats:

Metal cleats are not allowed.

Players:

Ten players are allowed on the modified level, in the field and hitting. Modified also may use the designated player (DP), flex and courtesy runners as per ASA rules.

Modified Batting Order Rule:

With league approval, a new optional substitution rule may be used to maximize modified players' participation. The official lineup card may list all players on the team in a designated batting order, allowing any of the players listed in a slot to bat when that spot occurs.

Coaches should familiarize themselves with the NYSPHSAA Handbook for all softball modifications.

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SECTION 2 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS (1977-1989)

<u>1977</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
A	Guilderland	Columbia	A	Albany	Saratoga
B	Ichabod Crane	Bishop Scully	B	Ichabod Crane	Averill Park
CC	Greenwich	Coxsackie-Athens	CC	Mechanicville	Taconic Hills
C	Cambridge	Cairo	C	Fort Plain	Middleburgh
D	St. Johnsville	Argyle	CC/C	Mechanicville	Fort Plain
			D	Fort Ann	Germantown
<u>1978</u>			<u>1985</u>		
A	Bethlehem	Guilderland	A	Columbia	Troy
B	Schalmont	Bishop Scully	B	Averill Park	South Glens Falls
CC	Canajoharie	Taconic Hills	CC	Corinth	Tamarac
C	Cambridge	Berne-Knox-Westerlo	C	Middleburgh	Fort Plain
D	St. Johnsville	Argyle	CC/C	Corinth	Middleburgh
			D	Fort Ann	Germantown
<u>1979</u>			<u>1986</u>		
A	Bethlehem	Saratoga	A	Columbia	Shenendehowa
B	Hudson	Lansingburgh	B	Schalmont	Ravena
CC	Granville	Schoharie	CC	Hoosick Falls	Granville
C	Greenwich	Cambridge	C	Greenwich	Maple Hill
D	St. Johnsville	Duanesburg	CC/C	Hoosick Falls	Greenwich
			D	Fort Ann	Broadalbin
<u>1980</u>			<u>1987</u>		
A	Colonie	Niskayuna	A	Troy	Columbia
B	Hudson	Averill	B	South Glens Falls	Schalmont
CC	Greenwich	Granville	CC	Hoosick Falls	Granville
C	Lake George	Stillwater	C	Greenwich	Lake George
D	North Warren	St. Johnsville	CC/C	Hoosick Falls	Greenwich
			D	Fort Ann	Broadalbin
<u>1981</u>			<u>1988</u>		
A	Shenendehowa	Columbia	A	Columbia	Troy
B	Hudson Falls	Mohonasen	B	Lansingburgh	South Glens Falls
CC	Greenwich	Hoosick Falls	CC	Hoosick Falls	Granville
C	Middleburgh	Lake George	C	Galway	Berne-Knox-Westerlo
D	St. Johnsville	St. Patricks	CC/C	Hoosick Falls	Galway
			D	Fort Ann	Heatly
<u>1982</u>			<u>1989</u>		
A	Niskayuna	Amsterdam	A	Shenendehowa	Columbia
B	South Glens Falls	Mohonasen	B	Hudson Falls	Lansingburgh
CC	Cairo	Taconic Hills	CC	Schuylerville	Greenwich
C	Stillwater	Lake George	C	Lake George	Cambridge
D	Perth	St. Patricks	CC/C	Lake George	Schuylerville
			D	Fort Ann	Heatly
<u>1983</u>					
A	Linton	Saratoga			
B	Lansingburgh	Glens Falls			
CC	Tamarac	Coxsackie-Athens			
C	Middleburgh	Fort Plain			
CC/C	Middleburgh	Tamarac			
D	Germantown	Perth			

SECTION 2 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS (1990-2001)

<u>1990</u>			<u>1996</u>		
	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>		<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
A	Burnt Hills	Columbia	A	Columbia	Saratoga
B	South Glens Falls	Mont Pleasant	B	Mohonasen	Queensbury
CC	Mechanicville	Hoosick Falls	CC	Voorheesville	Watervliet
C	Lake George	Cambridge	C	Maple Hill	Spa Catholic
CC/C	Mechanicville	Lake George	CC/C	Voorheesville	Maple Hill
D	Fort Ann	Hartford	D	Fort Ann	Argyle
<u>1991</u>			<u>1997</u>		
A	Columbia	Schenectady	A	Guilderland	Saratoga
B	Lansingburgh	Queensbury	B	South Glens Falls	Averill Park
CC	Broadalbin-Perth	Granville	CC	Spa Catholic	Galway
C	Greenwich	Lake George	C	Maple Hill	Lake George
CC/C	Greenwich	Broadalbin-Perth	CC/C	Maple Hill	Spa Catholic
D	Germantown	Fort Ann	D	Fort Ann	Fort Plain
<u>1992</u>			<u>1998</u>		
A	Columbia	Shenendehowa	A	Guilderland	Saratoga
B	Mohonasen	Averill Park	B	South Glens Falls	Hudson Falls
CC	Broadalbin-Perth	Schuylerville	CC	Maple Hill	Hoosick Falls
C	Lake George	Greenwich	C	Spa Catholic	Fort Plain
CC/C	Lake George	Broadalbin-Perth	CC/C	Maple Hill	Spa Catholic
D	Argyle	Fort Ann	D	Fort Ann	Duanesburg
<u>1993</u>			<u>1999</u>		
A	Columbia	Shenendehowa	A	Columbia	Saratoga
B	Queensbury	Averill Park	B	South Glens Falls	Queensbury
CC	Hoosick Falls	Mechanicville	CC	Watervliet	Mechanicville
C	Spa Catholic	Galway	C	Duanesburg	Lake George
CC/C	Hoosick Falls	Spa Catholic	CC/C	Duanesburg	Watervliet
D	Warrensburg	Argyle	D	Argyle	Fort Ann
<u>1994</u>			<u>2000</u>		
A	Saratoga	Troy	A	Saratoga	Bethlehem
B	Hudson Falls	Lansingburgh	B	Lansingburgh	South Glens Falls
CC	Broadalbin-Perth	Watervliet	CC	Mechanicville	Hoosick Falls
C	Voorheesville	Greenwich	C	Greenwich	Maple Hill
CC/C	Voorheesville	Broadalbin-Perth	CC/C	Mechanicville	Greenwich
D	Warrensburg	Rensselaer	D	Argyle	Fort Ann
<u>1995</u>			<u>2001</u>		
A	Columbia	Saratoga	A	Columbia	Shenendehowa
B	Mohonasen	Hudson Falls	B	South Glens Falls	Broadalbin-Perth
CC	Broadalbin-Perth	Hoosick Falls	CC	Mechanicville	Greenwich
C	Voorheesville	Spa Catholic	C	Fort Plain	Maple Hill
CC/C	Voorheesville	Broadalbin-Perth	CC/C	Mechanicville	Fort Plain
D	Warrensburg	Rensselaer	D	Argyle	Duanesburg

