NASSAU COUNTY BOYS SOCCER

FALL 2026 SEASON

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Coaches,

Students learn immeasurable unique lessons through interscholastic athletic participation.

Educators universally agree, of all the goals established as outcomes for secondary students involved in sports, **sportsmanship is primary.**

Students who learn to value and practice sportsmanlike behavior are developing the characteristics of good citizenship.

Honesty, generosity, self discipline, a sincere concern for others, ethical behavior and a commitment to fair play are all demonstrated in sportsmanship.

Nassau County Public High School Athletic Association member schools make sportsmanship a premier concern.

Thank you to all our coaching staff for promoting sportsmanship on the field and throughout the year!

2026-2027 Nassau County Boys Soccer

Officers and Sports Committee

Officers

President	Patrick Leary, Retired
1st Vice President	Josh Berlin, Lynbrook
2nd Vice President	Chris Soupios, Baldwin
Treasurer	Pat Turk, Oceanside
Corresponding Secretary	Joe Lee, Locust Valley
Recording Secretary	Danny Kramer, Bethpage
Historian	Conor Reardon, Carle Place
Soccer Coordinator	Al Freeman

Conference Coordinators

Conference AAA	Brett Waxer, Syosset HS & Matt Burke, Massapequa HS
Conference AA1	Matt Princi, Carey HS
Conference AA2	Mike Bello, New Hyde Park HS
Conference AA3	Dan Kramer, Bethpage HS
Conference A	Gerard Lagasse, Lawrence HS & Jason Cinelli, Plainedge HS
Conference B	Christian Lynch, Cold Spring Harbor HS

Coaches Committee (in addition to officers)

Gerard Lagasse, Lawrence HS
Brian Donahue, Oyster Bay HS
Rob Anderson, Malverne/East Rockaway HS

Social Media and Publicity

Website: Joe Lee, Locust Valley HS & Josh Berlin, Lynbrook HS
Social Media: Brian Donohue, Oyster Bay HS
Publicity: Robert Anderson, Malverne/East Rockaway HS

At Large Committee Coordinators

All State Coordinators	Alan Foraker & Ralph Pascarella, Seaford

Post Season Awards & Events

Awards & Program	Conor Reardon, Carle Place HS
Postseason Awards Journal	Matt Burke, Massapequa HS
Senior Game Coordinator	Chris Valentini, Westbury HS, Chris Soupios, Baldwin HS Gerard Lagasse, Lawrence HS, Brett Waxer, Syosset HS
Awards Banquet	Brian Smith, Glen Cove HS, Mark Giordano, Manhasset

BOCES Directory & Score Reporting

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Score Reporting

You must report all scores and statistics on nassaucountysoccer.org and Newsday.com



NCSCA Website*	www.nassaucountysoccer.org
Newsday**	https://newsday.com/coach
News 12	(516) 803-2300

Newsday Score Reporting There are fields to report the scores by quarter/period/half, fields to report game statistics and an opportunity to fill out some game highlight information. From there, a member of the Newsday high school staff will review the information, make any necessary edits and post it to your team page on our website, same as always. If there are questions or something to follow up on, Newsday will contact the person who submitted the information, so it is important to make sure your phone number and email address are current.

How to create an account

1. Go to https://newsday.com/coach
2. Click CREATE ACCOUNT and fill out the information fields. Avoid using an aol.com address.
3. You'll receive a verification email, click the link and follow the steps to assign your team.
4. Once you complete that step, an email automatically is generated and sent to us for approval.
5. Once approval is saved, you will be able to **report game scores and stats**, **edit rosters** and **add games to your schedule**. (In most instances, Newsday will import schedules at the beginning of each season, but we realize there always will be changes)

If you already have an account

1. Go to https://newsday.com/coach and sign in to make sure everything is correct.
2. If you don't remember your password, there's a "FORGOT PASSWORD?" link available.

Important notes

1. This system is mobile-friendly, so it works on all devices and is optimized accordingly.
2. Typically, the winning team reports the scores, but we encourage all coaches in all sports to input their stats after a game. It helps to keep the data as accurate as possible.

