



## News Release

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### **Section One Executive Committee Adopts Bench Bad Behavior Week, Approves Spring Tournament Calendar & Championship Venues**

**HARRISON, N.Y.** — The Executive Committee of Section One, Inc., of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) convened on Monday, January 29, 2024, to discuss a variety of topics and proposals important to the section's member schools.

The Executive Committee received a report from an Ad-Hoc Committee that was formed to address concerns regarding sportsmanship and how to best encourage coaches, athletes and fans to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner during competition. To meet that mission of the Ad-Hoc Committee and embrace an initiative of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), Section 1 has created a Bench Bad Behavior Week, which will run from February 5-11, 2024.

During Bench Bad Behavior Week, member schools hosting any interscholastic athletic contest — regardless of level or sport — are asked to begin each event with a live announcement. The announcement stresses the important lessons learned through athletics and urges spectators and participants to avoid criticizing the athletes, coaches and officials. Participating schools are asked to consider embracing this initiative. They are also encouraged to go beyond this standard to support the initiative.

Here is more information on the NFHS' Bench Bad Behavior Program:

- [Website](#)
- [Toolkit](#)

### **Championship Sites Approved**

The Executive Committee approved a three-year contract with the Westchester County Center to remain as the host of Section 1's Boys and Girls Basketball Championships, beginning in 2024. The venue will host all semifinal and final games in six classifications from February 24 to March 3, 2024.



The Executive Committee also approved championship tournament plans for Spring 2024. Recommendations were made by the respective Sport Chairs and endorsed by the Championship Committee. Below are the Section Championship venues by sport:

**Boys Lacrosse:** Yorktown High School (2024-26)

**Girls Lacrosse:** Lakeland High School (2024 and 2025)  
Nyack High School (2026)

**Baseball:** Purchase College (2024-26)  
John Jay-Cross River High School (if necessary)

**Softball:** North Rockland High School (2024-26)  
Arlington High School (if necessary)

**Outdoor Track & Field:** Class AA at Arlington High School  
Class A at Suffern High School  
Class B at Nyack High School  
Class C at Westlake High School  
State Qualifier at Arlington High School (Day 1)  
State Qualifier at Suffern High School (Day 2)

**Boys Golf:** Century Country Club (Rd.1), Fenway Golf Club (Rd. 2)

**Girls Golf:** The Links at Union Vale (Rd. 1), Whippoorwill Club (Rd. 2)

**Boys Tennis:** Harrison High School (2024-26)

**Girls Flag Football:** Lakeland High School (2024-26)

The following NYSPHSAA state regional venues have also been determined for 2024:

**Girls Lacrosse:** Lakeland High School

**Baseball:** Purchase College

**Softball:** North Rockland High School

**Girls Flag Football:** Hendrick Hudson High School

The Section 1 Executive Committee is scheduled to meet again on April 8, 2024.

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