

SPORT: SOFTBALL

Season: Spring (2024)

Preseason: Email info to coaches/AD's

Official Rules: NFHS Rule Book with exception of the following modifications below

Official Referee Assignor: Regular season games: RECOMMENDED Alan Wharton or F&J Assigning:

- **Please note: modified games (not played by our leagues rules) will lead to a forfeit to the home team that was responsible for providing the umpires.**

Playoffs: F&J Assigning (League Pays Semis/finals)

Official game ball: Dudley 12" yellow or Wilson 9011.

Athletic Trainer: Regular season games: N/A Finals: TBD (League Pays)

Girls Varsity: 1 Division 6 teams 2x around **Title:** League Champion or co-champions if teams are tied.

Long Island Lutheran, Martin Luther, Portledge, Schechter School of Long Island, Staten Island Academy, Waldorf

Rosters: Rosters must be sent to the leagues and the sports coordinator by April 2,2024

1. Game Protocol:

I. Duration of games: 7 innings. 4 ½ to make an official game if cut short by weather.

II. Game suspension due weather or other reason: Resume where it was left off (if possible.)

III. Home team is responsible for providing game balls and a lined field with a pitching area 43 Ft from home base. Each team must provide **two** game balls.

IV. Minimum number of players: A team may start the game with 8 players and can add the 9th players up until the completion of the 3rd inning. Please note that a late player must be added to the 9th spot in the lineup. If a team only has 8 players the 9th spot in the lineup is an automatic out when it is that spots turn in the batting order to bat.

V. Uniforms: NA

VI. Mercy Rule

15 runs after 4 innings (3 ½ If home team is leading)

12 runs after 5 inning (4 ½ if home team is leading)

Reminder that if the home team is trailing by the mercy rule they must bat in that inning in order for the mercy rule to be valid Ex: Away team is leading 15-0, the home team must bat in the bottom of the 4th inning.

VII. **Lateness:** If a team is running late it is the responsibility of that team to CALL immediately

VIII. Forfeit: If a team forfeits for any reason. The score shall reflect the Mercy rule after 4 innings (AKA 15-0)

2. Umpires:

Games **MUST** be officiated by assigned officials. No parent, assistant coach etc, may officiate a game.

3. Teams and fans:

It is encouraged for each coach to control players and fans and encourage good sportsmanship. Ultimately the HOME team coach is responsible for unruly fans for either team. (PLEASE NOTE HOST SCHOOL WILL DICTATE COVID POLICY FOR FANS)

4. Schedule/Results: Schedules and Results must be reported to Bela Tomahatsch and Chris Bruno

Email to: bela.tomahatsch@aol.com and cbruno@statenilandacademy.org on the same day, by both teams. Results and standings will be posted on the league website. PSAANY.org

5. Standings:

Standings for all leagues are determined by win loss record

6. Playoffs:

All 6 teams will make playoffs.

Assignor- F&J Assigning for all playoff games

Quarterfinals- Monday, May 6

#3 seed vs #6 seed

#4 seed vs #5 seed

Semifinals – Tuesday, May 7

(Higher Seed Hosts)

#1 seed vs #4/5 winner

#2 seed vs #3/6 winner

Finals- Thursday, May 9 @ TBD 4pm

7. Tie breaker system: #1-overall record; #2-head to head result; #3-record against teams above in the standings; #4-the team that allowed the fewest points/goals in the head to head meetings will advance; # 5- coin flip.

8. NYSAIS Tournament:

Postseason Champion will represent PSAA

9. All Conference Selections:

Regular Season: Will have MVP Playoffs: Will have MVP

All-conference will go as follows: Regular Season Champion =4 selections 2nd place =3 selection
3rd /4th place = 2 selections