Nassau County Soccer Coaches Association Directory

*New Coach

SCHOOL	COACH
BALDWIN	Chris Soupios
BELLMORE KENNEDY	David Leboff
BETHPAGE	Dan Kramer
CALHOUN	Chris Vogel
CAREY	Matt Princi
CARLE PLACE	Conor Reardon
CLARKE	Nick Espinosa
COLD SPRING HARBOR	Christian Lynch
EAST MEADOW	Bryan Horrmann
ELMONT	Redgy Jeudy
EVERGREEN CHARTER	Jose Figueroa
FARMINGDALE	Brian Weber
FLORAL PARK	Ahkeel Rodney
FREEPORT	Craig Klasson
FRIENDS ACADEMY	Edgar Posada
GARDEN CITY	Paul Cutter
GLEN COVE	Brian Smith
GREAT NECK NORTH	Anton Berzins
GREAT NECK SOUTH	Josh Dugan
HEMPSTEAD	*Dagoberto Echeverria
HERRICKS	Adriana Mendrinos
HEWLETT	Jesse Corben
HICKSVILLE	*Jack Fabrizio
ISLAND TREES	Kevin Mehryari
JERICHO	Mark Giardino
LAWRENCE	Gerard Lagasse
LEVITTOWN DIVISION	Brian Maloney
LOCUST VALLEY	Joseph Lee
LONG BEACH	Leo Palacio
LYNBROOK	Josh Berlin

SCHOOL	COACH
MACARTHUR	Andy Atkins
MAL/E. ROCKAWAY	Robert Anderson
MANHASSET	Gabe Ramos
MASSAPEQUA	Matthew Burke
MEPHAM	Zachary Gosse
MINEOLA	Robert Mendes
NEW HYDE PARK	Mike Bello
NORTH SHORE	Mike Bishop
OCEANSIDE	Patrick Turk
OYSTER BAY	Brian Donohue
PLAINEDGE	Jason Cinelli
PLAINVIEW JFK	Christine Ho
PORT WASHINGTON	Stephan Brossard
ROOSEVELT	Kyle Elmore
ROSLYN	Kyle Kelly
SEAFORD	Anthony Ippoliti
SEWANHAKA	Joseph Vadacchino
SOUTH SIDE	Patrick Corvetti
SYOSSET	Brett Waxer
UNIONDALE	Cohen Nelson
VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL	Bill Miller
VALLEY STREAM NORTH	Mike Frazer
VALLEY STREAM SOUTH	Pete Mastrota
WANTAGH	Tom Liguori
WEST HEMPSTEAD	Chris Van Kovics
WESTBURY	Chris Valentini
WHEATLEY	Manuel Mirao
NCBS Chairperson	Al Freeman
NCSCA President	Patrick Leary

FALL 2026 Section VIII Boys Soccer Alignment by Enrollment

AAA	AA 1	AA 2	AA 3
Freeport	New Hyde Park	Great Neck North	Elmont
Syosset	Calhoun	Mepham	Division
Uniondale	Roslyn	Sewanhaka	Malverne/East Rock
Hempstead	MacArthur	Roosevelt	Carey
Massapequa	Bellmore JFK	Garden City	Manhasset
Hicksville	Long Beach	Hewlett	South Side
Oceanside	Jericho	Glen Cove	Bethpage
Plainview JFK			
Port Washington	**A**	**A continued**	**B**
Farmingdale	Valley Stream South	Locust Valley	West Hempstead (B)
Westbury	Valley Stream North	Plainedge	Wheatley (B)
Herricks	Mineola	North Shore	Cold Spring Harbor (B)
Valley Stream Central	Lynbrook	Lawrence	Oyster Bay (B)
Baldwin	Floral Park	Island Trees	Carle Place (B)
East Meadow	Wantagh	Friends Academy	Evergreen (B)
Academy Charter	Clarke		
Great Neck South	Seaford		

FALL 2026 Boys Soccer Calendar of Events (as of 6/26/2026

Monday, August 24th Starting Date (First Day to Practice)

Saturday, October 17th--play in games all classifications ******if necessary

Monday, October 19th--Coaches all scholastic meeting @ Carle Place H.S. @ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, October 20th--Class AA first round @ higher seeds

Wednesday, October 21st--Class AAA quarter finals @ higher seeds

Thursday, October 22nd--Class A quarter finals @ higher seeds

Friday, October 23rd--Class AA quarterfinals @ higher seed

Saturday, October 24th--Class B semi finals 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM @ Farmingdale University