SECTION 2 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS (2002-2012)

<u>2002</u>		<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>	<u>2007</u>		<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
A	Shaker		Saratoga	AA	Shenendehowa		Colonie
B	South Glens Falls		Lansingburgh	A	South Glens Falls		Burnt Hills
CC	Mechanicville		Schuylerville	B	Cohoes		Chatham
C	Lake George		Duanesburg	CC	Hoosic Valley		Mechanicville
CC/C	Mechanicville		Lake George	C	Duanesburg		Fort Plain
D	Fort Ann		Argyle	CC/C	Hoosic Valley		Duanesburg
				D	Fort Ann		Hartford
<u>2003</u>				<u>2008</u>			
A	Shenendehowa		Columbia	AA	Shenendehowa		Colonie
B	South Glens Falls		Hudson Falls	A	South Glens Falls		Burnt Hills
CC	Greenwich		Mechanicville	B	Cohoes		Hoosic Valley
C	Fort Plain		Duanesburg	CC	Mechanicville		Schuylerville
CC/C	Greenwich		Fort Plain	C	Duanesburg		Canajoharie
D	Fort Ann		Argyle	CC/C	Mechanicville		Duanesburg
				D	Argyle		Hartford
<u>2004</u>				<u>2009</u>			
AA	Shenendehowa		Shaker	AA	Columbia		Niskayuna
A	Mohonasen		Burnt Hills	A	Lansingburgh		South Glens Falls
B	Schuylerville		Chatham	B	Mechanicville		Schuylerville
CC	Greenwich		Hoosick Falls	CC	Hoosick Falls		Lake George
C	Hoosic Valley		Fort Plain	C	Duanesburg		Waterford
CC/C	Greenwich		Hoosic Valley	CC/C	Hoosick Falls		Duanesburg
D	Fort Ann		Germantown	D	Germantown		Hartford
				<u>2010</u>			
				AA	Colonie		Bethlehem
				A	South Glens Falls		Ichabod Crane
				B	Mechanicville		Taconic Hills
				CC	Hoosick Falls		Hoosic Valley
				C	Duanesburg		Greenwich
				CC/C	Hoosick Falls		Duanesburg
				D	Germantown		Hartford
				<u>2011</u>			
				AA	Bethlehem		Shenendehowa
				A	South Glens Falls		Averill Park
				B	Mechanicville		Hoosick Falls
				C	Greenwich		Duanesburg
				D	Fort Ann		Germantown
				<u>2012</u>			
				AA	Shenendehowa		Guilderland
				A	South Glens Falls		Averill Park
				B	Chatham		Ichabod Crane
				C	Greenwich		Hoosic Valley
				D	Fort Ann		Loudonville Christian

SECTION 2 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS (2013-2015)

	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
<u>2013</u>		
AA	Guilderland	Bethlehem
A	Troy	South Glens Falls
B	Chatham	Tamarac
C	Greenwich	Mechanicville
D	Fort Ann	Germantown
<u>2014</u>		
AA	Bethlehem	Columbia
A	Troy	Averill Park
BB	Cohoes	Ravena
B	Mechanicville	Chatham
BB/B	Mechanicville	Cohoes
C	Greenwich	Duanesburg
D	Fort Ann	Loudonville Christian
<u>2015</u>		
AA	Shenendehowa	Shaker
A	Averill Park	Troy
B	Ichabod Crane	Cohoes
C	Hoosic Valley	Maple Hill
D	Fort Ann	Loudonville Christian

SECTION 2 REGIONAL CHAMPIONS (1983-2006)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Champion</u>
<u>1983</u>	Class D	Germantown	<u>1998</u>	Class A	Guilderland
<u>1984</u>	Class D	Fort Ann		Class B	South Glens Falls
<u>1985</u>	Class D	Fort Ann		Class C	Maple Hill
<u>1987</u>	Class C	Hoosick Falls	<u>1999</u>	Class B	South Glens Falls
	Class D	Fort Ann		Class C	Duanesburg
<u>1988</u>	Class A	Columbia	<u>2000</u>	Class A	Saratoga
	Class C	Hoosick Falls		Class B	Lansingburgh
<u>1989</u>	Class B	Hudson Falls		Class C	Mechanicville
	Class D	Fort Ann	<u>2001</u>	Class D	Argyle
<u>1990</u>	Class B	South Glens Falls		Class A	Columbia
<u>1991</u>	Class A	Columbia		Class B	South Glens Falls
<u>1992</u>	Class A	Columbia	<u>2002</u>	Class C	Mechanicville
	Class B	Mohonasen		Class D	Fort Ann
	Class C	Lake George	<u>2003</u>	Class A	Shenendehowa
	Class D	Argyle		Class C	Greenwich
<u>1993</u>	Class A	Columbia		Class D	Fort Ann
	Class B	Queensbury	<u>2004</u>	Class B	Schuylerville
	Class D	Warrensburg		Class D	Fort Ann
<u>1994</u>	Class A	Saratoga	<u>2005</u>	Class AA	Shenendehowa
	Class C	Voorheesville		Class A	South Glens Falls
	Class D	Warrensburg		Class B	Broadalbin-Perth
<u>1995</u>	Class A	Columbia		Class C	Mechanicville
	Class B	Mohonasen		Class D	Fort Ann
	Class C	Voorheesville	<u>2006</u>	Class A	South Glens Falls
	Class D	Warrensburg		Class B	Mechanicville
<u>1996</u>	Class B	Mohonasen		Class C	Duanesburg
	Class C	Voorheesville		Class D	Fort Ann
<u>1997</u>	Class A	Guilderland			
	Class C	Maple Hill			
	Class D	Fort Ann			

