

Center State Conference
Operating Guidelines for Softball
3/12/12

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1. Rules to be followed: NYSPHSAA and the ASA.
2. Starting date for sport season established by NYSPHSAA and Section III
3. Starting time of contests: All league games (Monday- Friday) will start at 4:30 PM and Saturdays at 11:00 AM unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by both athletic directors.
4. The League will be made up of four divisions:
 - a. Division I: Adirondack, Canastota, Clinton, Mt. Markham, Ilion, Sherburne-Earlville
 - b. Division II: Dolgeville, Frankfort, Herkimer, Little Falls, Mohawk, West Canada
 - c. Division III: Cooperstown, Hamilton, Morrisville-Eaton, Sauquoit, Waterville, Westmoreland
 - d. Division IV: NY Mills, Oriskany, Poland, Remsen, Rome Catholic, Old Forge
5. Determining Division Champion
 - a. There will be a champion or co-champion in each division
 - b. If two or more teams have equal records at the end of the season, the tie shall stand and co-champions will be named.
 - c. Exception: If one team beats that team twice in that season, they will be league Champions
 - d. All division games will be scheduled for 7 innings, regardless if they are single games or double headers.

6. Selection of All-Stars: Choosing all-stars will be done at the post-season meeting. The format that will be used:
 - 1st Place – 4 all-stars
 - 2nd Place – 3 all-stars
 - 3rd & 4th Places – 2 all-stars
 - 5th & 6th Places – 1 all-star
 - a. Coaches will choose their own all-stars according to their league standings.
 - b. Each team will be allotted three honorable mention players.
 - c. If there is a tie for any of the places, both teams will receive the number of all-stars for that place.
 - d. Each division will have one MVP as voted on by their respective divisional coaches.
 - e. No all-stars will be announced to the media until every team has finished post-season play.
7. All coaches are required to be at the pre- and post-season meetings.
8. League games take precedence over non-league games and must be rescheduled for the following day if possible.
9. Section III Qualification Standards: Teams must have a .400 record in league or overall to enter. Seeding will be based on league record.
 - a. If two or more teams have an identical won-loss percentage, ties will be Broken by the following steps:
 - i. Number of overall wins
 - ii. Head to head competition (involving only the 2 teams)
 - iii. Coin toss
10. The home team must email the official league newspaper, the Utica Observer Dispatch at sports@uticaod.com.

Division Chairman

Division I –

Division II – Cristi Paragi – Little Falls

Division III – Bill Dowsland – Hamilton

Division IV – Greg Haver - Poland