Sunday, October 25th--Class AAA semi finals 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM @Farmingdale University

Sunday, October 25th--Class A semi final 6:00 PM @ Farmingdale University

Monday, October 26th--Class A semi final 5:00 PM @ Farmingdale University

Tuesday, October 27th--Class AA semi final 7:00 PM @ Farmingdale University

Thursday, October 29th--Class AA semi final 5:00 PM @ Farmingdale University

Friday, October 30th--Class B County final 7:00 PM @ Farmingdale University

Saturday, October 31st--Class AAA County final 2:00 PM @ Farmingdale University

Saturday, October 31st--Class A County final 4:30 PM @ Farmingdale University

Sunday, November 1st--Class AA County final 7:30 PM @ Farmingdale University

Tuesday, November 3rd--Class B and Class A LI Championships 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM @ Mitchel

Wednesday, November 4th--Class AA and Class AAA LI Championship @ Suffolk County

Saturday, November 7th--Class B regional final vs. Sec. 1/9 @ Nassau or Suffolk LI Champ

Saturday, November 7th--Class A regional final vs. Sec. 1/9 @ Nassau or Suffolk LI Champ

Saturday, November 7th--Class AA regional final @ Section 1/9 championship

Saturday, November 7th--Class AAA regional final @ Section 1/9 championship

Note: Spalding Balls must be used at all playoff games.

FALL 2026 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

1. List all eligible schools (teams) and their appropriate records.

2. Place all schools within their proper classification by enrollment.

3. Every effort will be made by the tournament committee to conduct the tournament in the best manner possible; and to ensure fair and equitable opportunity for all participants.

    - The Soccer Committee will serve as the main body to determine final playoff seeding positions for the soccer tournament.

    - Criteria for playoff seeding will be determined by the end of season league standings. Total points, taking into account the following point system will determine final league standings.

    - The point system used to keep standings will be as follows:

        - WIN—3 points
        - TIE—1 point
        - LOSS—0 points

THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE FINAL

NASSAU COUNTY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS SOCCER TOURNAMENT
RULES/REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR PLAY

Fall 2026 Boys Soccer Playoffs

- **Class AAA**
  - Conference AAA top 8 out of 16 teams qualify for playoffs.
  - In addition to top finishing teams, any team with .500 record or above qualifies for a playoff berth.
- **Class AA**
  - Conference AA1, AA2, and AA3 top 4 out of 7 conference teams qualify for playoffs.
  - In addition to automatic qualifiers, any team with .500 league record or above qualifies for a playoff berth.
  - Conference Champions are guaranteed a top 4 seed.
- **Class A**
  - Conference A top 8 out of 14 teams qualify for playoffs.
  - In addition to top finishing teams, any team with .500 record or above qualifies for a playoff berth.
- **Class B**
  - Conference B top 4 of 6 teams qualify for playoffs.
  - In addition to top finishing teams, any team with .500 record or above qualifies for a playoff berth.

Final League Standing Tiebreakers

*Refer to final **conference** standing for all tie-breakers

2 Team

1. Head to Head
2. Wins
3. Record vs. other conference teams, regardless of classification, beginning with top seed and working down. (Specific to A/B conferences)
4. Goal differential (max +3 per game)
5. Least goals against in league play

*In the event that 2 teams are tied for the final playoff spot and all tiebreakers have been exhausted, both teams will qualify for playoffs

3 Team

1. Cumulative record against one another
2. Most wins
3. Record vs. other conference teams, regardless of classification, beginning with top seed and working down
4. Goal differential (max +3 per game)
5. Least goals against in league play

*Once the tie breaker is broken among 3 teams - go to 2 team tiebreakers to determine the next team.