SECTION 2 REGIONAL CHAMPIONS (2007-2015)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Champion</u>
<u>2007</u>	Class AA	Shenendehowa
	Class A	South Glens Falls
	Class B	Cohoes
	Class C	Hoosic Valley
<u>2008</u>	Class A	South Glens Falls
	Class B	Cohoes
	Class C	Mechanicville
	Class D	Argyle
<u>2009</u>	Class AA	Columbia
	Class B	Mechanicville
	Class C	Hoosick Falls
	Class D	Germantown
<u>2010</u>	Class A	South Glens Falls
	Class B	Mechanicville
	Class C	Hoosick Falls
	Class D	Germantown
<u>2011</u>	Class A	South Glens Falls
	Class B	Mechanicville
	Class C	Greenwich
<u>2012</u>	Class B	Chatham
	Class C	Greenwich
	Class D	Fort Ann
<u>2013</u>	Class A	Troy
	Class B	Chatham
	Class C	Greenwich
	Class D	Fort Ann
<u>2014</u>	Class A	Troy
	Class B	Mechanicville
	Class C	Greenwich
	Class D	Fort Ann
<u>2015</u>	Class A	Averill Park
	Class B	Ichabod Crane
	Class C	Hoosic Valley
	Class D	Fort Ann

SECTION 2 NYSPHSAA CHAMPIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Champion</u>
<u>1987</u>	Class C	Hoosick Falls
<u>1988</u>	Class C	Hoosick Falls
<u>1992</u>	Class A	Columbia
	Class C	Lake George
<u>1998</u>	Class C	Maple Hill
	Class D	Fort Ann
<u>2000</u>	Class C	Mechanicville
<u>2001</u>	Class C	Mechanicville
<u>2002</u>	Class B	South Glens Falls
	Class C	Mechanicville
<u>2003</u>	Class A	Shenendehowa
	Class C	Greenwich
<u>2005</u>	Class C	Mechanicville
<u>2006</u>	Class D	Fort Ann
<u>2007</u>	Class A	South Glens Falls
	Class C	Hoosic Valley
<u>2008</u>	Class C	Mechanicville
<u>2009</u>	Class B	Mechanicville
<u>2012</u>	Class B	Chatham
	Class C	Greenwich
<u>2013</u>	Class D	Fort Ann
<u>2014</u>	Class D	Fort Ann
<u>2015</u>	Class A	Averill Park
	Class B	Ichabod Crane



2016 SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT DATES

Cutoff date for league games is Sunday, May 15, 2016.
No league games will be accepted after that date.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday, May 16	Seeding meeting
Tuesday, May 17	Play-in round, if necessary (at higher seed)
Wednesday, May 18	Preliminaries – all classes (at higher seed)
Thursday, May 19	Rain date
Friday, May 20	Quarterfinals – all classes (at higher seed)
Saturday, May 21	Rain date
Tuesday, May 24	Semifinals – all classes (at neutral site)
Wednesday, May 25	Rain date
Friday, May 27	Finals – all classes (at neutral site)
Saturday, May 28	Rain date (late afternoon)

2016 REGIONAL DATES AND STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

<u>Class</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Site</u>
Class A	BYE				
Class B	Section 10	June 2	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Section 2 (at Luther Forest Athletic Fields, Malta)
Class C	Section 7	June 2	Thursday	4 p.m.	Section 7 (at SUNY Plattsburgh)
Class AA	Section 3	June 3	Friday	4:30 p.m.	Section 2 (at Luther Forest Athletic Fields, Malta)
Class D	Section 7	June 3	Friday	4 p.m.	Section 7 (at SUNY Plattsburgh)

If Classes A, B and C win:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Site</u>
Class A	Section 3/10	June 4	Saturday	3 p.m.	Section 2 (at Luther Forest Athletic Fields, Malta)
Class B	Section 7	June 4	Saturday	2 p.m.	Section 7 (at SUNY Plattsburgh)
Class C	Section 10	June 4	Saturday	2 p.m.	Section 10 (at SUNY Potsdam)

The New York State Softball Championship will be hosted by Section 2 on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at the Town of Moreau Recreational Park (also known as the Harry J. Betar Jr. Recreational Park) in the South Glens Falls area.

Visit the NYSPHSAA Softball Tournament website at www.nysphsaa.org (choose "Softball" from the "Sports" tab).

PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING SECTIONALS

1. If your school wishes to withdraw its intent to participate for softball, the athletic director **must notify the Sports Coordinator, Mike Glenn, in writing by Friday, May 13, 2016** (email at mglenn11@hotmail.com or mail to 1305 Ridge Road, Broadalbin, NY 12025).
2. Sectional competition will be determined by your school's classification. May 15, 2016, is the cutoff date for team records for qualifying for Sectionals (any games played after this date will not be considered for seeding).
3. Any school wishing to jump in classification for Sectionals must notify the executive director of Section 2 prior to **March 7, 2016**. This is a one-year commitment. The written letter must be signed by the following individuals: chief school officer, principal and athletic director.
4. Any team with a league record below .500 may submit a "Letter of Petition" requesting that it be considered for participation in Sectionals. This letter must be signed by the athletic director and given to the team's league representative prior to the seeding meeting. The Softball Committee has established the following criteria for reviewing petitions:
 - a. In order to be selected for Sectionals, a petitioning team must:
 - (1) have at least two "quality wins" (a "quality win" is a win over a team that has qualified for Sectionals with a .500 or better record AND is not more than two classes below the petitioning school's classification) or
 - (2) demonstrate a "hardship" for not having a .500 record and at least two "quality wins."
 - b. Exception: During the selection process, if the bracket for the class of the petitioning team is not full, the petitioning team will be accepted into the bracket even if the above criteria are not satisfied, as per Section 2 policy. If there are more petitioning teams than open spots in the bracket, the above criteria will be applied to determine which team(s) will be accepted into the bracket.
5. The following criteria for the selection process have been developed by the Softball Committee:
 - a. All seeds will be at the discretion of the Committee and the final seeding placement will be approved by vote of the Committee.
 - b. The point system will be used as a general guideline and reference for the Committee.
 - c. League records and strength of schedule will be given first consideration for seeding.
 - d. Non-league records will be considered if the Committee deems necessary to determine seed.
 - e. If a tie exists, then head-to-head competition will be used.
 - f. If a tie still exists, then the tie-breaker procedures on Page No. 20 will be followed.
 - g. All schools are encouraged to play non-league games but will not be penalized if they are unable to do so.

PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING SECTIONALS (CONTINUED)

6. The seeding meeting will be held on May 16, 2016. The Committee will meet to review all team records (league and non-league) to determine the teams that will qualify for Sectionals.
7. To be eligible for Sectionals, a team must be on a varsity and interscholastic level, and shall have played a minimum of eight games.

POINT SYSTEM

1. Points accrued shall terminate the day before the seeding meeting.
2. Each team must play a minimum of eight games.
3. The following point-evaluation scale will determine a team's total points:

<u>Less than 34% Winning Percentage*</u>	<u>Greater than 34% & Less than 66% Winning Percentage*</u>	<u>Greater than 66% Winning Percentage*</u>
Win = 40 points Loss = 20 points	Win = 45 points Loss = 25 points	Win = 50 points Loss = 30 points

** A team's winning percentage is calculated by dividing the number of league wins by the total number of league games played.*

For example, if you beat a team with a winning percentage less than 34%, you will receive 40 points. If you lose to a team with a winning percentage greater than 66% you will receive 30 points. Thus, for each league game, you receive from 20 to 50 points, depending upon the winning percentage of the team you played.

4. In addition to the above basic points, bonus points are awarded on the following basis:
 - a. For a win over a team in one higher classification, five points are added.
 - b. For a win over a team in two higher classes, 10 points are added.
5. Outright league champions will automatically qualify for Sectional play.
6. A team's point rating will be determined by dividing the number of points earned by the number of games played.
7. If there is a tie:
 - a. If the teams that are tied have played each other, the winner will be seeded higher.
 - b. If a tie still exists due to a split of games in head-to-head competition, or if there are more than two teams that are tied, the team playing more opponents with a winning percentage greater than 66% will be seeded higher.
 - c. If the tie still exists, determine the winning percentage for all league and non-league games played by the teams in each of the tied team's respective leagues. The team playing in the league with the highest overall winning percentage will be seeded higher.

See the next page for an example.

POINT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

Team A's Records of the League's Non-League & League Games

Team 1: 5 wins, 4 losses
 Team 2: 8 wins, 3 losses
 Team 3: 2 wins, 7 losses
 Team 4: 9 wins, 2 losses
 Team 5: 3 wins, 7 losses
 Team 6: 4 wins, 6 losses
 Team 7: 3 wins, 8 losses
Team 8: 6 wins, 3 losses
 40 wins, 40 losses = 80 total games
 40 wins/80 total games =
 Winning percentage of 50%

Team B's Records of the League's Non-League & League Games

Team 1: 5 wins, 4 losses
 Team 2: 7 wins, 2 losses
 Team 3: 6 wins, 3 losses
 Team 4: 5 wins, 4 losses
 Team 5: 6 wins, 4 losses
 Team 6: 5 wins, 4 losses
 Team 7: 6 wins, 3 losses
Team 8: 9 wins, 1 losses
 49 wins, 25 losses = 74 total games
 49 wins/74 total games =
 Winning percentage of 66%

In this tie-breaker example, Team B would be the higher seed because its league had a winning percentage of 66% for all league and non-league games, while Team A's league had a winning percentage of 50%. If at tie still exists, the team to receive the higher seed will be chosen by a flip of the coin.

8. The following example and chart on the next page illustrate the point system.

SCHOOL	CLASS	RECORD	WINNING%
Berne-Knox-Westerlo (BKW)	C	10-2	83.3
Greenville (GCS)	C	10-2	83.3
Middleburgh (MCS)	C	9-3	75.0
Duanesburg (DCS)	D	5-7	41.7
Schoharie (SCS)	CC	5-7	41.7
Richmondville (RC)	D	1-11	8.3
Sharon Springs (SSCS)	D	1-11	8.3

Teams with a winning percentage greater than 66%

Berne-Knox-Westerlo
 Greenville
 Middleburgh

Teams with a winning percentage greater than 34% but less than 66%

Duanesburg
 Schoharie

Teams with a winning percentage less than 34%

Richmondville
 Sharon Springs

TOTAL POINTS/POINT RATING

Berne-Knox-Westerlo	510/42.5	Schoharie	410/34.2
Greenville	510/42.5	Richmondville	340/28.3
Middleburgh	490/40.8	Sharon Springs	340/28.3
Duanesburg	420/35.0		

POINT-SYSTEM CHART

(Using the Example in No. 8 on the Previous Page)

