

# SECTION V

## GIRLS' LACROSSE

### HANDBOOK



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**PURPOSE**

This handbook sets forth the policies and practices for girls' lacrosse in Section V. The goal of this handbook is to update all coaches and athletic directors on the procedures to be followed by this section for sectional play and the NYS Tournament. All the rules recommended within this handbook are consistent with and derived from the US LACROSSE rulebook, with a few additional modifications made by the NYS Committee on Girls' Lacrosse and noted in the NYSPHSAA handbook.

*Section V girl's Lacrosse Classifications are:*

**CLASS A:** 1,134 & Above

**CLASS B:** 1133-750

**CLASS C:** 749 & Below

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# SEASON STANDING

Each team may play a maximum of 16 games per season, not counting post-season sectional and state tournament matches. Any intersectional game that is tied at the end of regulation play will be decided in overtime according to the US LACROSSE rulebook. It is **REQUIRED** that the winning coach call in the score to the local papers that would provide coverage for each school involved not just the home team's paper.

***Local Papers:***

Democrat & Chronicle	(585-258-2753 or 800-767-7539)
Daily Messenger	(585-394-0770 or 800-724-2099)
East Rochester Herald	(585-924-4040)
Empire State Weeklies	(585-671-3554)
Finger Lakes Times	(315-789-3333 or 800-388-4346)
IRONDEQUOIT Press	(585-342-9450)
Penn Yan Chronicle Express	(315-536-4422)
Webster Herald	(585-671-1533)
Catholic Courier	(585-328-4340)

**SEEDING POINTS: LAXPOWER WILL SEED THE TOURNAMENT USING THE FOLLOWING:**

Points earned are based on the final win/loss percentage for each opponent played. A team that has won 75% of its games gives its opponent 10 points if the opponent wins or 4 points if their opponent loses. A team under 75% but at least 50% gives 8 points for a win and 3 points for a loss. A team under 50% but at least 25% gives 6 points for a win and 2 points for a loss. Finally, a team under 25% gives 4 points for a win and 1 point for a loss.


A game is defined as a contest that is listed on the season's schedule, must have rated official(s), score is kept, is a regulation game according to NYSPHSAA standards, and would be reflected in the season's record. Therefore, a scrimmage doesn't need US Lacrosse rated official(s), no score is kept, and it doesn't appear in the season's record.

A game stopped because of inclement weather will be considered complete if 80% of the game has been played. This is per NYSPHSAA which is a variance to the US Lacrosse rules. A tied game that has reached 80% completion or more that is called off for any reason during sectionals will be continued by playing one full half and if still tied, we will follow normal US Lacrosse overtime procedures until a winner is determined. (1/29/10 updated)

**OFFICIALS**

Section V will use three field officials and a bench official during the sectional semi-final and final. This is consistent with the format to be used in the State Tournament as well as neighboring sections.

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**FIELDS**

Fields should be lined in accordance with the current US Lacrosse rulebook. Goals with round, non-oblique ground pipes must be padded. Oblique or flat ground pipes need not be padded.

**GOGGLES**

The State Committee has mandated that goggles be used at all levels of play (both varsity and junior varsity) by all field players. USLACROSSE.ORG has a list of approved goggles. Any further questions contact the Section Chair.

## **SECTION V CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

The sectional tournament will be an open, single elimination tournament. There championships for the A, B and C classification. The preliminary rounds of the post-season tournament will be the field of the higher seed team until the semi-final game.

### **ALL GAME SITES SHOULD PROVIDE:**

1. Bathroom facilities on site within a reasonable distance and accessible.
2. The host school is responsible for lining the field according to the US Lacrosse guidelines and making sure the field meets minimum standards as specified by the US Lacrosse and Section V Girls' Lacrosse Handbook.
3. The host school is to check nets and cages before each game to make sure they are legal and game ready. Also, to make sure there is a scorer and a timer at the table during the game. The home team is the official scorer and timer. There should also be extra game balls at the table.

Host team is responsible for crowd control, providing a time keeper, a game clock, game balls, scorers' table, means of displaying score, locker room facilities, and collecting the game fee.

1. It is suggested that each participating school have at least one adult supervisor present at the game other than the coach.
2. Winning coach of each game is to call results to the Chairperson as soon as possible.
3. Gate receipts and expense reports can be sent directly to Jackie Meyer.

Championship Site (final) Chairperson's Responsibilities:

1. Recruit personnel for ticket takers, security, and reporting results to media.
2. Make sure that all supplies are set (tickets, small change, clocks).
3. Make sure the field is lined properly.
4. Serve as a protest committee member along with two coaches.
5. Send the expense sheet to Jackie Meyer, Executive committee treasurer.

Costs: Expenses for the tournament will be covered by the income generated by gate receipts from the final tournament game. There will be a gate fee for SEMI'S AND FINAL sectional games. Student and adult admission for semi-finals will be \$4. Finals will be \$5.

Acceptable expenses for the final sectional game will be:

1. Game officials (as the contract has established)
2. Spectator supervision
3. Electronic timer (bench official)

All home teams are responsible for getting the information (vouchers, etc.) from the officials so that the section would be able to pay the officials, spectator supervisor, and bench official.