Playoff Seeding

The committee will take into consideration the following 'anchors' when seeding teams:

<u>Class AA</u>

- League finish
- League record
- Perceived strength of conference (based upon)
    - competitive balance of league
    - records of top teams
    - non competitive nature of teams who finished at bottom of league
- Non-League matches are not a consideration when ranking teams
- 1st place teams guaranteed a TOP 4 seed
- Quality wins against playoff teams within their conference
- A team cannot be seeded ahead of a team that they finished behind of in conference play
- Committee will look to avoid teams playing a conference foe in first round matchup when all other objective elements are considered equitable
- Committee Decision
- All Committee decisions are FINAL

Playoff Committee overseen by:

Mr. David Viegas

Hewlett High School Athletic Director - Nassau County Boys' Soccer Liaison to Athletic Directors

Mr. Al Freeman

Nassau County Boys' Soccer Coordinator

Playoff Seed Committee Chaired by:

Patrick Leary

Retired - President of Coaches Association

Voting members:

Alan Foraker

Retired Carle Place HS; and at least 4 other Nassau County Boys' Soccer Officers, who by virtue of not qualifying for playoffs or school class designation, have no personal stake in final seeding

Teams that qualify for playoffs through the .500 record or better provision will be seeded the same as all other qualifiers and not necessarily play in an out-bracket game.

1. **PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING**
   Monday, October 20th

2. **COMPLETE LEAGUE GAMES**
   The Tournament Committee will compute records for seeding purposes up to and including**.** The seeding committee will meet prior to the coaches meeting to review records and standings. The decisions of the Tournament Committee will be FINAL. The committee will do the seeding and make tournament recommendations.

3. **WITHDRAWAL**
   If a school withdraws after the tournament bracket is determined, or while the tournament is in progress, the opposing team will receive a BYE and automatically advances into the next round.

4. **STARTING TIMES**
   Recommended starting time for afternoon games will be the responsibility of the competing schools.

5. **SITES**
   All Section VIII Tournament games through the Finals will be played at the higher seeds school's designated site. If the higher seed cannot provide a site on that date, the game will be played at the opponent's field. If neither team can provide a site, a neutral site will be provided. The higher seeded at the neutral site should provide all necessary field equipment, e.g. corner flags, goal nets, team benches.
   ***The game must be played on the date indicated except in the case of inclement weather or agreement by BOTH teams to move the game to a different day.**

6. **UNIFORMS**
   Semi-final games at neutral sites: the higher seeded team will wear their HOME jerseys. School athletic directors and coaches should contact the opposing school to confirm uniform and sock colors.

7. **BALLS**
   Each school is to supply 3 NFHS approved SPALDING game balls. The ball must be a handsewn bladder ball. The officials will make the final decision as to whether or not the balls meet the criteria.

8. **BALL BOYS**
   Each school should make a provision to assist and have ball boys help with the movement of the game.

9. **REMINDER: IN CASE OF TIES**
   a. Two (2) fifteen (15) minute overtime periods **GOLDEN GOAL**
   b. Penalty kick progression

The procedure for the handling of a tie game situation in Section VIII tournament games will be explained at the seeding meeting. In the best interest of their teams, coaches should be fully aware of all rules and guidelines, and all questions should be directed to the Section VIII Sport Coordinator.

NOTE: There will be a Games Committee at each semi-final and final game. Also the Section VIII Soccer Committee will rule on all decisions and cooperate with coaches and officials.

NASSAU COUNTY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT
DUTIES OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

SPECIAL NOTE:
If the Director is a participating coach, another person shall be designated to fulfill the following duties:

GAME TIME
All games will begin at the time set by the Tournament Committee. Coaches will terminate warm-ups in order to have their teams ready to begin 5 minutes before game time.

INCLEMENT WEATHER
If there is doubt whether the game will be played:

a. During the preliminary rounds the Host Director will contact the participating schools to reach a decision. Home team (host school) should notify the Sport Coordinator and officials should the game be postponed and to establish make-up date, time, site, etc.
b. During the Section VIII Semi-Finals, Finals, and Southeast Regional games, the Section VIII Tournament director will contact the participating schools.

HOME TEAM
Higher seeded teams during the entire tournament. The home team will contact the opposing school so there is no conflict in the color of game uniforms. Home team will make the final decision.

WINNING TEAM
Will call the score into Newsday immediately after the game (631) 843-2820. *Follow new procedures.

END OF FIELD
A flip of a coin by the participating teams will determine which goal each team will shoot for at the start of the game.

PRACTICES
No visiting teams should request to practice or scrimmage on the host (home) school's field. Neither team should request a practice on any neutral field to be used in the tournament.

