

## **GENERAL SECTIONAL INFORMATION FOR COACHES**

### 1. **Forms you must send in:**

- **SCHOLAR ATHLETE** ( DUE 12 / 18 / 09 )
- **LETTER OF INTENT** ( DUE 2 / 1 / 10 )
- **OFFICIALS LIST** ( DUE 2 / 1 / 10 )
- **ROSTER** ( DUE 2 / 1 / 10 )
- **RECORD OF SCORES** ( DUE 2 / 16 / 10 )

### 2. **TEAMS** – “The Rock” is the official game ball for **ALL** games in the Section 2 tournament

- A. Teams will be admitted at the door as a single group and shall consist of a maximum of **21** including coaches, players, managers and scorekeepers.
- B. Each team is to furnish a scorekeeper for each game.
- C. Locker room space will be provided. Bring locks for lockers. Players must provide own towels.
- D. Each team will bring their own basketballs for warm-ups. The game ball will be provided by the team at the top of the bracket for Prelims and Quarterfinals. For Semifinals and Finals, the game ball will be provided by the Site Chairperson. Home and away benches will be assigned by the Site Chairperson.
- E. Coaches should impress upon their players the need for respect for property at host schools. The use of the gymnasium is a courtesy extended by the schools selected as sites.
- F. It is highly recommended that schools with male coaches provide a female chaperone to supervise the locker room.

### 3. **ROSTERS**

- A. Each coach is asked to bring at least 100 copies of their team roster to the game site to be distributed to the fans. Please use the exact format provided in this handbook. (*Prelims, 1<sup>st</sup> Round, and Quarterfinals ONLY*)
- B. An official Section 2 Program will be available for the Semifinals and Finals.

### 4. **UNIFORMS**

- A. The **home team** is the team seeded at the **top of the bracket** and will wear **light jerseys**. The **visiting team** is seeded at the **bottom of the bracket** and will wear their **dark jerseys**. (**Your league representative will tell you if you are the top or bottom team within your bracket.**)
- B. In the case of conflicting colored jerseys, the two coaches should get together and make a decision. If there is a disagreement, the team at the top of the bracket (home team) will have their choice of color.
- C. For the CC / C playoff, CC will be the home team in even years and C will be the home team in odd years.
- D. **BRING BOTH SETS OF UNIFORMS.**

### 5. **PRACTICE SITES**

Once the tournament sites and dates are announced, teams may **not** practice or play on designated courts unless previously scheduled.

### 6. **WARM-UPS**

For all games, teams shall have a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes for pre-game warm-up. Warm-up time may be shortened by agreement of the coaches involved. No team will be allowed on the court more than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the game.

**(NOTE: the home team controls warm-up music)**

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### 7. **30-SECOND-CLOCK**

Every school must have a visible 30-second clock. The clock operator should be experienced and competent in the use of the clock.

### 8. **SIZE OF THE COURT**

The size of the court must be acceptable for sectional play. Other court factors may cause the Section 2 Girls Basketball Committee to declare a court unusable: safety factors, inadequate lighting, inadequate locker rooms, inadequate seating, etc.

### 9. **OFFICIALS**

NYSBGA Varsity Rated Officials will officiate all games.

### 10. **CHEERING**

Only 12 cheerleaders will be admitted into the game free of charge. Cheerleaders must be the school's sanctioned winter cheering squad. Schools are required to limit cheering to one cheer for each team during any time out.

### 11. **NOISEMAKERS and CONFETTI**

Bells, drums, sirens, horns, thunder sticks (clappers), kazoos, coins in jars, noisemakers or any other distractive devices will not be allowed. Confetti is prohibited at all game sites.

### 12. **SCHOOL BANDS**

It will be possible for school bands to attend all tournament games. However, they must be under the direct supervision of the schools band director and **all members must pay admission into all games they attend.**

### 13. **MAJOR WINTER STORMS**

In the event of a major winter storm affecting a **large number of schools**, the Section 2 Girls Basketball Committee may decide to **CANCEL ALL GAMES**. If this occurs, **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be made and **all schools will be required to abide by the decision of the Committee.**

### 14. **PLAYING UNDER ADVERSE CONDITIONS**

All games must be played on the date assigned by the Section 2 Girls Basketball Committee unless dangerous conditions prevail.

In the case of adverse conditions, for example, a scoreboard not operating, the game must be played on the same date. It may be played under protest, or, if possible, an alternate site could be used on the assigned date. No protest would be considered if an alternate site is obtained.

Please note, any coach refusing to play (except under dangerous conditions) will result in the forfeiture of the game for his/her team.

The site chairman should make every possible effort to play the game under the most favorable conditions possible.

### 15. **AWARDS**

The Championship and Runner-up teams of each classification will receive a plaque and the players of these teams will receive shields (limit - 15 per team).

### 16. **PRICE of ADMISSION**

\$3.00 for all preliminary, 1st round, and quarterfinal games.

\$6.00 for all semifinals, finals, and the CC / C playoff.

\$6.00 for all games at HVCC.

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17. **T-SHIRTS**

*T-shirts will be on sale at all semifinal and final games.*

18. **COMPLIMENTARY PASSES for PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS**

**No complimentary tickets will be used.** Coaches will report five (5) names to the ticket seller upon arrival at the game site. Only those five (5) people will be allowed into the game free of charge. This procedure is in effect only for sectional contests. **Section 2 Girls Basketball Committee passes and Section 2 Lifetime passes will be honored at all sectional games. NO PASSES FOR REGIONALS AND STATES.**

19. **OBTAIN SECTIONAL INFORMATION FROM YOUR LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE**

*League representatives will notify you about your bracket, opponent, uniforms, and officials. They will keep you informed from the opening round all the way to the finals. Call them for any information that you may need.*

20. **OFFICIALS FOR SECTIONALS**

*To find out who the officials are for your sectional game, **Call your League Representative the day before the game.***

21. **PROGRAM**

*All teams participating in Sectionals must have their **Roster** to:*

Steve McWhorter	smcwhorter@queensburyschool.org
Queensbury High School	(fax) 824-4680
409 Aviation Rd.	(W) 824-4600 x4121
Queensbury, NY 12804	(H) 745-7692

22. **PUBLICITY**

*The **COACH of the WINNING TEAM** and/or the **Site Chairman** is responsible for phoning in the box scores and calling the **CENTRAL PHONE NUMBER** listed below. The winning coach should check with the site chairman to be certain that the scores are called in. If the site chairman indicates he/she will not be making the calls, then the winning coach should make the calls **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** following the game.*

**CENTRAL PHONE NUMBER**

*Sectional results only 639-8686*

**LOCAL PUBLICITY PHONE NUMBERS**

Section 2 (scores only)	639-8686	Daily Gazette	395-3070
Glens Falls Post Star	792-3131	The Record	270-1295
Saratogian	584-2101	Times Union	454-5413
WRGB (TV6)	381-4988	WTEN (TV10)	436-0771
WNYT (TV13)	436-8477	FOX	862-0995

23. **PROTESTS**

*Protests shall be in accordance with the rules as fully **explained in the Section 2 Girls Basketball Handbook**. No protest is allowed involving solely the official's judgment. **(NOTE: The Section 2 Protest Procedure is stated on page 10 of this handbook.)***