	BKW (C)	DCS (D)	GCS (C)	MCS (C)	RCS (D)	SCS (CC)	SSCS (D)	BKW (C)	DCS (D)	GCS (C)	MCS (C)	RCS (D)	SCS (CC)	SSCS (D)	Total Points	Rating
BKW (C)	---	w 45 pts	L 30 pts	L 30 pts	w 40 pts	w 50 pts 45+5	w 40 pts	---	w 45 pts	w 50 pts	w 50 pts	w 40 pts	w 50 pts 45+5	w 40 pts	510	42.5
DCS (D)	L 30 pts	---	L 30 pts	L 30 pts	w 40 pts	w 55 pts 45+10	w 40 pts	L 30 pts	---	L 30 pts	L 30 pts	w 40 pts	L 25 pts	w 40 pts	420	35.0
GCS (C)	w 50 pts	w 45 pts	---	w 50 pts	w 40 pts	w 50 pts 45+5	w 40 pts	L 30 pts	w 45 pts	---	L 30 pts	w 40 pts	w 50 pts 45+5	w 40 pts	510	42.5
MCS (C)	L 30 pts	w 45 pts	L 30 pts	---	w 40 pts	w 50 pts 45+5	w 40 pts	w 50 pts.	L 25 pts	w 50 pts	----	w 40 pts	w 50 pts 45+5	w 40 pts	490	40.8
RCS (D)	L 30 pts	L 25 pts	L 30 pts	L 30 pts	---	L 25 pts	L 20 pts	L 30 pts	L 25 pts	L 30 pts	L 30 pts	---	L 25 pts	w 40 pts	340	28.3
SCS (CC)	L 30 pts	w 45 pts	L 30 pts	L 30 pts	w 40 pts	---	w 40 pts	L 30 pts	L 25 pts	L 30 pts	L 30 pts	w 40 pts	---	w 40 pts	410	34.2
SSCS (D)	L 30 pts	L 25 pts	L 30 pts	L 30 pts	w 40 pts	L 25 pts	---	L 30 pts	L 25 pts	L 30 pts	L 30 pts	L 20 pts	L 25 pts	---	340	28.3

2015-2016 CLASSIFICATIONS FOR SOFTBALL AND BEDS NUMBERS

Class AA 910 and up (11 teams)

Shenendehowa	2407
Schenectady	2059
Albany	1825
Saratoga Springs	1607
Shaker	1451
Guilderland	1242
Bethlehem	1230
Colonie	1224
Niskayuna	1034
Ballston Spa	966
Columbia	961

Class A 480-909 (13 teams)

Amsterdam	892
Queensbury	847
Troy	841
Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake	790
South Glens Falls	783
Averill Park	760
Mohonasen	736
Gloversville	648
Scotia-Glenville	601
Lansingburgh	556
Hudson Falls	484
*Albany Leadership	652
*Catholic Central	262

Class B 280-479 (29 teams)

Ichabod Crane	464
Johnstown	455
Schalmont	451
Glens Falls	443
Schuylerville	438
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk	433
Cobleskill-Richmondville	420
Cohoes	398
Broadalbin-Perth	384
Hudson	373
Catskill	341
Fonda-Fultonville	318
Taconic Hills	315
Coxsackie-Athens	313
Tamarac	302
Voorheesville	302
Mechanicville	296
Watervliet	296
Cairo-Durham	293
Stillwater	293
Hoosick Falls	291
Hoosic Valley	288
Chatham	287
Granville	286
*Emma Willard	534
*Albany Academy	326
*Academy of Holy Names	260
*Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons	129
*Bishop Maginn	112

* Private schools are placed by the Section 2 Athletic Council

2015-2016 CLASSIFICATIONS AND BEDS NUMBERS (CONTINUED)

Class C 170-279
(19 teams)

Corinth	278
Greenville	274
Greenwich	247
Canajoharie	231
Mayfield	221
Cambridge	220
Middleburgh	218
Lake George	216
Galway	211
Berne-Knox-Westerlo	202
Maple Hill	202
Schoharie	200
Rensselaer	192
Hadley-Luzerne	189
Warrensburg	183
Waterford	183
Duanesburg	182
Whitehall	179
*Saratoga Catholic	114

Class D 1-169
(18 teams)

Berlin	168
Fort Plain	164
Opp-Ep/ St. Johnsville (OESJ)	159
Argyle	134
North Warren	125
Hartford	121
Fort Edward	117
Salem	111
Germantown	104
New Lebanon	104
Northville	104
Fort Ann	102
Sharon Springs	73
Heatly	66
Bolton	54
*Doane Stuart	110
*Mekeel Christian Academy	78
*Loudonville Christian	70
#*Hawthorne Valley	52

* Private schools are placed by the Section 2 Athletic Council

No softball program at this time

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION FOR SECTIONALS

1. **DUE DATES FOR FORMS** (Note: Some forms are found at the end of the handbook.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Forms</u>	<u>Send To</u>
May 9	• Team Roster	Enter on MaxPreps' website (go to maxpreps.com, click on the "Sign In" option and sign in using your school's account information). All roster changes must be made on the MaxPreps website since that roster will be used for the Sectional program. If a roster is not entered on the MaxPreps' website, it will not be included in the program. Questions or problems with entering information can be sent to Joe Agostinelli at jagostinelli@nysphsaa.org.
May 13	• Officials Preference List • Notification of Withdrawal	Mike Glenn, email mglenn11@hotmail.com
May 15	• Record of Scores	Your League Representative

2. **RULES**

- Play will be under ASA rules for fast pitch. 4 ½ - 5 innings constitutes a legal game.
- The bench area is restricted to individuals listed on the roster.
- NYS rule waivers are in effect.
- The run rule will not be used for Sectionals.

3. **HOME TEAM DESIGNATION**

- For all play-in, preliminary and quarterfinal games, the higher-seeded team will be the home team.
- For the semifinals and finals, the higher-seeded team will have the option of choosing either home/away or preferred dugout. The other team will then have the remaining choice.

4. **PREGAME PREPARATION**

- Dress at home.
- **Arrive at site not more than one hour prior to game time.**
- Bring a scorer and three official game balls.
- Each team will be given 15 minutes for infield practice.
- The home team takes infield practice first.
- Batting practice is prohibited on the diamond area and hitting of softballs against the fences is prohibited. Also, safety of all participants must be maintained during any warmup or pregame activity.

5. **SITES**

- **All play-in, preliminary and quarterfinal games will be played at the higher-seeded team. Schools must have approved fields to be considered for a home site.** (See Page No. 33 for the requirements for hosting.)
- All semifinals and finals will be played at neutral sites.

6. **BALLS** (Note: Dudley balls are used at the State Tournament.)