GAME SUPERVISORS
Control of the crowd, use of the locker room and care of the injured is the responsibility of both participating directors—not only the host director. These items are the responsibility of the participating schools. Each school must provide a minimum of four (4) supervisors. It is their responsibility to supervise the conduct of the spectators from their school. Please arrange to have responsible people available for this important assignment. Also, keep in mind that problems often arise at the conclusion of the game, in the parking fields, etc. Each participating school should make its own provision for reimbursing its supervisors. Supervisors should wear clothing (e.g. jacket) which identifies their school.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE
Each participating school is responsible for any damage that is done at the host school. Any damage incurred at a site should be reported to the Tournament Director: Al Freeman for disposition at (516) 599-8538.

SEATING

Whenever possible, the home team will sit at the right side of the table. The visiting team will sit on the left side of the scoring table.

Post Season Award Eligibility

POST SEASON AWARDS

TBD

SENIOR SCHOLAR ATHLETE

Each team will select a recipient for this award.

ALL STATE NOMINATIONS

TBD vote getters in each conference may be nominated / considered for All State.

PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY

1. A player who has been disqualified during the season (2 RED cards or equivalent) shall not be eligible for any post-season honors.

2. A Player who has accumulated more than 5 YELLOW cards shall not be eligible for any Awards beyond All Conference

3. A Player who is in violation of either of the above shall not be eligible to try-out for the NCSCA team that participates in any Senior All Star Game.

4. A player must possess exceptional skills and have had a significant role in his teams' success and a considerable impact on Nassau County Boys Soccer in order to be eligible for the James Steen Award.

COACHES ELIGIBILITY

1. Only member coaches in good standing shall be eligible for Conference Coach of the Year Honors

2. A coach who has accumulated more than 5 YELLOW cards or has been ejected from a match, shall not be eligible for Conference Coach of the Year Honors

3. A coach whose team has accumulated the equivalent of 15 YELLOW cards shall not be eligible for Conference Coach of the Year Honors

Religious headwear now permitted:

Religious headwear will now be permitted without state association approval in high school soccer, effective with the 2021-22 season.

This change in Rule 4-2 of the NFHS Soccer Rules Book was recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Soccer Rules Committee at its January 18-20 meeting, which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The two recommended revisions to Rule 4 were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Acting on an earlier recommendation to all sports rules committee by the Board of Directors, the Soccer Rules Committee adopted the following new language for Rule 4-2-10: "Head coverings worn for religious reasons shall not be made of abrasive or hard material and must fit securely."

Theresia Wynns, NFHS director of sports and officials and liaison to the Soccer Rules Committee, said the new rule will allow student-athletes to express their religious beliefs through the wearing of headwear without the approval of the respective state association.

Language regarding religious headwear was deleted from Rule 4-2-11, which now refers solely to head coverings for medical or cosmetic reasons. Head coverings for these usages still require a physician's statement before a state association can grant approval.

The Paul LeSueur Memorial Award

There will be a $1000 scholarship awarded to one player chosen by the selection committee after carefully considering all applicants. The award is eligible to players meeting the following criteria:

- Graduating Senior
- At least 2 years of Varsity soccer
- Passion for the game
- Makes big plays at big times
- Has outstanding character
- Letter of recommendation from his coach

The Christian Melendez Memorial Award

There will be a $500 scholarship awarded to one player chosen by the selection committee after carefully considering all applicants. The award is eligible to players meeting the following criteria:

- Graduating Senior
- At least 2 years of Varsity soccer
- B average or higher, confirmed by transcript
- 250 word essay explaining how the student/athlete “lived like a champion beyond the soccer field.”

The Richard Daoust Scholar-Athlete Memorial Award

There will be a $500 scholarship awarded to one player chosen by the selection committee after carefully considering all applicants. The award is eligible to players meeting the following criteria:

- Graduating Senior
- At least 2 years of varsity soccer
- Possesses an academic average of 90% or higher, verified by official transcript or school guidance counselor.
- Must be an exemplary citizen
- Must demonstrate participation in community service.
- Must submit a 250 word essay defining leadership and your role as a leader in your school as an athlete, student and person.
- Applicants must provide two (2) letters of recommendation from someone other than his coach. Suggestions: guidance counselor, athletic director, teacher.