Awards: The winner of the tournament will receive a trophy from the section. The individuals on the first place team will each receive a patch and a certificate. The second place team will receive a certificate. The numbers for each team would be up to 28 individuals per team to receive a patch/certificate. However, be aware that when the teams make it to the regional, semi-final, and final level of play only 25 certificates will be provided.

## **STATE TOURNAMENT**

Section V will send representatives (A, B and C schools) to the state tournament. The state tournament is scheduled for Cortland State.

Teams traveling to the state tournament (this includes the regional play as well) must have a NYSPHSAA Code of conduct form for each player traveling to Cortland. Code of Conduct forms will be given out by the Section Chair at the Sectional Final/NYSPHSAA QUALIFIERS. Also, all teams traveling to the state tournament are allowed 7 bench personnel-coaches, Athletic Directors, managers, principals, etc.

Expenses for the state tournament for food, transportation, and lodging will be paid for by the participating schools.

**SPORTSMANSHIP**  
**“Disqualification for unsportsmanlike behavior”**

“The Association 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 has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all contests under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily.”

**A. COACH:**

1. Any coach excluded by a certified official from an interschool competition for unsportsmanlike conduct 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.

**The coach may not be present at the game site.**

*NOTE:* “Not being physically present at the site” means the disqualified coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands, or site area before or after the game/meet.

2. A coach who strikes, shoves, kicks, or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to another person (e.g. official, another coach, player, fan, etc.) shall be expelled immediately and banned from further participation or coaching in all sports for one year from the date of the offense.

**B. PLAYER:**

1. Any member of a squad ruled out of a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct for a flagrant foul shall not participate in that sport in the next previously scheduled contest with a member school or in NYSPHSAA tournament play. **Disqualification from one season can carry over to the next season of participation.**
2. Any member of the squad who strikes, shoves, kicks, or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to an official shall be expelled from the game immediately and banned from further participation in all sports for one year from the date of the offense.

*NOTE:* Member of the squad includes player, manager, score keepers, timers, and statisticians.

**C. OFFICIAL:**

1. Unprofessional conduct on the part of the official such as, but not limited to, taunting, baiting, or use of profanity shall be reported by a school administrator from the aggrieved school to the Section Executive Director. A request will be made to the appropriate sport official’s chapter to investigate the incident and to report their action to the section in a timely manner.

There is a card to be read by officials at each game in the beginning of the season and at each game from Regionals through Finals.



“The NYSPHSAA requires officials to enforce all sportsmanship rules for athletes and coaches. We will not tolerate negative statements or actions between opposing players, especially trash-talking, taunting, or baiting of opponents. If such comments are heard, a penalty will be assessed immediately. We have been instructed not to issue warnings. Let today’s contest reflect mutual respect.”



*NOTE:* This proposal applies to all regular season play as well as to all post schedule play.

**DEFINITIONS:**

“Next previously scheduled contest”: This is the same as the next contest, which originally was in the schedule. No attempt should be made to insert a non-league contest into a sports schedule after a key player has been disqualified so that the player would not participate in a meaningless game. This totally violates the intent of this rule and is not permitted. The ejected player or coach must not participate in the next previously scheduled contest.

**DISQUALIFICATION OF COACHES**

**I. SECTION V SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY**

The Section V Athletic Association is committed to promoting the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play at all interschool activities. We will oppose instances and activities, which run counter to the best values of athletic competition in order to insure the well being of all individual players. We will expect acceptable standards of good citizenship and propriety with proper regard for the rights of others.

We are further committed to the belief that schools participating in interschool activities should be held responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches, faculty members, and spectators. Conduct which is detrimental to the educational value of athletic activities may be deemed just cause for the school’s reprimand, probation, or suspension from a particular sport, or suspension from sectional activities.

**II. COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

*It is the responsibility of the coach to:*

1. Promote good sportsmanship by setting a positive example while coaching his/her athletes.
2. Respect the integrity and judgment of the sports officials.
3. Approach competition as a healthy and constructive exercise, not as a life and death struggle that requires victory at any price.
4. Recognize that the participants in individual or team sports are young men and women with human frailties and limitations, who are capable of making mistakes.
5. Refrain from the use of crude or abusive language with players, opponents, officials, or spectators.
6. Instruct the players in the elements of good sportsmanship and remove players from competition who demonstrate unsportsmanlike behavior.
7. Avoid behavior that will incite players, opponents, or spectators.
8. Avoid and eliminate negative comments to radio, TV, and newspaper reporters.
9. Avoid the use, misuse, and negative impact of drugs, including alcohol and tobacco on the players, spectators, and the game.

**III. GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE CONTEST/GAME**

There are grounds for disqualification when a coach's conduct is unsportsmanlike and unprofessional. When his/her behavior is abusive of players, opponents, officials or inciteful of spectators, it is a serious breach of the previously stated Code of Conduct for Coaches.