- Each team is to bring three new, top-grade, official, leather, fast-pitch softballs.
- The required ball is the cor.47 ball for all Sectional play. If two teams bring different balls then the balls brought by the higher-seeded team will be used.

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND INFO FOR SECTIONALS (CONTINUED)

- Game balls may be white with white stitches or yellow with red or white stitches.
- Game balls will be supplied for the finals by the Softball Committee.

7. **POSTPONEMENT**

- The site chairperson/athletic director should notify teams involved at least two hours in advance of the game if inclement weather forces postponement, if possible.
- The site chairperson/athletic director will also notify the Softball Coordinator.
- **The game will be played the next day. If the field conditions are still unplayable, the higher-seeded team may find another suitable site near the home site, or the game may be moved to the opponent's field if that is playable.**

8. **ADVANCEMENT**

- All class champions will advance to Regional play in the NYSPHSAA State Tournament.

9. **DATES / CONFLICTS**

- Make careful note of the Sectional Tournament Dates page.
- If your school anticipates any conflict with the dates, the athletic director must notify the Sports Coordinator in writing to withdraw your intent to participate in Sectionals.
- Note that a penalty exists for late notification of your intent to withdraw, as per Section 2.

10. **PUBLICITY**

- **The winning coach is responsible for communicating the box scores to all media listed below and the Section 2 Chair.**
- Call in or text the results to Section 2 Chair Mike Glenn at 518-312-3769. Provide team names and score. If host school, please confirm if officials were paid or admission was charged.
- Prompt communication and publicizing are vital to the success of the Sectional Tournament.

Local Publicity Contact Information:

Agency	Phone	Fax	Email
Times Union	454-5413	454-5819	tusports@timesunion.com jallen@timesunion.com
The Troy Record	270-1295	270-1202	sports@troyrecord.com
Schenectady Gazette	395-3070	395-3072	sports@dailygazette.com
The Saratogian	584-4242	587-7750	sports@saratogian.com
Glens Falls Post Star	792-3131	761-1255	sports@poststar.com tobey@poststar.com brownell@poststar.com
The Leader-Herald	725-8616 x307	725-7407	sports@leaderherald.com
WRGB (6)	381-4988	346-6249	sports@wrgb.com
WTEN (10)	436-0771	426-4792	news@wten.com dbrill@wten.com
WNYT (13)	436-8477	434-0659	sports@wnyt.com rwyland@wnyt.com
Fox Sports (8)	862-0995	862-0930	sports@fox23news.com lianabonavita@fox23news.com

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GENERAL GUIDELINES AND INFO FOR SECTIONALS (CONTINUED)

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Agency	Phone	Fax	Email
Time Warner Cable News (Channel 9 Sports)	641-7388	641-7023	marisa.jacques@twcnews.com
Register Star	828-1616	671-6050	sports@registerstar.com
Amsterdam Recorder	843-1100	843-1338	sports@recordernews.com
The Daily Mail	943-2100	943-2063	sports@thedailymail.net

Below is a compilation of the emails from the chart that can be cut and paste in the "To" line:

tusports@timesunion.com, jallen@timesunion.com, sports@troyrecord.com,
sports@dailygazette.com, sports@saratogian.com, sports@poststar.com, tobey@poststar.com,
brownell@poststar.com, sports@leaderherald.com, sports@wrgb.com, news@wten.com,
dbrill@wten.com, sports@wnyt.com, rwyland@wnyt.com, sports@fox23news.com,
lianabonavita@fox23news.com, marisa.jacques@twcnews.com, sports@registerstar.com,
sports@recordernews.com, sports@thedailymail.net

11. **AWARDS**

- Team awards (for each class)
- Championship plaque
- Runner-up plaque
- Individual awards (for each class)
- White patch (limit of 18 per team) for champion
- Maroon patch (limit of 18 per team) for runner-up

12. **CONDUCT**

- Coaches are asked to impress upon their players the need to conduct themselves in all instances with dignity, courtesy and respect. A good athlete is a good sport.

13. **SITE SUPERVISION / TICKET SALES**

- Assignment of these responsibilities at multi-field sites will be by league. The representative of each league on the Section 2 Committee will have the responsibility of obtaining sufficient personnel to complete the assigned task. Each coach in each league should be prepared to work (voluntarily) on at least one occasion.
- In addition, all schools participating in Sectional contests must have a supervisor assigned to assist with crowd control. The supervisor should introduce him/herself to the site chair prior to the start of the contest and be available to assist if a problem arises. (Section 2 Athletic Council Meeting Minutes, 12/4/91).
- **Home team financial responsibility. The home team must file a Financial Report to the Section Coordinator and to the Section 2 office. The home team may choose to pay for the officials for the contest or charge the \$3 admission and have the officials complete a Section 2 Claim Form.**

14. **ADMISSION**

- Admission is charged for all Section 2 contests.
- Play-ins, preliminaries and quarterfinals are \$3. Semifinals and finals are \$6.
- There is no student discount, senior-citizen discount or family rate.

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND INFO FOR SECTIONALS (CONTINUED)

- Coaches, please communicate the admission information to your players, families and spectators.
- Athletic directors must complete and sign the Section 2 School Gate List for each contest. Three copies of the list should be brought to the contest site by the coach.
- Section 2 admission prices are set by Section 2 for all Sectional games.
- Admission money goes to:
 - a. Officials – these fees are set by contract. Officials' fees account for approximately 66% of the cost of the tournament.
 - b. Facility rental – we must pay a rental fee on all sites, as well as a fee for groundskeepers.

15. **BUS PARKING**

- Upon entrance, bus drivers will be instructed where to drop off players and park.

16. **HOST SCHOOL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Receipts must be turned in from each game and sent to the Section 2 office (433 Broadway, Suite 303, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866).
- **Schools hosting a Sectional play-in, preliminary or quarterfinal game are required to choose one of the following options:**
 - a. Set up a gate and charge \$3 admission. Use the Section 2 Claim Forms for officials' payment.
 - b. In lieu of charging admission, a host school may opt to pay for the officials using a host school voucher.
 - c. The Section 2 Softball Committee requests that all schools solicit volunteers when possible to help keep expenses down.
- **All financial reports, ticket-sales reports, checks and officials' vouchers must be sent to the Section 2 office within one week of the contest. A copy of all reports and vouchers should also be sent to Mike Glenn, Section 2 Softball Coordinator.**
- Schools that fail to submit a financial report will be denied future home games in the Sectional Tournaments.