The Mike Dillon Memorial Award

There will be a $500 scholarship awarded to one player chosen by the selection committee after careful considering all applicants. The criteria for the Mike Dillon Scholarship will be the same as the Richard Daoust Scholarship except for two modifications:

- Applicants must possess an academic average of 80% or higher, verified by official transcript or school guidance counselor.
- Applicants must submit a 250 word essay defining work ethic and the role a strong work ethic has played in your development as a student and athlete.

Scholar Athlete Award

There will be a $500 scholarship awarded to one player chosen by the selection committee after careful considering all applicants. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Graduating Senior
- At least 2 years of varsity soccer
- Applicants must have a cumulative high school average of 90% or higher and submit an official transcript or letter from a guidance counselor verifying the average.
- Applicants must submit a 250 word essay explaining what it means to be a scholar-athlete.

PassBack (Unsung Hero) Award?

There will be a scholarship awarded to one player chosen by the selection committee after careful consideration of all applicants. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Graduating Senior
- At least 1 year of varsity soccer
- Applicants must have a cumulative high school average of 80% or better and submit an official high school transcript or a letter from a guidance counselor verifying the average.
- Applicants must submit an essay detailing how he has given back to the game of soccer over the past year. (ex: volunteer work with a local club, officiating) and why it is important to give back to the game of soccer. A minimum of 10 hours for the year are required and must be verified.

NASSAU COUNTY SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be “Nassau County Soccer Coaches Association”.

ARTICLE II. NATURE AND PURPOSE

Section 1 Nature

The Nassau County Coaches Association shall be a professional organization of public schools who are members of the Section VIII Athletic Council and their current coaches.

Section 2. Purpose

It shall be the purpose of this association to promote the game of soccer so that it may make a more adequate contribution to the growth and development of Nassau County youth.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

Section 1.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a president, first, and second vice-president, a recording secretary, corresponding secretary and a treasurer, who shall be active members of the Association in good standing at the time of election. They shall be elected at the spring meeting by a majority of the active members present at the meeting and shall take office immediately after the election.

Section 2. Term of Office

The term of office of all offices named in the preceding section shall be for a period of two years from the time of election and shall serve in the elected position till the term expires.

Section 3. Eligibility

Any active member in the Association, in good standing, shall be eligible to hold office.

Section 4. Duties of the President

It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all regular and special Association meetings; to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; to see that all rules and regulations of the Association are executed; and to perform such other duties as pertains to the office. He shall exercise general supervision over the Association.

Section 5. Duties of the Vice- President

The first vice-president shall act as Chairman of the Annual Awards Dinner. He shall fulfill the duties of the president in his absence. He shall be a member of any committee appointed by the president.

The second vice-president shall be present at all meetings and shall serve in the absence or disability of the president, according to the above order, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the president.

Section 6. Duties of the Recording Secretary

The recording secretary shall keep record of all regular meetings of the association, and shall be responsible for all records of the Association.

Section 7. Duties of the Treasurer

He shall act as custodian of all funds of the Association and shall pay all bills approved by the president. He shall keep an exact record of all receipts and expenditures and submit an itemized report of the same to the Association at its last spring meeting. He shall attend all meetings of the Association and his report shall be included in the minutes of each meeting.

Section 8. Duties of the Corresponding Secretary

He shall maintain an accurate mailing list of all Association members. He shall be responsible for the distribution of the minutes, meeting dates and other materials to the membership.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility
Any person who is actively engaged in the coaching of varsity boys' soccer in section VIII.
Section 2. Classification
A. Active members. Any person engaged in the coaching of soccer may become an active member of the Association. All active members must serve on a committee. Only active members shall be eligible to vote or hold office.
B. Honorary members. Any person who has distinguished himself in the field of soccer coaching, past officers or section coordinators may become honorary members. Recommendations to such memberships shall be presented to assembled active members by the president of the Association. Such recommendations may be made to the president by any active member but must receive the approval of the executive committee before being presented for election. Honorary members are exempt from membership fees and assessments.
Section 3. Standing of Members
A member is in good standing if he/she or his/her designate has attended 51% of the association's scheduled meetings, participates in its activities, and serves on a committee. Membership is continuous until a letter of resignation is received by the President.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Composition
The executive committee shall consist of the offices named in Article III., Section 1, and the section coordinator. The immediate past president shall automatically become a member of the executive committee for two years.
Section 2. Vacancies
Vacancies in the Association offices and executive committee shall be filled through temporary appointments made by the president. These appointees shall serve until the next election.
Section 3. Meetings
The executive committee shall be empowered to hold any number of meetings deemed necessary by the president of the Association or by the section coordinator.
Section 4. Duties
The executive committee shall be empowered to determine upon all matters of procedure between Association meetings which are not covered specifically by the constitution.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Will convene when deemed necessary and shall be appointed by the president.