#### **IV. PROCEDURES WHEN A COACH'S DISQUALIFICATION OCCURS**

1. The game official should immediately complete the reporting form and file it according to the listed guidelines.
2. The Athletic Director/Principal of the disqualified coach's school will be expected to investigate the disqualification report and respond to the League President and Section V Executive Director on the form provided within five school days after receiving the disqualification report.
3. In the event that the League is not satisfied with the actions taken by the offending school, the League can hold a due process hearing and file a report with the Section V Executive Director.
4. If the Section or offending school is not satisfied with the decision of the League, a due process hearing can be requested following the format listed on the attached sheet.

### **DISQUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

#### **I. SECTION V SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY**

The Section V Athletic Association is committed to promoting the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play at all interschool activities. We will oppose instances and activities, which run counter to the best values of athletic competition in order to insure the well being of all individual players. We will expect acceptable standards of good citizenship and propriety with proper regard for the rights of others.

We are further committed to the belief that schools participating in interschool activities should be held responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches, faculty members, and spectators. Conduct which is detrimental to the educational value of athletic activities may be deemed just cause for the school's reprimand, probation, or suspension from a particular sport, or suspension from sectional activities.

#### **II. STUDENT ATHLETES CODE OF CONDUCT**

*It is the responsibility of the student to:*

1. Demonstrate self control and respect for others at all times be they officials, spectators, or other athletes.
2. Remember that participation in athletics is a privilege that is not to be abused by unsportsmanlike conduct.
3. Deal with opponents with respect. Shake hands after the competition and congratulate them on their performance.
4. Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials.
5. Remember that improper behavior while in uniform reflects poorly upon yourself, your family, your school, and your community.
6. Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game.
7. Accept victory with grace and defeat with dignity.

8. Remember that the use, abuse, and negative influence of drugs, including alcohol and tobacco are detrimental to the game and its participants.

### **III. GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM A CONTEST/GAME**

There are grounds for disqualification when a player's misconduct is flagrant and unsportsmanlike. When his/her behavior is abusive of opponents or officials or inciteful of spectators, it is a serious breach of the previously stated Code of Conduct for Student Athletes.

### **IV. PROCEDURES WHEN A PLAYER DISQUALIFICATION OCCURS**

1. The game official should immediately complete the reporting form and file it according to the listed guidelines.
2. The Athletic Director/Principal of the disqualified player's school will be expected to investigate the disqualification report and respond to the League President and Section V Executive Director on the form provided within five school days after receiving the disqualification report.
3. In the event that the League is not satisfied with the actions taken by the offending school, the League can hold a due process hearing and file a report with the Section V Executive Director.
4. If the Section or offending school is not satisfied with the decision of the League, a due process hearing can be requested following the format listed on the attached sheet.

### **FORMAT FOR DUE PROCESS HEARING**

(To be used in due process hearing where appeal has been made concerning disqualification of a player or a coach).

1. The request for a hearing is to be made to the Executive Director of Section V within five school days following the receipt of the action taken by the offending school.
2. The Executive Director will notify the President of Section V and the Executive Committee of the hearing request.
3. The Executive Director will schedule a hearing date and time with the Ethics Committee of Section V.
4. The following people will be invited to the hearing:
  - a. The offending school's principal, athletic director, and coach of the disqualified player/disqualified coach.
  - b. The official(s) involved in the disqualification.
  - c. The president/designee of the league(s) involved.
  - d. The Executive Director of Section V will determine if it is appropriate to have the disqualified player/coach in attendance at the hearing or to have the player/coach available to testify at the proceedings.
  - e. The President of Section V will appoint the hearing officer.
5. Within 48 hours, the Executive Director will notify all involved of the decision of the Ethics Committee.
6. The offending school may appeal the decision of the Ethics Committee to the Executive Committee of Section V. This written appeal must be made to the Section V Executive Director within five school days upon the receipt of the decision.
7. The written request for an appeal must be signed by the principal, athletic director, and coach of the school involved.

8. The President of Section V will coordinate the appeal hearing with the Executive Committee.
9. The results of the appeal will be made available within 48hrs. to the school involved.

# SECTION V...Athletic Association Disqualification Form

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Sport: \_\_\_\_\_  
Level of Competition ..... Freshman \_\_\_ Junior Varsity \_\_\_ Varsity \_\_\_

Home School \_\_\_\_\_ Opponent: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of disqualified coach/player \_\_\_\_\_

Official(s) Assigned – please print,

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Reason for Disqualification:   Flagrant Misconduct (physical) \_\_\_\_\_  
  Flagrant Misconduct (verbal/dissent/taunting) \_\_\_\_\_  
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Description: .....  
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Signature of Official Issuing Disqualification.....

Date.....

**NOTE:**

The home school Athletic Director *MUST* be notified by the Official issuing the disqualification within twenty-four hours or by the end of the next school day.

The Official issuing the disqualification *MUST* file this report within three days to,

1. The school of the disqualified player;
2. The league coordinator designee;
3. The president of the Referees Unit; and,
4. Section V Executive Director     Mr. Ed Stores  
  P.O. Box 298  
  Attica, NY 14011

**It is the responsibility of the school to have a copy of this form available at all home athletic contest.**