NYSPHSAA THUNDER & LIGHTNING POLICY

1. **Thunder and lightning necessitates that the contest be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion** – thunder is thunder and lightning is lightning. With your site administrator, set up a plan for shelter prior to the start of any contest.
2. When thunder is heard and/or when lightning is seen, the following procedures should be followed:
 - a. Suspend play and direct participants to go to shelter, a building normally occupied by the public, or if a building is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g., bus, van, car).
 - b. Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree. Have all individuals stay away from poles, antennas, towers and underground watering systems.
 - c. After thunder and/or lightning have left the area, wait approximately 30 minutes after the last boom is heard or strike is seen before resuming play or competition.

SECTION 2 SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

The Section 2 Softball Committee, in an effort to promote good sportsmanship and fair play, has instituted the following sportsmanship policy.

- Bench cheering will only be allowed if it is done in a positive manner and is directed toward members of their own team.
- Derogatory cheering and/or jeering will not be accepted when directed toward members of the opposing team. A warning from the umpire may be warranted. Non-compliance may warrant further action taken by the officials.
- Cheering during an opponent's infield warmup is prohibited. This poses a safety hazard for the players; if instructions from the coach cannot be heard, an injury may occur.
- Any cheers that are directed toward the pitcher during her delivery will not be tolerated.
- The members of the Section 2 Softball Committee understand that cheering is an important part of any contest. However, the intent is to encourage one's team and not to demoralize, intimidate or distract the opposing team.

It is hoped that compliance with the recommendations will promote good sportsmanship by the players, coaches and spectators. We ask that all schools abide by these guidelines to enhance the overall enjoyment of the game.

COACH'S CHECKLIST FOR SECTIONALS

Prior to Sectionals

- _____ Review the material in the handbook. Any questions should be directed to your league representative or to Section 2 Coordinator Mike Glenn.
- _____ Enter your team roster on the Maxpreps' website by May 9, 2016 (See Page No. 25 for submission instructions). **If a roster is not entered on the MaxPreps' website, it will not be included in the Sectional program.** Roster changes also must be made on the website. (Rosters or roster changes are not to be sent to the Section Coordinator.)
- _____ Submit "Preferred and Non-Preferred Officials List" to Mike Glenn by May 13, 2016. Email list (as an attachment) to mglenn11@hotmail.com. (See Page No. 34 for form.)
- _____ Submit "Record of Scores" sheet to your league representative by May 15, 2016. (See Page No. 35 for form.)

Sectional Game-Day Procedures

- _____ Check appropriate pages of this handbook for all Sectional information.
- _____ Bring three new, top-grade, official, leather, fast-pitch softballs.
- _____ Bring three copies of the "Section 2 School Gate List" for each game. You may list eight people per game ("Mr. & Mrs." are not one person). (See Page No. 36 for form.)
- _____ Arrive one hour before game time (infield warmup will start 30 minutes prior to game).
- _____ Inform all spectators that admission will be charged for all Sectional games (\$3 for play-ins, preliminaries and quarterfinals; \$6 for semifinals, finals and playoffs). There are no student discounts, senior-citizen discounts or family rates.
- _____ If you bring student spectators, a supervisor (other than the coach) should be present.
- _____ The winning coach should give game information to the site chairperson and call or text Mike Glenn at 518-312-3769 with team names and score. (If host school, please confirm whether officials were paid or admission was charged.)
- _____ The winning coach should report results to all media listed in the handbook.

Sectional Finals

- _____ Arrive at site of finals 1 ½ hours prior to game time for ceremony and warmup.

Regionals

- _____ Complete the "Codes of Conduct" forms found in the Regional packet.
- _____ Call or text Mike Glenn at 518-312-3769 for travel times, number of participants and site locations. Do not contact the bus company since arrangements will have already been made. Travel manifest must be completed and faxed to the Section 2 Office (518-306-4503) and Brown's Bus (518-843-3600).

SECTION 2 PROTEST PROCEDURES

Only decisions involving misinterpretations and misapplication of a rule may be protested. No protest is allowed in matters involving solely the officials' judgment.

In the event of a protest at a Sectional game, the following procedure will be followed:

1. The protest must be announced to the plate umpire immediately after the situation occurs and before play is resumed.
2. A Protest Committee will be present at each site in the event a coach files a protest with the umpires. The Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of three individuals, two of whom will be members of the Section 2 Softball Committee. The third member will be a qualified person who will be selected by the Site Chairperson. The Section 2 Softball Coordinator will also be notified concerning the protest.
3. The Protest Committee must decide if the protest will be upheld or denied and the proper corrections will be made, if necessary, and the game will be resumed.
4. There will be no appeal. The decision of the Committee is final.

CRITERIA FOR PROTESTS

Section 1: PROTESTS SHALL NOT BE RECEIVED OR CONSIDERED IF THEY ARE BASED SOLELY ON A DECISION INVOLVING THE ACCURACY OF JUDGEMENT ON THE PART OF AN UMPIRE.