ARTICLE VII. QUORUM

A majority of those active members present at the general meetings shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all Association meetings.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members or member schools representatives present provided notice of the proposed amendments is sent to all active members of the Association or member schools at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. NOMINATIONS

At the annual election meeting the president will present to the active members present one candidate for each office. Other nominations for each office may be made from the floor.

ARTICLE II. METHOD OF ELECTION

All offices of the Association shall be elected by a majority vote of those active members present at the first meeting of the year held during the winter. When more than one candidate is nominated for office the vote shall be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE III. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The president shall have the power to appoint special committees as the need for them arises.

ARTICLE IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at general meetings of the Association shall be determined by the agenda set by the president in conjunction with the section coordinator and it shall be as follows:
A. Report by the section coordinator
B. Report of special committees
C. Unfinished business
D. New business
E. Adjournment

ARTICLE V. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

All meetings of the Association shall be governed by Robert Rules of Order, Revised.

ARTICLE VI. REVISION OF BY-LAWS

By-laws are subject to change by majority vote of those active members present at the general meetings.

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
NASSAU COUNTY – SECTION VIII

GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CODES OF BEHAVIOR FOR COACHES, PARTICIPANTS, SPECTATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION

I. Introduction

It is the duty of all those concerned with high school athletics to emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play under all circumstances. The values to be derived from playing the game fairly should be stressed and any actions which tend to destroy those values should be discouraged. Courtesy should be shown toward opponents, officials, supervisors, spectators and administrators. Effort must be made to achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility and to respect the integrity and the judgment of the sports officials. It is important for all to recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the individual players. Most of all it is the duty of all concerned with high school athletics to remember that an athletic contest is only a game and should be kept in that perspective

II. The Coach is expected to:

1. Set a positive example both on and off the playing area.
2. Be aware that you are representing a school district, a school and a student body. Impressions made are lasting and hard to live down.
3. Recognize that athletic competition is a means toward an end, not an end in itself. Specifically, athletics should lead to the development of healthy, well-adjusted young men and women.
4. Approach competition as a healthy and constructive exercise, not as a life and death struggle that requires victory at any price. It should be fun and enjoyable.
5. 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.
6. Be prepared to win or lose. Be positive. Encourage peak performance within the rules of the game.
7. Command respect by personal attitude and behavior.
8. Be well-groomed. Wear appropriate attire be it casual or otherwise.
9. Do not use crude or abusive language with players, opponents, officials or spectators.
10. Respect the judgment of the officials, although it is reasonable for the coach to question officials' decisions, and even to disagree, the officials' decisions must be accepted graciously. Questionable decisions may be referred to the Section VIII Protest Committee.
11. Handle dissatisfaction with officiating quietly and efficiently through letters to Sports Coordinators the Executive Director or one of the Assistant Directors.
12. Avoid behavior that will incite players, parents or spectators.
13. Instruct players to respect officials. Questions concerning rules or interpretations should be made by the team captain as the team representative during the contest.
14. Encourage good sportsmanship and remove players from competition who demonstrate unacceptable behavior.
15. The athletic program is a total part of the educational opportunities provided for all students. It should be treated as just that.
16. Refrain from shouting disapproval of calls made by officials.

III. The Athlete is expected to:

1. Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game, and to respect the integrity and judgment of the officials.
2. Conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times.
3. Demonstrate self-control and mutual respect at all times. Uncontrolled emotions can be self-defeating.
4. Not use crude or abusive language or gestures in dealing with opponents, officials or spectators.
5. Accept victory with grace and defeat with dignity. Poor winners or losers do a disservice to themselves.
6. Set an example in word and deed, both on and off the playing area. Remember that athletes assume a role of leadership and that the young emulate their role models.
7. Be well-groomed, both on and off the field, as a representative of the school. Improper behavior while in uniform reflects badly upon yourself, your school, and your community.
8. Observe training regulations and requirements of physical fitness for better personal performance and greater contribution to the team effort.
9. Place athletic competition in its perspective. It represents only one part of the learning process and should not be pursued to the exclusion of everything else.
10. Remember that participation in athletics is a privilege that should not be abused.
11. Refrain from shouting disapproval of calls made by officials.

IV. **THE SPECTATORS** are expected to:

1. Conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behavior.
2. Respect officials, coaches, and players and extend all courtesies to them.
3. Taunting, foul and abusive language, noisemakers, inflammatory remarks and disrespectful signs and behavior are not acceptable.
4. Obey the regulations of the site authorities. Those who do not conform should be brought to the attention of the supervisors.
5. Understand that schools are responsible for the conduct of their respective spectators, whether at home or away.
6. Refrain from shouting disapproval of calls made by officials.

V. **THE ADMINISTRATORS**

1. The Athletic Director is responsible for the conduct of coaches, players, spectators, and other employees of the school.
2. The Athletic Director assumes responsibility for informing these groups of the code of behavior expected during participation in Section XI athletic events.
3. General Recommendations for Home Contests:
   a. The visiting school should be provided with information on directions to the school, game times, physical layout including parking area, locker facilities, and specific school regulations affecting visiting teams.
   b. The home school is responsible for excluding from athletic events spectators whose past behavior indicates an unacceptable risk for trouble.
   c. Adequate supervision must be provided in the gymnasium area as well as in hallways, bathrooms, and outside areas where spectators may congregate.
   d. Separate seating areas should be designated for visiting team spectators whenever possible.
   e. Request the cooperation of the Suffolk County Police Department and/or Auxiliary Police units whenever the anticipated crowd size or previous relationship between schools indicate the

potential for trouble.

f. Confer with coaches, cheering advisors, supervisors, and custodial help on your expectations for their behavior and on ways to handle difficult situations.

g. The Athletic Director should meet with game officials to identify him/herself, to offer any assistance, and to emphasize the importance of keeping the game under control.

h. The supervisor in charge should immediately report to police any information regarding any possession of weapons, drugs, or alcohol. Anyone under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol should be removed from the game and reported to the administration.

i. Supervisors should remain on duty until all spectators and visiting teams have left the premises, including parking lots.

j. Problems with students, coaches, and spectators should be communicated to the other Athletic Director, to the Principals, and, when appropriate, to the Section XI Executive Director.

4. Requirement for Schools/Teams Participating In Playoffs at Neutral Sites:

It is required that any school/team participating in a Section XI playoff activity at a neutral site provide adequate supervision for that activity. The supervisor(s) must be easily identifiable and maintain an active presence throughout the activity. Refer to the Section XI Neutral Site Policy.

5. General Recommendations for Visiting Teams:

a. Visiting teams must be properly supervised at all times at the host school.

b. At spectator events, if possible, the visiting school should provide a supervisor for its spectators.

c. When a Varsity/JV doubleheader is held, the team not playing should be supervised in the stands.

d. Clarify with the host Athletic Director the best area for parking and access into locker facilities. Also arrange for exiting after the event with at least one homeschool supervisor in the area to supervise.

e. Report in writing to the host Athletic Director any incident involving players, spectators, supervisors, etc., that deserves follow-up by the home school.

f. Refrain from shouting disapproval of calls made by officials.

VI. **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE VISITING SCHOOL**:

1. Athletic Director

a. Contact the Athletic Director of the home school and request the following if needed:
   > Directions and best route to school.
   > Location of parking area and recommended area for bus parking.
   > Will there be a charge for spectators?
   > Is there a specific seating area for spectators?

b. Inform the Athletic Director of the home school of the following:
   > If there will be a cheerleader and/or spectator bus in addition to the athletes' bus.
   > If the additional buses will be accompanied by one or more supervisors.
   > What type of identification your supervisors will be equipped with.

c. Inform the coach of the team of the particulars in a and b above.

d. Inform supervisors of the above information, and ask them to inform persons on the bus for whom they are responsible, of the pertinent information.

e. Inform the student body of any necessary details by public address system and/or bulletin.