Examples of protests that will not be considered are:

- a. Whether a batted ball was fair or foul
- b. Whether a base runner was safe or out
- c. Whether a pitched ball was a strike or a ball
- d. Whether a pitch was legal or illegal
- e. Whether a base runner did or did not touch a base
- f. Whether a base runner left the base too soon on a caught fly ball
- g. Whether a fly ball was or was not caught legally
- h. Whether it was or was not an infield fly
- i. Whether there was or was not an interference
- j. Whether the field is fit to continue or resume play
- k. Whether there is sufficient light to continue play
- l. Any other matter involving only the accuracy of the umpire's judgment

SECTION 2 PROTEST PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

Section 2: PROTESTS THAT SHALL BE RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED CONCERN MATTERS OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES:

- a. Misinterpretation of a playing rule
- b. Failure of an umpire to apply the correct rule to a given situation
- c. Failure to impose the correct penalty for a given violation

Section 3: PROTESTS MAY INVOLVE BOTH A MATTER OF JUDGEMENT AND THE INTERPRETATION OF A RULE. An example of a situation of this type is:

With one out and the runners on 2nd and 3rd, the batter flies out. The runner on 3rd tags up after the catch and the runner on 2nd runs but does not tag up. The runner on 3rd crosses the plate before the ball is played at 2nd base for the third out. The umpire does not allow the run to score. The questions as to whether the runners left their bases before the catch and whether the play at 2nd base was before the runner at 3rd crossed the plate are solely matters of judgment and are not able to be protested. The failure of the umpire to allow the run to score is a misinterpretation of a playing rule and is proper subject for protest.

Section 4: THE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO PROTEST MUST BE MADE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE NEXT PITCH (EXCEPTION: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY). For example:

PLAY: Runner 1 is obstructed between 1st and 2nd bases by Fielder 4 while being played on. The umpire rules OBSTRUCTION and returns Runner 1 to 1st base. The offensive team protests the game (a) before the 1st pitch to Batter 2; (b) after the 1st pitch to Batter 2, or (c) after the game is over. **RULING:** In situation (a), the protest is valid. In situations (b) and (c), the protest is denied since it was not before the next pitch.

- a. The manager or acting manager of the protesting team shall immediately notify the plate umpire that the game is being conducted under protest. The plate umpire shall in turn notify the opposing manager and official scorekeeper.
- b. All interested parties shall take notice of the conditions surrounding the making of the decision, which will aid in the correct determination of the issue.

Note: On appeal plays, the appeal must be made before the next pitch, legal or illegal, or before the defensive team has left the field. For the purpose of this rule, the defensive team has "left the field" when the pitcher and all infielders have left fair territory on the way to the bench or dugout area.

Section 6: THE DECISION MADE ON A PROTESTED GAME MUST RESULT IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- a. The protest is found invalid and the game score stands as played.
- b. When a protest is allowed for misinterpretation of a playing rule, the game is replayed from the point that the incorrect decision was made with the decision corrected.
- c. When a protest for ineligibility is allowed, the team shall forfeit the game being played or the game last played to the offended team.

HOST SITE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **A host site must meet the following requirements (agreed upon by the Section 2 Softball Committee) in order to be considered as an acceptable site and granted a home Sectional game if the higher seed.**
 - a. Skinned infield
 - b. Backstop without openings in fencing and at least 15 feet from home plate
 - c. Benches or dugouts for both teams
 - d. All official markings (lines, boxes, etc.)
 - e. Well-marked foul lines and dead-ball lines
 - f. Regulation plates and bases (including a double first base), properly spiked
Note: If game is played at a college field, host school must bring double first base if it is not provided
 - g. Lavatory facilities
 - h. Designated area for spectators
 - i. Unobstructed field of play
 - j. Emergency information for ambulance and police

2. Supervise ticket sales:
 - a. \$3 for play-ins, preliminaries and quarterfinals
 - b. \$6 for semifinals, finals and playoffs
 - c. Section 2 Lifetime and Sports Coordinator Passes are honored

3. Provide, complete and submit all necessary forms:
 - a. Officials' vouchers (Section 2 expense claim)
 - b. Sectional Financial Report
 - c. Check for ticket sales (make out to "Section 2")
 - d. Mailed to Section 2 Office within one week and a copy of reports to Softball coordinator
 - e. If tickets were not sold the home team pays for officials and all support personnel on site

4. Contact Softball Coordinator (Mike Glenn) regarding unusual occurrences:
 - a. A protest (follow the procedures in the handbook and contact Softball Coordinator immediately)
 - b. A postponement of game that has already started (call as soon as decision is made)
 - c. A postponement prior to the game (call teams at least two hours in advance or as soon as possible)
 - d. Softball Coordinator Mike Glenn's cell phone number: 518-312-3769
 - e. When in doubt of anything, call the Softball Coordinator

* Solicit volunteers as much as possible

PREFERRED AND NON-PREFERRED OFFICIALS LIST

Classification _____
League _____ School _____
School Year _____ Coach _____

OFFICIALS FOR SECTIONALS

Both Mohawk and Capital District officials will be used for Sectionals.
Please list preferred and non-preferred officials.

Preferred

Non-Preferred

1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.
9.	9.
10.	10.
11.	11.
12.	12.

Email to Mike Glenn at mglenn11@hotmail.com by Friday, May 13, 2016.

RECORD OF SCORES

Your league representative must bring this information to the
Section 2 seeding meeting Monday, May 16, 2016.

School: _____

Coach: _____

League: _____

Classification: _____

Overall Record: _____

League Record: _____

Date: _____

Game	Date	League (L) Non-League(N)	Opponent	Your Score	Opp. Score	Win	Loss



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School Gate List

School: _____

Sectional Event: _____

Date: _____

Site: _____

Please write down the number of players and bench personnel your school will be bringing to the above Sectional Event. Please note that each sport has a maximum number of players and bench personnel allotted for each school. If your school chooses to bring more than the maximum number allowed the Section will bill the school for the difference.

of Players: _____ # of Bench Personnel: _____

Note: This list below is designed for school administration and appropriate school personnel. This list is limited to a maximum of 8 individuals and is exclusive of the team players and bench personnel. If your school wishes to have more than 8, the Section will bill the school for the additional individuals. Team photographers can be listed on the Gate List but they will NOT have access to the field. They are allowed in the same areas as spectators. This list should be faxed to the Section office (518-306-4503) or emailed (section2athletics02@gmail.com) no later than the day prior to the Sectional Event. Please type or print names and titles clearly. Coaches should bring three copies of this form to the contest and present them to the ticket seller and/or Site Coordinator.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
6	_____	_____
7	_____	_____
8	_____	_____

Athletic Director or Principal: _____
Signature

Date: _____

Section 2 Staff Approval: _____
Signature

Date: _____